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## VETERAN GRAND OFFICERS.

We have lately written much about the brethren of distinction upon whom Grand Office has been conferred, but for the most part we have gone no further back than the year 1875, when His present Majesty, then Prince of WALES, was installed as M.W. Grand Master. But we must not forget that there are many distinguished brethren, still happily spared to us, who had the purple of Grand Lodge conferred upon them in days which, to Masons of this generation, must almost seem to belong to a remote past, and who, if we cannot readily trace the services they rendered which brought them honour in our ranks, must, nevertheless, have done their devoirs manfully, and merit the esteem and respect of the whole body of Craftsmen. Their names must be almost unknown save to the few whom duty compels or taste inclines to the study of our records, but the positions they attained are well worthy of being recorded at a time when we are entering upon a new régime under a new Grand Master.

The senior among these Veteran Grand Officers—senior as regards appointment, if not of the very highest rank in the Table of Masonic Precedence, is Bro. Sir FRANCIS BEILBY ALSTON, who on retiring from the office of Chief Clerk of the Foreign Office after devoting 50 years of his life to the public service had the honour of Knighthood conferred upon him by her late Majesty the Queen. Sir FRANCIS comes of a good Masonic stock. His father, Bro. ROWLAND ALSTON, who was for many years M.P. for one of the divisions of Essex, was appointed S.G. Warden by the Duke of SUSSEX in 1835 and the following year Prov. Grand Master of Essex, while his brother, the late Bro. ROWLAND GARDNER ALSTON, was appointed J.G.W. in 1845. He himself was appointed S.G.W. in 1850, when the then Grand Master, the Earl of ZETLAND, had only been in office about six years; when the Grand Lodges in the United States numbered just over 30, whereas they now muster 50; when all the lodges of English origin in British North America were still on the register of our Grand Lodge, and no such organisation as an independent Grand Lodge in a British Colony or dependency had been so much as dreamt of. The youngest lodge then on the roll was the Forest Lodge, No. 840, Mansfield, which was

warranted about a fortnight before the appointment of Sir Francis, became No. 575 on the closing up of the lodges in 1863, and was erased in 1867. The youngest of the then lodges *now* on the roll is the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, which was warranted on the 21st March, 1850, so that more than three-fourths of our present lodges have been constituted since the year of his appointment, while if we look to our Districts Abroad, we shall find that only a few of them were organised as Provinces as they were then known. The next in order of seniority of the same rank is Bro. BONAMY DOBREE, who was appointed S.G.W. in 1854, and then we have the Marquis of RIPON, who was appointed in 1856, Lord STALBRIDGE in 1864, and Sir M. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., in 1865. Thus, if not the oldest English Mason living, Bro. Sir F. B. ALSTON is the senior among our Grand Officers, even the veteran Lord LEIGH, whose appointment as Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire dates from 1st August, 1852, being our respected brother's junior.

The senior on the list of surviving J.G. Wardens is Bro. Sir WYNDHAM SPENCER PORTAL, who, in consideration of his great public services, was created a baronet by the late Queen at the commencement of this year. Bro. Sir W. PORTAL was appointed Junior G. Warden in 1858, the Duke of DEVONSHIRE, who, as Marquis of HARTINGTON, was appointed Prov. G. Master of Derbyshire on the 9th May of the same year, though senior in point of rank, being his junior in the matter of appointment by a few days. The senior Past G. Chaplain is Bro. the Rev. W. K. R. BEDFORD, M.A., who was appointed G. Chaplain in 1861 and 1862, and is father to Bro. the Rev. W. C. R. BEDFORD, M.A., who was appointed to the same office at Grand Festival of the present year. The oldest Past S.G. Deacon is Bro. W. A. F. POWELL, who received his honour of Deacon in 1860, and is now Prov. G. Master of Bristol, the next in seniority being Bro. J. E. SAUNDERS (appointed in 1871) and Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, who is now Past Grand Warden, but was appointed S.G.D. in 1872. The senior of the Past Junior Grand Deacons is Bro. W. E. GUMBLETON, M.A., whose appointment as J.G.D. belongs to the year 1866, the next in order being Bro. H. J. P. DUMAS, appointed in 1872, and Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, K.C., now Past Grand Warden, but appointed J.G.D. in 1873. Bro. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (Garter) is the contemporary of Bro. Sir W. S. PORTAL, having been appointed to office as Asst. G.D.C. in 1858, and advanced to the superior office of G.D.C.—which he still holds—in 1860. The senior Past Grand Sword Bearers are Bros. H. BULLEY and J. TERTIUS COLLINS, who were appointed in 1873 and 1874 respectively, while the senior Grand Organist is Bro. WILHELM GANZ, who served as Grand Organist from 1871 to 1874, when he was succeeded by Bro. WILHELM KUHE. The senior Grand and Asst. Grand Pursuivant is Bro. THOMAS G. DICKIE, who was made Asst. G.P. in 1862, and advanced to the G. Pursuivancy in 1862, the next in point of seniority being Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, who was appointed A.G.P. in 1872, and G. Pursuivant in 1873.

To revert to the senior veteran of them all—Bro. Sir FRANCIS B. ALSTON—we remark that he has served under the following G. Masters, namely, the late Earl of ZETLAND, the Marquis of RIPON, the Prince of WALES—now King EDWARD VII.—and the Duke of CONNAUGHT. The Dep. G. Master at the time of his appointment was the late Earl of YARBOROUGH, who occupied that office from 1846 to 1856, and was

Prov. G. Master of Lincolnshire from 1849 till his death in 1862, and whose grandson, the present Earl, has been Grand Master of the same Province since 1895. The Grand Treasurer was Bro. RICHARD PERCIVAL, who died in 1851, and the following year was succeeded by the late Bro. SAMUEL TOMKINS, and the Grand Registrar, the late Bro. ALEXANDER DOBIE, who died in 1876, while the Grand Secretary was Bro. W. H. WHITE, who was Grand Secretary of the Regular Grand Lodge before the Union of 1813, and on the accomplishment of that most auspicious event was appointed joint Grand Secretary with Bro. EDWARDS HARPER; on the retirement of the latter, in 1838, he became sole Grand Secretary. Bro. WHITE resigned full of years and honours in 1857, and was succeeded by Bro. WILLIAM GRAY CLARKE. On his death in 1868, the late Bro. JOHN HERVEY was appointed, and on his resignation in 1880, the late Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE became Grand Secretary, and continued in office till his death in December, 1891. The mere mention of some of the names and especially of Bro. W. H. WHITE, who was a Grand Officer of one of the two Societies into which English Masonry was divided in the early years of last century seems, as we have said, to give an amount of antiquity to our venerable brother. We may even go further back still in linking the remote past with the living present in the person of Sir FRANCIS. As a clerk in the Foreign Office, one of the highest and most distinguished departments of the Civil Service, he must have frequently met in society the great Duke of WELLINGTON, who was initiated in a lodge under the Grand Lodge of Ireland about the year 1790, and who did not die till September, 1852. We trust that these and others of our "Veteran Grand Officers" may be spared for many years in the enjoyment of that rare distinction.

### PROCEEDINGS GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

#### [SECOND ARTICLE].

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, published with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, covers nearly 200 pages of closely-printed matter, and is signed by the M.W. Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, as Chairman, the remainder of the trio forming the Committee being Bros. William J. Duncan and Emil Frenkel. Nearly 50 Grand Lodges in the United States are reviewed, seven in the Dominion of Canada, besides fully 30 more, including England, Ireland, Scotland, the European Grand Lodges, and others.

The information afforded as to many of these bodies is simply invaluable, and rarely met with elsewhere, and the tables generally are both exhaustive and most interesting. For the U.S.A. and Canada several tables are printed, the arrangement and particulars being all that could possibly be desired in such a Report, embracing, as they do, the total membership of each Grand Lodge, numbers of the subordinate lodges, those raised and joined, died, restored, resigned and suspended, with the net gain under each body. There are no reductions. Another table exhibits, according to size, the Grand Lodges with their subordinates, maximum, minimum, and average membership of the lodges, and other particulars, under a statistical comparison, &c.

The 57 Grand Lodges in North America (U.S.A. and Canada) have 12,391 lodges, with a total membership of 873,075, being an advance of 205 lodges, and 58,057 brethren in four years. New York is first in size with 748 and 101,548 respectively. The average membership of lodges is the greatest in the District of Columbia, viz., 223, Massachusetts making a good second with 173. The Grand Lodges in Canada muster 626 lodges and 40,244 members, thus leaving the enormous net total for the United States of America of 11,765 lodges and 832,831 members. Surely these figures are almost startling in their magnitude!

Bro. Anthony reviews, at more or less length, the Proceedings of the other Grand Lodges, many of his remarks thereon being most appropriate and valuable, and his opinions are always worth noting and are entitled to careful consideration by all concerned therein. A feature of the Report by this distinguished brother is that, so far as convenient and needful, he lets the other Chairmen speak for themselves through their own Reports, the extracts being judiciously selected and most suggestive.

Many of the decisions noted are most useful as guides for Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, and together afford an

insight into the kind of Masonic Jurisprudence favoured in North America.

Bro. Anthony is very cautious in expressing his own views on subjects of a debateable character, notably so as to "the claim of the Pennsylvania brethren that Philadelphia is the mother city of Freemasonry in America." He says: "We leave the controversy to our brethren with the conviction that it will always be a subject of disagreement between the adherents of the Grand Lodge of Mass. and Penn'a." My belief is that two points are not duly noted and kept distinct in the controversy, namely, Freemasonry as worked by lodges *before* and *after* the formation of Grand Lodges, but not connected therewith, and as worked by authority of such Bodies.

Bro. Anthony, however, can and does speak and write most emphatically when the interests of his own Grand Lodge are concerned, and in relation to the invasion of New York territory by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, he gives his views of the regretted action most unreservedly, and, I think, quite lucidly and reasonably.

The information afforded as to the Continental Grand Lodges is of an important character, and makes the massive volume of great utility to many of us who find a difficulty in obtaining such facts from other sources. The Statistical Table as to these Bodies must have involved considerable labour to produce, and gives in a nutshell the salient features of all these organisations. I append a few of the figures, feeling assured they will be a welcome sight to many in this country.

	Master Masons.	Total.
Grand Lodge of the 3 Globes ...	10,620	14,272
Grand National Lodge ...	9,815	11,764
Grand Lodge of Prussia (R. York) ...	4,501	6,455
" of Hamburg ...	2,365	3,162
" of Saxony ...	3,007	4,259
" of Zur Sonne (Bayreuth) ...	2,087	2,842
" of the Eclectic Union ...	2,147	2,832
" of Darmstadt ...	441	739
Five Independent Lodges ...	1,050	1,385
	36,033	47,710

These Returns show an increase on the whole of 539 members on the previous year. To these active members (of the Three Degrees) may be added a total of 4394 honorary members, 3756 "Permanent Visitors," and 1879 Serving Brethren. The number of "Benevolent Institutions" is returned at 971. Time and space forbid any reference being made to the numerous particulars afforded as to these very active Grand Lodges.

Other Grand Lodges are also duly noticed, and the following figures relate thereto:

	Lodges.	Members.
Grand Lodge of Hungary ...	45	3,073
" of Switzerland ...	32	3,287
" of Denmark ...	13	4,216
" of Sweden ...	33 (?)	10,985 (?)
" of Norway ...	7 (?)	2,836 (?)
" of Belgium ...	...	...
" of the Netherlands ...	93	4,269
" of Italy ...	185	...
" of Mexico ...	225	22,000
" of Peru ...	16	...
" of Porto Rico ...	...	396
" of Cuba ...	37	1,200
" of Argentine ...	23	...
" of Roumania ...	...	...
" of Egypt ...	19	200
" of Greece ...	9	2,000
" of Luxemburg ...	1	71
" of Spain ...	95	...
" of Portugal ...	...	...
" of Venezuela ...	...	...
" of Chili ...	10	478

Others also are noted, but mostly small and some uncertain as to organisation, numbers, &c. I have written enough, however, to prove our indebtedness to this fine volume published by the Grand Lodge of New York, for much valuable information.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Secret Monitor.

### GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual festival in connection with this Order was held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on the 23rd ultimo, under the presidency of M.W. Bro. the Earl of Warwick, G.S.R. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, J. Tickle, J. M. Bastone, W. J. Songhurst, F. E. Lemon, M.A., Lieut.-Col. H. W. Kiallmark, C. E. Keyser, J.P., his Honour Judge J. C. Moyle, W. J. Spratling, G. Reorder; J. Read, C. F. Roundell, Arthur W. Chapman, E. N. Glaeser, F. H. Bright, A. H. Tester, C. J. R. Tijou, Dr. A. E. Sansom, J. Lusty, R. C. Leversedge, Frank Adams, N. Brokenshire, H. Tipper, H. Pearce, P. W. Moses, and many others. Grand Conclave was opened, the roll of conclaves called, and the minutes read.

