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### THE RIGHT HON. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., PROV. GRAND MASTER HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A feeling of the most profound sorrow has pervaded all ranks of the English Craft since the news was published early in the present week that Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. BRAMSTON BEACH, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, had succumbed to the injuries he received on Friday, the 2nd instant, through being shot out of a hansom cab in Parliament-street when on his way home from the House of Commons. Bro. BEACH was picked up in a state of unconsciousness, and taken to Westminster Hospital, where, notwithstanding that he rallied somewhat next morning, and appeared to be going on favourably, he died on Saturday evening last, about 24 hours after the occurrence of the accident. As a daring rider to hounds from his earliest years, Bro. BEACH had had many a nasty fall in the hunting-field—on one occasion, about half-a-century ago, he remained unconscious for several days, and his life was for a time despaired of—and it seems almost the irony of fate that one who had survived so many accidents should have fallen a victim to such a one as is happening almost daily all over London without causing serious, much less fatal mishap. But our late respected brother was well past the allotted three score years and ten, and his rallying powers were not what they had been, and he passed away, as we have said, peacefully within 24 hours of the accident.

For the last two years—ever since the death of the late Bro. Sir JOHN MOWBRAY, Bart.—Bro. BEACH had enjoyed the distinction of being the “Father” of the House of Commons, and last year, in consideration of his long and honourable career, our late gracious Queen made him a Privy Councillor. He was first returned to Parliament in April, 1857, when the public mind was seriously exercised about the doings of Commissioner Yeh and just before the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny. The late Lord PALMERSTON was the then Prime Minister, and Lord JOHN RUSSELL—subsequently Earl RUSSELL—was one of the members for the City of London; then BENJAMIN DISRAELI—afterwards Earl of BEACONSFIELD—was leader of the Opposition, and the late Right Hon. J. E. DENISON was elected Speaker in succession to the Right Hon. CHARLES SHAW-LEFEVRE who had just resigned that office and been created a peer by the title of

Viscount EVERSLEY. Not one of the present occupants of the Treasury Bench, so far as we are aware, nor any of the leaders of the Opposition had seats in the House. From the date of his first election to November, 1885, he sat for N. Hampshire, and from November, 1885, till his death, for the Andover Division of the County. As a Mason his career dates back to 1848, when he was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and thenceforward hunting and Freemasonry appear to have shared between them the greater part of his attention. Many years before he was appointed Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent he had won distinction in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry and in the Mark Degree, having been appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Oxfordshire in 1853, and of Hampshire in 1858, S.G. Warden and Prov. G. Mark Master of Berks and Hants in 1857, Dep. G. Mark Master in 1863, and M.W.G.M.M. in 1866, while in the Royal Arch he had served as M.E.Z. of the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, in 1855, and in 1862 was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10. Thus when on the 1st June, 1869, the late Earl of ZETLAND, M.W.G. Master, appointed him Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, there was nothing of undue or exaggerated praise in the statement of the late Earl of CARNARVON—to whom was assigned the honour of installing him—when his lordship pronounced him to be “a brother who would devote his time, energy, best thoughts, and attention to the office without stint, and without fear of trouble to himself;” adding, “more than this, he held there was no man in England more truly devoted to the best interests of the Craft, more familiar with its working, or more fitted in every way to be its exponent.” All this, and more than all this, has been borne out by the experience, during the last 32 years, firstly, of his much-loved Province, the members of which were to have met him in Prov. Grand Lodge on Tuesday, and would have taken pride in congratulating him on the brilliant success of his recent Chairmanship of the Boys’ School Festival; and, generally, of the whole Masonry of England, with which he had been connected for more than half a century; in whose ranks he had attained to so many and such exalted positions of dignity and trust; whose best interests he had laboured so strenuously, consistently, and successfully to strengthen and promote; and by the whole body of whose members he was so highly esteemed and respected. Though quiet and unobtrusive beyond what is looked for in a public man, Bro. BEACH was ready at all times to discharge any duty that might be required of him; and though firm and even strict in discharging any such duty, he was, nevertheless, a great favourite, and his presence was always most cordially welcomed whether in Grand or Prov. Grand Lodge or Chapter or in private lodge or chapter. He was continually on the move throughout his Province, visiting lodges, chapters, preceptories, consecrating new bodies, dedicating new Masonic Halls, opening Masonic exhibitions—as at Shanklin, in the Isle of Wight—or laying foundation or coping stones—as at Southampton in October, 1898. In short, he was the heart and soul of any and every enterprise that was calculated to advance the well-being of his Province, and the depth and sincerity of the feeling entertained for him by the brethren of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight may be judged by what happened at the Quarterly Court of the Boys’ School last month, when it was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept from them the sum of 1550 guineas with which to purchase, as a memorial of his chairmanship at the 103rd Festival of the

Institution, the right to present in perpetuity one duly qualified boy to receive the benefits conferred by the School; such right of Perpetual Presentation to be vested in the Charity Committee of the Province. About the last important Masonic function at which Bro. BEACH was present was the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., as M.W. Grand Master, so that he had known our Freemasonry under four successive rulers, of each of whom in turn he had won the esteem and respect. At the time of his death, and for many years previously, he was at the head of Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, and Templar Masonry in his Province, and Grand Third Principal J. of Supreme G. Chapter, and had it pleased Providence to prolong his life, there is no doubt that so long as health and strength remained to him, so long would he have continued to perform his multifarious duties and striven his hardest to still further advance the interests of the Craft.

We append as full a record of his Masonic career as we have been able to compile, and at the same time tender our deepest and most respectful sympathy to Mrs. BEACH—who but the other day distributed the prizes in connection with the Festival of which he was the chairman—and his family, his numerous friends, and the members of the lodges, chapters, and other bodies with which he was connected or over which he had presided many years with such conspicuous ability and success.

Bro. the Right Hon. William Wither Bramston Beach, M.P., son of the late Col. W. Beach, M.P. for Malmesbury, of Oakley Hall, near Basingstoke, by Jane Henrietta, daughter of John Browne, Esq., of Salperton Park, Gloucestershire, was born on Christmas Day, 1826, and, therefore, at the time of his death was in the 75th year of his age. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, whence he graduated as B.A. in 1849 and M.A. in 1852. In 1857 he married Caroline Chichester, daughter of the late Col. Augustus Cleveland, of Tapeley Park, N. Devon, who survives him. He was a J.P. for the county of Hants, and formerly Hon. Major of the Hants Yeomanry Cavalry. He was a mighty hunter from his boyhood, hunting with the Vine hounds, of which later in life he became and continued Master for some 20 years. While at Oxford he became, in 1849, in conjunction with Bro. the Earl of Cork—then Viscount Dungarvan—Master of the Christ Church Drag Hounds. He was also in his earliest days a successful sprinter, and ran many an exciting race—notably in the Copenhagen Fields in 1850 against the late Bro. Sir John Astley, who ultimately proved the better of the two. Once in 1852, when riding over the course which had been marked out for Oxford men in the Vale of Aylesbury, he was knocked over when turning a flag in a large grass field, and lay unconscious for several days in a neighbouring house to which he had been removed. But on recovering sufficiently, he was removed home, and happily was restored. On resigning his Mastership of the Vine, he was presented with his portrait in commemoration of his services in that capacity during a period of 20 years. In April, 1857, he was returned to Parliament as one of the members for North Hampshire, and represented that constituency till November, 1885, when, after the redistribution of seats, he was elected for the Andover Division of the county, and retained the seat till his death. On the death of Bro. Sir John Mowbray, Bart., some two years ago, he became "Father of the House," and in 1900 had the honour of being made a Privy Councillor by her late Majesty the Queen.

As a Mason his career was an exceptionally brilliant one, and more prolonged than usual, having extended over a period of 53 years. Like many of our most distinguished brethren, he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our Order in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357—then No. 460—Oxford. He was twice W.M. of his mother lodge, namely, in 1852 and 1854, and on retiring from the chair at the close of the latter term, was presented with a handsome testimonial in recognition of his services. He was also, for a time, member of the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford, and the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, Banbury. As regards the Prov. Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, he was honoured with the purple in three consecutive years, being made Prov. J.G. Deacon in 1851, Prov. S.G. Deacon in 1852, and Prov. S.G. Warden in 1853. In 1855, as one of a worthy band of Oxford University Masons, which included, in addition to himself, Bros. the Rev. W. H. Lyall, the late Rev. G. Raymond Portal, Sir Spencer Wyndham Portal, Bart., R. A. Benson, &c., &c., he helped to restore the fallen fortunes of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and in 1863 was installed in the chair of Master. In Craft Masonry, in the Province of which he was subsequently appointed the ruler, he early distinguished himself, being the senior P.M. of Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, founder and first W.M. of the Oakley Lodge, No. 694, Basingstoke, and a Past Master in Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, and the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, both meeting at Portsmouth; and in 1858 Prov. S.G. Warden. On the 1st June, 1869, the late Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., appointed him Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which had previously been separate Provinces under Bros. the late Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, K.C.B., and Thomas W. Fleming as P.G. Masters respectively. At the time there were 24 lodges on the provincial roll, and during his able and popular administration this number was exactly doubled, the junior of the 48 being the Border Lodge, No. 2475, Blackwater, which was warranted in 1893.

In Royal Arch Masonry he attained to even higher distinction than in the Craft, having been appointed, on the resignation of Lord Leigh, Grand Third Principal J. of Supreme G. Chapter in 1892. He was, we believe, exalted in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340—then No. 425—and occupied the chairs of the Third, Second, and First Principals successively in 1853, 1854, 1855. In those days there was no Apollo University Chapter, nor a Prov. G. Chapter of Oxfordshire. Nevertheless, he seems to have taken most kindly to this branch of Masonry, and in 1862 we find him helping to found and being installed as the first M.E.Z. of the Westminster and Keystone

Chapter attached to the lodge of the same name, whose fortunes, seven years previously, he had so materially assisted in reviving. He was re-elected to the chair on several subsequent occasions, so that the chapter is greatly beholden to him for the support and encouragement he gave to it so readily. In Hampshire, of which he was appointed Grand Superintendent in 1869, and in which, according to the Provincial Calendar, he was Honorary Member of several chapters, some 14 or 15 of them have been consecrated since he became its ruler, one of them—attached to the Border Lodge, No. 2475, Blackwater—being named in his honour the Beach Chapter.

In Mark Masonry, the Grand Lodge of which was formed in 1856 with Lord Leigh as its first Grand Master, he was one of the earliest to take high office. In 1857, he was appointed S.G. Warden and Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Hants. The latter appointment he retained till 1873, when Hampshire with the Isle of Wight was constituted a Province under the late Rev. G. Raymond Portal as Prov. Grand Master, and on his death in 1889, Bro. Beach became his successor and still held the office of P.G.M. at the time of his death. In 1862, he became founder and first W.M. of the University Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 55, Oxford, and continued to occupy the chair of A. till 1865. In 1863, he served as Deputy G. Master to Lord Holmesdale—now Earl Amherst—and on his vacation of the chair of Grand Master in 1886 was elected and installed his successor. On completing his three years' term, he retired and made way for his Deputy, the late Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal.

As regards other Degrees, he was Provincial Prior of Hampshire for over a quarter of a century, and in 1893, was made a Knight Cross of the Order, while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he had been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, and was a Past M.W.S. in the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 9, Portsmouth, of that Degree. Thus at the time of his death he was the respected chief of Craft, Royal Arch, Templar, and Mark Masonry in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; Grand J. in Supreme Grand Chapter, Past Grand Master of the Mark, and G. Cross of the Temple.

As regards our Charitable Institutions, there are few who have rendered them more signal service than our deceased brother, who was a Life Governor of the three, had served three Stewardships for the Girls' School, four for the Boys' School, and one for the Benevolent Institution, while, in addition, he was one of the Trustees of the Boys' Institution, in which he seemed to have taken particular interest. Above all, he presided as Festival Chairman for one or other of them on five different occasions, his earliest experience in that character belonging to the year 1870, shortly after his appointment as Prov. G. Master and G. Superintendent of Hants and the Isle of Wight, when he occupied the chair at the 82nd Festival of the Girls' School, and a total of £4050—at the time a very substantial Return—was raised. In 1883 he presided a second time for the same Institution, when the Donations and Subscriptions amounted to £10,510. In 1877 he presided at the Boys' School Festival, and a sum of £13,249 was obtained; while, on the 26th June last, he took the chair a second time for the same School, and the Donations and Subscriptions reached £23,020, towards which his own Province contributed £4000, inclusive of the 1550 guineas for a Perpetual Presentation, as a memorial of his Chairmanship. Once only did he preside as Chairman at a Benevolent Institution, and that was in 1887—the year of her late Majesty's Jubilee—when what was then the unprecedented total of £19,229 was obtained, and in consequence of this splendid success and other special contributions by Grand Lodge, and for the purchase of two Perpetual Presentations by the Province of West Yorkshire, the number of annuitants on the Male Fund was increased by five, from 173 to 178, and the number on the Widows' Fund from 202 to 227, exclusive of the West Yorkshire Presentations. He was also President and *ex-officio* Trustee of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Association, which he had materially helped to foster.

