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DEATH OF THE GRAND MASTER OF CANADA.

We are indebted to the kindness and courtesy of Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Past G. Master of Canada (Province of Ontario), for the mournful intelligence that Bro. R. B. HUNGERFORD, who in July, 1900, was elected M.W. Grand Master of Canada and less than two months since was re-elected for a further term, died of paralysis at London, Ontario, on Monday, the 9th instant, the cablegram announcing the fact reaching us about 6 p.m. on the evening of that day. The reports of the recent 46th annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, both in the *Canadian Craftsman* and the *Toronto Freemason*, state that the declaration of Bro. HUNGERFORD'S re-election was received with the utmost enthusiasm by the brethren present on the occasion, and we have, therefore, no difficulty in picturing to ourselves the grief and consternation that must have been felt by the brethren on hearing of the unexpected death of their Grand Master. That he was a capable ruler of the Craft is clear beyond the shadow of a doubt to all who have had the pleasure and privilege of reading the admirable address he delivered at the close of his first term of office; that he was prompt to show sympathy with those in affliction was shown by his message of condolence with our then illustrious Grand Master on the death of Queen VICTORIA; while as to his personal attributes we have the authority of the *Canadian Craftsman* for stating that he "possessed in a high degree the happy faculty of winning and retaining the respect and confidence of fellow-members of the Craft." But all this evidence of Bro. HUNGERFORD'S fine character and the many and great qualifications he possessed for the discharge of his important duties as Grand Master, while it more than justifies the love and respect entertained for him by his brother Masons of Ontario, must needs intensify their sorrow at his premature death. Nor will this sorrow be restricted to the Craft in the Province of Ontario. At all events, the Masons of the United Kingdom, and especially those under the Grand Lodge of England, who remember how their deceased brother sympathised with them on the death of the late Queen, Patroness of all their Institutions, may justly claim to share in the sorrows of their Canadian brethren and in the sympathy they are extending to the widow and children of their late chief.

We learn from a brief memoir which appeared in the *Canadian Craftsman* in its July number of last year, that Bro. RICHARD B. HUNGERFORD was by birth an Irishman, having been born in County Cork in 1846. In 1862 the family

settled in Canada, and 10 years later he was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 81 (C.R.), Mount Brydges. Last year, at the time of his election as G.M., he was a member of Lodges Nos. 64, 195, and 380. He served for a time as Dist. Dep. G.M. (London District), and having filled the office of Dep. G. Master under Grand Master E. T. MALONE 1898-1900, was elected his successor in the latter year, and re-elected on the 17th July last. He was also a Past Grand Z. of the Supreme G. Chapter of Canada, an Hon. Inspector-General of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Canada, a Templar and Red Cross Mason, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan at the Grand Lodge of Canada, and President of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, which has its headquarters at Baltimore, Md., U.S.A.

THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

Greater interest than usual attaches to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the 58th annual Communication, which was held in the city of Davenport on the 4th June last, and two following days. Bro. WILLARD LEE EATON, M.W.G. Master, presided, and there was a full attendance of the Present and Past Grand Officers and the representatives of private lodges. But, to the grief of all who were present, and, indeed, of the whole Masonic community, our venerable Bro. THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN, Past Grand Master, was prevented by an illness—to which some three weeks later he succumbed—from occupying his accustomed seat as Grand Secretary, and for the first and only time during his long tenure of that important office, the business of the Grand Lodge was transacted in the absence of him, who may truthfully be said to have been its "guide, philosopher, and friend" through the whole of its existence, and to whom, more than to any other Mason in Iowa, the present prosperous condition of the Craft in that State is due.

The main feature at all these annual communications is the delivery of an elaborate address in which the Grand Master passes in review all the more important events of the past year, and carefully notes all such evidences of progress as have come or been brought under his cognisance. In fulfilling this duty Grand Master EATON had an easy and agreeable task. As regards membership, he was able to show an increase of 818, and the lodges on the roll now muster upwards of 30,000 subscribing members as against some 29,000 and more for the previous year. Nine new lodges were constituted, and dispensations issued for the formation of 12 other lodges, which, if they prove their usefulness, will have charters granted them and be regularly constituted by the Grand Master or some brother delegated to represent him for that purpose. The various financial reports that were presented also prove that in this respect, as well as numerically, Freemasonry in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is established on a solid basis, and we most devoutly hope that, as the years go on, it will be strengthened and confirmed to a greater degree than at any previous period of its history in Iowa.

We have said that greater interest than usual attaches to the proceedings at this 58th annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, and the reason for this will be evident from what follows. Incidentally we may mention that when the proper time arrived for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, Bro. PARVIN was re-elected Grand Secretary, and the gratifying fact was announced to and acknowledged by him by telegram. But before this—indeed, at the afternoon session on the opening day—Grand Master EATON rose, and after referring

to the fact "for the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge of Iowa the Grand Secretary was absent from his post of duty," announced "in a voice trembling with emotion" that he was "entrusted with a last tender message from one whom all had known and loved for many many years." He said that "a few days before the session commenced he had taken the hand of Father PARVIN. It was thin and almost transparent. It hung lifeless in his hand, and yet, while the body was thus apparently without life, the mind of the old man was clear as a mountain brook. And from this bed of weakness, from which he will never arise, the Grand Secretary sent this message of love and hope and admiration to his fellow Craftsmen in Iowa and elsewhere." The message is as follows:

GREETING:

My heart is with you in Davenport, My spirit will be in the rooms where you hold your Grand Lodge sessions. I will mingle with you in soul, as I have in body all the years. But, oh, I am longing to be with you. I had hoped, even almost to the last and against hope, that I might be able to be carried to Davenport and probably taken in a litter to the Grand Lodge rooms, that at least I might see and hear my brethren once more. But this was not to be. My strength is almost gone, and I can only send through you this message. Tell the brethren in Iowa, that it is my last behest that they live up to the teachings of the fraternity that they may be Masons in fact as well as in name. And tell them also that if they desire to perpetuate my memory, if I have done anything which deserves recognition, that they carry on the work I have begun in the Grand Lodge Library. Let it be my monument, and at the same time an enduring monument for Masonry in Iowa. Into that institution my whole soul and the best years of my life have been woven.

The Grand Master then continued: "This comes to you as a whisper from the borderland, and is probably the last message from one who loves you, and whom you and all the thirty thousand Masons in Iowa have loved and revered through all the years. His old companions have passed away. He alone is left, and his mind to-day is in a region where there is nothing but graves of the past. I am satisfied that this Grand Lodge will desire to make some response which shall be appropriate and in keeping with the universal sentiment of respect and love." Nor was the Grand Master long in realising that his expectations were fully justified. At the conclusion of the above remarks, Past Grand Master DEWEY rose and submitted the following:

RESOLUTIONS.

T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. and A.M.

REVERED AND RESPECTED BROTHER: Replying to your warm message of love, hope, and admonition, conveyed to us by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at this, the fifty-eighth anniversary of its birth, tenders to you its deepest and tenderest reverence and affection.

Realising that through all these past years your work has been well wrought, that you have become the Nestor of Iowa Masonry, that you are the golden link that binds closely the heroic past with the brilliant future, that honour and fame have crowned your declining years with the bright light of Masonic glory, that the brilliant rays of your Masonic life and Christian character illuminate the hearts of over thirty thousand Masons of Iowa, who tender to you, as if with one voice, their regards, their affections, and their esteem,

Though the silver cord may soon be loosened; though the golden bowl may soon be broken; though the pitcher may be soon dashed to pieces; though old age and enfeebled condition may surround you; though youth and vigour may have deserted you; though the idea of time may have reduced your once vigorous body to a condition of enfeeblement and weakness—please ever bear in mind that the soul-stirring vigour you ever possessed is fresh and green in the minds and memory of Iowa Masons.

Highly thoughtful of your Christian, moral, and Masonic worth, we hereby tender you the sincere esteem, high regard, and deep affection of the Craft of Iowa, and this, the Grand Lodge, join with one accord in the fervent prayer that "the Lord will ever bless you and keep you," and so will the Masons of Iowa ever pray.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that a Committee should at once proceed to Bro. PARVIN'S residence at Cedar Rapids, and present the foregoing Resolution to him on behalf of Grand Lodge; and the Committee at once started on their mission, and at the morning session on the next day, Past G. Master DEWEY, on its behalf, read the report, in which was included Bro. PARVIN'S answer:

How can I ever be grateful and thankful enough to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. It is impossible. My heart has been opened and unburdened to you more than once in the history of Masonry, and now, to-night, the last time that I shall ever meet your members, excepting one or two of you here around this bed, from which in all possibility and probability I shall never arise; but my heart will rise, I have a spirit within me

which has buoyed me up and borne me upward through all these years, as you well know, and that spirit is still vigorous—though feeble in the body, but strong in the heart, strong in that mental vision which I can see open up before me and around me.