The G.S.R. was installed and proclaimed, and the following G. Officers of the year were invested :

M.W. Bro.	the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick (D.G.M. in the Craft and Prov. G.M. of Essex), President of the Secret Monitor Benevolent Fund	...	G.S.R.
R.W. "	His Honour Judge F. A. Philbrick, K.C., P.G.S.R.	...	D.R.O.
" "	Lieut.-Col. H. W. Kiallmark, P.G.C.	...	
" "	P.S.R. 2 and 9	...	Asst. D.R.Os.
" "	Japheth Tickle, C.C., P.G.T., P.S.R. 1	...	
" "	The Right Hon. the Earl of Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain)	...	G. Chancellor.
" "	John Millard Bastone, P.G.C., P.S.R. 1	...	G. Treasurer.
" "	C. E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.V. 5, Vice-President of the Secret Monitor Benevolent Fund	...	G. Chamberlain.
" "	His Honour Judge Jas. Copley Moyle, P.G.V., P.S.R. 28	...	G. Guide.
" "	W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P. Prov. G. Treas. Middx., P.S.R. 2 and 8	...	G. Recorder.
" "	Daniel Hargreaves, P.G.C., P.G. Std., P.S.R. 25	...	G. Visitors.
" "	John Read, P.G.C., 5	...	
V.W. "	C. F. Roundell, P.G. Std., P.S.R. 2...	...	G. Std. Br.
" "	E. N. Glaeser, P.G. Std., P.S.R. 5	...	G.D.C.
" "	A. W. Chapman, P.G. Std., P.G.C., S.R. 8	...	P.G.D.C.
" "	T. Sheppard, P.G. Std., S.R. 1	...	G. Bow Bearer.
" "	J. E. Middlebrook, P.G. Std., P.S.R. 15	...	P.G. Bow Bearer.
" "	Joseph Lord, P.G. Std., P.S.R. 25	...	G. Gdr.
" "	R. H. M. Rustomjee, P.G. Std., P.S.R. 16	...	P.G. Gdr.
" "	F. H. Bright, P.G. Std., S.R. 29	...	
" "	A. H. Tester, P.G. Std., S.R. 10	...	
" "	C. J. R. Tijou, Pres. Board of Grand Stewards, 1900	...	G. Councillors.
" "	J. E. Williams, P.S.R. 26	...	
" "	H. W. Watts, S.R. 31	...	P.G. Councillors.
" "	B. S. Kelly, P.G. Std., P.S.R. 19	...	
" "	Bro. T. C. Edmonds, 1	...	G. Sentinel.

The following were appointed Grand Stewards : W. Bros. J. A. Clarke, 1, President of the Board; T. F. Noakes, 1; W. E. Moss, 2 and 9; F. P. Nunneley, 2 and 9; C. Leversedge, 5; P. Williams Moses, 8, Secretary of the Board; Dr. Cranley Martin Perry, 10; J. H. M. Ryan, 14; Fleming Johnston, 15; C. H. M. Rustomjee, 16; R.W. Bro. J. Stiven, P.G.V., 16; W. Bros. G. H. Raymond, 18 and 19; A. J. Potter, 21; G. A. Bevan, 22; R. M. Khory, 23; R.W. Bro. W. Cockcroft, 25, P.G.T.; W. Bros. John H. Heap, 26; J. Hewitt, 28; C. Asplin, 29; R. Haward Ives, 29, Treasurer of the Board; V.W. Bro. G. W. Capel, 30, P.G. Gdr.; and W. Bro. Jno. W. Lloyd, 31.

The GRAND RECORDER read the following report of the Executive Committee :

Your Committee beg to report—

1. That they have held their usual meetings during the past year, and they found the business of the Order working smoothly and successfully.
2. The prolongation of the unhappy war in South Africa has almost paralysed the work of the Order in that afflicted country. The two conclaves in Natal, however, although depleted in numbers by death and exile, have continued their working satisfactorily. Bro. George Richards has visited Natal two or three times during the year, and reports that there is no doubt that when once things are settled down, the Order will flourish even better than before.
3. The small fund sent out to Bro. Thomas Cook has been carefully husbanded, and a long letter from him was read at a recent meeting, explaining exactly how it has been utilised. Your Committee are of opinion that it has been well administered at the hands of Bro. Thomas Cook.
4. Though two or three meetings of the Benevolent Fund have been called during the year, the ill-health of Bro. Nelson has prevented his attendance, and no progress has been made, beyond what was reported at the Winter Convocation.
5. The effects of the Grand Council are now insured not only against fire, but against burglary and larceny.
6. A conclave is proposed to be formed at Oxford in connection with the University Lodge, and application has been made to fix a compounding fee for University students while members of that conclave. Your Committee propose to fix it at two guineas as a compounding fee for all certificates issued, and for all annual dues payable by the conclave for such brethren.
7. Since the winter meeting Bro. Judge Moyle has consecrated a conclave No. 31 at Rangoon, and it appears to be flourishing. He expects soon to consecrate another one at Mandalay, as the brethren in India greatly appreciate the tenets of the Order.
8. The correspondence has been carried on with Auckland, New Zealand, and a conclave will probably be established there. Bro. Marshall reports that there is a feeling in favour of establishing another conclave in the West Riding of Yorkshire, to which he is giving every encouragement.
9. Your Council has suffered during the past year by the death of the Past Grand Supreme Ruler, Dr. Zacharie and Bros. Colonel Gordon, J.P., and W. R. Shutt, to the relatives of each of whom a letter of condolence has been sent in the name of the Grand Council. A fund has also been started to place a memorial for the grave of the late Dr. Zacharie, and it is hoped that something like 100 guineas will be produced, and a memorial worthy of the Order be erected. A considerable sum is already in hand, but many brothers and conclaves have not yet responded.
10. A petition has been received from the conclaves in Burmah asking that that province may be erected into a district of the Order with a District Grand Supreme Ruler and Grand Officers, according to Constitution 30 *et seq.* They further ask to have his Honour Judge Moyle as the first District Grand Supreme Ruler. Your Executive Committee have considered the matter; they support the petition, and recommend that Burmah be erected into a district of the Order, and that Right Worthy Bro. his Honour Judge Moyle, if willing, be appointed under patent first District Grand Supreme Ruler, his term of office being three years, and that he be empowered to appoint his Deputy Ruler of the District and District Grand Officers, according to the Constitutions.

11. Your Committee recommend Grand Council to elect Bro. John Millard Bastone to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Order for the coming year, and propose that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to Right Worthy Bro. Charles Lucius Nelson, the retiring Grand Treasurer, together with a fervent hope that he may soon be restored to his usual health, and continue to grace the meetings with his presence.

12. Your Committee has not yet had the pleasure of inducting some personal friends of your Grand Supreme Ruler as they hoped, his lordship's health having been somewhat impaired during the current year. We trust, however, that the promise made many months ago has not been forgotten, and that in due course a time will come when the hopes of the Committee will be more than realised in this direction. They recommend Grand Council to beg his lordship to allow himself to be once more nominated for election as Grand Supreme Ruler.

13. The appointment of Bros. Kiallmark and Tickle as assistants to Bro. Judge Philbrick who resides so far away from London, has been most popular, and their presence at the conclaves whenever they have been able to attend has been greatly appreciated by the officers and brethren. This appointment has also relieved the Grand Recorder in some degree, as his time is too much occupied to enable him to attend meetings as often as invited.

Resolved—

1. That the report of the Executive Committee be received, approved, and the recommendations therein adopted and entered upon the minutes of Grand Council and that the best thanks of this Grand Council be tendered to the Right Honourable the Earl of Warwick, Grand Supreme Ruler, and to Right Worthy Bro. Chas. Lucius Nelson, Grand Treasurer, in accordance with the recommendations therein contained.

2. That the Most Worthy Bro. the Right Honourable the Earl of Warwick be and he is hereby re-elected Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order.

3. That Right Worthy Bro. John Millard Bastone, P.G.G., be and he is hereby elected Grand Treasurer of the Order for the year ensuing.

The GRAND SUPREME RULER addressed the brethren, expressing his pleasure at being present. The Order did not appear to be attracting very large numbers at the present moment, but the quality was excellent, and that should be carefully watched. The Order was on the best terms with all other Masonic Orders, which was extremely satisfactory. He thought that if they could put a little energy into their efforts they might make it a very satisfactory Order. They had been through some vicissitudes, but he thought their prosperity was well assured. Owing to his many duties he could not give the attention he should like, but if they would tolerate him he would be pleased to do what he could. It was a pleasure to him to see Bro. Spratling's services to Masonry recognised in Grand Lodge, for they knew what he had done for the Order of the Secret Monitor. He hoped that benevolence would always be to the front with them as with all Masons. He rejoiced that Lord Halsbury was still among their members, for it showed he thought theirs was a respectable Order, and to have the Lord Chancellor as one of their members was a high honour. He thanked the officers for their attendance, and also Bro. Lewis Thomas for consenting to act as Immediate P.G.S.R. in place of Dr. Zacharie, whose loss they deplored.

On the proposition of Bro. J. TICKLE, a resolution of sympathy and condolence with the relatives of the late Bro. S. Pope, K.C., was unanimously passed.

Letters of regret were read, and Grand Conclave was closed.

A banquet followed, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

In giving "The King and the Craft," the G.S.R. said it was a happy idea which prompted his Majesty to allow himself to be called the Protector of the Order.

"H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons," was next proposed by the G.S.R., who referred to the admirable speech delivered by H.R.H. at the recent magnificent gathering at the Albert Hall.

Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS then submitted the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Grand Supreme Ruler." He said that the G.S.R. kindly came forward to help their Order in their vicissitudes, and had discharged his duties in an admirable manner, their present relations with other Orders being due to his advocacy for peace. It was a pride to them all to see the Ruler of their Order sitting on the right of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. at the Albert Hall.

Bro. the Earl of WARWICK, Grand Supreme Ruler, returned thanks for the kind proposition of the toast. They had given him a more hearty welcome than he deserved for he was well aware that the time he gave to their work was not what it ought to receive. He would try in the future to give more time. He was an old Mason, having been Prov. Grand Master for 20 years. Their Order was of the greatest good in bringing them together to interchange views and cement friendships which after all were some of the pleasantest things in this life. It was a pleasure to see the large number of conclaves spreading all over his Majesty's dominions and in all parts of the world they had their ramifications. If by chance they travelled, they knew that wherever a conclave was located they would receive a hearty and cordial welcome. They hoped to do a great deal for Charity and make their Benevolent Fund larger. He did not know whether it was possible for him to get the M.W.G.M. interested in that branch of Masonry, but if it was not adding too much to his onerous duties H.R.H. might like to take a hand with them. Masonry as practised in their country was superior to any other. He went on a mission to Germany on behalf of Grand Lodge and it was a great sight and great pleasure. He saw a magnificent building erected at a cost of over £100,000, but no Masonic Charities. He had no doubt they had good Masonic feeling, but there was no outward and visible sign as they had in this country in the shape of £2,000,000 subscribed during recent years. He was interested in German Masonry because when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was elected Grand Master, he ceased to be the representative of Germany in this country, and he (the Earl of Warwick) had the great honour conferred upon him of being appointed representative of the Three Globes, the Royal York, and the Landes Grand Lodges. He thanked them for their kind reception and hoped that next year they might be twice as numerous.

For "The Grand Officers" Bro. J. TICKLE, Asst. D.R.O., replied, and was followed by Bro. J. M. BASTONE, G. Treas.

"The Grand Stewards" having been honoured, the G.S.R. proposed "The Health of his Honour Judge J. C. Moyle, Dist. G.S.R., and Bro. Joaquim, of Singapore."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper, assisted by Miss Edith Chamberlen, Bro. C. F. Frood, Miss F. E. Tipper, and Mr. W. W. Sadler. Bro. Tipper contributed his clever hand-bell solos.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 7th instant:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

## THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 10th April, to the 16th July, 1901, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£322 11 4	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£374 2 4
" " Account	233 11 0	" Balance	348 5 9
" Subsequent Receipts..	398 1 3	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	231 15 6
	£954 3 7		£954 3 7

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Henry Trask as Z.; William Joseph Stratton as H.; Henry John Thomas as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Maida Vale Lodge, No. 2743 London, to be called the Maida Vale Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Aberdeen-place, London.

2nd. From Comps. Charles S. Burdon as Z.; Ernest George Farley as H.; Charles Henry Perryman as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Army and Navy Lodge, to be called the Army and Navy Chapter, and to meet at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

The foregoing petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The All Saints Chapter, No. 1716, from the Bow Vestry Hall, to the Bromley Vestry Hall, London.

The Beadon Chapter, No. 619, from Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, London.

The Committee having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

18th July, 1901.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

The annual Prov. G. Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Berks and Oxon was held on Friday in last week at Abingdon, under the banner of the Abbey Mark Lodge (Bro. E. B. Ormond, W.M.) in the handsome Council Chamber of the ancient borough, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, M.P., presiding.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities at half-past 12, by the Prov. G. Master, and there were also present

Bros. J. Tomkins, Dep. Prov. G. Master; J. T. Morland, Mayor of Abingdon; Charles E. Keyser, Frank Miller, the Rev. A. T. Morland, the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor, E. L. Shepherd, G. H. Morland, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Margett, Prov. G. Treas.; A. H. Simpson, S. Payne, G. Saxby, E. B. Ormond, E. J. Harris, C. D. Atkin, J. H. Viner, A. Miles, E. Hill, F. A. Sarjeant, Lieut. Carter, M. Clapshaw, J. F. Stevens, G. R. Norwood, W. Ravenscroft, C. Taphouse, E. Parfitt, W. H. Belcher, S. Knight, Geo. J. Cosbura, T. S. Cambridge, F. Tunbridge, H. Matthews, A. J. Rowley, J. Bliss, E. A. Stickland, H. C. Heard, Brooks, Upton, Rees, and others.

Previous to the ordinary business being proceeded with, the venerable Dep. Prov. G. Master (Bro. JOHN TOMKINS) addressed the brethren, remarking that on this occasion they were again favoured with the presence of their worthy Prov. G. Master (Lord Valentia), who had recently returned home from active service with the Oxfordshire Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa. His lordship, after enduring the hardships of the campaign for nearly 12 months, had happily returned home in good health and spirits, and they were all very pleased to see him once more presiding over this lodge. He proposed that a resolution should be placed on the minutes recording the satisfaction which the brethren felt at his lordship's safe return. (Applause.)