In respect of what he did in his Province, there is no need to say more than that wherever and whenever there was need for his service, it was always most readily given. It may have been the dedication of a new Masonic Hall, the consecration of a new lodge or chapter, or the laying the foundation or memorial stone of some public or Masonic building; if Bro. Beach were well enough to attend and perform the ceremony, he attended and performed it—the last great occasion on which he did a service of this kind being on the 12th October, 1898, when he laid, with Masonic ceremonial, the coping-stone of the new Deep Water Quays at Southampton, the foundation-stone of which had been laid 60 years before to the very day by his predecessor in office, the late Bro. Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis.

We are informed that a wreath was sent in the name of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary was requested by the M.W. Grand Master to represent his Royal Highness at the funeral.

#### A NEW AMERICAN GRAND LODGE. (Costa Rica).

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica for 1900, being the first published, have just been circulated, and are of an interesting character. It appears that Freemasonry was first introduced into the Republic of Costa Rica in 1865, but the lodge of that year, and others subsequently formed, became extinct in 1887. In the following year the Grand Orient of Central America, Guatemala, again chartered a lodge, and by 1899 three more, making four in all, three working in Spanish and the other in English.

Owing to the great difficulty in communicating with this Grand Orient, and to meet the growing needs of the Craft in Costa Rica, a movement was started in 1899 to constitute a Grand Lodge for the Republic of Costa Rica, and on the 7th December, 1899, one was duly formed by these four lodges, whose accredited representatives agreed to a preliminary Constitution of 15 Articles, and M.W. Bro. Arthur G. M. Gillott was elected and installed as the premier Grand Master, the

D.G.M., two Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary (Bro. *Edmund A. Osborne*), and Grand Treasurer (Bro. *Charles Robinson*), being also elected, and other Grand Officers were appointed and invested by the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge seal adopted is thus described:

"A live oak on a shield supported by two female Indians, with the motto '*Libre crezca fecundo*' above, and '*Constituida en 1899*' below, surrounded by the inscription '*Grand Logia de Costa Rica de Francmasones Antiguos y Aceptados*'—'*Gran Oriente, San José, C. R. America Central.*'"

The four Lodges, numbered 6, 9, 12, and 15, having deposited their original charters with the Grand Lodge, on December 16th, 1900 (at a special meeting), were granted new warrants, and duly numbered 1 to 4 respectively, under the new organisation, another, as No. 5, being also chartered.

Several meetings have since been held, and duly reported in the Proceedings, Part I., edited by the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, who have discharged their duty in an exemplary manner. In reply to Bro. the Rev. H. C. Duncan, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence of Louisiana, the Grand Secretary (Bro. Osborne) furnished particulars of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, which are of a very interesting and important character, giving as they do the basis really on which that Body is established—(a) The Grand Lodge recognises "only Craft Masonry; (b) the rituals may be such as are worked in America (? U.S.A.), England, Scotland, Ireland, and Ancient and Accepted Rite; (c) exclusive right over Craft Freemasonry under its jurisdiction, "*against all comers*;" (d) All Craft lodges, if started in the Republic, other than by its authority, will be denounced as "spurious and irregular;" (e) All other Grand Lodges will be upheld on similar lines, save that on formation of a new Grand Lodge, any lodges who prefer to remain under their "Mother Grand Lodge" shall be at liberty to do so, according to the usage of the Grand Lodge of England, &c.; (f) The "Great Lights" are displayed on its altars, and recognition is refused "of all Masons not obligated thereon;" (g) "Generally speaking, our Masonic attitude is governed by that of the Grand Lodges of England and Iowa."

On January 26th, 1900, M.W. Bro. G. Rucavado was installed as the 2nd Grand Master by his predecessor. On February 21st, 1901, the third G.M. was installed by M.W. Bro. Manuel Aragon, and at that assembly it was resolved that the proceedings be printed and published in Spanish and English.

There are now five lodges on the register, with 148 members returned to December 31st, 1900, which held a total of 248 meetings during 1900. A dispensation has also been granted for a sixth lodge.

The volume entitled "Constitution and Code" has also been printed, in Spanish and English; the Regulations proving the strong desire of the brethren to work on the "old lines." Rule 232 provides that "The qualifications for an Initiate are Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity towards all mankind." Applicants must also have attained to the age of 21 years, be free born, be under tongue of good report, and shall have resided for the space of six months within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

Neither insignia nor clothing can be worn in Grand Lodge unless appertaining to Degrees recognised by that Body, and the members of Grand Lodge consist of the Present and Past Grand Officers, the Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Delegate from each lodge, and proxies are permitted under special circumstances. There are many rules that are like those of the Grand Lodge of England, but some are so different, that from our experience in this country, I believe they will not answer in the long run. However, the Grand Lodge is started, and should obtain the recognition of all regular Grand Lodges. I am glad that already the Grand Lodges of Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Utah, Virginia, Belgium, and Peru have done so. Personally, I wish it great success.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The three Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. Canon J. S. Brownrigg, as M.E.G.Z.; Robert Grey, as G.H.; and Baron de Ferrieres, as G.J. Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., and Comp. the Rev. F. Bethune Norman Lee, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces, G.S.N., were in the Scribes' chairs.

Among others present were: Comps. J. E. Le Feuvre, Dr. Kiallmark, J. A. Farnfield, Dr. Clement Godson, Henry Garrod, A. A. Tobias, James Boulton, Dr. Lennox Browne, A. W. Duret, W. G. Kentish, W. F.

Lamonby, J. Evan Bowen, J. Strachan, K.C., Kipps, Fredk. West, Fitzroy Tower, and Major Henry Wright.

Grand Chapter having been opened in ancient and solemn form, and the minutes of the May Convocation having been read by the G.S.E., and confirmed,

Comp. Canon BROWNRIFF said: Companions, you will naturally expect that the first words spoken after the confirmation of the minutes should be those of sympathy for the Royal Family of England in the loss they have sustained by the death of that gracious lady the Dowager Empress of Germany and Princess Royal of England, who has endeared herself, not only to the country in which she has so long been an illustrious resident, but in the country of her birth, where she kept alive her affection for it by her kind and genial manners when she paid a visit to it. It is not necessary to move a formal vote of condolence and sympathy with the King and the Royal Family; we must follow the precedent set on previous occasions, and we shall leave it to Grand Lodge to pass a resolution and to express their condolence with the King and other members of the Royal Family on this sad calamity. But, unfortunately, there is another very mournful topic which concerns this Grand Chapter, the death of Comp. Beach, the Third Grand Principal. There certainly was no one more familiar to us, or so well known as the Third Grand Principal of their Order. Personally, I had the honour of knowing Comp. Beach some 50 years, and I have enjoyed during the whole of that time his friendship. I have known him well as most have known him, in the Craft, and I am sure you will all agree with me that no man in the provinces or London was so thoroughly representative of the Craft, and no man more ready at any time to take his place in any Masonic assembly and do his best to further the interests of the Craft. Not only was he ready to assist in the performance of the ceremonies, but he could perform the ceremonies with that precision and accuracy which would put to shame many of the younger members of the Order. His loss cannot be allowed to pass over without notice, and therefore I have formally to move "That this Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England desires to record its deep sorrow at the loss Royal Arch Masonry has sustained by the sad and sudden death of the Right Hon. William Wither Bramston Beach, M.P., Third Grand Principal of the Order, who for upwards of 50 years had possessed in a very marked degree the sincere respect and affectionate regard of the Order, whose best interests he had so entirely at heart, and always did his utmost to promote." I beg to move this formally from the chair.

Comp. ROBERT GREY, acting G.H.: I beg to second it.

The resolution was put and carried unanimously, all the companions standing.

Comp. Canon BROWNRIFF: I would further move "That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Bramston Beach."

Comp. ROBERT GREY: I beg to second it.

This motion was also carried unanimously.

GRAND SCRIBE E. then read the following list of companions on whom his Royal Highness the Grand Z. had been pleased to confer Past Grand rank:

Past Grand Scribes N.—

The Right Hon. Sir Frederick George Milner, Bart., M.P.

The Right Hon. Frank Green (Lord Mayor of London).

Past Deputy Grand Registrar—

Frank Richardson.

Past Assistant Grand Sojourners—

Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., R.N.

Col. H. Grier, R.A.M.C.

Arthur W. Orwin, M.D.

Henry Percy Harris.

Francis Stanhope Hanson.

William Dawes.

John Slyman.

Past Grand Sword Bearer—

Walter Gripper, M.A., M.B.

Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies—

Alfred James Thomas.

John William Elvin.

H. Courtney Luck.

Major Herbert Green.

Capt. Williams Freeman.

Capt. Arthur Lee Mitchell.

Joaquim P. Joaquim.

William J. Spratling, B. Sc.

Abraham Clegg.

James Speller.

William Bull.

On the motion of Comp. Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, seconded by Comp. J. H. MATTHEWS, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, as printed in these columns last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Also a motion by Comp. Sir GEORGE D. HARRIS, seconded by Comp. J. H. MATTHEWS, and pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee, charters were granted for chapters to be attached to the Maida Vale Lodge, No. 2743, London, and to the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 2738, London; and permission was given to the All Saints Chapter, No. 1716, to remove from the Bow Vestry Hall to the Bromley Vestry Hall, and to the Beadon Chapter, No. 619, to remove from Anderton's Hotel to the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, London.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### THE NEW MASONIC HALL, LEEDS.

OPENING CEREMONY—DEDICATION BY THE R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, THE RIGHT HON. W. LAWIES JACKSON, M.P.

Monday, the 29th ult., has been looked forward to with considerable interest and some anxiety by the Freemasons of Leeds. Outside the city it may not be known, but it ought to be, that when the Masonic Hall in Great-George-street was sold and six lodges were Masonically homeless, the brethren of *Fidelity*, 289, the owners of the Carlton Hill Hall, nobly came forward and with true Masonic sympathy offered the stranded lodges such accommodation as their limited resources would permit. This offer was most gratefully accepted, but the strain upon *Fidelity* has been severe,



for the Carlton Hill buildings were not calculated on this basis. Now the tension is relaxed, six of the nine Leeds lodges have become tenants of the new hall, and *Fidelity* with its *fidus Achates* Defence remain the sole occupants at Carlton Hill. The formation of the Masonic Hall Company, the laying of the corner stone by Lord Warwick last year, the progress of the undertaking have all in turn been detailed to the readers of the *Freemason*; there remains, therefore, for us but to give a sketch of the proceedings in relation to the opening ceremony. In presenting this we should like to add that we wish the company every possible success, and we trust that the new departure will form an important factor in Masonic progress in the City of Leeds.

At three o'clock the brethren began to assemble in large numbers, and shortly after that hour a lodge in the three Degrees was opened, the W. Masters of the six tenant lodges acting as officers, viz., Bros. J. N. Hart, *Philanthropic*, 304, as W.M.; J. A. Boorman, *Alfred*, 306, as S.W.; F. Bagshaw, *Excelsior*, 1042, as J.W.; J. H. Davenport, *Goderich*, 1211, as S.D.; Robt. Smailes, *Zetland*, 1311, as J.D., in the absence of Bro. Dr. Mayo Robson, W.M.; and H. Appleyard, *Prudence*, 2069, as I.G.

There was a large attendance of brethren chiefly, though not by any means entirely, Leeds Masons. Amongst these taking in order the Leeds lodges:

From *Fidelity*, 289, there were—Bros. H. B. Wilson, W.M.; F. H. Cockerlyne, Org.; H. Peckitt, Stwd.; M. Zossenheim, V. Brown, J. H. Hawtin, and A. E. Wey. From *Philanthropic*, 304—Bros. F. Hinchliffe, I.P.M.; A. Monteith, S.W.; F. Sugden, J.W.; A. Suddick, Secretary; J. C. Waisley, J.D.; H. Stanciliffe, I.G.; J. Kent and F. W. White, Stewards; G. Suddick, P.M.; J. W. Booth, P.M.; F. H. Lawson, P.M.; C. Norminton, P.M.; G. Hainsworth, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; C. Croysdale, P.M.; J. Smith, D. Holgate, J. Dickenson, G. Humpleby, E. Harris, H. Gaines, J. E. Tindall, R. Hilditch, and C. Palliser. From *Alfred*, 306—Bros. R. H. Crowther, S.W.; R. A. Blackburn, J.W.; R. H. Blackburn, S.D.; G. W. Longfield, J.D.; W. A. Millard, I.G.; E. S. Whalley, Stwd.; A. Redmayne, P.M.; C. H. Wilson, P.M.; T. Batt, P.M.; J. H. Johnson, W. Horsfall, A. Neild, C. E. Steel, H. Hunt, G. Darley, E. Bedford, C. J. Berry, E. A. Furniss, L. Whitaker, B. Roberts, A. Thompson, R. Farrer, J. R. Brown, J. H. Hyde, G. Wright, A. H. Gawthorp, and C. Bettison. From *Excelsior*, 1042—Bros. T. Newby, S.W.; C. Leightowler, J.W.; H. Gale, Sec.; V. Rowley, J.D.; A. Braithwaite, Stwd.; H. Whitfield, I.P.M.; W. T. Carter, P.M.; R. Waide, P.M.; G. Tooley, P.M.; H. Cowbrough, P.M.; R. J. Smith, P.M.; A. Atkinson, W. Jackson, W. S. Smith, A. Horrox, T. Sutton, J. H. Gash, H. Knaggs, G. Wardman, G. Dyall, C. Glover, W. D. Helps, T. Warde, and J. H. Clough. From *Goderich*, 1211—Bros. W. H. Padgett, S.W.; L. Dean, J.W.; J. Bradley, I.G.; A. T. Bacon, P.M.; R. Tasker, P.M.; J. Potts, Sec.; C. J. Rhodes, B. Bailey, H. Camra, H. Blackie, G. Wilson, W. Whitehead, H. Hodgson, H. France, and G. W. Pallister. From *Defence*, 1221—Bros. H. C. Marsh, P.M.; J. E. Cawthorne, P.M.; J. Lang, J.W.; C. E. Brotherton, S.D.; W. Squires, J.D.; B. Greaves, T. Jackson, and T. S. Usher. From *Zetland*, 1311—Bros. C. Anderson, P.M.; W. Postlethwaite, P.M.; W. H. Jarvis, P.M.; M. A. Brigg, P.M.; E. L. Fraser, P.M.; H. M. Forbes, I.P.M.; J. W. Dobson, H. Wyles, J. Greenall, and E. Ellis. From *Prudence*, 2069—Bros. A. Butterworth, P.M.; Jas. Buckley, P.M.; H. B. Abbott, P.M.; T. A. Hall, J.W.; A. Naylor, Sec.; S. K. Riley, Stwd.; H. James, J. H. Newton, J. Armitage, F. Rhodes, H. Smith, L. Howarth, J. T. Buckton, A. Dutchburn, and A. H. Stone.