The Grand Lodge is here, and she will remain here; she will progress and improve and build upon the foundation which I have built with your assistance all around me will continue and God's blessing shall follow you through your Masonic career.

Oh, I am so glad, brethren, to get to see all of you again—God bless you all.

And so with a few further remarks, the most affecting episode in the annals of Iowa Masonry—or probably, indeed, in those of any Grand Lodge—came to an end.

On the 28th day of the same month of June, Bro. T. S. PARVIN passed to his eternal rest.

The tribute of respect paid to his memory by the Grand Master, and the record of his Masonic career will be found in another column.

BELL'S CATHEDRAL SERIES.

A remarkable *Cathedral Series* is being published by Messrs. George Bell and Sons, of York-street, Covent Garden, at the uniform price of *one shilling and sixpence each* net, of which already 24 have been issued, viz., those of Bristol, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Durham, Ely, Exeter, Gloucester, Hereford, Lichfield, Lincoln, Norwich, Oxford, Peterborough, Ripon, Rochester, St. David's, St. Paul's, Salisbury, Southwell, Wells, Winchester, Worcester, and York, with an extra volume on "English Cathedrals. *An Itinerary and Description.*"

Those for Chichester, St. Albans, St. Asaph's and Bangor, Glasgow, and Llandaff are in preparation, as likewise Westminster Abbey. There are also five other monographs on St. Martin's Church, Canterbury, Beverley Minster, Wimborne Minster, and Christchurch Priory, Tewkesbury Abbey and Deerhurst Priory, and Bath Abbey, Malmesbury Abbey, and Bradford-on-Avon Church (five in all); besides Chartres and Rouen of the Continental churches, with Notre Dame, Paris, to follow. The last three being *half a crown* net.

With the exception of three just printed, these have been duly reviewed in the *Freemason*, and I am pleased to know that such notices have done good, for "Bell's Cathedral Series" is the handiest, fullest, and latest published on the origin, progress and completion of the noble British Cathedrals which are the pride and delight of all lovers of ecclesiastical architecture.

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The whole set should be obtained for the libraries of our lodges and provinces, where happily such exist, for they are full of most interesting information, and brought down to date, besides containing abundant particulars of the previous Fabrics and the various Sees. They are, of course, carefully condensed, but everything that can be reasonably looked for and expected in these brochures, will be met with, and much unexpected information besides; the authors being thoroughly conversant with their subjects, and writing their descriptions of the grand Fanes, as those enthusiastically interested in the history of the Shrines they individually treat. I am in love with the Series myself, and desire many more of my brethren to share my pleasure. Already nearly all the volumes are in second or third editions, so rapid has been their sale, and so numerous are their readers. This is a good sign indeed.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present: Bros. F. M. Wemborn, W.M.; H. J. Dunaway, S.W.; J. Horstead, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; D. Taylor, S.D.; M. Relph, J.D.; R. E. Maskall, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; E. Lucas, E. Morris, C. Nicole, E. Richards, D. J. Witte, J. Foxcroft, T. A. Spencer, H. C. Kerly, A. Noel, J. Bailey, C. Weston, J. Ewings, F. Armitage, G. Wales, R. E. Gates, and F. Linfoot.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Noel being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Spencer being the candidate. Bros. Ernest Morris, F. Armitage, George Wales, and P. E. Gates were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Dunaway was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

THE DEATH'S-HEAD MOTH.

The Death's-head Moth is one of the largest of our British subjects. It is so named, on account of the great resemblance of the markings on the thorax, to a human skull and cross-bones, and through its bearing this distinctive markings and name, it is looked upon by many persons as a most uncanny and dreadful creature, and is said by some to be a sure forerunner of death. It is also capable of producing a squeaking sound, which is another cause of fear. The moth often measures as much as five inches in expanse of wings. The upper wings are brownish black, spotted and lined with reddish yellow, the under ones being yellow with two black paralld marginal lines. The body is reddish yellow, with black cross bars, and a black stripe down the centre of the back. The skull and cross-bones on the thorax, which is blackish brown are yellow. The caterpillar of this moth frequently measures over four inches in length, so that one measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, is not, as have been affirmed, a "champion specimen." Its colour is of a yellowish green, with seven oblique purplish markings on each side. It feeds chiefly on jessamine, elder, and potato leaves, but it is rarely seen, as it procures its food at night. This summer the death's-head moth has been more plentiful than usual, and records of the capture of it, and of its lava, have been announced from many parts of the country.

INSECTS VALUABLE IN THE ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

The insect which produces the gall-nut is of the genus *Cynips*. The galls originate on the leaves of a species of oak, very common throughout Asia Minor, in many parts of which they are collected by the poorer inhabitants, and exported from Smyrna, Aleppo, and other ports in the Levant, as well as from the East Indies, whither a part of those collected are now carried. The galls most esteemed are those known in commerce under the name of *blue galls*, being the produce of the first gathering before the fly has issued from the gall. The galls which have escaped the first searches, and from most of which the fly has emerged, are called *white galls*, and are of a very inferior character, containing less of the astringent principle than the blue galls. The white and blue galls are usually imported, mixed in about equal proportions, and are called "galls in sorts." If no substitute equal to galls as a constituent part of ink has been discovered, the same may be said of these productions, as one of the most important of our dyeing materials constantly employed in dyeing black. Other dyeing drugs are afforded by insects, the principal of which are *Chermes*, *Cochineal*, *Lace-lake*, and *Lac-dye*, all of which are furnished by different species of *Coccus*. The first of these *Coccus ilicis*, found abundantly upon a small species of evergreen oak, common in the south of France, and many other parts of the world, has been employed to impart a blood red or crimson dye to cloth from the earliest ages, and was known to the Phœnicians before the time of Moses under the name of *Tola* or *Thola*, to the Greeks under that of *Coccus*, and to the Arabians and Persians under that of *Kermes* or *Alkermes*; whence from epithet *vermiculatum* given to it in the middle ages, when it was ascertained to be the produce of a worm, have sprung the Latin *coccineus*, the French *cramoisi* and *vermeil*, and our *crimson* and *vermilion*. It was most probably with this substance that the curtains of the Jewish tabernacle were dyed deep red (which the word scarlet then implied, not the colour now so called, which was not known in the reign of James I., when the Bible was translated); it was with this that the Grecians and Romans produced their crimson, and from the same source was derived the imperishable reds of the Brussels and other Flemish tapestries. In short, previous to the discovery of cochineal, this was the material usually used for dyeing the most brilliant red then known; *Cochineal*, the *Coccus cacti*, is, doubtless, the most valuable product for which the dyer is indebted to insects, and, with the exception, perhaps, of indigo, the most important of dyeing materials. Though the Spaniards found it employed by the natives of Mexico, where alone it is cultivated, on their arrival in that country in 1518, its true nature was not accurately ascertained for nearly two centuries afterwards. Acosta, indeed, as early as 1530, had stated it to be an insect, but, led apparently by its external appearance, it was believed by Europeans in general to be the seed of a plant, until by dissections and microscopical observations its real origin was incontrovertibly proved. This insect, which comes to us in the form of a reddish shrivelled grain, covered with a white powder or bloom, feeds on a particular kind of Indian fig, called in Mexico—where alone cochineal is produced in any quantity—*Nopal*, which has always been supposed to be the *Cactus cochinifer*, but, according to Humboldt, is, unquestionably, a distinct species, which bears fruit internally white. Cochineal is chiefly cultivated in the Intendency of Oaxaca; and some plantations contain 50,000 or 60,000 nopals in lines, each being kept about four feet high for more easy access in collecting the dye. The cultivators prefer the most prickly varieties of the plant, as affording protection to the cochineal from insects; to prevent which from depositing their eggs in the flower or fruit, both are carefully cut off. The greatest quantity, however, of cochineal employed in commerce is produced in small nopales belonging to Indians of extreme poverty, called *Nopalers*. They plant their nopales in cleared ground on the slopes of mountains or ravines, two or three leagues distant from their villages; and when properly cleaned, the plants are in a condition to maintain the cochineal in the third year. As a stock, the proprietor, in April or May, purchases branches or joints of the *Tuna de Castilla*, laden with small cochineal insects recently hatched (*Senilla*). These branches, which may be bought in the market of Oaxaca for about three francs (2s. 6d.) the 100, are kept for 20 days in the interior of their huts, and then exposed to the open air under a shed, where, from their succulency, they continue to live for several months. In August and September the mother cochineal insects, now big with young, are placed in nests made of a plant called *Paxtle*, which are distributed upon the nopals. In about four months the first gathering may be made, which in the course of the year is succeeded by two or more profitable harvests. In colder climates the *semilla* is not placed upon the nopals until October or even December, when it is necessary to shelter the young insects by covering the nopals with rush mats, and the harvests are proportionately later and unproductive. Much care is necessary in the tedious operation of gathering the cochineal from the nopals, which is performed with a squirrel or stag's tail by the Indian women, who for this purpose squat down for hours together beside one plant. The cochineal insects are killed either by throwing them