Bro. J. T. MORLAND endorsed all that had been said by the previous speaker, and seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

The gallant PROV. GRAND MASTER, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that it had not only given him very great pleasure to return to his native land, but also to meet the Masonic brethren by whom he was then surrounded. He felt quite satisfied when he went out to South Africa that the business of the province would be well carried on by his Deputy, to whom he was thankful for sending him an account of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which reached him while he was at Pretoria. He went out because he conceived it to be his duty to do so, and he gained experience in South Africa which he should have been sorry to have missed. When he was coming home Lord Roberts told him the war would soon be over, and they could only hope that that prophecy would speedily be fulfilled. (Applause.)

The various items on the agenda were then taken *seriatim*.

The roll of the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers and that of the lodges were respectively called over, and it appeared that all the lodges in the province were represented.

There had been 22 advancements during the past year, and the total membership was now 297.

The General Purposes Committee acknowledged the valuable services of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Margrett.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER mentioned that the minute books had been kept in a manner that reflected great credit upon the Secretaries of the various lodges.

The PROV. G. TREASURER produced the balance-sheet, which showed that the finances were in a healthy state.

On the motion of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. J. T. MORLAND, the

brethren unanimously passed a resolution recommending to Grand Lodge that the patent under which Lord Valentia held office as Prov. G. Master be renewed, the term of years for which it was granted being now about to expire.

Lord VALENTIA expressed his thanks, and observed that he should be pleased and proud if the Grand Master honoured him by acting on the recommendation. (Applause.)

The Prov. Grand Lodge unanimously accepted the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, at Oxford, to assemble under their banner next summer, and the Prov. Grand Master thanked them for the kind invitation.

Bro. Margrett was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer on the motion of the P.G. MASTER, seconded by Bro. KEYSER.

The Prov. G. Master then appointed and invested the Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. J. Bliss, 257...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. Parfitt, 27	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" T. J. Rees, 257	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. Matthews, 247	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" C. F. Roundell, 55	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. E. J. C. Gillmor, 225	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. Margrett, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. H. Morland, 225	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Moore, 257	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. J. Harris, 225	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. Tonbridge, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" S. W. Bowles, 519	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. E. Hunt, 247	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. H. Dickenson, 247	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. J. Rowley, 247	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. H. White, 235	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. S. Cambridge, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Stevens, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" Norwood, jun., 247	...	...	...	

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed shortly afterwards, and the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange and partook of a cold collation, provided by Mr. Hathaway.

The usual loyal and Mark toasts were proposed and responded to.

Apologies from Bro. Lord Jersey and other distinguished Mark Masons unable to attend were read by the PROV. G. SECRETARY.

Bro. J. T. Morland and other brethren had made arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors during the remainder of the afternoon, but the showery weather prevented the programme being carried out in its entirety.

## Instruction.

## HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on the 26th ult., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present: Comps. J. Bailey, P.Z. 1602, M.E.Z.; A. F. Hardymont, J. 1439, H.; R. N. Larter, H. 186, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; W. Smith-Rose, 1st A.S. 890, Scribe N.; H. Fokett, M.E.Z. 185, 890, Treas.; H. J. Dunaway, 59, P.S.; W. J. Lewis, N. 173 and 890, 1st A.S.; A. J. Jordan, 1602; E. Stevens, 733; and A. L. Butters, J. 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jordan being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks, Comp. Fokett M.E.Z. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Bailey for his many services to the chapter. The M.E.Z. having risen as usual, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

## Knights Templar.

## All Souls Preceptory, No. 31.

By command of the E.P., Sir Knight Sidney Spark Milledge, an emergency meeting of this preceptory was held at Weymouth, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at which the E.P. was well supported by his officers and the members generally. The principal item in the agenda was to instal Comp. Henry Arthur Hurden, an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, and organist of the Parish Church. The ceremony was performed by the E.P., ably assisted by E. Sir Knight George, Past Sub-Prior; the Immediate Past E.P.; and the officers.

At the close, a Priory of the Order of Malta was held under the banner of the All Souls Preceptory, and Sir Knight Charles Jesty, an ex-Mayor of Weymouth, and Sir Knight H. A. Hurden were duly admitted members. Sir Knight Henry Tizard George, acting as Prior, assisted by many brethren.

At the close of the ceremonies, the E. Preceptor entertained the brethren in the banqueting-hall.

The usual toasts were given, and on the E.P. submitting "The Health of the Very Eminent Prior, Sir Richard Howe," he expressed his regret at the absence of so worthy and genial a head of this province as Sir Richard, who was, unfortunately, prevented from attending. The brethren shared the regret expressed, and one and all hoped to support the V.E. Prior on the occasion of his annual meeting of Provincial Priory (Dorset), which has been called for Thursday, the 15th instant.

## Royal Arch.

## Elms Huish Chapter, No. 1099.

## INSTALLATION OF COMP. W. A. STATON.

The installation of principals and officers of the above chapter took place at the Huyshe Lodge Room, Home Park, Stoke, on the 25th ult. Comp. J. Bray installed his successor, Comp. W. A. Staton. Comp. Charles Small was installed in the chair of H. by Comp. Allen, and Comp. Dr. Thomas McElwaine was installed by Comp. Pike. The following officers were invested as follows: Comps. A. H. Widdell, P.P. 1st A.G.S., Treas.; J. Allen, P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; E. James, S.N.; E. Hammond, P.S.; Jas. Berry, 1st A.S.; Charles Williams, 2nd A.S.; W. Sweet, P.P.G. Treas., Chap.; R. Pike, P.P.G. Org., Org.; A. Willis, Asst. Org.; H. Bowen, D.C.; J. H. Gould, A.D.C.; W. Booley and Pett, Stwds.; and A. Booth, Janitor. The visiting Past Principals included Comps. W. Brockman, Jos. Bassett, D. Brebner, F. E. Sach, and W. Bartram.

At supper afterwards, the new Principals were heartily toasted and congratulated on their preferment.



## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### LAND AND WATER IN OPPOSITION.

The appearance of the coasts of Norfolk and Suffolk prove, not only that Land and Water have been from the earliest times in opposition, but that they are still at war with each other. The sea, sometimes the aggressor, has seized and taken away a portion of that which once belonged to the land; while the land, as if in retaliation, now occupies spots which were once covered by the sea. There is an apparent contradiction here; but it is only apparent, for both classes of phenomena are resultants of one cause. In most instances, where a coast is gradually worn away, this is produced by the action of tides, waves, and currents—sometimes one of these only, sometimes two, or all. The eastern coast of Britain is exposed to a remarkable action in this respect owing to a curious double tide which prevails there. At most ports, as we well know, the tide rolls in from the ocean, and rolls out again after high water; but on the eastern coast this rolling-in comes from two quarters at once. When the tidal current from the Atlantic reaches the Land's End, it divides into two; one branch proceeds northward, and winds round Scotland into the German Ocean; while the other travels eastward along the English Channel, and turns up to the north after passing through the Straits of Dover. These two tidal currents meet; but the larger course takes the longer time; and the combined and alternate action of the two produce a peculiar rubbing motion against the coast calculated to wear down cliffs, and to give a smooth outline to the sea-board. There is abundant proof that portions of Norfolk and Suffolk, once inhabited and flourishing, are now buried beneath the sea. In more northern portions of our island where the coast is stern and iron-bound, the destructive action has exhibited itself in other ways. In the Shetlands—composed of hard rock—steep cliffs have been hollowed into caves and arches, passages have been worn through the hardest rock, rugged islands have been formed, and huge masses of stone have been torn from their beds and hurled to surprising distances. On the eastern coast of Scotland where there is less rocky cliff, the destruction has come home more immediately to the handiwork of man. At Findhorn, an old town has been carried away; in Kincardineshire, the village of Mathers was carried away in a single night in 1795; at Arbroath, houses and gardens have disappeared within the memory of those now living; and the lighthouses at the mouth of the Tay had to be carried further inland, because the sea was approaching. On the Northumberland and Lincolnshire coasts equally strange movements have been and are still going on. In an old map of Yorkshire, we find the villages of Auburn, Harthorn, and Hyde, at spots where are now nothing but sandbanks covered with water at high-tide. Sir George Head, in his *Home Tour through the Manufacturing Districts*, gives a graphic almost a painful description of a churchyard in Yorkshire, which is at this present time being eaten away by the sea. The dead bones are first exposed, and then they are washed out, and fall upon the beach below, each year doing something towards the destruction of a pretty graveyard, which was once a mile or more inland. In the portion of coast south of Yorkshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk exhibit the effects of the wearing action more decidedly than Lincolnshire, which is so low that it may be said to have been flooded rather than abraded. Cromer is now "looking up," a fashionable pleasure town; but the real original Cromer has long ago been swallowed up by the sea, and the present town is only a substitute. Shipden, Whimwell, and Eccles, all old towns on the Norfolk coast, are not now to be found. At Sheringham, between Cromer and Wells, the progress of the sea has been singularly marked and definite. In 1805 an inn was built at that place, and it was supposed, from the known progress of the sea, that the house might last about 70 years before it was attacked, for it was 70 yards from the coast, and the destruction was estimated at about a yard per annum; but the rate of wearing afterwards increased, and by 1829 the sea approached very near indeed to the inn. The Sheringham of to-day is not the Sheringham of old; that is gone; swallowed up by Neptune; and perhaps Sheringham the new may go likewise, unless protective works be executed. For it may be worth while to observe that if there is a judicious arrangement of breakwater or rows of stakes carried out into the sea there may be formed accumulations of sand along the bottom of the cliff and this sand, when a peculiar kind of bending-grass has grown upon it, will tend to preserve the cliff from the destructive action of the waves. Corton, Pakefield, Dunwich, Aldborough, Bawdsey, on the Suffolk coast, all have suffered in a similar way. As for Dunwich, it appears to be two miles from the site of the original Dunwich. The town of Orwell lives only in tradition, nothing more. Twenty years ago Sir Charles Lyell warned the inhabitants of Harwich that if they continued as they had hitherto done they would find themselves some morning on a little island. He thought the sea was cutting a channel across the isthmus which connects the peninsula of Harwich with the mainland, and that by selling for cement the stones which rolled down upon the beach the people were hastening the process; for the stones, if left alone, might act for some time as a break-water or shield.

(To be continued.)

### ARCHITECTURE DURING THE STUART PERIOD.

Bernard Jansen was an architect at the same time that Nicholas Stone was the fashionable statuary. They were employed together on the tomb of Mr. Sutton, the founder of the Charter-house. Of what country Jansen was does not appear, probably a Fleming, as he was a professed imitator of Dieterling, a famous builder in the Netherlands, who wrote several books on architecture. Jansen was engaged on many great works in England; he built Audley Inn and the greater part of Northumberland House, which used to be at Charing Cross. Audley Inn, near Walden, in Essex, was an immense pile of building; the rooms large, but some of them not lofty in proportion, and a gallery of 95 yards, which, with the chapel and great council chamber, each projecting backwards from the ends of the gallery, have been demolished. The present chapel was lately fitted up. The screen accompanying the ascent of steps from the hall was designed by Sir John Vanbrugh, and has no relation to the rest of the building. That injudicious architect advised the destruction of the first court, which consisted of noble corridors, supported by columns of alabaster, in the room of which he built two ugly brick walls, which cost £1600. The marble pillars of the chapel were

purchased by Lord Onslow. King William bought thence some suits of tapestry, now at Windsor, for which he paid £4500. The drawing-room, called the Fish-room, is a noble chamber; the ceiling and a deep frieze, adorned in stucco with sea monsters and great fishes swimming. All the costly chimney-pieces have been sold; over that in the gallery were the labours of Hercules, and in the ceiling the loves of the gods. Many of the friezes still extant are in very good taste. It was erected by Thomas Howard, Earl of Suffolk, Lord Treasurer in the reign of James I., and was generally supposed to be founded on Spanish gold, his countess, who had great sway with him, being notoriously corrupt. There is a whole-length of her in the hall at Gorbamby. She was mother of the memorable Frances, Countess of Essex and Somerset, whose escutcheon remains entire in the chancel of the church at Walden, one of the lightest and most beautiful parish churches to be seen. After the death of Henry Howard, tenth Earl of Suffolk, in 1745, Audley Inn passed eventually to Sir John Griffyn, K.C.B., who was allowed the barony in 1784, and who restored this magnificent house as it is now seen; it was bequeathed by him to Richard, Lord Braybrooke.

### BESSEMER STEEL.

Inventive talent is not always hereditary, but it seems to be so in the case of Bessemer. Anthony Bessemer, for some time connected with the English Mint, was author of many useful inventions. His youngest son, Sir Henry Bessemer, discovered the direct and cheap method for making steel from crude iron, which bears his name, which has been followed by the Siemens open-hearth process; both have proved amongst the most widely beneficial inventions of the past century. Steel has been so cheapened that it is used for many purposes, for which iron previously served, such as steel rails, girders for bridges, and carriage tyres. A process which occupied nearly 10 days is accomplished in a very brief period, while the price of steel has been reduced from about £50 to £5 or £6 per ton, and the world's annual production of Bessemer steel amounts to between 80 and 90 millions sterling.

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### GENERAL NOTES.

The arrangements for the Promenade Concerts at Queen's Hall next month are practically the same as last year. They will commence on Saturday, the 24th instant, with a popular programme. Mr. Payne will lead the violin, and Mr. Wood will conduct. Smoking will be allowed in several parts of the hall, but portions of the building will be reserved for non-smokers.