Besides the visitors of Prov. G. rank there were many others. Amongst these were

Bros. G. Stones, P.M. 1462; F. W. Reuss, P.M. 208; G. H. Strong, I.P.M. 2134; J. E. Fawcett, P.M. 974; E. Lawson, P.M. 910; J. T. Bromley, W.M. 1214; W. Callam, P.M. 2677; H. W. White, P.M. 1648; J. Nicholson, P.M. 1542; S. R. Moss, I.P.M. 1009; H. B. Nash, I.P.M. 1513; J. Sugden, P.M. 1379; A. Davies, W.M. 910; J. Barraclough, P.M. 1648; J. H. Beman, P.M. 643; E. Nelson, S.D. 200; G. F. Tindall, Sec. 2677; F. W. Parkinson, S.D. 1634; W. W. H. Walker, S.W. 2695; T. M. Woodhead, Sec. 2669; O. Hudson, Org. 2608; W. T. Lancett, I.G. 2608; F. Hoggard, Stwd. 2608; R. E. A. Wright, S.W. 2263; E. Howarth, Stwd. 2263; S. Krakauer, J.W. 1513; F. F. G. Kellner, S.D. 1001; E. Richardson, S.W. 1039; R. Levi, 324; H. Johnson, 1542; J. K. Frogatt, 2677; P. Summerton, 1083; G. Carter, 1221; L. L. Zossenheim, 2695; H. Woodhouse, 1018; J. Witts, 327; R. D. Smith, 380; A. Hey, 2608; W. Saplin, 2677; and F. Cockerloft, 275.

We are assured that many other brethren were present who overlooked or who failed to sign the sheets prepared for the purpose.

At 3.30 the Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, entered. He was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. Richard Wilson, and a Provincial G. Lodge was opened.

The Officers of Provincial G. Lodge, Present and Past, who supported, the Prov. G. Master comprised:

Bros. Henry Smith, P.M. 322, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M.; J. C. Malcolm, P.M. 306 P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1211, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.; J. L. Walker, P.M. 290, P.S.G.W.; H. Chalker, P.M. 154, P.J.G.W.; H. G. Blackburn, P.M. 1311; J. D. Kay, P.M. 289; E. Woodhouse, P.M. 2669; J. A. Godwin, J.P., P.M. 1311, and W. Watson, P.M., P.P.G. Wardens; Rev. H. Doig, Chap. 337, P.G. Chap.; Robert Putter, P.M. 275, P.G. Treas.; W. Smith, P.M. 1211, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Tweedale, P.M. 827, P.G. Reg.; J. T. Last, P.M. 2321, P.P.G. Reg.; H. G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; H. Kershaw, P.M. 2330, J. Barraclough, I.P.M. 304, and G. Williams, P.M. 139, P.G. Deacons; W. W. Clayton, P.M. 1311, J. Bedford, P.M. 304, Wm. Flockton, P.M. 1042, A. Scath, P.M. 289, and Wm. Blackbourn, P.M. 305, P.P.G. Deacons; J. L. Fox, P.M. 208, and C. Scriven, P.M. 1211, P.P.G. Supts. of Wks.; J. Twivy, P.M. 1018, P.G.D. of C.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M. 242, C. E. Bygrave, P.M. 2091, and Wm. Harrison, P.M. 265, P. Asst. G.D. of Cers.; J. Millington, P.M. 1221, and W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 324, P.P.G.D. of Cers.; J. Haley, P.M. 1034, P.G.S.B.; H. Columbine, P.M. 1221, P.P.G.S.B.; B. Child, P.M. 258, and W. E. Turner, P.M. 1108, P.G.S. Bearers; E. R. Dickenson, P.M. 308, P.G. Org.; W. Cockerlyne, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Org.; G. H. Schofield, P.M. 1542, P.A.G. Sec.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, J. R. Barton, 306, and H. Banks, P.M. 1042, P.P.A.G. Secs.; E. Heaton, P.M. 387, P.G. Purst.; F. G. Dimery, P.M. 2069, P.P.G.P.; J. T. Goodall, P.M. 1301, A. Alderson, P.M. 1302, A. Leach, P.M. 495, W. Davey, P.M. 1001, and G. Stones, P.M. 1462, P.G. Stwds.

Amongst the visitors were:

Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. Durham; J. F. Tindell, W.M. 1605, and G. F. Foster, P.M. 1040, P.P.G. Wardens N. and E. Yorks.; E. Fox Thomas, Charity Representative N. and E. Yorks.; G. Leigh, P.M. 250, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Benner, P.P.G.S.B. Notts.; J. M. Bottomley, 312, P.P.G.S. of W. N. and E. Yorks.; E. Piercy, 525, P.D.G.D. of C. Hong Kong; F. F. Pudsey, 1010, P.P.G.D. N. and E. Yorks.; J. H. Beman, P.M. 643; E. F. Taylor, 1040; P. Summerton, 1083; and F. W. Parkinson, S.D. 1634.

After salutations to the Prov. G. Master, the Deputy, and the Officers of Grand and Prov. Grand Lodge,

Bro. JACKSON briefly addressed the brethren. It was with feelings of gratitude, he said, they were met that day to dedicate to the purposes of Freemasonry this new and handsome hall, the corner-stone of which had been laid by Lord Warwick on the 18th July last year. To all those who had taken an active part in its erection it had been, he was assured, a real labour of love in the interests of the Order. "I sincerely hope," added the Prov. G. Master, "that it will be found convenient to the lodges who use it for their meetings, and that in the future it will be a centre of usefulness to the province generally. Both as regards its location and its conveniences it will be found eminently adapted to its purpose. Although it has been mainly promoted by those who reside within a limited distance of the Hall, I believe it has the good wishes of the whole body of Masons throughout the province, and if that be so, it will be a complete success, and I shall have no doubt as to its fulfilling the purpose for which it was designed."

The ceremonial usual on these occasions having been practised, the Prov. G. Master called upon the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. HUGH DORG, Vicar of Saddleworth, who gave the following oration:

My brethren, we are here to-day to take our share in a function of peculiar character; we are about to engage in a service which to the uninitiated might seem meaningless, but which, to us who know its ritual, its ceremonial, and its symbolism, is profoundly and gloriously significant. In a few words as possible let us try to answer the question, "What mean ye by this service?" Why has this beautiful building been erected? and for what purposes is it being dedicated to-day? It is done in order that we may proclaim and accentuate the two great principles of our Order, the bed rocks upon which it is founded—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. To these great truths, to these sublime facts, Freemasonry is a standing and abiding witness. This Hall has been erected, and will to-day be dedicated by our Prov. G. Master, as an expression of our devotion to those great principles, and as an earnest of our desire to cultivate the qualities and virtues which naturally spring from them, viz., Religion, Patriotism, Loyalty, Charity, Peace, and Good-will amongst men and brotherhood all the world over. It is a grand ideal, let us try to be worthy of it. We feel inclined to say, doubtless, "Who is sufficient? who is capable of doing this?" Brethren, at least let us strive; though we may not be able to do it fully and perfectly, yet we can still strive to realise this ideal. I claim that our Order stands for these things; that it is a bond of union between good men and true; that it brings together those who in many cases would be separated by rank and station, or by political or religious differences. It is also a philanthropic institution, as witness the statements made by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught at his recent installation. Stronger arguments in favour of our Order it would be difficult to find. Meanwhile, brethren, we wish you good luck in the name of the Lord: Peace be within your walls and plentifulness within your palaces; for the brethren and companions' sake and for the Word's sake we will seek to do you good.

The ceremony then proceeded, and the Hall was solemnly dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry. A choir, comprising Bros. Tom Child, F. Bagshaw, E. Richardson (Lichfield Cathedral), C. Rhodes, H. Blackie, and W. Cockerlyne sang the anthems, the music being specially selected and arranged for the occasion. It was a very impressive function, and every detail in the ritual and ceremonial was carefully considered and illustrated.

After Prov. Grand Lodge was closed and its officers had retired, the W.Ms. of Leeds resumed and closed the Lodge.

The dinner which followed was held in the Town Hall, and was provided by Powolny, Limited, the well-known purveyors.

Bro. John Barraclough, I.P.M. 304, Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company, presided. On his immediate right sat the D.P.G.M., Bro. Richard Wilson, and the Past D.P.G.M., Bro. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D.; on his left were Bros. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. Durham, and Henry Smith, P.G.D., Past D.P.G.M.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. L. Jackson, was unable to be present, to the great regret of the brethren, who, to the number of about 300, occupied the body of the hall.

After the toast of "His Majesty the King," which was received with all loyalty,

Bro. BARRACLOUGH proposed "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England; the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Deputy G.M.; and the G. Officers, Present and Past." The Chairman said he had much diffidence in speaking to the toast, but he gained courage when he reflected that 12 months ago at that very table sat the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, who, as all would remember, came down to lay the corner-stone of the building which had been dedicated that day. On that occasion the Deputy Grand Master assured the brethren that he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit to West Yorkshire, and they were equally able to say that they had been delighted to welcome him. Comprised of men such as the Grand Officers whom he saw around him, and commanded by the prince and noblemen he had named, was to him clear proof that Grand Lodge was an ornament to the Craft; that it added to its lustre, and that it largely contributed to the usefulness of our great Institution. On those grounds he submitted the toast.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., was grateful for the permission to reply. He had been honoured by being asked to take the position of S.G. Warden when the stone was laid, and he was pleased to be associated with the opening ceremony. After referring to the office recently betowed upon the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Herbert Green, Bro. Henry Smith expressed his regret at the absence of the Prov. G. Master, complimented Bro. Richard Wilson upon the excellent manner in which he represented him, and assured the brethren that as Grand Officers they had endeavoured to discharge their duty, and that if such effort met with appreciation it was most gratifying to himself and to those in whose behalf he had been called upon to respond.

To Bro. WILLIAM POSTLETHWAITE, P.M. 1311, Hon. Solicitor to the Masonic Hall Company, the next toast was assigned. It was "The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., the W. Dep. Bro. Richard Wilson, and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Postlethwaite regretted the absence of the Prov. G. Master, eulogised, amid great applause, the truly Masonic virtues of the Deputy, congratulated the province on the honour conferred upon it by Grand Lodge this year, and invited the brethren to drink heartily to the toast and to all those whom he might call dwellers in the serene atmosphere of Prov. G. Lodge. He coupled with it the name of their excellent Deputy.

Bro. RICHARD WILSON, in reply, said his first duty was to express the regret of his chief that he could not remain amongst them to dinner. His next was to congratulate the brethren of Leeds on the success which had attended their efforts in the provision of a new Masonic dwelling-place, the benefits conferred by which would never fully be realised by its promoters. Bro. Wilson then pointed out that to emphasise and continue the success of

the new movement they must increase their numbers. How was it to be done? They were not permitted to solicit recruits to their Order it was true, yet he thought by exemplifying in their own lives and conduct the great Masonic principles—that they had one God for their Father and that all men were their brothers—they might indirectly bring about the accomplishment of their purpose. Let them be good citizens, and avoid in their lodges all topics of discussion which were forbidden. Then there were their Charitable Institutions, which, though they bore noble testimony to the character of the Institution, yet, even they were not to his (the speaker's) mind the best inducement to offer; they could have and exhibit higher testimony—not Charity, not social position, but individual character and conduct; upright and fearless lives. They must have a tongue which refuses to utter unkind thoughts; an eye which flashes with indignation at wrong or injustice but which melts with pity at misfortune or affliction; a hand which shrinks from contact with dishonour, but is firm to hold and support a falling brother. Thus would they attract men into their midst. By kindly acts, unselfish thoughts they might soften the troubles which abound within their reach and thus spread an influence for good which, while it tended to make them better men and truer children of the loving Father, would illustrate in the best possible way the principles of their Order. By such means would he induce recruits to join their ranks. Bro. Wilson, whose reception was of the kindest and most enthusiastic character, concluded by thanking them for the hearty way in which the toast had been received.