into boiling water, by exposing them in heaps to the sun or by placing them in the ovens used for vapour baths. The last of these methods, which is least in use, preserves the whitish powder on the body of the cochineal, which being thus less subject to the adulterations so often practised by the Indians, bears a higher price both in America and Europe. The quantity annually exported from South America was said by Humboldt to be, at the time he wrote, 32,000 arrobas, there worth £500,040 sterling—a vast amount to arise from so small an insect, and well calculated to show us the absurdity of despising any animals on account of their minuteness. So important was the acquisition of this insect regarded that the Court of Directors of the East India Company formerly offered a reward of £6000 to any one who should introduce it into India, where hitherto the Company had only succeeded in procuring from Brazil the wild kind producing the *sylvestre* cochineal, which is of very inferior value. The true cochineal insect and the Cactus on which it feeds are said to have been of late years successfully introduced into Spain and the French colony of Algiers.

GENERAL REMARKS ON ART DURING THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

Sculpture had made considerable progress in France, as having been emancipated from Gothic forms and system by John Gougeon, at least for half a century before any effort of skill, taste, or variety in design had appeared in England. The tomb of Diana of Poitiers, in the chapel of the Castle d'Anet, was composed of a sarcophagus, placed on a square, having four female figures at the angles, sculptured in wood, by Germain Pilon, in 1570. The principal figure is kneeling upon the sarcophagus. Nothing of so classical an adaptation was seen here before the middle of the reign of James the First. The effigies, if two, were extended upon a very large slab, and composed of white marble or alabaster, and the latter of black marble, called by the statuary touch-stone. A better taste prevailed in abandoning colour and gilding, excepting for the blazonry. These figures were frequently copied from whole length portraits, and were well proportioned, and exquisitely finished as to the drapery and armour. Another fashion was to place the figure as kneeling in prayer before a desk, borrowed from the French, especially for ecclesiastics or for soldiers, with a casque placed before them. Sometimes a man was represented as recumbent and leaning upon his elbow, as a deviation from the prostrate position. In Westminster Abbey the monument of Queen Elizabeth and that of Mary Queen of Scots, of larger dimensions, were composed from the same plan and of the same materials, and were likewise the work of the same artists. The king, as we have seen, did not spare a sumptuous expense for this proof of gratitude and filial piety. Both these monuments are chiefly of an architectural character. The royal effigies lie upon raised table tombs. There is a vast entablature, supported by four columns, with Corinthian capitals, from which springs a high circular arch, finished by a superstructure, exhibiting the arms and supporters. In the monument of Sir Francis Vere a more theatre attempt is made by the introduction of personages, as in life, accompanying the dead. He is placed on a ground slab in a loose robe; four knights are represented as kneeling, but in varied postures, who support another plinth, upon which a complete suit of armour is disposed in different pieces. In that of Lord Morris, which is of large dimension, his six sons (celebrated warriors) in armour, of the size of life, kneel round his tomb, and are doubtless portraits of them. These, which may be deemed statuary, required the talents of a sculptor, and, however void of classical simplicity or correctness, are entitled to the praise of skilful labour, and afford most interesting evidence of the state of the art at the commencement of the 17th century.

GENERAL NOTES.

"My Best Girl" is the title given by Messrs. Seymour Hicks and P. Greenbank to their new vaudeville, for which Mr. Walter Slaughter has composed the music. The piece will be brought out by Mr. Frohman, primarily in America, about the middle of September.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to give adequate expression to the feeling of horror with which the announcement was received by the British public that an attempt had been made on the life of the President of the United States. Every one is hoping—and, according to the latest telegrams from the City of Buffalo, where the foul deed was done, not without justification for the hope—that the life of that exalted personage may be spared. But whether he recover or succumb to the dangerous wounds inflicted on him by his assailant, the whole civilised world will be filled with indignation that the ruler of no State, be it an absolute or constituted monarchy, or a republic, is safe from these dastardly attempts of the brutal Anarchist, who respects neither divine nor human law, and apparently has no other object than to cause a widespread terror and grief among all classes and conditions of men. The men who murdered the Empress of Austria and the King of Italy, who attempted the life of his Majesty when Prince of Wales, and who have just dangerously injured President McKinley, are, as one of our evening contemporaries described them, "human beasts," and should be dealt with as such.

As Masons we are a non-political body, nor do we concern ourselves about forms and government or the party by whom a government is administered. The principle by which we are actuated is that of loyalty to all constituted authority, whatever may be its form and by whomsoever it may be exercised. But these murderers or would-be murderers of Sovereigns and Presidents are the avowed enemies of all constituted authority and of all who exercise it, and in advocating the infliction of the death penalty on them we are keeping well within the four corners of our Masonic faith.

It seems to us that no objection—no reasonable objection—can be taken to the arguments of the Grand Registrar in supporting the resolution, upon which, at the instance of his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge was invited to express its sense, and which it adopted without a dissentient voice. There can be no doubt whatever that, in warranting a lodge at Copenhagen the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has violated what may be called the inter-jurisdictional law of Masonry, nor, as it appears, is this by any means the first occasion on which it has done so. Once a Grand Lodge is recognised as the supreme Masonic authority in any State or District, it is opposed to all law and justice, to say nothing of the courtesies due from one Masonic body to another, for another Grand Lodge to claim to exercise any of the rights or prerogatives appertaining to supremacy within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge affected; and the offence in this instance is aggravated by the persistency of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg in maintaining its claim—in spite of the protests of the Grand Lodge of Denmark—to form a lodge of its own in Danish territory.

We have before called attention to a somewhat similar case, which occurred a few years ago, and in which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba warranted a lodge at Gibraltar. But as soon as our Grand Lodge

authorities pointed out that English lodges under an English District Grand Lodge were already established there, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba made the *amende honorable*, and cancelled its warrant. This is what the Grand Lodge of Hamburg ought to have done when the Grand Lodge of Denmark courteously protested against the invasion of its territory, nor will it add to the prestige which the former enjoys in Masonry should it persist in doing what it has not the shadow of a claim to do. We trust, for the sake of Masonry, that wiser counsels will prevail, and that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg will withdraw from the offensive position it has taken up towards the sister Grand Lodge of Denmark.

The voting papers for the School elections next month have been issued this week, and with them the lists of candidates, as to the number and distribution of which we shall have occasion to offer our usual remarks next week. The days on which the elections will take place are—for the Girls' School, Thursday, the 10th, and for the Boys' School, Friday, the 11th October.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. W. Vincent, P.G. Std. Br. The Secretary reported the deaths of two Male annuitants, and the Committee accepted, after due examination, the petitions of one Male and two Widow Candidates.

We are informed that Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriot, K.C., P.G.D., has resigned the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, which he held for many years under H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., lately the Grand Master of the Province.

We have been favoured with a copy of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at a special meeting held at Eastleigh on the 22nd June, and at the annual meeting at Aldershot on the 6th August last. At the former, it was announced that the subscriptions to the "Beach Presentation" to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, intended to serve as a memorial of the Prov. Grand Master's chairmanship at the 103rd Anniversary Festival of that Institution on the 26th of the same month, amounted to upwards of £1200, and on the motion of Bro. Harold R. Pink, Prov. S.G.W., seconded by Bro. C. F. Simmons, Prov. J.G.W., it was unanimously agreed that the balance necessary to complete the amount required (£1627 10s.) should be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge. It was further unanimously resolved, on the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, that a special grant by the Provincial Grand Lodge should be made to the Boys' School in honour of Bro. Beach's chairmanship, it being agreed that the amount of the grant should be 500 guineas (£525).