A new play by Rudyard Kipling, founded by him upon one of his "Jungle Stories," and called "The Jungle Play," is to be brought out at a West-end theatre about Christmas time.

Terry's Theatre will re-open on the 19th instant with the adaptation from the French, by Mr. Augustus Moore, entitled "The Giddy Goat," to be produced by Mr. Yorke Stephens.

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## Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 7th instant. The business will not differ materially from what is usually transacted, but those among the brethren who had Past Grand Rank conferred upon them at the recent installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as M.W.G.M. will, if eligible, have Past rank conferred on them in the Royal Arch.

It is reported in the printed proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the 1st May last, that the Grand Master, in his address, included among the presents which had been received from sundry donors a silver commemorative medal which had been struck in honour of the consecration of the new Masonic Hall (Ordenshaus) of the Grand Countries Lodge at Berlin, and which had been presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by Bro. Von Kuycke, the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge. Bro. Hozier further announced that he had had conferred upon him the honour of Honorary Membership of the Grand Countries Lodge of Germany, and was at the time wearing the decoration of Honorary Membership.

According to the report of the Standing Committee on Finance the income of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the first six months of the current year—that is, from the 1st December, 1900, to the 31st May, 1901—amounted to £4702 17s. 3d., as compared with £4123 11s. 6d. for the corresponding half of the preceding year, the increase being £579 5s. 8d.

It is also recorded in the report of the Foreign and Colonial Committee that a letter had been received from Bro. E. Pretty, P.M. of the Bonnie Doon Lodge, No. 839, Perth, Western Australia, bearing upon the proposal that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should recognise the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and suggesting that in the meantime the Grand Lodge of Scotland should consent to the interchange of fraternal intercourse between its lodges and those of Western Australia. Bro. Pretty also stated that Bro. J. D. Stevenson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, was on his way to Edinburgh to discuss the question of a union of the lodges. Hence the Committee resolved on deferring compliance with Bro. Pretty's suggestions as to recognition until after

Bro. Stevenson had been heard on the subject, but in the meantime Grand Lodge would not object to an interchange of fraternal intercourse with the lodges in Western Australia.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Pilkington who has been appointed to succeed the late lamented Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., as Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, is a P.M. Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, and P.P.G. Chap. Suffolk, and quite recently at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was appointed to the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden. He is also a P.Z. of Chapter No. 555, and P.P.G.O. He will have a hard task to follow in the footsteps of so distinguished a companion as the late Rev. C. J. Martyn, but we have little doubt that he will in time exercise a beneficial influence among the chapters, while we are sure that he will use his utmost endeavours to promote the well-being of those under his charge.

The *Canadian Craftsman* for last month contains a report of the 26th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which was held in Winnipeg on the 12th June, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. R. S. Thompson, M.W.G. Master, who, in the course of his address, referred in sympathetic terms to the great loss which the British Empire and British Freemasonry had sustained by the death of Queen Victoria. Among the various subjects to which he deemed it his duty to make reference was that of "Physical Qualification." It seems that the Grand Master had during the past year had four cases submitted to him for decision—(1) of an applicant with an artificial left leg; (2) of one with an artificial left arm; (3) of one with an artificial foot; and (4) of one who was minus his right arm. In the first three he gave permission to "reserve and act on petition," but withheld it in the fourth. He explained that the course he had pursued was in accordance with the views set forth in the address of another Grand Master, which he strongly recommended to the attentive perusal of the brethren, on the ground that it prepared the way for a more liberal interpretation of the point than has hitherto found favour.

The Grand Master further explained that he withheld permission in the fourth case—that of the applicant who was minus his right arm, because he considered it was "too great a departure from established customs in some jurisdictions," and he mentioned that he had been in correspondence with our late Bro. G. W. Speth, who appears to have expressed it as his belief that it was quite on the cards there might be a lodge in England which would initiate a candidate who had none of his four limbs provided he had a tongue to prove himself with, for, though "he could not give the tokens, he could describe them."

We quite agree with Bro. Dr. R. S. Thornton when he points out that too rigid an adherence to the strict letter of the law is harmful. "The Craft is unnecessarily deprived of the support of many who would make good members, while the man who has had the misfortune to lose a limb, perhaps in his country's service, has his misfortune aggravated by its being made a bar to membership in a Society towards which he feels himself attached." We are glad to find the Grand Master thus expressing himself in accordance with the dictates of common sense. But it strikes us that his refusal to grant permission in the case of the man who was "minus his right arm" is somewhat inconsistent with his views. He, too, might have lost it in his country's service, and the Craft is thus deprived of the support of a good member and the applicant of the opportunity of joining a Society to which he is attached.

According to the Grand Secretary's report to the 27th December, 1900, the number of subscribing members then on the lodge rolls was 3238, or more by 146 than at the corresponding date of the previous year. The principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year are Bro. Dr. R. S. Thompson (re-elected), Grand Master; Bros. E. A. Braithwaite and the Rev. A. Chisholm, S.G.W. and J.G.W. respectively; Bro. J. McKechnie (re-elected), G. Treasurer; and Bro. J. A. Ovas (re-elected), G. Secretary.

We learn from an "Important Notice" in the *Indian Freemason* for the 15th June that our contemporary, which started on its career some eight years since as a monthly paper, and for some time past has been issued as a bi-monthly, is about to revert to its old form, and will be published once instead of

twice a month. It is stated in the Notice that the bi-monthly series would have been continued, quite regardless of monetary considerations, could it have felt that "it had any tendency to add to the wider dissemination of news, or have been more availed of by lodges and brethren for that purpose." It seems that some time ago an overwhelming majority of its subscribers, in response to a circular on the subject, expressed a decided preference for a monthly over a bi-monthly issue, and we think our contemporary has done right in making the change.

We gather from its pages that a regular communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on the 22nd April. In the absence of the District Grand Master, His Excellency Bro. Sir A. Powell Palmer, the chair was occupied by the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. H. J. Spence Gray, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England. The attendance, which included several visiting brethren, appears to have been fairly good, especially as the business does not seem to have been of a very serious or important character.

We have been favoured with copies of the printed Reports of proceedings of the District G. Lodge and District G. Chapter of Malta, and of the District G. Mark Lodge of the Mediterranean, so far as the lodges in Malta are concerned. The District is not an extensive one, but it is a compact and well-ordered, and to judge from these reports, the past year would seem to have been successful. The number of Craft lodges—exclusive of No. 1717 which is located at Tunis, in North Africa—is seven, the senior of which—the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349—dates from the year 1815; the Union of Malta, No. 407, warranted in 1831, ranking second, followed by the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, of 1845 creation; the United Brethren Lodge and the Wayfarers Lodge, Nos. 1923 and 1926 respectively, which were warranted in 1881; and the Waller Rodwell Wright and the Royal Naval Lodges of 1899 creation, and numbered respectively 2755 and 2761. The three senior lodges have chapters attached to them, while of the four lodges in the District the Mediterranean, the Keystone, No. 107, the Ramsay, No. 248, and the Union of Malta, No. 263, meet in Malta. Bro. Lt.-Gen. J. Fletcher Owen, R.A., is the District G. Master (Craft), G. Superintendent (R.A.), and District G. Mark Master.

The District, as at present constituted, but with only three lodges on the roll, was organised in 1849, with the Ven. Archdeacon Burrows, D.D., as Provincial or District Grand Master, who also was subsequently appointed Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch. But Bro. Waller Rodwell Wright, who was one of the most distinguished Masons about the time of the Union of 1813, had previously held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Malta and the Ionian Islands, and to him we owe the constitution of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 349. The present strength of the Craft in Malta dates from the time of the late Bro. William Kingston, who was District Grand Master from 1869 to 1888, and under whose auspices Lodges Nos. 1923 and 1926 were founded. He was succeeded by the late Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, and he by Bro. Vice-Admiral Markham in 1893, and the present District Grand Master in 1897, under whom have been constituted Lodges Nos. 2755 and 2761. That the Craft is in a prosperous condition may be judged from the fact that the number of subscribing members on the rolls of the seven lodges is 584, as against 587 in the year 1899, the difference in the totals being very slight considering how, owing to the frequent military and naval changes, the membership is affected by resignations. At all events, the average number of members per lodge is 83, there being three lodges with over 100 each and only one which has fewer than 40.

We have said there are three Royal Arch Chapters. These are the Melita, No. 349, with 54 members; the William Kingston, No. 407, with 45; and the Resurrection, No. 515, with 62; the total membership being 161, which gives an aggregate of 53 per chapter. There are many chapters in England which would crow lustily if they could point to such a membership. The three Mark lodges in Malta—Nos. 107, 248, and 263—muster in all 84 members, being at the rate of 28 per lodge, which, if not very large, will at all events compare very favourably with the membership of lodges of this Degree at home. We trust this state of prosperity will be continued through a long series of years.

## 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.

### LOST PROPERTY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The following articles, amongst others, were handed to me after the meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 17th ult., and I shall be glad to restore them to the owners thereof upon their calling here and identifying the same:

A crush hat.  
Provincial Grand Officer's Collar.  
Two walking sticks.  
Two apron cases with names of C. G. Scott and Charles Oxford on them.  
Pair of folding spectacles in leather case.  
A Jubilee jewel.  
Pendant of P.M. Collar Jewel.  
Centenary jewel of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, R.N.S.  
Four R.A. Regulation Jewels.

Yours fraternally,  
HENRY SADLER.

The Library,  
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

### THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was very pleased to see that there is in the "Installation Number" of the *Freemason* a copy of the Duke of Connaught's installation as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex in 1886. It is the finest Masonic picture I have seen, and will be most interesting to those who were present at that unique ceremony. Those who, unfortunately, have not a copy of the original, will, I have no doubt take the opportunity of framing this.

I wonder how many of the Worshipful Masters of Sussex lodges who were present in 1886 were also present at the Albert Hall on July 17th. I grieve to say I know some have gone to the Grand Lodge above. I was W.M. of the Gordon Lodge, No. 1726, that year (1886), and still have the badge we wore that day.—  
Yours fraternally,

THOMAS DUTTON,  
P.M. 1726 and 2410.

7, Manchester-square, W.,  
July 27th.

### MEETINGS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

During the summer months many brethren would like an outing to visit one of the Provincial Grand Lodge meetings near London, both Craft and Mark, but I noticed that only Middlesex and Surrey Craft advertised in the *Freemason*. The meetings of the Mark for the same provinces are not known anything of until the report of the meeting appears in your journal.

P.S.—Will there be a special jewel for the 17th July?

Yours fraternally,  
OBSERVER.

### THE GREAT MEETING AT THE ALBERT HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think that those having charge of the arrangements must be congratulated, and deserve the hearty thanks of all the 9000 who took part in the great gathering of the Craft.

All did well; but we must all feel that Bro. Letchworth and Bro. Frank Richardson must have spent many hours of really hard labour to secure so perfect a result.

There was one defect in the management of the Hall, and that was the closing of all the refreshment bars on one of the hottest days in the year. If the brethren could not be allowed ordinary drinks, surely tea, lemonade, and ginger-beer should have been available, whereas there was not even cold water to be had. Then, as to the lavatories, plenty of water but no towels, on a day when frequent washing was a necessity.

The Albert Hall as a building is beneath criticism, the work of an engineer officer (ranking on a level with the Crystal Palace), and it always appears to me that the exits from the different parts of the house are not sufficiently separated.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

## The August Magazines.

Caesell's Magazine opens with a further instalment of Rudyard Kipling's fascinating story "Kim." Max Pemberton's interesting serial "The Giant's Gate" is continued, and there are several complete tales of which "The Braggart," "A Bank Scandal," "The Magic Bat," and "A Minister of Wrath" may be specially mentioned. An article on Miss Fanny Moody and her work is illustrated with reproductions from her paintings. A very interesting article is that devoted to the Alpine guards; while all Englishmen will appreciate the paper on John Hampden's home, which is illustrated from photographs taken by his descendant, the present Earl of Buckinghamshire. Harry Furness contributes an article illustrated by himself on the division lobby of the House of Commons; while under the title of "Actresses in Management," an account is given of the managerial experiences of Mrs. Langtry, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Miss Kate Rorke, Miss Julia Neilson, and Mrs. Lewis Waller. "Pulling down London" and "In the Arena" also contain interesting information.

Chambers's Journal contains an instalment of three chapters of the current serial "The Love Affairs of Julius Standen," and the complete stories "A Guerdon from the Grave," "The Luck of William Phips," "The Celestial Carp," and "Three Matches." There are interesting papers in "The Heart of

Montrose," "Riding and Camping in Morocco," "The Undergraduate at Oxford," and "The Bell Rock Lighthouse." Dr. Crespi contributes an instructive article, entitled "Interesting Facts about Fungi." There is a further article on Special Service from the pen of Edward Ryan, while, under the heading of "The Evolution of a Community," W. L. Manson writes of the Crofters of the North of Scotland. Nelson Annandale contributes some curious information in a paper entitled "A Day on an Edible Birds'-nest Island." Miss Helen Urquhart has some beautiful verses, for which she has borrowed the old title, "The Land o' the Leal." The Science and Art notes for the month deal, *inter alia*, with the South African tsetse fly, transport by tube, Australian aborigines, bird photography, motor-car speeds, turbine engines, American and British locomotives, and Scottish salmon fisheries.