The next toast was "Success to the New Masonic Hall." In proposing this, Bro. WILSON went into a financial statement as to the position of the company, from which it appeared that of the proposed capital of £10,000, up to that meeting only £8000 had been raised. Bro. Wilson told them that he had busied himself that afternoon in endeavouring to induce lodges and brethren to take up the remaining £2000, and that he had met with considerable success, so much so that he had strong reason to hope that before they parted that night the remaining capital would be subscribed. To give their tenants such enhanced Masonic comforts and conveniences as the new hall offered, necessarily meant increased rents, yet the directors were anxious that no pressure which could be absolutely avoided should be used and if the requisite capital could be raised it would make their task easier. Bro. Wilson then announced names of individuals and lodges who guaranteed to take up shares amounting to an additional sum of £1725 and thought he was justified, thoroughly justified, in proposing success to the undertaking, to its promoters, its tenants and all concerned.

This was drunk heartily, and Bro. CHARLES SCRIVEN, who has acted as honorary secretary from the inception of the scheme, replied. He said that the directors from the first confidently believed that the whole capital sum would be taken up, and after the strong appeal which had been made that night he could not believe it possible they would go home and leave a deficit of £275. Should the full amount be subscribed it would be a credit to Masonry in Leeds. The accommodation in the new hall would, he hoped, give complete satisfaction and all the comfort they could desire. The expenditure, as is usually the case, had exceeded the total which they anticipated, but he thought all the additions had been valuable and some even essential. He was much obliged to them for so kindly recognising his services, and in the name of his fellow directors he cordially thanked them.

"The Visitors" was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. J. N. HART, W.M. of *Philanthropic*, the oldest of the six tenant lodges. He said how gratified they, the W.Ms. and brethren of the six lodges, had been to receive and welcome so many friends from all parts of the province and from beyond—men of very high position and standing in Freemasonry. The presence of these brethren had added much to the brilliancy of the ceremony that afternoon. In the name of all the tenant lodges, therefore, he offered to one and all a real, genuine, Yorkshire welcome. With the toast he would associate the name of Bro. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Secretary for Durham.

Bro. HUDSON expressed his pleasure at being present on this most interesting occasion. He explained how close an association had for a long time existed between his province (Durham) and the two Yorkshires in the working of Charitable matters; that he was proud, as a Yorkshireman, to be amongst them to meet old friends and make new ones. By such means the path through life was made more pleasant, and its happy memories were largely increased.

Previous to proposing the last item on the list, the W. DEPUTY announced that the full capital sum of £10,000 had now been taken up, and that the Directors, thus assured of the confidence of their brethren, would be repaid for the past and encouraged for the future.

This was received with great applause.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A most interesting and delightful musical programme formed not the least enjoyable portion of the evening. To this Bro. Tom Child contributed "The Sailor's Grave," Bro. H. Blackie gave "The Bandolero," whilst Bro. Wm. Cockerlyne sang "Hybrias the Cretan." All these brethren are well known in Leeds musical as well as Masonic circles, and their efforts were thoroughly appreciated. Some part songs, "Of all the Airts," "As the Moments Roll," &c., were also given, in which the brethren named were assisted by Bros. E. Richardson, F. Bagshawe, and C. Rhodes. Bro. F. H. Cockerlyne, thorough accompanist, presided at the piano.

The whole of the day's proceedings passed harmoniously and happily, and the W.Ms. of the six tenant lodges are to be congratulated upon the complete success which crowned their praiseworthy efforts to interest and entertain their numerous visitors.

### VISIT OF THE STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45, TO GODSTONE.

It was the pleasant little village of Godstone. Cyclists know it well, and here the motor car is pulled up after a 20 miles' spin from town. Quite a typical little English village, pretty much the same as it was hundreds of years ago when good Queen Bess used to pull up at the ancient hostelry which stood in front of the village green, with a duck pond skirting the main road and the green stretching away beyond.

A glorious summer day with just a gentle breeze at frequent intervals. The village policeman stands near the pond and broods of fine Surrey chickens, heedless of their future, revel in sunshine.

Such were the conditions under which a contingent of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, made their entry to Godstone on Wednesday, the 31st ult. Prompted by that fraternal feeling which pervades the lodge, a number of the

brethren who reside in or near this locality, whom we generally designate the "Surrey Team," issued an invitation to the remaining members of the lodge to come down and visit them on their native heath. An elaborate programme was submitted, which ran as follows: Saloon from Cannon-street to Oxted, driving from Oxted to Godstone through the pleasant Surrey lanes, luncheon at the ancient hostelry, a cricket match (the two teams being confined to Masons) in the afternoon, concluding with a dinner and a drive back to Oxted.

About 15 members were able to avail themselves of this invitation. Bros. E. M. Hall and Dr. Leslie took them under their wing at Cannon-street Station, never losing sight of them till good-byes were exchanged at the same spot 12 hours later. The day was a complete success in every detail. The host, himself a worthy Mason, had spared no effort to carry out the wishes of the inviting brethren, and no sooner had they settled in the banqueting hall, with its big oak rafters, illuminated in gold with early English texts setting forth the desire that "good digestion might wait on appetite," then we realised that we were truly partaking of a feast of fraternal friendship.

Luncheon over, the serious business of the day began. As stated, the team was to be confined entirely to Masons, and Masonry is not generally considered one of the fundamental qualifications for a good cricketer. However, the game went merrily along, the ground in the middle of the village green was in splendid condition, and we were told that, not to be behind the times, £100 had recently been expended in bringing it up to the "pitch" of perfection.

The captain of the visiting brethren—Bro. Heaton, Org. 45—won the toss, and sent his team to the wicket. The opening was somewhat disastrous, but a grand stand was made by Bros. Heaton (50) and Ward (43). The "tail" did not fare so well, and the W.M., Bro. J. Briggs, from his wicket saw three of the respected members of his lodge out in three successive balls, Bro. Ellis performing the hat trick. For the home team Bros. J. Hall, J. George-Powell (captain of the home team, and unsparing in his energies to promote general happiness), and Payne played excellent cricket. We ought also to mention the wicket-keeping of Bros. Ockelford and Walter, the bowling of Bro. Ward, and a one-handed catch by Bro. Heaton excited a well-deserved round of applause. The scores were as follows:

VISITORS.		HOME TEAM.	
Mills, W. G., b J. George-Powell	0	Hall, J., b Heaton	11
Burgess, T., b J. Hall	2	Walter, W. H., b Ward	8
Ward, G. F., run out	43	Hall, E. M., c and b Heaton	1
Hall, E. M., b J. Hall	0	Leslie, Dr., b Ward	0
Heaton, S. W., b W. H. Walter	50	George-Powell, J., c and b Heaton	10
Ockelford, T., b W. H. Walter	0	Hall, A., b Heaton	3
Briggs, J., not out	20	Bristowe, F., b Ward	3
Briggs, W., st Walter, b G. Ellis	3	Nightingale, C., b Heaton	1
Leslie, Dr., b G. Ellis	0	Ellis, G., b Ward	5
Woodman, E. P., b G. Ellis	0	Hall, B., b Ward	0
Vidler, E. J., run out	0	Payne, S. J., not out	40
Extras	4	Selmes, J., run out	0
		Extras	4
Total	122	Total	86

The pavilion was well stocked with the essential creature comforts.

We settled down to dinner about six. The menu was very tastefully got up, and an engraving of the Hotel "Ye Claytone" rendered it a charming souvenir. The dinner was worthy of the West-end of our Metropolis, and with happy speeches and pleasant music a perfect evening was spent.

"The Health of the King" was received with loyal enthusiasm, and "The Rulers of the Craft" met with ample justice. Words of warm welcome and hearty thanks were freely exchanged, and with Bro. Bristowe, J.W., in the chair, the very personification of kindness and geniality, supported by Bro. Arthur Hall, J.D., in the vice-chair, all that should have been said was said, and that which should not have been said was left unsaid. The brethren who had the privilege of seeing Bro. Bristowe preside on the above day will look forward to the time when he occupies a similar position in the lodge. It was a day not to be forgotten, and an occasion which will tend to bind together more closely the members of the lodge, a lodge in which brotherly love has long been the dominant note.

### DEDICATION OF A MASONIC TEMPLE AT ILFRACOMBE.

The Craft in general and the Province of Devon in particular may, indeed, well be proud of, and congratulations be accorded to, the brethren of Lodge Concord, No. 1351, who by their individual exertions and generosity have provided such a living monument. The Temple was dedicated some time since by Bro. G. C. Davie, P.A.G.D.C. England, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. F. B. Westlake, P.S.G.W.; Rev. T. Russell, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. W. J. Smart, P.P.G. Chap.; and John Stocker, Prov. G. Sec.; and a large number of the brethren of the lodge and visiting brethren numbering about 80.

The beautiful ceremony was carried out in a most impressive and perfect manner. The Temple is situate in the Northfield-road, and its front of Bath stone ashlar work is classic in design, with the five orders of architecture intermixed. The four main columns supporting the entablature are of the Tuscan and Doric orders, and the six smaller columns, which flank the doorway and windows, are of Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite orders. In the tympanum of the massive moulded pediment is carved the emblem of the square and compass, with date of erection.

The lodge is entered by a lobby with black and tessellated pavement. A large ante-room is inside the front hall, from which the lodge is entered by two elaborately-decorated doors, whose top panels contain, in faithful colours, the coats-of-arms of Devon and Ilfracombe. The ceiling, which is arched and divided into panels, is of a pretty shade of sky blue, on which are represented the constellations of the zodiac, while in the triangular panels near the dome are the northern crown, Herschell's telescope, Medusa's head, and the Dolphin constellation. In the east end of the lodge are depicted Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, and Mercury.

The walls are surmounted by a large cornice, neatly painted in cream, blue, and salmon colours. The frieze underneath is ornamented with various Masonic emblems. Around the lodge is a dado in red, with black panel lines, and fluted uprights dividing same. In the centre of each panel, in blue and black, are tastefully painted the insignias of the respective offices. In the east of the handsome Temple is an elaborate representation, in gold, of the rising sun, while in the south it is at its meridian, and setting in the west.

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## Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held under the presidency of Comp. Canon J. Studholme Brownrigg, as M.E. Grand Z., at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th instant, when it is hardly necessary to say the sad death of Comp. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J., was referred to in terms of the deepest sympathy, a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Beach and the family being passed in solemn silence. Comp. Beach, who had been Grand Third Principal for the last nine years very frequently presided at these convocations, and outside his Province there are no meetings where his presence will be more greatly missed than at those of Supreme Grand Chapter. It was only at the May convocation that he so presided and paid a handsome compliment to Comp. Sir George D. Harris for the admirable manner in which he discharged his duties as President of the General Committee of Grand Chapter.

There were only two chapters—both attached to London Lodges—for which, on the recommendation of the General Committee, warrants of constitution were granted, namely, the Maida Vale Chapter, No. 2743, and the Army and Navy Chapter, No. 2738. These raise the number for which warrants have been granted during the year to seven, four of which meet in the Provinces of Essex, Durham, West Lancashire, and Guernsey and Alderney, while the other three are located in London. These figures do not convey the idea that Royal Arch Masonry is gaining in popularity.

Our last week's issue contained the following announcement: "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." A more signal—and, we may add, a more painful—illustration of the truth of the old adage—"Man proposeth, God disposeth"—has not come, and is not likely to come, under our observation for many a long, long day.

Viscount Valentia, M.P., as Prov. G. Master, presided at the recent annual meeting at Abingdon of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon, and as this was the first occasion on which his lordship had met the brethren since his return home from the war in South Africa, it is not surprising that he should have been greeted with more than the usual cordiality. Hence, before the regular business was entered upon, the Dep. Prov. G. Master rose in his place, and, after expressing the pleasure it gave them all to find his lordship once again presiding at their meeting, proposed that a resolution should be placed on the minutes recording the satisfaction which the brethren experienced at the safe return home from arduous military duty of their Prov. G.M.M., and the resolution having been seconded and carried by acclamation, was very gracefully and feelingly acknowledged by his lordship.