The annual meeting was held, on the day originally fixed, under the most mournful circumstances. The Prov. G. Master had made arrangements to preside in person, had selected the brethren on whom he intended to confer Provincial office during the ensuing year, and would have been most warmly congratulated on the splendid success of the Boys' School Festival, at which he had presided on the 26th June, and the sum of £23,000 had been raised in donations and subscriptions. But this, alas! was not to be. The necessary business of the Prov. G. Lodge was done, and the newly-appointed Prov. G. Officers who were in attendance were invested, but in place of the vote or address of congratulation to their respected chief, a resolution of sympathy with the widow and family of their late chief—who had succumbed three days previously to injuries he had received in being thrown out of a cab—was adopted in solemn silence. It devolved on Bro. Edgar Goble, as Dep. P.G.M. in charge, to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of their late revered chief, who had been thus suddenly taken from them, and he is to be congratulated on the able and impressive manner in which he performed his melancholy task.

Freemasonry in the United States appears to have sustained exceptionally severe losses by death during the past eight or 10 months, but in a country where there are more than 800,000 subscribing members of lodges, the death-roll must necessarily be a long one. But it does not often happen that as many as six out of 50 Grand Secretaries die within the brief space we

have mentioned. With one exception all these Grand Secretaries had been in office for nearly 20 years and upwards, while all of them died in harness. Such losses as these tell heavily upon the Grand lodges, the successful administration of which is so largely dependent on the ability and powers of organisation of these officers.

The best known of these six distinguished Masons—Bro. Theodore S. Parvin—who had been Grand Secretary for more than half a century—is the subject of one of our leading articles, and there is no need for us to refer to him again. Bro. John Warren Laffin, who died August 30th, 1900, had been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for 17 years, his original election dating from 1883, while Bro. Henry Clay Armstrong, who died on the 17th December last, some few days after the annual meeting of his Grand Lodge, was appointed Grand Secretary of Alabama in 1892. Bro. William Reynolds Singleton was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, District of Columbia, from 1875 till his death on the 23rd February, 1901. Bro. E. Carroll Parmelee, Grand Secretary of Colorado, was a still older official, having been appointed in 1866, and retained his post till death claimed him on May 10th, 1901; and Bro. Edwin Baker, who only survived his Colorado colleague five days, was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island from 1872 till the 15th May last. We sympathise with the Grand Lodges which have lost such distinguished officers.

At a meeting held on the 2nd instant, a further step was taken in connection with the institution of a library for the Bournemeth Masonic Lodge of Instruction. The Preceptor reported gifts of books from Bro. Hy. Sadler, Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., and promises from others. A librarian will be appointed, and the books properly catalogued and cared for. Brethren who are interested in the movement are invited to send any Masonic works they may have to spare either to the Preceptor or the Secretary.

An interesting announcement was made in the Masonic banqueting hall in College-street, Whitehaven, on Monday, the 2nd instant, by Bro. Wilson Hastwell, who has just been honoured by being appointed Worshipful Master for a second year. It is safe to state that no member of the Craft takes a greater interest in Freemasonry in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland than Bro. John Barr, P.M., who is almost invariably in attendance at the meetings of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119. Few, if any, members can show such a record. It is exactly 40 years since that Bro. Barr joined the Craft, at Whitehaven, he having been initiated on September 2nd, 1861, and during that long period of service he has only been absent from two ordinary lodge meetings. When this announcement was made to the members present it was received with enthusiastic cheering, and "Hearty good wishes" were expressed that Bro. Barr might long be spared to render his invaluable services to Freemasonry in general and to his mother lodge in particular.

The *Indian Freemason* of the 15th July contains a further instalment of the "History of Freemasonry in Western India," by Bro. I. M. Shields, Past Dep. Dist. G. Master of Bombay. There is also a full report of the Half-yearly Convocation of the Dist. Grand Chapter of Bengal, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Comp. the Hon. Sir H. Thoby Prinsep, on the 29th March last. At this meeting three donations of 100 Rupees each were voted to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund, the Bengal Masonic Association, and the Masonic Hall Building Fund respectively. The Dist. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were also appointed.

It is noteworthy in reference to this periodical that after an 18 months' experience as a bi-monthly it has, with this July number, reverted to its old monthly issue. In making this announcement—to which we have before referred—our contemporary states that as a bi-monthly it was published at a loss, and it has very wisely dropped the extra issue. It certainly deserved that its efforts to enable the Fraternity to obtain fuller information should have received a more liberal measure of support. It is a well-conducted journal, and though its reports of meetings are rather late in appearing, its information is trustworthy.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall esteem it a favour if you will intimate to your readers that the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight having completed the purchase of a Perpetual Presentation to this Institution in memory of its lamented chief, the late Bro. W. W. B. Beach, has nominated for admission to the Institution the boy Leonard Darby, No. 37, on the list of candidates for the election on Friday, 11th October next.

As it is not possible for the name to be removed from the list on the voting papers (which have this day been issued to the subscribers), your intimation of the fact may prevent the loss of votes which otherwise might be recorded in favour of this boy.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Offices, 6, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

J. M. McLEOD.

10th September.

Secretary.

ENGLISH LODGES IN AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The disappearance from the roll of the Grand Lodge of England of the 35 lodges that now form the Grand Lodge of Western Australia brings to mind the fact that there is, nevertheless, one lodge left that prefers to remain under its old banner. I refer to the Plantagenet Lodge, No. 1454, at Albany, which also, strange to say, declined to join the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia when that district was constituted in 1887, and has consequently ever since it was warranted in 1873 been in direct communication with its Grand Lodge in London.

If to this lodge at Albany be added the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, in New South Wales, and the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, in Victoria, there is accordingly one English lodge remaining in three Australian States where independent Grand Lodges are working.

I am aware that regret is often expressed in various quarters that these solitary lodges decline to fall in with the present order of affairs; but, on the other hand, there is some reason and sentiment to consider in the matter. In that far-off and important territory belonging to the British Empire there are quite a number of old English Masons, who, whilst approving of independent Grand Lodges in their several States, nevertheless are averse to severing their Masonic connection with the land of their birth, and, consequently, they consider that one English lodge affords them the opportunity of retaining their active connection with the Grand Lodge of England. Apart from sentiment, therefore, necessity may also be fairly allowed.

In conclusion, I may, perhaps, adduce a similar incident to the foregoing in connection with the Irish Constitution. I refer to South Australia, the oldest of the Australian Grand Lodges. In 1885, when that Grand Lodge was inaugurated, one Irish lodge did not give in its adherence to the principle of local government. This was the Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 363, in Adelaide. In this instance, however, there were insuperable difficulties in the way, in that a former member bequeathed real property to the lodge, to hold and enjoy so long as it remained under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It was, therefore, a case of "willy nilly" with the brethren of the Duke of Leinster Lodge.—Fraternally yours

W. F. LAMONBY.

September 7th.

ANOTHER MASONIC VAGRANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am requested by my lodge to notify you of a wandering Mason giving the name of F—, H—, and producing a letter to him from the Secretary of Walpole Lodge, 1500, Norwich.

He called on me last Friday, and stated that he had failed to find our Almoner at home. He produced the enclosed letter, and said he was in great need. I gave him 2s. to help him on to Cambridge, and on laying the case last night before our lodge several of the brethren, including our I.P.M., stated that they had assisted him the same day both before and after his visit to me.

GEORGE HICKS,

St. Ivo Lodge, 2684.

September 10.

Wednesday,

Sept. 4th, 1901.

Sir,

I am an old Freemason hard up on the road. Your name has been given me, and I trust you will excuse me calling on you; but God only know how grateful I should be of a small trifle to help me on.

I regret to say I have lost my home through a bad partner, and had 16 weeks laid up with blood poison.—Faithfully yours,

F. H—L—TT.

I enclose you a letter from my mother lodge when ill.

The September Magazines.

The following magazines came to hand too late for review in our last issue:

The Argosy contains besides the conclusion of the serial, "Malicious Fortune," the following capital complete tales: "The Broader Outlook," "As We Foregive Them," "A Fair Frondeuse," "The Convalescence of the Boy," and "The Understudy." Havelock Ellis contributes a further paper on "In Modern Spain," dealing this time with the women of Spain. T. Fortelus has a scholarly and most interesting article which he entitles "Under the Stars," while the Rev. Alexander Robertson, D.D., of Venice, discourses in a way that will prove of incomparable interest to all lovers of painting on the great art discovery of a lost Titian and a lost Velasquez.