The Century Magazine Midsummer Holiday Number opens with an interesting illustrated article on "Midsummer in New York," which is calculated to make the perspiring Londoner thankful that his climate is no worse. Other articles of interest are those on "America's Agricultural Regeneration of Russia" and "The Paris Commune—Thirty Years After." The serial tale, "The Making of a Marchioness," is concluded, and Dr. Brooks, F.R.A.S., contributes a most instructive illustrated article on "Photographing by the Light of Venus." There is an appreciative paper on "Venice Gardens," and complete tales, entitled "Père Raphael," "Mrs. Thankful's Charge," also further chapters of the serial, "D'Ri and I." "The Wanderers" is a quaint poem by Josephine Darkham. The remaining papers deal with the "Despatch of Trains in America," "The Simplification of English Shilling," and "An American's Impressions of India."

The Idler Midsummer Fiction Number contains some capital short stories in addition to some further chapters of the current serial, "The Puppet Crown." Among the best of the former are "A Romance of the Frozen North," "Ottenhausen's Coup," "Miss Morgan's Victory," and "A Letter from the 'Ilio." The thrilling story of the fall of Quebec is graphically related; and in the way of humorous reading "The Bicycle and its Wild Oats" and "Sand Wheels," by W. Alden, are well worth reading. The beauty spots of the Boyne Valley are described; while the verse and illustrations are excellent.

Longman's Magazine contains an instalment of four chapters of the serial tale "The Gold Stealers," a story replete with humour and bright with local colour. "Enoch—a Boy Naturalist," is an interesting complete tale by Edith Dart. In "Recollections of a Tenderfoot" J. R. Sumner relates his experiences of ranching in the Western States. The Rev. C. H. Benning contributes "Some Notes on an Examination," while Fred Whisham appeals successfully to all lovers of nature with his paper entitled "Autumn by the Sea." "At the Sign of the Ship" contains the usual interesting chit-chat compiled by Andrew Lang.

Macmillan's Magazine opens with a further instalment of the current serial tale "Princess Puck." There are three complete stories, viz., "In the evening of her days," "The Great Invitation," and "Our Lady of Little Canon." "The Fly-fisher's Aftermath" will appeal to all anglers, while "The letters of Elizabeth" contain some charming reminiscences of provincial life in England during the latter end of the 18th Century and beginning of the 19th. The first of a series of papers on "The Land of the Poppy," dealing with the production of opium in India, is entitled "Among the Opium Vats." Natives of Shrewsbury will be delighted with "Sabrinæ Corolla." David Hannay contributes a capital paper concerning our Army and Navy, entitled "Invasion or Raid."

Temple Bar offers its readers besides continuations of the serial stories, "The Firebrand," "The Secret Orchard," and "An Alpine Prelude," the following capital complete tales: "The Master Mathematician," "In an Egyptian Garden," "The Secret of Mangroves," "Dogs of the Lord," and "Polly." There is a further paper on "A By-way of the Boer War," and an appreciative article on T. E. Brown, poet and humorist.

### TO THE MEMORY OF BRO. SIR FRANK LOCKWOOD.

A brass tablet in memory of Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood was unveiled in Manchester Grammar School last week by Mr. Justice Ridley. It bore the following inscription: "In memory of Sir Frank Lockwood, born 1846, died 1897, M.P. for York, and Solicitor-General, who was proud to have been a scholar at the Manchester Grammar School."

Justice RIDLEY said Sir Frank Lockwood was a man who possessed qualities which endeared him to everybody. He was adroit, quick, brilliant, and eloquent, and was universally loved for his kindness and unselfishness. Lord Rosebery, who was one of his greatest friends and admirers, would have been glad to assist in the little ceremonial that day, but his engagements prevented him from being present.

### A CORONATION MARCH.

#### MUSICIANS' COMPANY'S PRIZE.

The Musicians' Company of the City of London have resolved to offer a prize of 50 guineas for an orchestral march, suitable for use at the festivities which may be held in celebration of the Coronation of Edward VII. We have no official Coronation March at present, and, indeed, comparatively few marches at all, most of those used at State ceremonies being from foreign sources. Particulars and conditions as to this competition may be obtained from the clerk of the Musicians' Company; but it may be mentioned that besides the 50 guineas the winner will receive the freedom and livery of the Musicians' Company. Sir Frederick Bridge, Gresham Professor; Sir Walter Parratt, Master of the Music to Queen Victoria; and Sir Hubert Parry, Director of the Royal College of Music, have agreed to act as adjudicators. The Musicians' Company, although it has long since relinquished most of its duties and privileges, is one of the oldest Guilds in the City of London, and at any rate it dates back to 1472, when it was chartered by Edward IV. as a "Perpetual Guild, or Fraternity, and Sisterhood of Minstrels." The Guild was for some years attached to the chapel of the Virgin under St. Paul's Cathedral, and it had to control all "Pretenders to minstrelsy" and to fine and silence the unqualified, until they had studied so as to fit themselves to take part in public performances. Cynics aver that if those duties were revived and were properly performed, we should be spared the efforts of a good many insufficiently educated or incompetent pianoforte and recital givers.

THE QUEEN has given her permission, through the Duchess of Fife, for a valuable addition to the Passmore Edwards' Sailors' Palace to be called the "Alexandra Wing."

BRO. W. W. B. BEACH, Prov. G. Master, will hold the annual meeting of the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at Aldershot. Visiting brethren will be welcomed at the meeting, which will take place at the Tin Hall.



## Craft Masonry.

United Military Lodge, No. 1536.  
INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. SHACKLETON, P.M.

No less than 160 of our gallant brethren of the Regular Army and Volunteers are enrolled on the books of the above powerful and progressive Kentish lodge, and it was a grand and exhilarating spectacle to see some 125 of them "assembled together in unity" as presented to the admiring eyes of the visitors on the occasion of their recent gathering to witness or assist at the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The meeting under notice took place on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, and was, both Masonically, gastronomically, and musically, a most enjoyable affair, and each and all of the above factors purely of local production.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Howe, and the minutes of the previous meeting, and also those of an emergency meeting held on the previous Tuesday, at which some five candidates—Messrs. Stephens, Sims, Crossley, Dowie, and Haines—were initiated, and other work performed, having been confirmed, Grand honours were paid to Bros. Major H. W. Boileau, W.M. 1789, Dep. Dist. G. Master Nova Scotia, and W. Russell, P.M., P.G. Treas. Kent, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., who severally returned thanks for the courtesy shown them by the brethren. Bro. W. Shackleton, P.M. 1789, S.W., was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and, in due course, and with the ancient ritual, that brother was installed into the chair of K.S. and saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Howe, I.P.M.; R. F. Cockrane, S.W.; J. Jones, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; E. W. Sinnett, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; F. J. Marfleet, S.D.; F. R. Rowland, J.D.; H. Earnshaw, I.G.; G. W. Ingle, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. Craighead, Asst. D. of C.; W. Redman, Org.; H. F. Furlong, Asst. Org.; and A. Simmonds, P.M., A. Rycroft, R. Gedge, H. Tilley, H. Graham, and W. Hurn, Stwds. Bro. Howe then gave the addresses fully and eloquently, and was congratulated on all sides for the masterly manner in which he had carried out his arduous and important duty. Bro. Howe was then presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel and a Past Master's collar as a mark of the approbation of the brethren for his services as W.M. during the past year, and it was also unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge and presented to him for his services as Installing Officer that day, for both and all of which he returned his heartfelt thanks. Bro. Captain George Spinks, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was re-elected for the tenth time in succession to represent the lodge at the provincial Charity meetings. A sum of money was voted to the distressed widow of a late brother, and then the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was served in the large and handsome Assembly-room of the establishment by a local caterer, which banquet was much enjoyed and highly commended.

Among the other brethren present and not above named were Bros. W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Bilton, P.M., P.M. 2399; R. Fowler, P.M.; A. Hill, P.M.; A. Simmonds, P.M.; T. O'Neill, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (hon.), P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. and Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; C. Warren, W. Gedge, A. Brindly, H. Allen, G. Deall, A. Haughey, L. James, A. Brossley, W. Palmer, A. Cheek, A. French, J. Lysett, J. Williams, J. Kidd, T. Partridge, W. Prinn, J. Danly, W. White, W. Payne, A. Betty, C. Hibberd, H. Young, J. Whiting, E. Harrison, J. Moth, E. Brooks, D. Green, R. Wood, G. Howie, J. Grierson, W. Coates, J. Brash, T. Hook, J. Bull, R. Jupp, T. Brooks, and E. Harris of the lodge. Among the visitors whose names we could decipher in the Visitors' Book, were Bros. G. R. Nichols, P.M. 700, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex; H. Pammant, P.M. 700; J. Mayo, P.M. 1614; J. Quick, W.M., J. Horne, S.W., and W. Easton of 13; S. H. Chaplin, W.M., W. Welsh, S.W., and C. Carter, J.W. of 1472; R. Bristow, P.M. 2195; H. Steer, W.M., E. Reynolds, S.W., R. Price, J.W., and E. Rayment, of 2399; J. H. Bull, J.W. and W.M. elect 913; Lieut. Learmont, 1789; H. Wortham, 700; J. Cook and J. Cross, of 2222; F. Frister, 1259; H. Loneragan, 860; J. West, 159; H. Bird, 2523; G. Bullivant, 2203; W. Pexton, 1917; and A. Kenward, 1331.

"The King and the Craft" was the first toast, followed by that of "The M.W. the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c.," and the W.M., in putting it, said it was only the previous week that H.R.H. was installed in the Albert Hall, and in the presence of some ten thousand Masons, as their Grand Master. He trusted H.R.H. would have as long and successful a reign as his illustrious brother, their King, had had.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. J. Russell, who, in response, thanked them for their cordial reception of the toast, and assured them that it made the task to him much easier in responding to it because he knew that after he had done so they might smoke. (Cheers.) He wished to say that what prominence he had achieved in Masonry had been brought about by a remark of his own made some years ago. It came about in this way; shortly after he had joined the Order, an old and good Freemason said to him, "What did you join Masonry for?" He (Bro. Russell) replied that he joined it because he wanted something to fill up his spare time, of which, at that period of his existence, he had plenty to spare. "Well," said his ancient friend, "work hard, attend lodges of instruction, learn thereby the perfect working of the ritual, and then some day you may achieve distinction in the Craft, and a reward for your zeal." He followed that advice, but had no idea that he should ever achieve the positions of a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England and Treasurer of the Province of Kent, and be in the position of doing so much for the cause of Charity as he, in that position, had been enabled to do. It was said that Napoleon had declared that "every recruit had a marshal's baton in his knapsack," and so it was that if every Mason tried his best, he would find that Masonry would be a good and faithful spouse to him, and he would ever bless the day he joined the Order. (Cheers.)

Bro. Capt. Spinks, whose name was coupled with the toast of "The D.P.G.M., W. Bro. J. Smith Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," said he felt quite certain that there was no better Mason in the Craft than their esteemed and beloved D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, who at the late Festival of the Girls' School took up the magnificent sum of no less than £3000 from the Province of Kent. With reference to the military element, there were more military Masons in their pro-

vince than in any province in the United Kingdom, and to occupy the position, as he did, of a P.G.W., was a proud one to him. He had had the honour of being upon the Charity Committee of the province for many years, and could safely say that no case recommended and brought before that Committee had ever been refused investigation, and support if found wanting. In the name of the P.G. Officers, he thanked them most sincerely for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Howe, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He had had the honour of installing that day a Master who would reflect the highest honour not only on Freemasonry in general, but on their old and prosperous lodge, and he felt sure that he would uphold its honour and reputation before the world.

The W.M., who was greeted most heartily as he rose to respond, said some might say "Oh! Shackleton has been through the chair, and is already a Past Master, what does he want to go through again," but, as their distinguished Bro. Russell had said, he (Bro. Shackleton) had plenty of spare time, and after some 20 years of hard work in Masonry, he hoped even still to be useful to the Craft and its grand tenets, "brotherly love, relief, and truth." (Applause.) He had for many years looked forward with hope and pleasure to the time when he should be Master of their grand old lodge. He had achieved that position, and they might depend upon it that the confidence placed in him would never be regretted, but would, he trusted, urge him to make the prestige of the lodge higher, if such a thing were possible, than it even now was. He thanked them for their kindness in electing him as their W.M., and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to deserve it. (Cheers.)

At this moment Bro. Russell retired amid a storm of cheering.

Bro. Howe, in response to a very hearty reception of his name as "Installing Officer," said it was a great honour for him to stand there as a Past Master of their old and harmonious lodge. He never thought when he was initiated that he should rise to be the W.M. and a Past Master of that lodge. He paid a high tribute to those who had proposed, initiated, and first entrusted him with a collar. He had had the pleasure of initiating some 36 candidates during his year of office. He did not take the honour of so doing to himself, but gave it to those brethren who had introduced such excellent and worthy men as these newly-made brethren had proved to be. He trusted they would rally round and support their W.M. as they had round him, and could only thank them for their kind reception of his name.

Bro. Captain Spinks, in response to the toast of "The Past Masters," enumerated the many of their Past Masters who had achieved distinction. Bro. Deves had only been in South Africa a short time when he was made a District Grand Officer. Bro. Fisher, one of their Secretaries, got to be a District Grand Warden of Malta. Tommy Cooper got to be a Dep. D.G. Master of Gibraltar, and was just made a P.G.S.B. of England. In fact they, as Military Masons, were the missionaries of Masonry all over the world, and would ever endeavour to promote the best interests of Masonry not only at home, but wherever the exigencies of the Service required their presence.

The toasts of "Absent Brethren," especially those in South Africa, and "The Initiates" having been drunk, that of "The Visitors" had a hearty reception.