As regards the condition of the Mark in the Province, it would seem from the reports that were laid before the meeting to be most satisfactory. There are but six lodges on the roll, yet the number of subscribing members returned for the past year is 297, or as nearly as possible 50 per lodge. The finances, too, were shown to be in a healthy state, while the Prov. Grand Master was pleased to remark that the manner in which the lodge minute books had been kept reflected great credit on the several Secretaries. In the course of the proceedings a resolution recommending that his lordship's patent be renewed for a further term of three years was cordially adopted, and Lord Valentia returned his thanks for the compliment thus paid to him. We trust that future annual meetings may prove as encouraging and that Mark Masonry in Berks and Oxon may go on prospering as it has done under the guidance of its present popular ruler and that of his predecessor the Earl of Jersey.

From the report we published last week of the installation of Bro. Dr. Ogilvie as Dist. Grand Master of Jamaica under the Scottish Constitution, it is evident that in the newly-installed chief our Scottish brethren in that old British possession have not only a worthy successor to the late Bro. S. Constantine Burke, but likewise one who has a very exalted opinion of the Craft, and is, in every respect, well qualified to give effect to that opinion. His more comprehensive definition of Freemasonry as being "a system of Morality and Charity, which acknowledges the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," is, as he said, "wide enough to admit all sorts and conditions of men to come and find refuge under our holy banner." Further on in his address Bro. Ogilvie laid stress on the good which Freemasonry was continually doing, how it brought together on one common platform men who differed widely from each other in politics and religion, and how at all times it was ready to help those who were in distress. He enlarged, with natural pride, on the vast sums that are annually raised and disbursed for Charitable purposes, but at the same time very carefully pointed out that the Craft was not a benevolent society in the same sense as the Foresters and Oddfellows, and that the lodges must always be on their guard against accepting as candidates those who were influenced by purely mercenary motives to join our ranks. Those who look to make a profit out of Masonry must be denied admission to membership of our lodges, so that in the future, as in the past, it may be the proudest boast of the Craft that those who have been admitted have presented themselves voluntarily as candidates, and have been influenced to seek to place themselves under our banner, not by the improper solicitation of friends, or any mercenary or other unworthy motive, but by a belief in the sterling nature of the principles which it is known to profess. The caution is more than ever necessary now, when all the world is aware how vast is the amount of good which Masonry is always doing.

If there is any fault to find with this admirable address, it is that, in his enthusiasm for Freemasonry, Bro. Dr. Ogilvie has shown a disposition to speak in somewhat exaggerated terms of our numbers, and the largeness of the sum that is distributed in benevolence. There are no doubt thousands of our lodges spread

over the face of the earth. Bro. Hughan, in his last week's review of the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York," quoting sundry of the statistics contained in the volume, gives the number of lodges in "North America (U.S.A. and Canada)," as 12,391, and the total membership as 873,075, Canada mustering 626 lodges and 40,244 members, while the rest belong to the U.S.A. If to these be added the number of Masons in the British Empire exclusive of Canada, but inclusive of those under the independent Grand Lodges—say at the very outside, 350,000; in Germany at 50,000, and in the other countries in which Masonry is sanctioned by the State, say at 100,000, we find the total is still short of 1,400,000. But even if we incline to higher figures still, and place the grand total at a million and a half, we are still a long way from the "millions of Freemasons that now exist and have existed from the very earliest times."

As regards what is dispensed by the Order in benevolence, it is difficult, if not impossible, to give anything more than a general idea. In the speech he made after his installation last month, the Duke of Connaught placed the amount contributed to our Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence and the three Institutions during the last 25 years at close on £2,000,000, or £80,000 a year, and if we add a further £20,000 per annum as being contributed to the Provincial and other local Charities, we shall find ourselves not so very far removed from the £300 per day which, according to Dr. Ogilvie, is spent in England "in relieving distress in one form or another," and what enhances the value of this evidence of what is done here for Charity is the fact that except in the case of the quarterages to Grand Lodge, the whole of this is given voluntarily. But we need not accompany Bro. Dr. Ogilvie further in his very able address. We have referred at some length to the more salient points to which he directed attention, but the whole address is of a character that is not often delivered, and reflects the greatest credit on its author. We commend it strongly to the careful perusal of our readers.

Appendix No. 2 of the printed Proceedings of the District Grand Mark Lodge of Bengal at the regular half-yearly Communication, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on the 30th March last, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Burdett, District Grand Master, contains a tabular statement of the numerical strength of the lodges in the District, both severally and collectively. There are nominally 18 lodges on the roll of this District Grand Mark Lodge, but one of these is in abeyance, and the aggregate of the subscribing members of the 17 other lodges on the 31st December, 1900, was 401 as compared with 384 on the same day of 1899. This gives an average membership of over 23 per lodge, which, having regard to the frequent removals of both soldiers and civilians from one station to another, as probably a very fair one. The strongest is the Cape-stone Lodge, No. 80, Calcutta, with 52 members, while the weakest are the Zaredatha, No. 307, Fyzabad, and the Ashlar, No. 474, Dum Dum, which have only 11 and 12 members respectively. The District Grand Master, however, in his address, does not appear to look upon the figures as satisfactory. "In the Mark Degree, with the exception of a very few lodges, they indicate stagnation," is the remark he makes, and, in calling attention to the subject, he adds: "I can only hope for better results in the future, and meanwhile I trust the brethren will be unremitting in their endeavours to bring brethren of the Craft within our Order."

But while Bro. Mr. Justice Burdett says the figures we have quoted "indicate stagnation," in the Mark he regards the state of things in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner as being still worse, there being a reduction in the number of members on the roll from 124 to 113. The elevations during the half year to 31st December were 11, and the rejoinings 2, but the withdrawals reached 24. The number of Royal Ark Mariner lodges on the roll is eight, the strongest being the Rainbow, moored off No. 80, which musters 30 members, while the weakest are the Olive Branch, No. 207, Allahabad, and the Calthrop, No. 307, Fyzabad, with nine and eight members respectively.

On the other hand, the financial position of the District is described as very satisfactory, the Dist. G. Treasurer's statement of account for the half year to 28th February, 1901, showing receipts, including a balance of 611 Rupees brought forward from previous account, amounting to 1358 Rupees, and expenditure of over 458 Rupees, the balance remaining in hand at the close of the account being 899 Rupees.



## Reviews.

**The Law of Trusts and Trustees**, by A. R. Rudall and James W. Greig, LL.B., &c.; 2nd edition. (Jordan and Sons, Ltd., 120, Chancery-lane, E.C.)—This admirable work (large octavo, cloth), extends to over 350 pages, and is based upon the several Acts relating to Trustees from 1888 to 1896, which Acts are duly explained in concise and carefully worded notes, there being also the Rules of Court under the Trustee Act, 1893, and the Judicial Trustees Act, 1896, as well as a complete list of trust investments, numerous forms, and a very full and detailed index. An appendix (No. 6) giving Part I. of the Land Transfer Act, 1897, with notes, is of special value, being the sections relating to the establishment of a real representative. In illustration of these Acts a number of cases are cited, and also alphabetically indexed, over 600 in number; a table of Statutes cited is also appended and duly indexed. The duties, powers, and liabilities of trustees cannot be too clearly understood and respected, especially by those thus entrusted with the management of estates, as well as by those who have beneficial interest therein, and a consultation of this valuable and able Volume in relation to the general question, as also to special subjects, cannot fail to afford all the official information needed, as well as reliable instructions as to procedure. It is published at 12s. 6d. only, and is a real boon for the class thus so ably catered for.

## The August Magazines.

**The Argosy** opens with the penultimate instalment of the serial "Malicious Fortune," the most dramatic of the many exciting situations of this tale, having the curtain raised again on it, as it were, by the words "To be concluded in our next." The complete stories are "The Bibliomaniacs," "The Doctor's Story," "Until Seventy Times Seven," "A Fleet Street Tragedy," and "A Brahman's Honour." There are also some interesting articles and rhythmic verse, but the best feature of the current number is undoubtedly "In Modern Spain," by Havelock Ellis. This paper deals with the progressive play "Electra," by the eminent Spanish dramatist Benito Perez Galdos, which, produced in Madrid in January last, has almost effected a social revolution in Spain. The time was ripe for the production of the play; the battle which raged last year around the confinement of Adela de Ubao, in a convent, had convulsed Spain, and threatened to become another Dreyfus affair. The public at once identified "Electra" with Adela de Ubao, and an enormous number of copies of the play were sold. "Electra" is the symbol of progress and revolt against clericalism and Jesuitism, and the Jesuits have appealed in vain to the secular power for its suppression.

**The Captain** is a number of exceptional excellence this time. The serials, "Smith's House," "Jungly achieves the Impossible," and "Sir Billy," are continued, the complete tales comprising "To be shot at dawn," "The Loss of the Myrmidon," "The Black Evil," "The Old Pit Shaft," by G. A. Henty, "A tandem in Mexico," and "Hall's Mother." The tale from the Boer trenches is entitled "The White Flag," and is of unusual interest. There are also photographs of authors and artists who contribute to the magazine.

**The Gentleman's Magazine** opens with two complete stories entitled respectively "The Twelve Signs" and "On the Monk's Island," but equally appealing to all lovers of high-class fiction is "The Love Story of an Old Marquise," viz., the Marquise de Créquy. "A Study of Nightjars," by Alex. H. Japp, LL.D., is an article as interesting to the general reader as it undoubtedly is to the ornithologist. "Terminating the Treatise" is a ghetto sketch by Enoch Scribe, which reminds one of Zangwill; while Georgiana Hill's paper on "Napoleon and Prince Metternich," and Daniel Johnston's on "The Evolution of the Modern Gentleman," will be appreciated by all lovers of *belles lettres*. The last fight for the King in 1648 is described by Harold Hills, and there is a beautiful poem by E. M. Rutherford entitled "The Red King's Dream."

**The Lady's Magazine** opens with an account of Carle J. Blenner, the well-known painter of pretty American women, and his work. The article is exquisitely illustrated with reproductions from the artist's best works. "The Garden of the Graces," is an account of Dartford Heath College for Physical Culture for Girls. "The well-dressed woman," by Mrs. Elsner, contains illustrated fashion notes for August. Mrs. Henry Norman contributes recollections of her school days. There is an illustrated article on the quaint caps and coifs of Holland, while "A Woman's Life in China" deals with the unenviable condition of ladies of the Flowery Land and their strange marriage customs. Mrs. Croker's serial, "The Cat's Paw" is continued, and this being the holiday fiction number, the illustrated complete tales are more numerous and interesting than usual. They include "The years that stood still," "The dumb sentinel," "A novel engagement," "The heart of a maid," "The ruling passion," "The little rift," "The Story of a Song," and a number of short storyettes.

**Pearson's Magazine** has been for years unrivalled for its high art reproductions illustrating the continuous article on "The Art of the Age." The illustrations of this month's unique art paper are chiefly from the works of Sir Edward Poynter, P.R.A., Goldsborough Anderson, José Carbonaro, Mr. Hiles (who paints with his mouth), and Denis Etcherverry. The best of all is, perhaps, the reproduction of E. Bisson's wonderful picture, "The Star." C. B. Fry contributes a paper of interest to athletes on the art of starting, and the Rev. J. M. Bacon, F.R.A.S., gives an account from personal experience of some of the most wonderful echoes known. In "Hunting the Blue Whale," Dr. Campbell Brown relates how Norwegian whalers kill whales with enormous harpoons fitted with explosive shells, and fired from guns. The article is illustrated by photographs taken by the author. There is a paper describing the mode of raising wrecks. Leopold Katscher describes how the "Telefo-Hirmondo" of Budapest distributes its news by telephone to over 7000 subscribers sitting in their own homes. In fiction, H.G. Wells, on whom has apparently devolved the duty of supplying a modern parody of the Arabian Nights, continues his serial "The Sea-Lady," in which a veritable mermaid, who has become educated by reading books and papers from sunken ships, and rich from the wealth of wrecked treasure-ships, passes on shore as a human being, and posing as an invalid succeeds in concealing the fish-tail which in mermaids takes the place of legs. Of the many complete tales Max Pemberton's "Emerald of Thebes" may be specially mentioned.

**The Strand Magazine** has the honour of persuading Conan Doyle to resurrect Sherlock Holmes, for in the current issue appears the first instalment of a serial from his pen entitled "The Hound of the Baskervilles," in which the great detective and his medical friend Watson once more appear. The other serials, "The First Men in the Moon" and "Sunwich Port," are continued, and of the complete tales special reference may be made to "Midnight and the Man," "Spangle-Winged," and "The Three Gifts," a story for children from the French. "The Japanese Jack the Giant-killer," and "The Scrap-Book of Hans Christian Andersen," are articles of quaint and peculiar interest. Holt Schooling has one of his inimitable papers, this time on "Vanity Fair," illustrated by reproductions of famous cartoons by special permission of the proprietors. The crossing of the Atlantic in a 12ft. boat by Captain Andrews, "The Lonely Skipper," is related by F. A. Talbot.

The Windsor Magazine opens with a complete tale by Beatrice Harraden, entitled "Love among the Brasses." Barry Pain contributes the ninth of his series of City Chronicles under the title of "Unlikelies." The thrilling serial, "The Heart of a Mystery," is continued, while Cutcliffe Hyne fully maintains one's interest in "Thompson's Progress." Ian Maclaren's "Triumph of the Seminary" will be read by all, also "Mr. Ashley's Failure," by E. Phillips Oppenheim. There are illustrated papers on high divers and their ways, animals who are regimental pets, the torpedo school of the Royal Navy, tin mining in Cornwall, and last, though not least, on the latest invention, viz., the transmitting of messages by telegraph in the handwriting of the transmitter. "The King of the Roses," which is an illustrated account of a visit to Dean Hole at Rochester, will be keenly appreciated by many.