Chambers's Journal, besides the serial "The Love Affairs of Julius Standen," offers its readers the following complete tales: "The Story of John

Cornell," a South Sea Island tale by Louis Becke; "Fate and an Alias" and "The Track-Grader," by Harold Bindloss. The story of De Wet's first and worst repulse, viz., that which he sustained after 19 days' fighting at Wepener, is told by F. R. O'Neill, of the Cape Mounted Rifles. Of the many interesting and instructive papers always to be found in this journal, perhaps the best this time are those on the history of artificial eyes, life-saving on our coasts, the new system of working railway signals, the existing laws on salmon fishery, a century of the steamship, and private electrical installations. The selections of verse and the science and art notes are also well worthy of perusal.

The Lady's Magazine opens with an illustrated article in which some of the best known pictures of children are reproduced, followed by another which suggests gardening as a new occupation for women, and explaining how the tricks of the trade can be learnt at the Royal Botanic Gardening School. "With Rod and Gun" describes some famous lady shots and anglers, and there is a comical sketch on "The Skirt and the Woman," by a man. Helen M. Carpenter describes how Indian baskets are made, and Mrs. Elsner contributes the usual fashion notes. In fiction, besides the continuation of Mr. Croker's serial, "The Cat's Paw," the following complete tales appear: "Pardners," "What Might have been Expected," "Accordin' to Solomon," and "The Girl with no Heart," also the usual miscellany of storyettes.

The Windsor Magazine opens with an interesting illustrated article on royal vessels of state and pleasure. British orchids are described, with reproductions of photographs by Thos. E. Williams, and the unwritten laws of cricket are described by W. J. Ford. A conversation with Sir Thos. Lipton has elicited the story of the evolution of a great business, while other interesting papers are those on curious pets, river sports, Newgate, and political leaders in New Zealand, and Cutcliffe Hyne in "Thompson's Progress," relates the episode of the might have been Mrs. Thompson. Barry Pain contributes another of his City Chronicles, and there is a further instalment of the exciting serial, "The Heart of a Mystery." The complete tales include "An Attack of the Blues," "His Retaining Fee," "Love on a See-Saw," and "A Shocking Mesalliance," the last by E. Phillips Oppenheim. The illustrations in the current number are even more excellent than usual.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

THE LATE BRO. T. S. PARVIN, G. SECRETARY IOWA.

The following is the tribute of respect and record to which we refer in our article, and which we feel sure will be perused with mournful interest by our readers:

To the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of our Constituent Lodges;

To Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa;

To all Grand Bodies with whom we are in Fraternal Correspondence;

To all Free and Accepted Masons, wherever dispersed:

My Dear Brethren:

The angel of the "sleep that knows no waking" has again entered the portals of this Grand Lodge, and taken therefrom to the land of light and life eternal one of its organisers, a Past Grand Master,

THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN,

who for more than half a century was its illustrious and beloved Grand Secretary.

He passed away at the home of his son, in Cedar Rapids, on the twenty-eighth day of June, A.L. 5901. The ceremonies attending his funeral were in charge of the officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa. The remains were taken to Iowa City, his former home, on the first day of July, where, as the mellowed rays of the setting sun were disappearing o'er the hill-tops, they were gently and sadly laid in their final resting-place in its beautiful cemetery.

"O Grave! A sacred trust

To thee is given! No common ashes sleep

Within thy guardian arms; securely keep

This consecrated dust,

Till, quickened with new life, it shall arise,

A glorious body, fitted for the skies!"

From Iowa's territorial days, to the time of his death, Brother Parvin devoted his energies and time to the development of its interests and the upbuilding of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Turn where we may, we find on every side abundant evidence of his industry and the fertility of his brain. The impress of his noble character is seen in our literature and in our laws. The world has been greatly enriched, and mankind made better by his unsullied life and works.

"The tidal wave of deeper souls

Into our inmost being rolls."

and thus unconsciously raises us to regions of purer thoughts and stimulates us to greater achievements. The Temple built by him is singularly beautiful and symmetrical, and will live through the centuries, an undecaying monument to his fidelity, integrity, and zeal.

As a testimonial of the esteem in which our deceased Brother Parvin was held by the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, and as a mark of respect to his memory, it is my order that this memorial be read at the first regular meeting of each lodge in this Jurisdiction after its receipt, and that the altar and jewels of each lodge in Iowa be appropriately draped in mourning for the period of thirty days hereafter.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Grand Secretary to affix the seal of the Grand Lodge, this 22nd day of July, A.D. 1901, A.L. 5901.

L. J. BAKER,

Grand Master.

Attest:

NEWTON R. PARVIN,
Grand Secretary.



ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY.—Raised to the Degree of Master Mason May 9, 1838, in Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati, Ohio. Participated in the organisation of the first lodge (Des Moines, No. 1) in Iowa, 1840. Participated in organisation of second lodge (Iowa, No. 2), in Iowa, at Muscatine, 1841; filled the offices of Senior Deacon, Worshipful Master, and Secretary. Delegate to the Convention organising the Grand Lodge of Iowa, January, 1844. Elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge at its organisation (1844), and held the office continuously to

the time of his death, with the exception of the year he served as Grand Master. Founded and organised the Grand Library, 1844. Grand Librarian, 1844, and continued in office till death. Grand Master, 1852-3. Reporter on Foreign Correspondence, 1845-52, 1857, 1859, 1878-92. Grand Orator, 1863. Prepared first Code of Laws for Grand Lodge. Edited the full set of Annals of the Grand Lodge. Present at every annual session of Grand Lodge, 1844-1900. Official signature on every charter issued by Grand Lodge, 1844-1900.

CAPITULAR.—Exalted in Iowa City Chapter, No. 2, January 7, 1845. Petitioner for Washington Chapter, No. 4, Muscatine, 1852. King Washington Chapter, No. 4, 1852, and High Priest in 1853. Grand High Priest Grand Chapter, 1854. Grand Secretary Grand Chapter, 1855 and 1856. Represented Grand Chapter in General Grand Chapter for many years. Reporter on Foreign Correspondence Grand Chapter, 1874.

CRYPTIC.—Created a Royal and Select Master in Dubuque Council, No. 3, September 27, 1847. Thrice Illustrious Master Webb Council, No. 1, Muscatine, 1855. Presided over Convention organising Grand Council of Iowa, 1857. Elected Grand Recorder Grand Council, 1857. Most Puissant Grand Master, 1860.

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTHOOD.—Knighthood January 18, 1855, in Apollo Encampment, No. 1, Chicago, Ill. Eminent Commander De Molay Encampment, 1855-60, Muscatine. Represented Commandery in General Grand Encampment, 1856 and 1859. Member of Convention organising Grand Commandery of Iowa, 1864. First Grand Commander of Iowa, 1864, and re-elected 1865. Represented Grand Commandery in Grand Encampment, 1865, 1868, and 1871. Reporter Foreign Correspondence Grand Commandery Iowa, 1871.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.—Elected Active 33° for Iowa in 1859, which position he held continuously till death. Introduced the Rite into Iowa, September, 1867, at Keokuk, Des Moines, Davenport, Dubuque, and Lyons. Presided over Convention organising Grand Consistory of Iowa, 1868. Represented the Rite in Supreme Council, Charleston, 1868; St. Louis, 1868; and Louisville, 1872.

NATIONAL.—Elected to membership in Supreme Council, S. J., at Charleston, 1859, and received at the hands of Albert Pike, S.G.C., the 33°, or S.G.I.G., at a special session in Chicago, 1859. Elected Grand Chamberlain in 1870, and Grand Minister of State, 1872. Chairman Committee on Jurisprudence in General Grand Chapter, 1856. Grand Recorder Grand Encampment Knights Templar, 1871, and continued in office for 15 years. Founder and Builder of the Library of the Grand Encampment on Templarism and Templar Masonry. Invested with the Royal Order of Scotland in 1878.

In addition to this record, our brother also organised the Grand Bodies of Dakota, and the Grand Commandery of Nebraska. His name was enrolled as an honorary member in numerous bodies, including Veterans' Associations, and he has been the Grand Representative of various Masonic bodies both at home and abroad. His contributions to Masonic literature placed him among the leading writers and thinkers of the Craft.