Bro. Boileau, in response, said he had the honour of responding for those visitors who were not called upon by the W.M. to respond to the toast so eloquently proposed by the W.M. and so heartily received by the brethren. He considered it a great privilege and a great honour to be present at their installation meeting that day. He was pleased to see their lodge room so well filled by the brethren; it was a most pleasing and interesting sight, but the most pleasing memory he should, perhaps, ever have in connection with the meeting was the impressive and perfect performance of the installation by their I.P.M., the Installing Officer; and then to come into that handsome room, and enjoy their unlimited and hearty hospitality, their excellent concert, their charming music; it impressed him sensibly, and he heartily thanked them for both their Masonic and musical feast. He congratulated the W.M. and those who were responsible for such admirable arrangements. The W.M. had kindly alluded to him as the Deputy District Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and he was proud to say that in that portion of his Majesty's dominions Masonry was flourishing. Some 30 years ago Masonry there was worked under several dispensations, which he enumerated, but now they were joined under the Grand Lodge of England in one combined and united body. There were some 80 lodges, to which were affiliated some 3000 brethren. Some of those lodges were always at work; some met every week, and they did not consider it a bit too often to meet; in fact, they would meet every night if their wives would let them. (Cheers and laughter.) He then entered into a most amusing and witty description of some of the Negro lodges. At one of these lodges the members met in evening dress, with white shirts and white gloves, which certainly looked, at least curious, with their coloured faces in contrast. He then gave a long and interesting description of these lodges, and of the old York Rite, before the amalgamation of the "Ancients" and "Moderns," and one of his anecdotes made the brethren exceedingly merry. He said it was very difficult for an English Mason to work his way into an American lodge, because of the above "York" Rite being still in use in those lodges. He saw at the bottom of the toast list a quotation from Pope, which said

"Then rose the guests, and as the time required,  
Each paid his thanks, and decently retired."

Well, he believed every visitor present thanked them for their hearty reception and unlimited hospitality, and he trusted that they would, when the time came, decently retire. He concluded a brilliant and witty speech, of which the above is a mere outline, by a high eulogium on the Masonic, military, and private character of their esteemed W.M., Bro. Shackleton, and the perfect manner in which their I.P.M. had worked the installation ceremony, and resumed his seat amid loud and hearty cheering.

Bros. Jolly and Nichols also briefly responded.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, to which the Senior and Junior Wardens responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded a bright, happy, and memorable evening.

During the banquet a portion of the Royal Artillery Band, under the direction of Bro. W. W. Foster, played selections on the platform of the room, which was enchanted with beautiful flowers, ferns, and foliage.

The singing after banquet was exceedingly good, the artistes being Miss Jessie Phillips, Miss Emily Taylor (who, by-the-bye, is about to join Ben Greet's own company on tour), Bro. R. Fowler, P.M.; Mr. W. Bamforth, Bro. Green (a flute solo), Mr. Hugh Wright (a rare comical fellow), and others, Bro. H. Roberts presiding at the piano.

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## Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

This lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, the 4th ult. Bro. J. W. Bland, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. R. S. Hird, I.P.M.; J. B. Fearnley, P.M.; J. S. Hedley, S.W.; T. H. Bedford, J.W.; F. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; W. Shaw-Smith, as S.D.; J. L. Turner, as J.D.; W. H. Townend, I.G.; J. S. Cooper, Tyler; J. Hardy and J. Ledgerd, Stwds.; J. Wood, Org.; and a number of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. Robt. Potter, P.M. 275; Prov. G. Treas.; G. G. Senior, 1380; J. Taylor, Chap. 2669; J. Tipping, 2669; and W. Stocker, S.W. 155, Canada.

The minutes of the previous regular lodge having been read and approved, the Prov. G. Treasurer entered, and was saluted in accordance with his rank. Bro. Arthur Rushworth was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Bailey, the working tools being explained by Bro. Bedford, J.W., and the charge in the Third Degree delivered by Bro. Hedley, S.W. Bro. M. H. Langley, M.A., was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the working tools of a F.C. were explained by Bro. Hird, I.P.M., and the charge in the Second Degree delivered by Bro. Hedley, S.W. Bro. Last, P.P.G. Reg., on behalf of 14 members of the lodge, who were Royal Arch Masons, submitted for the approval of the lodge a petition for a warrant or charter for a new chapter to be attached to the lodge to be called the Acacia Chapter, a resolution approving of and supporting the petition was unanimously passed, several of the members who were not R.A. Masons speaking in support of the resolution. The lodge has a membership of over 50, and it is probable that most of the members would apply for exaltation if a warrant is granted as it is confidently hoped will be the case. A number of accounts were passed for payment, and two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation at a future meeting.

Apologies were tendered for several absent brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. Potter, Prov. G. Treas., thanked the brethren for the cordial greeting he received in the lodge, and for the very pleasant evening he had spent. He also complimented the W.M. on the careful manner in which the officers of the lodge had assisted in the conduct of the ceremonies of conferring the Degrees in the lodge.

The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations, which were contributed by Bros. Potter, Townend, Stocker, Senior Town Bail, Tipping, and Wood.

## The Craft Abroad.

## Union Lodge, No. 767.

## INSTALLATION OF BRO. PERCY HIDE.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Percy Hide as W.M. of the above lodge for the ensuing year, which took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Karachi, Sind, on Monday, the 24th June, St. John's Day, was the occasion for a large and representative gathering of the members of the Fraternity, and that the function was a most impressive and successful one may at once be assumed, as it was carried out by the retiring Master, Bro. G. Owen W. Dunn, a very popular and high and experienced officer in the Craft, under whose fostering care Union Lodge has prospered markedly during the past year, having had an accession of 20 new members, of whom 14 were joinings and six initiations, and having also had the honour of enrolling the name of Bro. his Excellency Lord Northcote, the Dist. Grand Master, as an honorary member. As was anticipated, therefore, at the time, the acceptance of the Mastership of Union Lodge by Bro. Dunn has resulted in a revival of Freemasonry in Karachi, which had, unfortunately, been for some time in a rather depressed condition, and we trust the infusion of this leaven will still further extend the popularity of the Craft. Bro. Hide, it may be mentioned, joined Union Lodge in August, 1898, from the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford (E.C.), and it speaks much, both for his popularity and for his industry in the Craft, that in such a comparatively short time he should have occupied the two Wardens' chairs in succession, and have now been unanimously elected to the highest post in his new lodge, in which he begins his year of office under the most favourable auspices.

A good and substantial banquet was provided, to which the brethren sat down after the business of the lodge was over, to the number of about 72, among whom were several distinguished visitors, one of whom, Bro. F. C. O. Beaman, Acting Judicial Commissioner in Sind, was, we understand, proposed that evening as a joining member of Union Lodge.

Bro. Beaman responded to one of the several toasts which were proposed in a most humorous and remarkably fluent speech, which elicited much laughter and applause.

The meeting, which it is not too much to say was one of the most successful held in Karachi for some years past, broke up just before 12 o'clock.

The beautiful new banner of the lodge, a generous gift from Bro. Cawasji Rustomji Varjawa, which was unfurled for the first time this evening, was conspicuous behind the Master's chair, and was the subject of much interest and admiration.

The following are the names of the officers appointed for the current year: Bros. Percy Hide, W.M.; G. Owen W. Dunn, I.P.M.; J. S. Couper, S.W.; W. G. Purches, J.W.; C. H. Chetham, Treas.; W. H. Thomson, Sec.; W. F. Hudson, S.D.; G. Shattock, J.D.; M. B. Lahewala, D.C.; W. Place, I.G.; C. E. Carter, Stwd.; and A. Beadle, Tyler.

## Buffalo Lodge, No. 1284.

## INSTALLATION OF BRO. HENRY BENTLEY.

The installation of Bro. Henry Bentley as W.M. of the Buffalo Lodge, No. 1284, took place on the 1st ult., in the Masonic Temple, Albany-street, East London, S.A. The lodge met at four p.m. for the transaction of the ordinary business, and at 5.30 the installation of the W.M. was proceeded with. There was a large gathering of brethren and visiting brethren present, Canada, the United States, India, Australia, New Zealand, and the Homeland being represented. The duties of the Installing Master were undertaken in a masterly manner by Bro. F. H. Watson, the retiring Master. The following Past Masters were appointed to the offices during the ceremony: Bros. H. E. Knibbs, P.D.G.W., S.W.; J. Tooley, J.W.; T. W. Irvine, Secretary; H. C. O. Clough, S.D.; R. Currin, J.D.; and S. T. Wakefield, I.G. The Master elect having been presented, he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing 12 months. The addresses were delivered by Bros. S. T. Wakefield, H. E. Knibbs, P.D.G.W.; and H. C. O. Clough. Other work was performed by Bros. R. Currin, J. Martin, and T. W. Irvine. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. F. H. Watson, D.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; H. Day Powell, S.W.; J. W. McLean, J.W.; Rev. H. Steele-Wood, Chap.; H. E. Knibbs, P.D.G.W., Treas.; H. O. Parsons, Sec.; Wm. Searle, D.C.; A. E. Deary, S.D.; E. D. W. Bowen, J.D.; S. S. Chapman, Org.; C. J. Smith, I.G.; C. W. Mead, Geo. French, H. J. C. Cordeaux, G. Pittaway, F. W. Foyler, and S. J. Norris, Stwds.; and J. Lambert, Tyler. Bro. Knibbs, in accordance with custom, presented Bro. Watson with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, making a few eulogistic remarks. Bro. Watson feelingly responding. The W.M. welcomed the D.G.M. and visiting brethren. Telegrams were read from all parts of the country, and one from the D.D.G.M., Bro. Austen.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren then boarded a special tramcar waiting them in Park-avenue, which conveyed them to the Beach Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, about 80 brethren participating.

The tables were decorated with flowers and ferns, and tastefully laid out. The menu was a varied and excellent one, and served up in Mr. W. Syrett's usual masterly and finished style, and the waiting was all that could be desired.

The W.M., Bro. H. Bentley, occupied the chair, and was supported on his right by the D.G.M., Bros. Irvine, Johnson, Gray, Tooley, and Wakefield, and on his left by Bros. F. H. Watson, Stap, Hart, and J. Gunn. The croupiers were Bros. H. Day-Powell, S.W.; and J. W. McLean, J.W.

After due attention had been paid to the menu, the W.M. asked the brethren to charge their glasses and drink to "The King and the Craft." The King, though not now the Grand Master, still retained the great interest in Freemasonry that he had shown during the 25 years he had held that exalted position.

The toast was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem.

The W.M. next submitted the toast of "The M.W. the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught." If he was as successful as Grand Master as he had been as a soldier, the destinies of Freemasonry were in good hands.

The toast was honoured in the usual way.

"The Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Dr. Egan," was the next toast, submitted by the W.M. in eulogistic terms.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Bro. Dr. Egan, in reply, said he was always enthusiastically received and welcomed. He had occupied the position of Dist. G. Master for nearly 25 years, and he thought he was the oldest Dist. G. Master but one in the English Constitution. He had endeavoured to do all he could for Masonry. As the Dist. G. Master he was often called upon to give opinions on questions arising from time to time, and he could say that his rulings were always upheld by the Grand Lodge of England. He would like to remind the brethren that the Book of Constitutions would always set them right. He had constituted the Buffalo Lodge, and had installed its first Master. The Buffalo Lodge had had troublous times, and he had nursed the lodge and stood by it. They saw the result of sticking together in those troublous times that night. The Buffalo Lodge was to-day one of the best lodges in the Eastern Province.

"The Officers of the District Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and the other toasts were given and duly responded to.

The Tyler's toast and the National Anthem brought to a close one of the most enjoyable Masonic functions held in East London.

Bro. C. G. Bastin presided at the piano.

## INSTALLATION OF BRO. DR. OGILVIE.

## A FINE ADDRESS ON FREEMASONRY.

There was a large and distinguished gathering of local Masons at Sussex Hall on Thursday, June 6th, on the occasion of the installation of R.W. Bro. Jas. Ogilvie, M.D., J.P., F.R.C.S.E., as Prov. G.M. of Scottish Freemasons in Jamaica. The order of the installation ceremony was the same as that in the recent installation of Bro. the Hon. Dr. C. B. Mosse, C.B., C.M.G., as head of the sister Constitution of England, being, of course, prescribed by the ancient usage of the Craft.

The District Grand Master of Jamaica and his officers paid a fraternal visit, and were received with due honour and dignity. The R.W. Bro. William Duff, Deputy Grand Master in charge, ably performed the installation ceremony. Addresses of congratulation were presented to the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master on behalf of the Glenlyon, Seville (St. Ann's Bay) and St. John's Lodges—the subordinate lodges of the province.