## Scotland.

### GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly meeting of the above Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 1st inst. The Hon. James Hozier, M.P., G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Graham, of Broadstone, Depute G.M.; ex-Provost Christie, P.G.M. of Stirlingshire, acting Sub. G.M.; and Col. Campbell, P.G.M. of East Perthshire. The G. Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. Major F. W. Allan, P.S.G.W., and W. Munro Denholm, J.G.W.; and there were also present Bros. David Reid, G. Sec., and E. A. Chisholm, G. Treas.

Before entering on the business of the meeting, The GRAND MASTER referred to the death of the G. Director of Music, Bro. J. C. Dibdin, and moved that they enter on their minutes an expression of their deep regret at his loss, and that an excerpt of the minutes be sent to his widow.

This was unanimously agreed to.

The following members of the Craft from distant parts were introduced to the Grand Master, who welcomed them, and they briefly addressed Grand Lodge on the condition of Freemasonry in the Colonies which they represented: Bros. John M. Parker, Dist. G. Secretary of the Transvaal; F. C. Smith, P.M. 811, Maryborough, Queensland; and William Higstrim, Past Dist. S.G.W. New South Wales.

Bro. PARKER, in the course of his remarks, on behalf of the brethren in the Transvaal, said that Freemasonry there had been practically asleep since the war began, their lodges being suspended, and most of the brethren being in the field of battle. They had to deplore that the brethren were fighting on opposite sides in the Transvaal, but during the whole of the time of the war he had had several pleasing illustrations of the manner in which the members of the Craft had met in the field as opponents, and when the battle was over the brethren had come down and performed the last sad rites for brethren whom they had known, and had aided the wounded. That showed that they had tried to keep politics out of their lodges in the Transvaal, and to work with unanimity, and that would assist materially in restoring harmony when the war is over. It was a pleasing and outstanding fact that during the war their youngest lodge in the Transvaal, the Zion, had throughout the whole of the hostilities kept its light burning. Johannesburg had 20,000 people in it, and that little lodge carried on throughout the entire operations of the war its good work of charity without stint. (Applause.)

On the recommendation of the PROV. G. MASTER of FORFARSHIRE, it was agreed to reopen Lodge Dunnichen, No. 684, Letham, Forfarshire.

It was also agreed that Lodge Felix, No. 355, Aden, should be disjoined from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, and brought under the direct supervision of Grand Lodge.

Grand Committee reported that a representation had been received from the Grand Lodge of Denmark protesting against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg erecting a daughter lodge in Copenhagen, and requesting the Grand Lodge of Scotland to lend its support by declaring that the creation of such a lodge in Copenhagen was an infringement of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and to make that resolution known to foreign lodges with whom the Grand Lodge of Scotland is connected.

Intimation of this request was directed to be given to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and an explanation requested.

Bro. John Macpherson Grant, younger, of Ballindalloch, was re-appointed Provincial Grand Master of Inverness-shire; Bro. Sir Hector Munro of Foulis, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Ross and Cromarty; Bro. James Middleton, M.D., Provincial Grand Master of Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirk shires; and Bro. John Joseph Dougall was appointed District Grand Master of Canterbury, New Zealand.

A charter was granted for the new Lodge Alexandra, Emerald, Queensland.

Several reports by Provincial Grand Masters as to the visitation of various lodges were transmitted by Grand Committee.

Bro. Major JAMES H. HENDERSON reported gratifying results in Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland, and said that good working, well-appointed lodge rooms, and sound finance, together with a large increase in membership, pointed to the further expansion of the Craft in that northern province.

A new lodge, Odin, No. 917, had been added to the province this year, and the amount of work done by its brethren quite justified its erection.

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE of Newhailes, M.P., reported, with regard to Argyll and the Isles, that he had great cause for satisfaction with the condition of the lodges and the excellent feeling which prevailed in the province. In December last he completed 25 years' service as Provincial Grand Master, and the lodges had on that occasion commemorated his lengthened period of office by a handsome presentation.

Bro. Lord BLYTHSWOOD reported that since his previous visitation of the lodges in Renfrewshire East there had been 421 initiates, and the sum at credit of the lodges was £3141.

Bro. Col. J. M. DENNY, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Dumbartonshire, reported that all the lodges in that province had given effect to the recommendation of Grand Lodge, and now met in halls unconnected with licensed premises. Lodge St. John, Kilsyth, had provided a first-rate new hall in a convenient part of the town, and it was opened free of debt. Lodge Stewart, Kilsyth, No. 547, had been so long dormant that it must now be reckoned dead. The extinction of the lodge was not altogether to be deplored, for there was not room for two healthy rival lodges in Kilsyth.

Bro. ex-Provost CHRISTIE, Prov. G.M. of Stirlingshire, stated in his report that Lodge St. John, No. 484, Slamannan, had entered 45 candi-

dates during the year, and the members were proceeding with the erection of shops and tenements, in which provision is made for a new Masonic Hall at a cost of about £1300.

During the past quarter the Benevolent Fund Committee voted grants amounting to £219 13s., and annuities of £15 each were granted to six children, and of £10 each to 19 other applicants. The total number of annuitants now on the list is 140, the value of the annuities being £1480.

### CONSECRATION OF THE BABINGTON BOULTON CHAPTER, No. 1121.

On Tuesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland, a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham was held for the purpose of consecrating the new Babington Boulton Chapter, No. 1121. There was a numerous attendance of officers of the province and of several chapters. In the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., the acting First Principal in the ceremony was Comp. John Holt, P.G.H., and the other acting Principals were Comps. J. C. Moor, as Second Grand Principal; F. H. Bennett, as Third Grand Principal; Babington Boulton, P.P.G.H.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; C. T. Johnson, acting P.G.S.E.; and R. Hauxwell, P.G.S.N., who were supported by—

Comps. Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, P.P.G.H.; Chas. Cox, P.G. Treas.; B. S. Beckwith, P.P.G. Treas.; Ernest Lautebach, P.G.D.C.; E. H. Tilley, P.A.G.S.; T. B. Grimes, P.G.P.S.; Harry Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Robinson, John Robinson, J. H. Jackson, Rev. Jos. Lawson, C. De Pledge, Jno. Grayson, Jos. Rickerby, Wm. Todd, Jno. W. B. Heslop, J. M. Thompson, A. Hollingsworth, R. C. Whittle, G. W. Cottam, Geo. Harrison, Fred. Forster, B. Biggs, W. Payne, T. C. Jackson, R. R. Ferguson, R. H. Daglish, Wm. Scott, T. H. Thompson, W. J. Anderson, John Nicholls, H. T. Halfpenny, A. Lawson, A. Guthrie, W. Cochrane, Wm. Love, G. W. Jennings, R. Archbold, and T. Grieve.

The ceremony was performed with much ability by the acting Principals and officers. Comp. R. Hudson read the petition and warrant, and Comp. John Holt officiated. Comp. F. Forster accompanied on the organ with much acceptance.

Comp. Babington Boulton, P.P.G.H., was installed as the first M.E.Z. of the new chapter by Comp. R. Hudson after the chapter had been duly declared constituted by the Prov. G.D. of C., Comp. E. Lautebach.

Comp. Charles Cox, P.G. Treas., was installed by Comp. R. Hudson, P.G.S.E., as H., and Comp. W. J. Anderson as J.

Comp. Babington Boulton, M.E.Z., afterwards invested the following as the officers of the new chapter: Comps. T. F. Townend, 97, S.E.; T. H. Thompson, 97, S.N.; R. Ferguson, 636, P.S.; A. Guthrie, 111, 1st A.S.; R. Daglish, 124, 2nd A.S.; and John Barnett, 111 (*in absentia*), D. of C.

Comp. BABINGTON BOULTON, P.P.G.H., proposed that the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., G. Superintendent, be elected as an honorary member of the chapter, which was seconded by Comp. Cox, H., Comp. Boulton expressing their deep regret at the absence of the Grand Superintendent, who had looked forward with much interest to being present and conducting the ceremony up to the previous day. He had heard from him that he was suffering from a severe cold, and could not possibly be present.

Comp. R. HUDSON, P.G.S.E., alluded to the death of the Bishop, whose loss they all deplored, and in accordance with the wish of their respected Grand Superintendent, their ceremony would be conducted without the usual musical accompaniment. (Hear, hear.)

Comp. R. Hudson was also elected as an honorary member of the chapter, and a considerable number of new members were proposed for exaltation and as joining members.

The FIRST PRINCIPAL intimated the receipt of numerous telegrams and letters expressing wishes of prosperity to the chapter, and of regret at their inability to be present, including Comps. Jonathan Backhouse, R. Luck, R. A. Luck, C. H. Backhouse, J. Joel, Oliver, John Barnett, and Dr. S. Fielding.

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## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### LAND AND WATER IN OPPOSITION.

(Continued.)

We have, hitherto, spoken of the encroachments of the sea on the main land, let us now consider the reverse action, where the coast is abandoned, and land has been recovered. Let us take Yarmouth, for instance; here we find enormous accumulations of sand which, now deserted, had been formerly covered by the waves. Yet this, as well as the other process, is the joint result of one cause. The waves, tides, and currents carry away the cliffs from the towns we have previously named. But whither do they carry them? The shattered fragments must go somewhere; and it depends upon a number of local circumstances how and where the depositions shall take place. Near the mouths of the rivers, such as the Yare, there are reasons which would lead one to suspect that such deposition might take place there. If a tidal current is carrying its load of spoil, its fragments stolen from a cliff elsewhere, and if it meet a river-current at right angles, it may be made to drop its burden, and thus a sandbank might grow up just opposite the mouth of the river. That some such process has been going on at Yarmouth is plain enough, and the good people of that town make all their commercial and social arrangements in conformity with the plan thus marked out for them by the currents and tides. The three towns of Norwich, Yarmouth, and Lowestoft are worth a few days' visit, irrespective of their own points of attraction, on account of their relative positions in respect to the sea. Considering the strangely flat marshy district separating the three towns, there seems much reason to believe that it was once sea. The three rivers, Yare, Bure, and Waveney, which find a common outlet at Yarmouth, present such fantastic twistings and twinings that there can be little doubt that changes have occurred hereabout in the relative distribution of land and water. It is believed that the Yare was once an arm of the sea up to Norwich, the Bure another arm up to Aylsham, and the Waveney another up to Bungay. At any rate, it is pretty evident that there was once sea where is now green swampy meadows. Norwich is an interesting old city—interesting for its fine cathedral, and for its connection with the worsted and silk manufactures. We know nothing of Norwich until the earlier incursions of the Danes. The city appears to have risen gradually from the decay of Caister, once a British, then a Roman, town. Some think that in the time of the Romans the lower parts of the present Norwich were under water, studded here and there with islands. As matters now stand, the streets are evidently set up and framed in accordance with the castle elevation on the one hand and with the river on the other. The river is called the Wensum until it has passed through Norwich; after which it receives the name of the Yare. The Wensum performs all sorts of queer antics in its passage through the town, curving and winding in serpentine course—now flowing south, now north, now south-west, now north-east. The city is mostly built on one side of the river; but as it is greatly extended on the other, the bridges are very numerous, pointing in almost every direction of the compass. As for the streets, did any mortal ever see such a labyrinth? nothing can compare with Norwich for crooked streets. The only principle of arrangement discoverable seems to be this—that no two streets shall be at right angles. If Norwich has received any of its peculiarities of position from the existence of land where once was water, Yarmouth is still more dependent on a similar cause. The river Yare, after running eastward through Norfolk, seems to have been checked in its course within half a mile of the sea; it bends suddenly to the south and flows parallel to the sea for three or four miles when at length it finds an outlet. The Yare brings with it the waters of the Waveney, and just at the point where the deflection takes place, the Bure also joins it, so that all three rivers are affected by this change of outlet. The metamorphoses of the district seem first to have converted three areas of the sea into three rivers, and then to have driven the three poor rivers about in search of an outlet. Now, it is just at this remarkable spot that Yarmouth has been built. The town has the sea on the east and the river on the west. It has thus a sort of double façade; a west front towards the river and an east front towards the sea. The east front is irregular and straggling, for it is greatly at the mercy of the sands; but the west front can boast of a quay, finer than any in Europe, except that at Marseilles. It is, however, the other side of Yarmouth which best exhibits the dependence of the town on the changes between sea and land. What a wilderness of sand it is! It is fine, soft, and of great depth; the foot sinks in at every step so as to render walking tiresome. As may be supposed, Yarmouth is very bracing and a great resort of holiday folks and prolonged visits. In conclusion, we will give a brief notice of Lowestoft. It is the third of the towns connected with the singular delta-shaped district we have described. Although a coast town, it has properly no river actually belonging to it. The town lies about 10 miles south of Yarmouth; and between the two there is a considerable length of singular sand cliff, exhibiting many proofs of the peculiar tide action of the sea. Between Lowestoft and the sea, as between Yarmouth and the sea, the accumulation of sand is enormous; deep, rolling, apparently endless masses of the finest and most penetrating sand. This town has been of rapid growth, to meet the wants of a better and a richer class of visitors than those who resort to Yarmouth. A mercantile and a fashionable suburb has extended during late years, and numerous hotels, and handsome houses, show the town has achieved creditable importance.