Craft Masonry.

St. Anne's Lodge, No. 893.

The little town of St. Anne's, Alderney, was *en fête* on Tuesday the 27th ult. owing to an important function taking place in the St. Anne's Lodge; this being the jubilee festival of the lodge, which has been looked forward to by the local Fraternity for some time. A number of brethren from Jersey and Guernsey had been expected to take part, but although the s.s. Courier waited for the arrival of the steamer from Jersey, not one member put in an appearance, the rough weather probably accounting for this. A large number of Guernsey brethren, however, arrived, and proceeded to the States Schools, which had been turned into a lodge banquet room, &c.

The Prov. G. Master of Guernsey and Alderney, Bro. Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, with the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge, and assisted by distinguished brethren from Hampshire, Cambridge, and Norwich, and Bro. J. W. Hamling, P.P.G. Reg. of Jersey (who is on a visit to the island), having formally opened the lodge, at once proceeded to form a procession, and marched through the streets to the St. Anne's Church. The procession attracted a large number of people *en route*. The brethren made a brave show in their blue aprons, the Prov. G. Officers with their rich adornments and many jewels, and the two Chaplains in cassock, surplice, and stole, forming quite a galaxy of colour.

A most impressive service was conducted by Bros. Revs. E. F. P. Colman and P. Mesney, Prov. G. Chaps., the former giving an address on the "Beauty of unity and brotherly love," taking as his text the Psalm cxxii. A collection was taken for the Charities of St. Anne's Lodge, and the procession returned in the reverse order to which it had entered, the Chaplains leading.

The business of the lodge was then proceeded with, and tea having been partaken of, the impressive ceremony of consecrating a Royal Arch chapter was conducted by Comp. Dr. Cockburn, as G. Superintendent, assisted by Comps. Colonel Price, R.A., Dr. Corbin, Captain Arnold, R.A., and J. W. Hamling. The installation of Principals for the new chapter was then gone through, these first officers being Comps. N. Barbenson, Judge of Alderney, Dr. Livesay, and N. Gaudon.

Thus terminated a series of Masonic ceremonies which it has fallen to the lot of few to be present at. The faultless carrying out of the rituals by Bro. Dr. Cockburn, who is well known in Jersey, the hearty co-operation of his officers, and the indefatigable zeal and energy of Bro. Nichols, Prov. G. Sec., on whom the onus of the whole proceedings lay, was the admiration of all.

The ceremony being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a choice menu had been provided. The usual toasts and harmony were carried out, and all dismissed at midnight, the proceedings lasting from 2 p.m. to 12 p.m.

The following are the founders and first members of St. Anne's Chapter, No. 593: Comps. Jas. Balfour Cockburn, G. Supt.; Major C. W. Carrell, P.G.S.B. Eng.; E. K. Corbin, Prov. G.H.; E. Chepmell Ozanne, P.P.G.H.; H. W. Stickland, P.P.G.H.; T. M. Richard, Prov. G.J.; John Bate Nickolls, Prov. G.S.E.; Haighton Wilkins, Prov. G.S.N.; J. T. Laine, Prov. G. Treas.; R. M. Smythson, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Stranger, Prov. G.P.S.; R. H. Randall, P.P.P.G.S.; Col. T. C. Price, P.P.G.S. Kent; J. W. Hamling, P.P.G.S. Jersey; Capt. W. N. Arnold, P.P.G.S. Norfolk; R. B. Rowcliffe, Prov. G. Std. Br.; N. P. Le C. Barbenson, Prov. G.D.C.; J. H. Guilbert, P.Z. 84; W. Oakley Welsford, P.Z. 1321, S.E. 157; E. W. Livesey, S4, H. designate; N. W. Gaudon, J4, J. designate; R. G. May, S4, P.S. designate; M. V. Barton, H. C. Connor, A. A. Henley, G. F. Peek, T. Miller-Davis, and J. Calver Kelly, of S4; T. L. Weldon, 125; G. M. Abernethy, 143; W. D. Murdoch, G. A. Eastland, and W. H. Lovell, of 243; E. T. Corbet, F. G. Hicks, and H. H. Randell, of 2598; M. A. Nowe, A. C. Gaudon, P. S. Mesny, and W. Hammond.

Western District United Service Lodge, No. 2252.
ANNUAL BANQUET.

The annual banquet of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 4th inst., the W.M., Bro. F. Mortimore, R.M.L.I., presiding.

Bro. F. B. Westlake, P.D.G.D.C. Eng., responding for "The Grand Lodge," said it must be gratifying to them as a service lodge to know that they had now at the head of the Order one of the finest soldiers in the land. They had the King as Patron, and his only brother, the Duke of Connaught, as Grand Master. As the members of that lodge travelled all over the world they must feel that it was a great advantage to them that Royalty should be connected with the Order. He had heard it said in Grand Lodge by Colonial brethren that they were first attracted to the Order by the fact of the Prince of Wales, as he then was, being at its head. He (Bro. Westlake) had been entrusted by Devonshire! Freemasons with the votes of the province for the great Masonic Charities, and he did his best to get their candidates elected. He could say that there were very few deserving cases came before them which did not get help. Freemasonry was not a benefit society, but they were a great brotherhood, and it was a comfort to all of them to know that those whom they might leave behind them would not be neglected. With regard to their local Charities, he was glad to say they had recently received two noble additions. Through the sympathy of the trustees of the bequest of the late Bro. R. B. West, the Fortescue Fund for aged Devonshire Freemasons, received 500 guineas, in addition to 500 guineas to the similar institution in London. (Applause.) Then they knew a presentation had been made to their esteemed and deserving Bro. Stocker, and the cheque, which formed part of the presentation, Bro. Stocker had handed over to the Devon Educational Fund. (Applause.) He (Bro. Westlake) would now commend to their special support the Devon Widows' Fund, so that that Fund should not come far short of the other two in means, to carry on its beneficent work. The management of all their local Charities was a labour of love, and all they gave was devoted to the purpose for which it was given. (Hear, hear.) Some people complained that it was not so with the great London Charities; but they had such enormous sums to administer—£142,000 was collected at one dinner for one of them—that they were obliged to have good officials giving their undivided attention to their work.

Bros. D. Cross, P.P.G. Treas., and John Davidson, P.P.G. Std. Br., replied to the toast of "The Prov. G. Lodge."

Bro. F. H. Teague, R.M., S.W., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was very heartily received.

Bro. Mortimore having acknowledged the compliment, proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. G. H. Clark, M.S.C.," and presented Bro. Clark with a Past Master's jewel and collar, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which the lodge held him, and in appreciation of his excellent work as Master during the past year.

Bro. Clark, in returning thanks, said he should treasure their gift as long as he lived, and he should always look back with pleasure upon the happy hours he had spent in the chair during his year of office.

The Treasurer, Bro. H. S. Best, P.P.G. Std. Br., and the Secretary, Bro. J. Davidson, were next toasted.

The Treasurer stated that their finances were satisfactory. During his eight years of office they had given £200 to Charities, which was not bad for a lodge with half its members abroad. They also had a Benevolent Fund of their own, amounting to £70.

Bros. Davidson and Green responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Green afterwards proposed "The Wardens and Assistant Officers," for whom Bros. F. H. Teague, S.W.; J. P. Hamilton, J.W.; J. Davis, I.G.; J. Wood, Org.; and F. Hammett and J. H. Davidson, Stwds., replied.

The toast of "The Founders of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Davidson, and responded to by Bro. Cross, the only Founder present, who met with a cordial reception.

Bro. Bertain proposed "The Visitors," for whom Bros. Bush, Sach, Wright, and Soper responded.

Sackville Lodge, No. 16.9.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WALLACE H. HILLS.

On the 3rd instant the annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, East Grinstead. Bro. Wallace H. Hills was installed by Bro. G. Mitchell, P.P.G. Purst., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and subsequently the newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follow: Bros. H. Young, S.W.; W. J. S. Mann, J.W.; E. Alston Head, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; A. M. Betchley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; James Harrison, P.M., I.P.M.; W. J. Dunthorne, S.D.; E. P. Whitley Hughes, J.D.; G. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., D. of C.; G. H. Lynn, I.G.; E. F. Hunt, Org.; C. J. Rowe, Tyler; and H. Edmund Mathews and H. Daniels, Stwds.