After he had been installed, Bro. Dr. OGILVIE delivered the following address to the brethren present:

Right Wor. Bro. Duff and brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland in Jamaica and brethren of the daughter lodges in the Colony,—Allow me to thank you in the heartiest manner possible for the high honour you have conferred upon me by elevating me through your votes and (by confirmation of the Grand Lodge) to this high and important position of Provincial Grand Master. I can assure you, brethren, it is my fervent prayer that your confidence may not be misplaced. I can say for myself that I will do all in my power to improve the status of Scottish Freemasonry in this old and ancient Colony; but, while promising for myself, I know prosperity can only be attained in such a position as this by the mutual working and effort of all concerned. I trust that we will be a united lodge, each one doing his level best to further its interests. I hope that there will be no hard feelings, that each will add dignity to his office, and will perform his allotted task as if he were the only brother in the lodge capable of performing it in a proper way, and that the Steward will take as much pride in his position as if he were Senior Warden, and the Tyler as if he were Grand Master. By these means, and these only, can we get a proper feeling in the lodge, and thus make our administration what I am sure we all wish it to be, that is, a decided success, a state of things I positively crave for. Through this mode will we be able to congratulate each other when the time comes for us to hand over our working tools to others and receive from the brethren the desired encomium of "well done thou good and faithful servant." As a Mason of 30 years standing, for I was made just 30 years ago last month, in St. John's, No. 20, in the quaint old town of Leamnahagow, Scotland, the scenes of my passing and raising are still vivid in my memory and many of the *dramatis personæ*; and although there may be a mist at times of some of the latter, yet I still retain a warm feeling for the place and scenes where I first had the honour to see the light of Freemasonry—that light which enlarges our mental vision and leads us into that Holy union which we all admire, that Brotherhood of Man. The question is often asked, not only by the uninitiated, but by those who have crossed the portal, What is Freemasonry? Our reply is generally given to the uninitiated with terseness: "Come and see." Freemasonry has been defined as "a system of morality clothed in allegory and illustrated by symbols." This definition, although it has been drawn from a good source, is, to my mind, but a very small portion of what Freemasonry may be said to be. This definition might be made wider in scope and more comprehensive in detail. I would therefore define Freemasonry as "a system of morality and Charity which acknowledges the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." This definition is wide enough to admit all sorts and conditions of men to come and find refuge under our holy banner. Such a combination, we can easily realise, was necessary in early times, when the people had neither liberty of conscience nor sacredness of person. Men felt the desire for a platform where all could meet and be agreed. Some visionaries, I have no doubt, thought that this could be obtained through religion, but it was found that there was no subject in which there was less uniformity of opinion than that of religion. Men, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, insist on having their convictions unfettered by any creed, on having a free exercise in their freedom of judgment in all matters, whether religious or otherwise; it was useless, then, to find union or co-operation through any one creed. To supply this want, then, and to form a common bond of union, Freemasonry was called into existence. I am constrained here to say that the greatest of ends are often obtained by the simplest of means. Thus the ancient Freemasons found in the simple tools of their trade the imagery or allegories necessary for the foundation of our noble Order, and although ages have passed since the stone masons saw in their implements the means for their combination, yet the morals taught them then were as true and as pure as the teachings of to-day—the combination as strong as the links in the chain of our common brotherhood are secure. That Freemasonry has been successful I have only to call your attention to the thousands of lodges, and millions of Freemasons that now exist, and have existed from the earliest times. As I have tried to show, Masonry exists for all mankind. In whatever respect men may differ in colour, race, or creed, they are all one in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This is the platform on which all may meet and all may agree. As I have already said, in whatever respects men may differ there is something in the mystic tie itself that binds them together. Whether it be in the ball room or the legislature, the world or the field of battle, the mystic sign is always honoured and received. How many and true are the tales told of the effects of the mystic signs when men were engaged in the din of battle strife. Even in what I may be permitted now to call the late Boer war instances have occurred where life has been saved as the result of the mystic sign, for even under such desperate circumstances Masons have always been found true to their obligations. An incident is related in the *Glasgow Herald* by last packet in which a Freemason

just returned to Cape Town from the front declared that whereas the Boers invariably destroyed other property, they always respected that of Masonic lodges, sometimes entering and signing their names in the visitors' book, adding the rank to which they had attained in the Craft, and frequently mentioning their own particular lodge. Another incident taken from the same source is worthy of notice, Lieut. Lindsay, of the Canadian contingent, had wandered from the camp, and was busy sketching. When he happened to raise his eyes he found that he was covered by a Boer rifle. For the moment he was shocked, but, as if by some inspiration, he gave the sign of a Mason. Immediately the Boer lowered his gun and came forward, when the two, enemies though they were, fraternised in the South African bush. The Boer Mason was not satisfied in having saved his enemy's life, but led him under his protection to a place of safety. Such, my brethren, are the effects of our common union in the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man. But, brethren, the effects of our union do not end here in the mystic sign. In fact, it appears to be but a side issue to our grand union. In all the thousands of benevolent societies that have been called into action by the mind of man since the earliest times, is there any that has reached the acme of Benevolence and Charity to which our grand old Mother has attained? It is said in Holy Writ that at the building of King Solomon's Temple neither sound of hammer nor tools was heard, and so with Benevolence and Charity in Freemasonry. Who hears of the thousand and one acts of individual kindness done to brothers in their hour of distress? No one! It is sufficient to say that he is a Mason and in want. Then as a body who hears of the vast grants given daily to those who are in distress? Let me here remind you that, in the intrinsic sense of the word, we are not a benevolent institution such as the Foresters or Oddfellows; that when we joined the Craft, we did not do so from any interest we were to derive, or advantage we were to obtain from the money we had invested; nor had we an eye on the future benefits to be derived from being made a Mason, and I would here remark that no one should be admitted to our lodges who has any such pecuniary objects in view, so that the liberality of our Order is all the more astonishing. It is no matter for vain or empty boast on our part, for circumstances which are evident to every one prove that we are by far the most Benevolent Institution in existence. If I had time I could demonstrate this, not only by facts, but figures that are truly astounding. The Grand Lodge of England, the benign mother of all the Grand Lodges of the world, spends daily £300 in relieving distress in one form or the other, I need not remind you of the Schools and Institutions for the sons and daughters of Masons, nor the homes for those of the brethren who have unfortunately reached the "lowest spoke of Fortune's wheel," but of whom "it has never been forgotten that they were brethren." These are but the outward and visible signs of the rivers of Charity dispensed by this Grand Lodge. Our own Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, whose dimensions may be smaller, but whose efforts in the good cause of Charity are to be admired, has during the past 10 or 12 years distributed over £12,000 as annuities amongst the less fortunate brethren, and her fund of benevolence seems to me to be inexhaustible. Those of us who have had the privilege to visit the United States know of the vast rivers of benevolence that flow in each State for the benefit of the unfortunate brother or his needy widow or fatherless children. In our own little corner of the Masonic world poverty steps in just as it does in much larger communities, and we, in union with our sister, the District Grand Lodge of England, have established our own fund of Masonic Benevolence. Of the good that has been done by this fund it is not for me that will now be its chairman to speak, but if the repeated thanks of relieved and rescued brothers and the prayers of the widow and the orphans are worthy of note, then it can truly be said that our fund has faithfully done and is doing its duty. And if you will allow me to make use of a metaphor, as the Empire is built on the bones of our sons, so it is nourished by the hearts' blood of our daughters, so this benevolent fund can only be built up, established, and maintained by the strenuous efforts of each individual Mason, and I would take this opportunity of appealing to the daughter lodges of the colony to keep the claims of this Institution perpetually before the brethren, so that ample means may be provided for the proper nourishment of this Fund and thus its life be enlivened, invigorated, strengthened, and supported for the good work of Masonic Charity in this our beautiful land. It is food for reflection, and I give it to you as an established fact, that wherever you find Freemasonry in the ascendancy, there you find benevolence and charity in their truest and highest form. Did it ever occur to you to think of the extent to which Freemasonry exists in the world? Did it ever occur to you to reflect on the number of Freemasons, or how far reaching our system extends? The Grand Lodge of England alone has no less than 2800 lodges holding under her jurisdiction. If we make the modest computation of 50 to a lodge, we have an enormous total of Freemasons. Our own Grand Lodge, with less than 1000 lodges, has recently stated that at least 100,000 Masons hold her certificates. The United States of America has in her vast Union, by a recent computation, over three-quarters of a million; but I need not go further to enumerate the brethren in Europe, Asia, and the isles of the sea, but simply to state that Freemasonry exists in every civilised and semi-civilised country in the world, with the single exception of Russia, and many nations protect our Society as being the strongest supporter of order and good government amongst the people. Is it not an honour, then, to belong to such an Order, to be one of those who take for their standard the noble motto of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man? While I would demonstrate the extent of our benevolence and Charity which takes place within our own fold, let it not be forgotten that no body of men are more lavish with their Charity in the hour of need outside the Order. Let any national calamity take place in any shape or form; let it be disaster by land or sea; or let it be a subscription for the widows and orphans of the "Absent Minded Beggar," the Masons are always to the front with their money, their time, their talent, and their everything to help on the good cause of the relief of suffering humanity. Can I illustrate my meaning better or the feelings of every true Mason than by quoting?

"Whenever pale poverty in misery groans,  
And calls for helping hands in stifled moans,  
When I meet want clad in the scanty garb of woe,  
And hear the voice of hunger sobbing low,

Then let my arm be swift the trowel wield,  
Then let my apron up its treasures yield;  
To bear devotedly I will raise my head,  
To plead 'Give us this day our daily bread,'  
Forgive us, Good Lord.

"Where I can find a brother gone astray,  
Give me Thy aid to help him on Thy way;  
E'en tho' he did me wrong, in act or thought,  
Ne'er let my heart contrive against the fall'en aught,  
Ne'er let the blot of hatred stain my sword,  
But with a spotless apron hide discord,  
For none are truly pure and sweet from sin  
But only Thou, Master High, within  
Thy Holy circle of forgiving love;  
So let us pray, our trespassers forgive,  
So we forgive our trespassers who live;  
Guide us, O Lord!"

This, my brethren, is the quintessence of Freemasonry, and this alone as I know it, and as I would have it to be in the Island of Jamaica. In conclusion, allow me to say that the good seed sown by the ancient Masons has taken root, grown and flourished, till to-day no hand may be raised with sufficient power to do it an injury. Its roots are too securely placed in the Volume of the Sacred Law and its foundations too strongly set on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man to yield or be affected by any storm that can be raised by either man or nations.

As usual in Masonic gatherings refreshment followed labour.

At the banquet which followed the ceremony the following toasts were honoured: "The King and the Craft;" "The M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Scotland;" "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Scotland in Jamaica;" "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, with R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Installing Officer;" "The District Grand Lodge of Jamaica," and "Prosperity of Freemasonry in Jamaica."

Some excellent speeches were made during the course of the evening, Bro. Dr. Mosse's felicitations of Bro. Dr. Ogilvie being particularly well expressed.

### THE LATE BRO. POPE, K.C.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE TEMPLE.

Prior to the removal of the body of Bro. Pope from London to North Wales for interment a service in his memory was held at the Temple Church, and was attended by many relatives and professional and private friends. The Rev. Canon Ainger conducted the service, Dr. Walford Davis presided at the organ, and the choir of the Temple Church rendered the musical portions. The ordinary funeral office was used, but without the committal prayers. There was one hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," and the choir gave a very fine rendering of an anthem made up of "Behold, all flesh is as the grass," to Brahms's setting, and "Blest are the departed," to music by Spohr. At the close the entire congregation stood while the Dead March in "Saul" was impressively played by Dr. Davis.

Included in the congregation were the Misses Bury and Mrs. Vacher (nieces); Mr. S. Pope, jun., Professor Ray Lankester, Mr. Forbes Lankester, and Dr. Owen Lankester (nephews), the Mayor and Town Clerk of Bolton, Mr. H. D. Greene, K.C., M.P., Mr. Balfour Browne, K.C., Mr. Finch (representing the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board), Mr. Pember, K.C., Mr. Eugene Wason, M.P., Hon. A. Lyttelton, K.C., M.P., Mr. J. Walton, K.C., Mr. J. Gully (representing the Speaker), Mr. Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Henn Collins, Dr. Blake Odgers, Lord Robert Cecil, Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft, Bro. Littler, K.C., Sir Hy. Poland (Treasurer of the Inner Temple), Mr. Shiress Will, K.C., Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton (Recorder of London), Sir R. T. Reid, the Recorder of Carlisle, Sir J. Leese, Master Clifford, Messrs. W. S. Caine, M.P., Hilton, and Wilkinson (representing the United Kingdom Alliance), Mr. Lewis McIver, M.P., and many others.

The funeral of Bro. Samuel Pope, K.C., took place last week in the village of Llanbedr, where in past years the deceased used to spend his vacation. His Welsh seat, Hafodybryn, stands a little out of the village, in a cluster of oak-trees, on the side of a hill overlooking the beautiful valley of the Artro, a winding stream, on the banks of which the eminent barrister was often to be seen in the summer with rod and line. The late Mrs. Pope was buried in the churchyard close by, and it was the desire of the deceased that he should be laid to rest with her.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. HENRY HARRINGTON LEIGH, P.M.

Bro. Henry Harrington Leigh, of 22, Southampton Buildings, Chancery-lane, and Holmlea, East Molesey, died suddenly on Monday, the 22nd ult. Bro. Leigh was a P.M. of the Welcome Lodge, No. 1673, and was most highly respected by all who knew him. His funeral took place at Buckland, Berks, on Friday, the 26th ult., when several of his relations and friends attended, and from the various clubs, lodges, and other associations to which deceased belonged. A large quantity of wreaths were sent.

THE ROYAL SOCIETIES CLUB has given a dinner to the new Bishop of London. Several Past Grand Officers were present. Bros. the Lord High Chancellor, P.G.W., in the chair; the Bishop of Barking, and Bro. H. Lovegrove. Some excellent speeches were given, especially those of Mr. Wyke Bayliss and Mr. F. C. Gould.

## TO CIGAR CONNOISSEURS.

THE MAJOR in "TO-DAY," March 7th, 1901, says—"It becomes more difficult every year to know where to obtain a good smoke at a reasonable price. Those who experience this difficulty may like to know where they can obtain a very good Cigar at 28/- per 100. These are the 'MANUEL MURIAS,' sold by the BORNEO AND HAVANA CIGAR CO. Make a note of the address."

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

"THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY" will be given its 100th presentation at the Avenue Theatre on Wednesday next, the 7th instant. Mr. Weedon Grossmith intends to run the play right through the summer at the Avenue.