### SOME FAMOUS OLD STRUCTURES.

Before the portal of Northumberland House was altered, there were in a frieze near the top, in large capitals, C.A.B., an enigma long inexplicable to antiquaries. Vertue found that at the period when the house was built lived Christmas, an architect and carver of reputation, who gave the design of Aldersgate, and cut the bas-relief on it of James I. on horseback, and thence concluded that those letters signified Christmas: u lificavit. It may be presumed that Gerard Christmas was as much sculptor as architect, and, like Nicholas Stone, was equally employed in either art. The front of Northampton House (as it was called when first built by Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton, before 1614), was profusely ornamented with rich scrolls of architectural carving, and with an open parapet, worked into letters and other devices. His sons, John and Matthias Christmas, were very able carvers, and were extensively employed in designing and finishing monuments.

Janson probably built the house, which was of brick, and the frontispiece, which was of stone, was finished by Christmas. The carvers of the great ship built at Woolwich by Mr. Peter Pett, in 1637, were John and Mathias Christmas, sons of Gerard. It is probable, with regard to the inscription of which we have spoken, there was a larger one originally containing the titles of the Earl of Northampton, the founder, in Latin, as well as the builder's name; for in *Camden's Anorallium apparatus* of James I., at the end of his letters, it is said that at the funeral of his queen, Anne, a young man among the spectators was killed by the fall of the letter S from the top of Northampton House. John Smithson was an architect in the service of the Earls of Newcastle. He built part of Welbeck in 1604, the riding house there in 1623, and the stables in 1625; and when William Cavendish, Earl, and afterwards Duke of Newcastle, proposed to repair and make great additions to Bolsover Castle, Smithson was sent, it is said, to Italy to collect designs. It is supposed that the noble apartment erected by that Duke, and lately pulled down, was completed, Smithson dying in 1648. Some confusion of persons and names of this family of architects has taken place, which has been rectified by Mr. Lysons. In the church at Wollaton, Notts, is the following inscription: "Mr. Robert Smithson, Gent, architect and surveyor unto the most worthy house of Wollaton, with diverse others of great account, Ob XV Oct: A.D. 1614, æt 79." In the chancel of Bolsover, Derby, is the tomb of Huntingdon Smithson, architect, who died in 1648. He was the architect of Bolsover Castle, rebuilt in 1613 by Sir Charles Cavendish, and before his death had completed the far-famed riding house for the Duke of Newcastle. His son, John Smithson, died in 1678, who followed his father's profession, in which he showed some skill, and was buried in the same grave. Many of John Smithson's drawings were purchased by Lord Byron from his descendants, who lived at Bolsover.

#### RUBIES.

Contrary to general belief, the ruby stands pre-eminent as the material which embodies the highest money value in the smallest possible compass, a stone of five carats being from 10 to 12 times the value of a diamond of the same size, although the latter may be of the first water. So said Professor Judd, in the course of a lecture on "Rubies, Natural and Artificial." Still larger rubies exhibit even greater excess in value when compared with diamonds of their own size. The so-called "Great Ruby," in the British crown is no ruby at all, but merely a spinal. Upper Burma has been long known as the place where the finest rubies are found, and there is also found the beautiful red stone known as the rubellite, which is valued above all other gems by the Chinese, but is disregarded by Western jewellers. The Burmese carry on their mining operations with the most primitive appliances, and the adoption of modern machinery requires grave consideration, for the gems are scattered through the limestone rock, and if blasting were introduced, many of them must infallibly be shattered.

#### THE WAR AND THE THEATRES.

Though, owing to the war, followed by the death of our great Queen, London managers have experienced the minimising effects upon their receipts of two unremunerative seasons, not only do all the existent theatres within the metropolitan area remain let, but four more new ones are about to be erected. One by Mr. Willard, yet another by Mr. Chas. Wyndham, both upon central sites, contiguous to Piccadilly-circus. The enterprising Mr. Saunders, to whom the public are indebted for the Coronet and Camden Town playhouses, intends to build his third theatre upon ground in the purlieu of Regent-street, and Mr. Mulholland, of the Camberwell Grand, will shortly lay the foundations of a new dramatic temple at Hammersmith.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

On the 2nd prox. Mr. Nat Goodwin and his wife, Miss Maxime Elliott, are to open the Comedy with Mr. Esmond's play, "When we were Twenty-one," new to England, but heralded by the prestige of its success in America.

On his return to Her Majesty's, Mr. Tree will produce and enact the title part in Mr. Pyeth's new comedy, "The Last of the Dandies," the "exquisite" in question being Count D'Orsay.

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The 7th prox. will see the opening of the Century Theatre (as the remodelled Adelphi is to be called) with "The Whirl of the Town."

## Craft Masonry.

Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS STANFORTH.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., the annual installation festival of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Crowle, when Bro. Thos. Stanforth, P.P.S.G.W. Lincolnshire, was installed W.M. by Installing Master Bro. J. Fretwell, 242, P.A.G.D. West Yorks, who performed the ceremony in a most effective and impressive manner. He was assisted by Bros. J. Franks, P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Lee, P.G.P.; and J. Constable. Bro. S. H. C. Ashlin, P.G. Std. Br., in a most able manner, gave the address to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The anthem, "Be thou faithful unto death," was beautifully rendered by Bro. Robinson, 458, Bro. H. L. Burtonshaw, P.P.G.O., presiding at the organ. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. W. Cundall, I.P.M.; J. Franks, S.W.; J. Barratt, J.W.; W. Burtonshaw, Treas.; J. H. Lee, Sec.; J. Constable, Chap. and S.D.; W. E. Cranidge, J.D.; J. Hemingbro', D.C.; H. L. Burtonshaw, Organist; W. H. M. Alexander, I.G.; C. Fox, Asst. I.G.; W. S. Scholey, Std. Br. and Steward; and G. Naylor, Tyler. It is 17 years since Bro. Stanforth was installed W.M. for the first time, he being the first to be installed after the removal of the lodge to Crowle. He is also the first to be installed in the new century. His work in connection with the Charities has made him popular in the Province of Lincolnshire, and as a proof of this a pleasing compliment has been shown to him by a dispensation being granted from the province for his grandson, Mr. T. S. Ashmell, to be made a member of the Isle of Axholme Lodge. This has met with the general approval of the lodge, and Mr. Ashmell will, no doubt, be the youngest Mason in Lincolnshire, and, we might even say, in England. The installing Master, Bro. Fretwell, kindly promised to present to Mr. Ashmell his first suit of Masonic clothing, and expressed a wish to take part in his admittance. We may add that since Bro. Stanforth retired from the chair in 1885, he has installed 21 Masters in Crowle and other lodges.

There was a large number of visiting brethren present from Thorne, Doncaster, Hatfield, Scunthorpe, and a strong contingent from Goole, including Bro. Councillor Cawthorn, an old Past Provincial Grand Officer of West Yorkshire, of the Lowther Hotel, an old and personal friend of the W.M., who, in a very eloquent speech, spoke very highly of Bro. Stanforth, and hoped he would have good health and a prosperous year of office, a wish which was echoed by all the visitors.

After the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Oddfellows' Hall, where a splendid banquet was awaiting them.

Over 30 brethren partook of the delightful repast, so daintily served and bountifully provided by Hostess Cranidge, of the Darby and Joan Hotel, whose superior catering was highly appreciated.

After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. Hemingbro', P.P.G. Std. Br., discharged the duties of M.C. in a truly pleasing and accomplished manner.

Bro. Franks took upon himself the duty of seeing that the visitors were well cared for, and their expressions of pleasure and enjoyment proved that Bro. Franks had eminently succeeded in performing that labour of love.

The day's proceedings were enlivened by speeches from Bros. Fretwell, Cawthorne, Franks, Constable, Hemingbro', Fenton, and others.

The following took part in the harmony: Bros. Robinson, Boulton, Fox, Maskill, Stanforth, and Wood.

Expressions of regret and sympathy were passed to the retiring W.M., Bro. A. W. Cundall, who was unable to be present owing to the serious illness of his father.

The W.M., Bro. T. Stanforth, had a beautiful Past Master's jewel, the gift of the brethren of the lodge, to present to Bro. Cundall, but on account of his absence the presentation was postponed until the next meeting.

#### DEATH.

OHREN.—On the 1st instant, at 4, Garlies-road, Forest-hill, S.E., Cecilia Emma the wife of Bro. Magnus Ohren, A.M.I.C.E., aged 74. No flowers.

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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, August 17, 1901.

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12.****RAFT LODGE.**

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**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
 Brondesbury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.  
 Oommemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.  
 Dalhousie, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, at 8.  
 Duke of Cornwall, Bristol Room, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
 Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Erkenwald, Railway Hotel, Barking, at 7.45.  
 Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E. at 8.  
 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
 Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.  
 Kingland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
 Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
 North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
 Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.  
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
 Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, a Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.  
 Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.  
 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance).  
 St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
 St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.  
 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
 South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.  
 Tysen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30.  
 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.  
 Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel, High-st., Walthamstow, at 8.  
 Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
 Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantons-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.  
 Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
 Joric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
 Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.**

No Meetings.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.  
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
 Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
 Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
 Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
 Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
 Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.  
 Dalhousie, Lord Turo, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
 Egyptian, Salut' tion, Newgate-street, at 7.  
 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.  
 Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.  
 Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
 London, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
 Joya, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
 Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
 Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
 Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.  
 Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
 New Cross, Kembles' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
 Richmond, The Freemasons' Club, Richmond, at 8.30.  
 Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
 Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
 St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
 St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
 Strand, The Salisbury, 91 & 92 Strand, at 7.  
 Stockwell, Callingham's Restaurant, 94, Cannon-st., E.C., at 6.  
 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
 Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W. at 8.  
 Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
 Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at 6.30.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.**

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

**RAFT LODGES.**1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
2765, Earl's Court, Royal Palace Hotel.**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alleyn, George Canning Hotel, Effra-road, Brixton, at 8.  
 Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
 City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.  
 Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.  
 Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
 Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
 Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.  
 Derby Allcott, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
 Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.  
 Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
 Hammersmith, Wycombe House, 263, Hammersmith-rd., 7.45.

Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
 Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
 Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
 Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
 New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
 Peckham, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
 Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
 Prosperity, Manchester Hotel, 145, Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
 St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
 Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.  
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
 Wanderers, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30.  
 West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, 27, Knightbridge-st., E.C.  
 Whitington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
 Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.  
 Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
 Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.  
 Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
 Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.  
 Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross 8.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.****CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—**

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

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
 Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.  
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.  
 Earl's Court, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington-sq., W., at 8.  
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
 Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.  
 High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
 Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
 Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth at 8.  
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
 La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, at 8.  
 Langton, Simpson's Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand Court, E.C., at 5.30.  
 Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
 Montebello, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
 Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.  
 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
 St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.  
 St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
 Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8.  
 Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E., at 6.  
 Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.  
 Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
 United Military, Star & Garter Hotel, Powis-st., Woolwich, at 8.  
 Highgate Chapter, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, at 8.30.  
 Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.**

No Meetings.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Chough, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.  
 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.  
 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
 Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 7.  
 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
 Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
 Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
 Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.  
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
 Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
 Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
 Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
 Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
 Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
 Stuart, The Deacons', Walbrook, City, at 8.  
 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
 The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, at 8.15.  
 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
 Camden Chapter, Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender-hill, S.W., 1st and 3rd Fridays, at 8.  
 Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pikes," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
 Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.  
 Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-rd., Paddington, W., at 8.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
 Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington, at 8.  
 Grand Masters' Mark Lodge, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6 p.m. sharp

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17.**

No Meetings.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.  
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
 Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd at 8.  
 Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.  
 Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
 Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
 Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

IT IS with pleasure that we acknowledge the kindly courtesy of the proprietors and editor of *Building News* in lending us the block to reproduce the handsome portrait of the new chapter room of Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland at Edinburgh, which appears in this issue, and which had already appeared in our "operative" contemporary.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m.

FROM A STATEMENT made at the High Court of Foresters, opened recently at Gloucester, under the presidency of High Chief Ranger Workman, it appears that at the end of the year 1900 the Order had a membership of 921,386, with funds amounting to £6,835,811.

THE PROV. G. MASTER OF CORNWALL, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, has notified to the Hon. Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. B. F. Edyvean, his intention to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge under the banner of One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, in the second or third week of September.

SEA AIR DURING THE HOLIDAYS.—The New Palace Steamers announce that during the holidays they carried no fewer than 18,416 passengers to and from Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, and Brulogne, this being a considerable increase on the number carried on the corresponding days of last season.

THE "GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE" reveals some curious secrets of aristocratic finance. Bro. Lord Roberts had to pay about £650 for his earldom—a charge which reminds one of Bismarck's anger at being requested to furnish 8000 francs for the insignia of the Order of the Golden Fleece.