The brethren, together with a number of visitors from several lodges in the Sussex Province and elsewhere afterwards dined together at the White Lion Hotel.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Royal Arch.

Hamer Chapter, No. 1393.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at Alexandra Hotel, Liverpool. Present: Comps. B. J. Hobson, M.E.Z.; E. Henshaw, H.; J. A. Morris, J.; A. Cross, P.P.A.G. Soj., Treas.; F. Minshall, S.E.; J. L. Cross, S.N.; W. Fowle, P.S.; J. S. Bird, 1st Asst. S.; J. E. Gabbitt, Stwd.; F. du Chemin, Janitor; A. H. Davis, I.P.Z.; W. H. Bucknall, P.Z., P.P.A.G. Soj.; and E. Pritchard, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. W. J. Guilbert, P.Z. 823; F. W. Knight, S.E. 823; John Paton, J. 1553, Argentine Republic; and W. J. Doran, Prov. G. Janitor. Comp. E. Pritchard officiated as installing Principal.

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Unity Lodge, No. 381.
INSTALLATION OF BRO. S. CRANE.

The annual installation festival in connection with the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Crown Hotel, Ringwood, on the 3rd instant, when there was a good gathering of brethren. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. S. Crane, was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Homewood, P.S.G.D., and the new W.M. subsequently installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. F. Hibbs, S.W.; E. W. Ingamells, J.W.; A. T. Borthwick, M.O.; W. E. Odium, S.O.; S. H. Humphry, J.O.; J. Harwood, P.P.G.R., Chap.; F. Hibbs, Treas.; W. Farrance, P.P.G.O., Sec.; J. W. Davis, P.P.S.G.D., R. of M.; Crockett, S.D.; J. Selley, J.D.; Osmond, I.G.; A. Macklin, P.P.G.M.O., Org.; J. C. Webber, P.P. J.G.O., D.C.; E. Jones and S. Foster, Stewards; and G. Bursey, Tyler. A resolution of condolence on the death of the late Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was passed.

At the installation banquet which followed the new W.M., Bro. S. Crane, presided.

Among those present, in addition to most of those mentioned above, were Bros. J. J. Brazier, P.M. 125; C. Pearce, W.M. 125; H. Merrick, P.M. 213, P.P.G. Std. Br. Bengal; H. J. Sydenham, P.P.G.M.O. Dorset; A. James, 137; R. Blake, and Fowler.

The usual toast list was gone through.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Pearce, Brazier, Fowler, and Merrick.

The new W.M. and his officers were heartily congratulated on the success attending the lodge.

A capital repast was served up by Miss Cottman.

The Craft Abroad.

Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832.
INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE REV. J. GIFFORD.

During the past 10 years Freemasonry has made very great progress on the Fields, there now probably being twice the number who have been initiated into the Ancient Craft that there were at the end of the last decade. The consequence is that all the lodges in this district are in a very flourishing condition, but the lead in this respect was taken and has been maintained by the Lodge Charles Warren, which celebrated its annual installation at the Masonic Temple on July 11th. Under the able guidance of Bro. J. J. Smith a most successful year has just been concluded, and so popular has this worthy brother made himself that one would naturally conclude the brethren would have had some difficulty in selecting a Master to fill the chair for the ensuing year. Fortunately the Charles Warren has many reliable and efficient brethren on its roll of members; of these Bro. the Rev. J. Gifford certainly heads the list. So popular in Masonic circles is the new W.M., that some little time was occupied in finding accommodation for the very large number of brethren—who included visitors from all parts of the world—eager to do honour to the incoming W.M., and to be present at the ceremony. The members of the lodge are to be congratulated and commended upon the result of their efforts, which gained the unanimous commendation of those who had the good fortune to be present.

Punctually at the appointed hour Bro. J. J. Smith, the Installing Master, took his seat, and shortly afterwards the visiting lodges and brethren were admitted and received in due form. Among those present were: Bros. D. J. Haarhoff, D.D.G.M.; A. W. Adams, D.G. Treas.; H. W. Peters, D.G. Sec.; J. H. Morgan, D.G.S.; M. Cowen, D.G.S.; R. Hollingworth, D.G.S.; Lieut. S. Salaman, W. E. McCracken, C. Sandison, W. Faulkner, J. Stanley, A. G. S. McCartney, James Stewart, J. E. Jones, J. Nicholson, J. Russell, Major J. T. May, J. Johnston, J. Jeffrey, W. McCullagh, and brethren to the number of 150. Bro. J. J. Smith next proceeded to install his successor, Bro. the Rev. J. Gifford, S.W., W.M. elect, which he accomplished in admirable style, the various addresses being eloquently rendered. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. J. Smith, I.P.M.; A. Nicholson, S.W.; A. H. Jenkins, J.W.; J. J. McCullagh, P.M., Treas.; J. Jeffrey, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Woodend, S.D.; G. Roulston, J.D.; J. Nicholson, P.M., D.C.; W. Johns, I.G.; R. Channer, Org.; James Tatters, R. Crook, P. Dixon, and A. W. Roberts, Stwds.; and W. S. Cox, Tyler. The ceremony of installation concluded, Bro. Gifford received the felicitations of the visiting brethren, and in replying to the "Hearty good wishes," congratulated the Installing Master on the admirable manner in which he had carried out the arduous duties of the evening. As a token of the esteem in which Bro. Smith is held by the brethren of the Charles Warren, the W.M. presented him with a beautiful and massive Past Master's jewel and Past Master's collar and gauntlets.

Bro. Smith having acknowledged the presentation in appropriate terms, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, which reflected the highest possible credit on Bro. W. S. Cox, and will add to his reputation for Masonic repasts. It was admirably served under his personal superintendence, and the lodge stewards were most assiduous in looking after the comfort of all.

In eloquent terms the W.M. gave "The King and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," "The G. Masters of the Sister Constitutions," and "The W. Dep. Dist. Grand Master of the Dist. Grand Lodge of Central South Africa," to which Bro. A. W. Adams, Dist. G. Treas., replied.

The toast of "The Newly-Installed Master," proposed by Bro. J. J. Smith, was received with loud and prolonged applause.

Bro. Gifford was accorded quite an ovation on rising to respond. He said that no words of his could adequately express all he felt that evening. He could assure them that he should do his utmost in carrying out the duties of the position in which they had placed him, and he hoped to their satisfaction. Their I.P.M. had asked them to give him (Bro. Gifford) their support and assistance during his year of office, and he trusted they would, for without it no Master could expect to make his year a prosperous and successful one. Bro. Gifford concluded a telling speech by exhorting the brethren to always remember that they were Masons, and to conduct their lives outside of the lodge in accordance with the precepts they had been taught at their initiation.

The remaining toasts were: "The I.P.M. and Installing Master;" "The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren;" "The Officers of the Charles Warren Lodge, Past and Present;" and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons."

During the evening an excellent programme of music was provided by Bros. Bennie, McLean, and Harries, with Bro. Rieser at the piano.

In the lodge-room Bro. Morton-Neville presided at the organ, Bros. Watson, McLean, Chaner, and Tippett rendering the responses in an admirable manner.

The W.M. elect is to be congratulated on the great success that attended his installation meeting.

KIAORO: A GREETING.

TO H.R.H. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CORNWALL AND YORK.

We watch the Royal progress from afar;
Observe the loyal shouts which meet your ears;
Our sons go forth to colonise the world,
And note your coming with triumphant cheers.
You go to tell them they are near our hearts,
Old England greets them, cries "Do not forget!"
Their Sovereign sends his gracious messages
By you his children, though with grief beset.
Our Empress, Queen, who now has passed away,
Loved well her subjects through the long, long years;
It was her wish that you should tell them so,
Their eyes grief-laden, ours bedewed with tears.
"God speed!" our message to you as you go
Across Pacific or Atlantic sea;
Teach all our brethren, loyal, brave, and true,
Love's silken chain binds firm our Empire free.

EMRA HOLMES.

NOTE.—When the Duke and Duchess left New Zealand the Governor signalled to the Ophir the Maori message: "Kiaoro—"God speed!"

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR.