**SPANISH ART IN THE CITY.**—The exhibition of works of Spanish artists at the Guildhall Gallery continues to attract large numbers of visitors daily. The attendance up to date is 253,000. The exhibition will close on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

**A MODEL YACHT REGATTA** will be held at the Crystal Palace, upon the lake in North Tower Garden, on the 24th instant, for which valuable prizes will be offered. Model yacht owners desiring to compete are requested to send in their names and full particulars to Mr. C. A. Barnett, Crystal Palace, from whom all details can be obtained.

**THE LIBRARY** of the late Right Hon. Professor Max Müller, which consists of nearly 13,000 volumes, 81 Sanscrit manuscripts, and many fine illustrated works, has been bought by Baron Iwasaki for presentation to the University of Tokio, Japan. A hall is now in process of construction for the reception of the books, which will be known as the Max Müller Library.

**SUCCESS** attended the annual shows of the Royal and Central Bucks Agricultural Association, held under most favourable conditions in a meadow placed at the disposal of the Committee by Mr. Leopold de Rothschild. Amongst the prize-winners were the Earl of Rosebery, the Earl of Buckinghamshire, Lady (Anthony) de Rothschild, and Lady Pauncefort-Duncombe.

**READERS** who make use of that excellent service, the Belle Steamers, would do well to send for the Company's official guide, which will be sent post free. The guide contains much interesting and useful information of a descriptive character concerning the daily trips to the various ports where the famous Belle Steamers call. The guide is admirably illustrated throughout, and has also a capital map of the route. We would specially direct the attention of our readers to the development of Clacton, Walton, Felixstowe, and Southwold made by this company. The guide is well worth perusing, for it is so thoroughly explicit, and so graphically descriptive.

**THE TIVOLI.**—On Bank Holiday, the 5th instant, the Tivoli programme will be entirely changed with the one exception of Miss Fanny Field, who, having achieved such great success, has been specially re-engaged. The other numbers will include: The Electric Butterflies (their first appearance in London), Charles Morritt, Stanley and Wilson, the Brothers Webb, Tom Costello, G. W. Hunter, Bert Sheard, H. C. Barry, Arthur Reece, George French, Amy Height, Florence Esdaile, Kitty Wager, Jenny Valmore, Carlotta Levey, Childie Stuart, The Salambs, The Harvey Boys, Brown, Newland, and Le Clerq, Barrello and Millay, and Miss Marie Dainton.

**IN CONNECTION** with the British Congress on Tuberculosis, which was attended by many American and Continental delegates, the dinner on the Friday was attended by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Frank Green, P.G.W.); Bros. the Right Hon. W. Long, M.P., P.G.W., and Malcolm Morris, P.G.D.; the Honorary Secretary, Bro. Sir A. J. R. Trendell, P.A.G.D.C., and others. The congress was completed by a garden party, given by the Duke of Northumberland at Sion House, Isleworth, and a large number attended. We noticed Bros. Sir A. J. R. Trendell, P.A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; and Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B. The function was seriously interfered with by the heavy rain.

**THE PRINTERS' ALMSHOUSES.**—On Saturday last the members of the Institute of Printers and Kindred Trades were invited by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collingridge to visit the Printers' Almshouses, Wood Green. Owing to the continuance of the severe storm there was only a small attendance. In the intervals between the downpours the visitors strolled about the almshouses and grounds, and chatted with the inmates. The band of the 3rd London Rifles performed an excellent selection of operatic and dance music. The visitors and inmates afterwards adjourned to the board-room, where tea was served. Subsequently a programme of vocal and instrumental music—arranged by Bro. C. J. Drummond, Messrs. A. W. Letts, and William Hilton, respectively the chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary of the Institute of Printers and Kindred Trades—were carried out to the great enjoyment of all.

**BRO. THE LORD MAYOR** visited Tunbridge Wells on Saturday last for the purpose of inaugurating the new municipal telephone service. He was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Bro. Sir John B. Monckton. In acknowledging the welcome extended to him by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, the Chief Magistrate assured those present that it gave himself and the Lady Mayoress very great pleasure to come down and inaugurate the system. When asked to do so, he felt it was not only a personal pleasure, but a duty which he owed to them, to himself, and to the City of London to accede to the request. He most heartily congratulated the burgesses of Tunbridge Wells on the public spirit they had shown, and he did not doubt that what they done would be copied very largely by other towns. He wished the greatest possible success to their very important undertaking.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society was held at the London Institution on Friday, the 16th ult., under the presidency of Mr. E. W. Brabrook, C.B. The membership roll stood at the same figure as it did last year—161. The meetings, held both in town and in country, had been very successful, and the numbers in attendance had been well kept up. The balance-sheet showed that the society was in a prosperous state. Materials were in hand for the issue of the Society's Album, Part II., but that might be deferred on account of expense until the year 1902. The Council appealed strongly to members to do all in their power to increase the roll of membership. Mr. Welch pointed out that in London the archaeological spirit was growing at a rapid pace amongst all classes of society. Their Society, besides the important work which it accomplished by its meetings and publications, had done immense good in fostering a love for antiquities. The indirect influence which it exerted towards the preservation of objects of interest was of an important character.

**OWING TO THE POPULARITY** of their present arrangements, the New Palace Steamers, Ltd., have decided not to make any material alteration in their Bank Holiday sailings. The Palace steamers Royal Sovereign and Koh-i-noor will sail at their usual times from Old Swan Pier to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, the latter vessel doing her popular husbands' boat trip to Margate on Saturday, the 3rd instant. La Marguerite will sail her usual trips to Margate on Saturday and Sunday, 3rd and 4th instant, and to Boulogne and back on Bank Holiday Monday. On this date the summer fêtes at Boulogne commence. Horse racing, and all kinds of Continental gaiety amusements, will be in full swing, making an extra attraction at the already very attractive watering-place. A very pleasant stay can be made from the Monday to Wednesday. The trip to Calais and back on Thursday is steadily increasing in popularity with the London, Southend, and Margate trippers, they evidently appreciating a visit to this French port (which is of such historical interest to Englishmen), together with the popular times of sailing.

**VIEW FROM RICHMOND-HILL.**—Efforts now being made to preserve the beautiful view from Richmond-hill led to the assembling of representatives of the London County Council, the Middlesex County Council, the Corporation of the City of London, and other local authorities and associations at the County Hall, Spring-gardens, on the 31st ult. An executive committee was appointed, consisting of the following gentlemen: Mr. A. M. Torrance, Lord Monkswell, London County Council; Mr. Basil Holmes, Middlesex County Council; Mr. F. Skewes Cox, M.P., Surrey County Council; Mr. W. O. Clough, City Corporation; Mr. Alderman Burt, Richmond Corporation; Mr. G. H. Judd, Twickenham, Urban District Council. The Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, the Metropolitan Public Gardens' Association, the Kyrle Society, the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty, and the Thames Preservation League, are represented by the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre and Sir Robert Hunter on the committee, to which Sir E. J. Poynter, P.R.A., and Sir W. Richmond, R.A., have also been added. The Clerk of the London County Council will act as secretary to the committee, which will prepare a scheme and report. *Daily Telegraph.*

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**FOR THE** National Memorial to Queen Victoria £133,000 has now been received at the Mansion House.

**ON TUESDAY LAST** the ex-Empress Eugénie, travelling incognito, arrived at Glasgow from Oban. Places of interest, including the Exhibition, were visited on Wednesday by the party, which left for London on Thursday.

**THE KING**, who has made frequent visits to Buckingham Palace during the progress of the alterations there, paid his first visit to the adjacent Royal Mews on Tuesday last. The visit was not only the first since his Majesty's accession, but also the first paid by him for very many years.

**"B.-P." ORDERED TO REST.**—Major-General Baden-Powell on Wednesday telegraphed to the Press Association: "Kindly publish that owing to the effects of receptions on arrival and present heavy correspondence, the doctor orders me away for complete rest, and forbids letters following me.—BADEN-POWELL."

**H.R.H. PRINCE CHRISTIAN**, who presided at a meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society on Wednesday, announced that he had received a letter from Sir Francis Knollys expressing his Majesty the King's regret that, owing to the heavy year before him, he could make no promise to visit the society's show at Carlisle in 1902.

**RED EAGLE FOR A SCOTS GUARD.**—The German Emperor has bestowed the Order of the Red Eagle (third class) on Paymaster-Sergeant Mitton, of the 3rd Scots Guards. The sergeant acted as interpreter during the visit of his Majesty on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria. He is the only non-commissioned officer who possesses the order.

**BRO. SIR THOMAS DYKE-ACLAND** presided at the speech-day at Blundell's School, Tiverton, when it was mentioned by the head-master (Mr. A. L. Francis) that 10 Old Blundellians had lost their lives in South Africa, including one (Lieut. Spring) murdered at Vlakfontein. Several had been mentioned in despatches. The Blundell's Scholarship at Balliol College was awarded to H. M. Veitch.

**A DONATION** of £5000 has been forwarded to the Mansion House Queen Victoria Memorial Fund by Messrs. J. S. Morgan and Co., on behalf of the delegates of the New York Chamber of Commerce, who recently visited England, and who wish to manifest "their grateful appreciation of the very cordial welcome they received from the King and Queen, and of the generous hospitality with which they were greeted during their stay at the hands of the English people."

**PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN** and Princess Victoria left Cumberland Lodge, on the 1st instant, for Germany. They drove to the Windsor Station of the Great Western Railway, where Major Evan Martin and Mrs. Dick-Cunyngham were in attendance at the King's Room, and after journeying to London they subsequently left Victoria Station by the Flushing service for Bad Nauheim. Princess Christian and her daughter were expected to remain abroad about two months.

**ON BEHALF** of the Children's Fresh Air Mission, which is continuing its work—begun 19 years ago—of sending the poor ailing children of Holborn, Clerkenwell, and St. Luke's into the country for a fortnight in the summer, an earnest appeal is issued by the Bishops of Bristol, Islington, and Stepney, the Marquis of Northampton, Bro. Justice Bruce, and Captain Penton. Every six shillings contributed pays for one child's holiday. Mr. Walter Hazell, St. Peter's Schools, Onslow-street, Farringdon-road, E.C., is the hon. treasurer.

**A CANTON IN THE AUCTION ROOM.**—Messrs. Sotheby's sale on Tuesday included a very fine and perfect copy of "The Ryall, or Royall Book; or Book for a King," printed by William Caxton at Westminster, 1487-88. It consists of 162 leaves folio, 10 in. by 7½ in., and is one of the five perfect copies recorded by Mr. Blades, the other four being in public libraries. The bidding started at £100, and ultimately reached £1550, at which price it was knocked down to Mr. Quaritch. No copy of this excessively rare book has been offered for sale for some years.

**HIS MAJESTY THE KING** gave audiences on the 1st inst. to the Bishop of Ripon, Sir Thomas Lipton, and Lieut.-General Kelly-Kenny. Her Royal Highness Princess of Louise (Duchess of Argyll) visited their Majesties. Their Majesties, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Victoria and the children of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York arrived at Cowes in the afternoon from Marlborough House. The suite in attendance consisted of the Hon. Charlotte Knollys, Sir Francis Knollys, and Captain the Hon. Seymour Fortescue. Madame Bricka was in attendance upon the Royal children.

**MEMBERS** of all shades of opinion in the House of Commons expressed deep sympathy with Mr. Brodrick in the terrible bereavement which has fallen upon him by the unexpected death of his wife. Lady Hilda Brodrick interested herself keenly in the political aspirations of her husband. She accompanied him to nearly every meeting in his last campaign, and was a great support to him in the anxieties incident to his arduous duties as War Minister. In Mr. Brodrick's absence from the Treasury Bench the questions relating to the War Office were answered by his able lieutenant, Lord Stanley.

**THERE WAS** a great Masonic gathering at Warwick Castle on the 27th ult., when Bro. Lord Warwick, Provincial Grand Master of Essex, entertained the members of the Craft in Essex and their wives. They were received at the Castle by Bro. Lord and Lady Warwick, and the party, numbering 500, were entertained at luncheon. Bro. Lord Warwick, who presided, in proposing the toast of "The King," said his Majesty had been a great source of strength to the Masonic Order during his Grand Mastership. Bro. T. J. Ralling, in proposing "The Health of Lord Warwick," said it was a great privilege to have his lordship as Grand Master of Essex. Bro. Lord Warwick, in reply, said the Countess and himself had long looked forward to the gathering.

**ALDERSHOT CLUB AND ROOMS COMPANY, LIMITED.**—Registered on the 25th ult., by Waterlow Brothers and Layton, Limited, Birchin-lane, E.C., with a capital of £6000 in £1 shares. Object, to acquire from Col. J. Davis, A.D.C., of Tilford, Surrey, and Mr. W. E. Foster, of Aldershot, Hants, certain freehold premises known as the New Victory Hotel, High-street, Aldershot, to establish a club, Masonic and general public hall, and to carry on the business of club proprietors generally. No initial public issue. The first directors (to number not less than six nor more than 10) are Col. J. Davis, E. Figgis, W. E. Foster, W. M. O'Connor, J. C. Carr, and F. Stroyan. Qualification, 50 shares.

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### SONNET FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

Lo! August comes in buxom bloom arrayed—  
Like some proud mother, matronly, yet fair;  
She says, "I will mature but will not fade  
Those charms July left to my watchful care."  
'Neath her warm ray will glow the garnished sheaves,  
'Neath her glad breath will bend the ripening corn,  
And 'neath her wand bright hues will tint the leaves,  
As tho' by magic of some spell new-born.  
Her grace I liken to an opening flower,  
One that but yesterday was in its bud;  
Or to a damsel that within an hour  
Will reach the brink of perfect womanhood,  
Or like the moon that only she can know,  
Which decks with beauty all the realm below!

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