FROM THE SAME SOURCE we learn that the Koh-i-noor was the private property of Queen Victoria, not a part of the regalia. The jewel, which, according to the superstitious, carries with it the Sovereignty of Hindustan, is so carefully guarded that no one except the official especially entrusted with it knows its whereabouts.

PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.—The honorary secretaries of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London have received at the Bank of England a cheque for £15 17s. 6d. from Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods, being the amount received by them for catalogues at the recent sale of the Royal sherries.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.—On Saturday last, Bro. the Lord Mayor received from Bro. Lord Leigh, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, an additional donation from the city of Birmingham for the Transvaal War Fund of the sum of £1095 9s. 8d., making a total remittance from the county of Warwick of £12,502 11s. 3d.

ELECTRIC LIGHT IN A CITY CHURCH.—A special service was held in St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham-street, to inaugurate the installation of the electric light in that church. Bro. the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, the rector, based his remarks on the words, "The Church beautiful and the Church useful." That occasion, he said, marked another step in the decoration of their church.

PROFESSOR SNELLISON has, says "The American Journal of Health," made out the following statistics with respect to the mortality of the world. Of 1,000,000 persons, only 900 die from old age, 12,000 from gout, 18,400 from measles, 2700 from apoplexy, 7000 from erysipelas, 7500 from consumption, 48,000 from scarlet fever, 25,000 from whooping-cough, 30,000 from typhoid and typhus fever, and 7000 from rheumatism.

MR. JAMES HAWKE DENNIS, of Great Hurst Park, Surrey, who has provided the necessary funds for completing the Victoria Tower of Truro Cathedral, has presented a new organ and a peal of bells to St. Buryan Church, near Penzance. The large bell has the following inscription: "Edward VII. This bell was given by James Hawke Dennis, a benefactor of St. Buryan Church, to commemorate the accession of King Edward VII., A.D. 1901."

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—Mr. Onslow Ford, R.A., has just presented to the trustees his admirable statue of her late Majesty the Queen. This is the last statue for which her Majesty gave sittings. The Queen's Jubilee presents, by direction of the King, will also shortly be on view at the palace. Several gentlemen have recently made presents of birds and animals to the palace authorities, and the trustees would be glad to receive further additions to the aviaries and cages.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR will receive the Elcho Shie'd, won by the English Eight at Bisle, at the Guildhall on the afternoon of Saturday, October 10th, and on the same occasion will accept custody of the National Challenge Trophy won by the English Twenty, and the China Challenge cup won by the London Rifle Brigade. In the evening his lordship will give a dinner at the Mansion House in celebration of these successes, and Bro. Earl Roberts has accepted an invitation to it.

BRO. LORD ROBERTS'S GRANT PASSED BY THE LORDS.—The House of Lords last week, on the motion of Lord Salisbury, passed the vote for £100,000 grant to Bro. Lord Roberts. Lord Spencer, in seconding the motion, observed that those who sat on the Opposition side concurred with noble lords opposite in feeling sincere gratitude to and admiration for Lord Roberts for the great services which he had rendered to this country. The motion was agreed to, *nemine contradicente*.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY will preach the sermon at the special service to be held in Winchester Cathedral at the Commemoration of Alfred the Great. The representatives of the Royal Societies, the delegates from the Universities of Great Britain, the Colonies, and America will be present; and Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of London will attend the celebration in state, supported by the other leading Mayors of England. The principal days of the celebration will be the 18th, 19th, and 20th prox.

THE DEATH occurred early on the 4th instant of Bro. Thomas Hall, at his residence, Uttoxeter New-road, Derby. The deceased brother, who was 74 years of age, was a native of Stoke. He held several appointments as schoolmaster, but owing to his strong taste for journalistic work he became in 1853 sub-editor of the *Staffordshire Advertiser*, coming to Derby in 1869 to fill the position of editor of the *Derby Reporter*. This office he relinquished in 1877 to become secretary of a Railway Servants' Orphanage, which appointment he held up to his death. He was a very prominent Freemason, being an old Past Master of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, and a P.P.J.G.W. of Derbyshire. He was also for several years secretary of the Derby Chamber of Commerce.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.—Donation from New York.—A Cheque for £5000.—Bro. the Lord Mayor has received the following communication from Messrs. J. S. Morgan and Co.: "22, Old Broad-street, July 31. My Lord, —The delegates from the New York Chamber of Commerce who recently visited England upon the invitation of the London Chamber of Commerce, desiring to manifest their grateful appreciation of the very cordial welcome they received from their Majesties the King and Queen, and of the generous hospitality with which they were greeted during their stay at the hands of the English people, and particularly of your lordship, ask permission to make a contribution to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund, of which your lordship has charge. They make this request with the greatest pleasure in view of the universal esteem and reverence with which her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was regarded by the people of the United States. They have accordingly placed in our hands the sum of £5000, for which we enclose a cheque to your lordship's order, with the request that it may be added to the Fund.—Yours very truly, J. S. MORGAN and Co. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor."—Of this handsome donation the Lord Mayor has returned a cordial and sympathetic acknowledgment. Other donations included: The Navy Lodge of Freemasons, £10 10s., and the Glovers' Company, £10 10s.

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THE GAELIC SOCIETY OF LONDON has arranged to hold its annual concert in the large Queen's Hall on Thursday, November 14th.

THROUGH THE DEATH OF BRO. SAMUEL POPE, K.C., Bro. R. D. M. Littler, K.C., C.B., becomes the leader of the Parliamentary Bar.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR ALFRED NEWTON, Bart., has removed from Sydenham Hill, and entered upon the occupation of 17, Cumberland-terrace, Regent's Park.

FROM THE *Daily Telegraph*, under Army and Navy, we learn that Bro. Emra Holmes, District Collector H.M. Customs, Harwich, has been promoted to Staff Paymaster, R.N.R.

A PARTY of four tourists from Geneva, without any guides, recently attempted to cross from Arolla to Zermatt by high-level passes. They narrowly escaped a disaster, and had ultimately to be rescued by guides from Zermatt.

THE MANY friends of Bro. Magnus Ohren, A.M.I.C.E., will learn with regret of the death of his wife. The sad event occurred at their residence, Burleigh, 4, Garlies-road, Forest-hill, on the 1st instant. Deceased was in her 75th year.

BRO. WILLIAM EARLE COOK, of Portsmouth, the oldest person in Rhode Island, and one of the oldest Freemasons in the country, died at his home on the 14th ult., aged 104 years. Bro. Cook was born in Portsmouth on January 26th, 1797.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING held a Council on Thursday at Marlborough House at 12 o'clock. There were present: Bro. the Duke of Devonshire (Lord President), Bro. the Earl of Clarendon, Bro. the Earl of Kintore, and the Earl Waldegrave. Mr. Almeric FitzRoy was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

TO THE PUMP.—A amusing slip was made at the Staffordshire Police Court this week during the hearing of a claim by a farm servant against his late employer. The solicitor for the defendant, in the course of an eloquent passage, stated that on one occasion at the farm, when plaintiff absented himself, there were 41 cows to be milked, and "it was a case of all hands to the pump."

THE KING AND QUEEN, it will be remembered, presented to the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland a pair of wild boars from Windsor Park. On Saturday, the 3rd instant, there was a remarkable addition to the collection at the Zoological Gardens in Phoenix Park by the birth of six wild boars, the progeny of the Windsor pair. Never before in the history of the Dublin Zoo have wild boars been born there, and the litter excites the keenest interest.

BAD HARVEST IN RUSSIA.—Very bad news continues to come in from the Baltic provinces and from Western Siberia concerning the state of the corn crops. The drought in those regions has withered the vegetation to such a degree that an almost entire failure of the harvest may be expected not only in the districts mentioned, but also in several of the Volga provinces and other parts referred to in previous reports on the crop prospects in the Russian Empire.—*Reuter*.

CLONFERT CATHEDRAL, FOUNDED IN 558.—The Rev. Dr. Wallace, Vicar of St. Luke's, Stepney, President of Sion College, London, preached in Clonfert Cathedral recently. Dr. Wallace takes a great interest in this ancient Cathedral. He gave the rector, Bro. Canon Robert McLarney, a subscription of five guineas to the restoration fund. This is the sixth subscription which Dr. Wallace has given to the fund. £2000 will complete the work.

MISHAP TO H.M.S. NILE.—Whilst the battleship Nile was returning to the harbour at Devonport on the 8th instant from Portsmouth she collided with the training brig Nautilus, which was making fast to a buoy. The Nautilus had her main boom broken, a galley smashed, and the boat derricks carried away. In clearing the brig the Nile got into close proximity to the rocks at Drake's Island, and also narrowly escaped colliding with a yacht that was at anchor close by.

ACCORDING TO THE latest arrangements the King, Queen Alexandra, and Princess Victoria, accompanied by Prince Nicholas of Greece and Prince Francis of Teck, will leave Charing Cross at 10 this evening (Friday), and will sleep on board the new yacht Victoria and Albert. It is expected that the Osborne, which will share the voyage, will, on the conclusion of the general ceremonies at the German Court, convey her Majesty and the Princess to Denmark. An order for a general mourning of three weeks' duration was gazetted yesterday (Thursday).

AT A MEETING of the Committee of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge held on the 25th April last, it was resolved that a suitable monument be erected to commemorate the great services of the late Bro. Speth to Freemasonry. In order to carry out this purpose it is proposed to raise a fund which might at the same time provide some mark of the kindly feelings we have for those he has left behind. If each individual member of the Inner and Correspondence Circles will contribute to this fund, in the case of private members a sum not exceeding half-a-guinea, and in the case of lodges and other bodies who are subscribing members, such a sum or sums as may be thought fit, a very substantial amount might easily be raised. The first audit of the accounts will be held at the installation meeting on the 8th of November next. It is therefore desirable that as many subscriptions as possible should be in the hands of the treasurers of the fund before that date.

FEW PEOPLE, perhaps, reflect that this year is the jubilee of the Crystal Palace. For 50 years the great institution on Sydenham-hill has contributed in no small degree to the instruction and amusement of the millions of Londoners, provincials, and strangers from all the countries of the world, and this mark in its history is now commemorated, not only by the Naval and Military Exhibition now being held there, but by the issue of a medal, which is to be sold for the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association. Artistically it is an excellent work, representing on one side the Great Exhibition building, with portraits of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort, and on the other the Crystal Palace, as it now is, with likenesses of King Edward and Queen Alexandra. In aid of the same excellent fund a great patriotic fête has been arranged for Saturday, the 21st prox., to which purchasers of the medal will have free admittance, as well as railway advantages. In this way it is hoped to benefit materially the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, which is greatly in need of funds.—*Daily Telegraph*.

THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS, LIMITED, announce that pending the repairs to the P.S. Koh-i-Noor, they have made arrangements for the Royal Sovereign to continue running her usual trip to Margate and Ramsgate daily, as hitherto, from Old Swan Pier at 9.20 a.m., but there will not be any sailings on Fridays at present, and La Marguerite's Saturday sailing to Margate and back, will be altered from the existing times to 9.45 a.m. from Tilbury, with the special train from Fenchurch-street at 8.38 a.m., this being one hour earlier than before, though it is exactly the same time as last year, when so many people patronised this boat in order to have the long time ashore at Margate; La Marguerite will also sail as the Husband's Boat on Saturdays, leaving Tilbury at 4.15 p.m., with a special tender at 1.50 p.m. from Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, and trains from Fenchurch-street at 2.40 p.m. and 2.54 p.m.; her sailings to Boulogne, Ostend, and Calais, will continue as before, and the South Eastern special train on Sunday at 9.30 a.m. from Victoria and other stations to Gravesend will put the passengers on board La Marguerite for their trip to Margate and back.

BRO. HORATIO SAQUI'S CANDIDATURE FOR THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL.—A vacancy has occurred in the Ward of Bishopsgate, at the Court of Common Council, owing to the retirement of Mr. Deputy Didsell. Although no polling day has been fixed, Bro. Horatio Saqui, of the firm of Messrs. Saqui and Lawrence, the well-known jewellers of Liverpool-street and who have several places of business in the City and elsewhere, is already in the field and has issued his election address. Bro. Saqui is no stranger in the Ward for he has on two previous occasions contested elections of a similar character, on one occasion being defeated by only four votes. He is a large ratepayer of 20 years' standing, is an overseer of the Parish of St. Botolph and has attended to his duties in that capacity in an ideal manner and done capital work. The repeal of the lamp tax in the City was due to the efforts of Bro. Saqui and to him alone. Not only did he draft the petition and obtain the signatures, but paid all expenses connected with same out of his own pocket. In addition, he attended at the head of two important deputations before the Court of Common Council (and generally acknowledged as he is to be one of the most fluent speakers in the City), successfully persuaded the Court to repeal the tax. Bro. Saqui is a thorough business man, energetic, a man who has both the money and the leisure time at his disposal, and judging by the past services he has rendered to the Ward, we think the electors will do well to consider the claim of Bro. Saqui, and return him at the head of the poll.