On Monday, the 16th instant, Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress will, with the Sheriffs, pay a state visit to the Masonic Girls' School. On the 19th and 20th, Bro. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will attend officially the King Alfred Millenary celebrations at Winchester. On Saturday, the 21st (St. Matthew's Day), his lordship, the Sheriffs, and the Governors of the Royal Hospitals will be present at Divine Service in Christchurch, Newgate-street, while on the 27th, he will distribute the prizes to the typographic and lithographic classes of St. Bride's Institute, Bride-lane. On Saturday, the 28th, the new Sheriffs of the City—Mr. Alderman Bell and Bro. Horace Marshall—will be admitted to office at Guildhall. After the ceremony the civic dignitaries will attend Divine Service at St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham-street, and then return to Guildhall for the election of the Lord Mayor for the year ensuing. In the evening Bro. the Lord Mayor will give a dinner party at the Mansion House to meet the Lord Mayor-elect. On Saturday afternoon, the 5th prox., he will lay the foundation stone of the new Church of St. Michael, Edmonton, and the same afternoon will open the Loan Exhibition of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Presents at the Alexandra Palace and the Lady Mayoress will unveil her Majesty's statue by Mr. Onslow Ford, R.A. On the 7th his lordship will be installed as Master of the St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817. On the 9th, the Lady Mayoress will distribute the prizes at the City of London School for Girls. On the 15th the Lord Mayor will entertain the court of the Fruiterers' Company at dinner after the customary presentation of fruit; on the 19th will receive into his custody at Guildhall the Elcho Shield, the National Challenge Trophy, the China Challenge Cup, and the Volunteer Ambulance Shield, won this year by English teams, and will afterwards give a dinner at the Mansion House (which Bro. Earl Roberts will attend) in celebration of the successes. On the 22nd prox., he will open the new wing of the Queen's Jubilee Hospital at Earl's Court, and the same evening the annual ball to the Mayors and Provosts will be given at the Mansion House. On the 25th the annual meeting of the Police Court Mission will take place at the Mansion House.

Craft Masonry.

Lodge Montagu, No. 665.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. RADFORD, P.P.J.G.D.

The 46th installation festival of the above lodge was held on the 9th instant at Lyme Regis, when the outgoing W.M., Bro. H. R. Morgan, P.P.G. Org., installed his successor, Bro. J. Radford, P.P.J.G.D., with great *eclat* and proficiency. After investing his officers, the new W.M. complemented an excellent ceremony by delivering a worthy exhortation on Bro. Morgan's assiduous labours; he had filled the chair three times in all, and in the name of the brethren presented him with a Past Master's jewel, in token of their appreciation of the recipient's merits. It was, moreover, the spontaneous outcome of good nature. Bro. Morgan was proud to receive, and thanked the givers "from the bottom of his heart." As is usual in 665, a calendar of next year's proposed work was handed to each brother.

"Labours" ended and "harmony" prevailing, the brethren retired to the Royal Lion, where Bro. Host John Grove (the "father" of the lodge) served up an excellent banquet, and promoted a most enjoyable evening.

The jewel was supplied by Bro. George Kenning and Son, and proved another instance of that firm's dependable promptitude and excellency of taste and workmanship.

TO CIGAR CONNOISSEURS.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, September 21, 1901.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

THE ST. JOHN'S CLUB.

1, Marjorie Grove, Sisters' Avenue, Clapham Junction, S.W., at 11 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

CRRAFT LODGES.

720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.
902, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
2060, La France, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGE.

230, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8
Brondebury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
Commemoration, 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.
Friendship, Simpson's, Bird-in-Hand-court, Cheapside, at 5.30.
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.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marques 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, 2 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, Penze-rd., at 8.
Tyssen 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, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

CRRAFT LODGES.

704, Camden, Frascati Restaurant.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.
2045, Wharton, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1004, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

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, Curator-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 Muro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salut tion, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose an 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, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
London, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joypa, "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, SEPTEMBER 18.

Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

CRRAFT LODGES.

700, Nelson, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
1278, Burdett-Coutts, Great Eastern Hotel.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
2206, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.
2601, Holloway, Beale's Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alley, 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.
Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Donc, 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.
Pinnure, 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, Knight-rider-st., E.C.
Whittington, 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, SEPTEMBER 19.

House Committee Girls' School at 4.30.

CRRAFT LODGES.

813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1227, Upton, Great Eastern Hotel.
1305, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
1420, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant.
1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tavern.
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
1716, All Saints', Office of Board of Works, Poplar.

MARK LODGE.

357, Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, New Bridge.

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Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
Buryne, 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, R.C., at 7.
Montmore, 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 8.10.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRRAFT LODGES.

975, Rose of Denmark, The Horns, Kennington.
2340, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.
2712, Jubilee Masters, Hotel Cecil.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.
Clapham, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stone 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 & Pike's," 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-road, 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, SEPTEMBER 21.

CRRAFT LODGES.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1767, Kensington, Royal Palace Hotel.
2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.
2513, Sir Walter St. John, Holborn Restaurant.

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Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, 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 estimated that the Glasgow Exhibition receipts will show a surplus of not less than £100,000. There has already been taken at the gates and for season tickets about £195,000.

HUGE ROYAL STURGEON.—A royal sturgeon, 7½ feet long, and weighing 188 lbs., was landed at Yarmouth on Saturday last by a Lowestoft trawler. It was of the broad-nosed kind, rarely caught off the East Coast.

REFERRING to the forthcoming mayoralty of Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale, M.P., the *World* says there is every reason to believe that he will make an efficient and popular Lord Mayor in what promises to be an exceptionally interesting year.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR declares that betting and gambling, "while comparatively unusual amongst young women of the middle class, have made considerable way amongst those in fashionable life, and are extremely common among factory girls and others of that condition."

THROUGH HIS Excellency the American Ambassador (the Hon. J. H. Choate), the hon. secretary of the Lord Russell of Killowen Memorial Fund have received the sum of £852 11s. 9d. as the subscription of the legal profession in America towards perpetuating the memory of the late Lord Chief Justice.

THIS YEAR the old grape-vine in New-square, Lincoln's Inn, has not been very prolific, having produced only about 20 bunches of grapes. The ancient fig-tree which grows by the side of the vine always produces an abundance of flowers annually, but shortly after the figs are formed they invariably fall off, and never reach maturity.

A SPLENDID entertainment was extended by Portsmouth, on the 11th instant, to the crew of his Majesty's ship *Centurion*, lately returned from arduous duties on the China station. Lord Selborne was the chief speaker at a banquet in the Town Hall. It is stated that Sir C. Seymour is to succeed Lord Walter Kerr as First Sea Lord of the Admiralty.

SOUTH AFRICAN medals were distributed to 59 members of the two Cheshire Imperial Yeomanry companies at Chester on the 7th instant by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, who was accompanied by the Duchess of Buckingham. Prior to the ceremony there was a service in the cathedral at the close of which the National Anthem was sung.

A CHARTER has been granted for the commencement of a new Masonic lodge at Ashington. Bros. R. Crawford, P.M. 636, will be the first W.M.; Arthur A. Askwith, P.M. 659, the first S.W.; and J. R. Turner, P.M. 1902, the first J.W. The consecration ceremony will, in all probability, take place at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge which will be held at Newcastle, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount Ridley, Prov. Grand Master.

DERBYSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S 40th annual show opened on the 11th instant at Derby, the entries numbering close upon 1000. In the open classes exhibitors from all parts of England were represented. Amongst others who had contributed prizes were the Duke of Devonshire, Duke of Portland, Duke of Rutland, Lord Scarsdale, Sir Francis Burdett, Sir Oswald Mosley, Sir Peter Walker, Sir Thomas Roe, Sir Alfred Haslam, and Mr. Victor Cavendish.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE distributed war medals at Wellington Barracks, on the 12th instant, to soldiers who could not be included among those who received them from the King recently. His Royal Highness naturally takes a great interest in the welfare of the men of the Duke of Cambridge's Own, and heartily agreed to present to the members of that regiment the medals which they had won by hard service in South Africa. About 20 members of the corps are still taking part in the campaign, and many others have accepted commissions in the regular Army.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG attended on the 11th instant the annual exhibition of the Isle of Wight Fine Art Society at Ryde, of which she is the president. Her Royal Highness aided the excellent display by sending an oil-picture painted by herself, entitled "Egyptian Ruins," and further showed her interest in its success by purchasing a water-colour by a young artist named Gurnal. It is called "Crossing the Bar," and represents the naval pageant at the funeral of Queen Victoria.

THE PRINTERS' PENSION CORPORATION FUND.—The London Printing and Stationery Trades' Cricket Association will hold its annual match with the London Daily Newspaper Cricket League at Kennington Oval to-morrow (Saturday). The object of this annual fixture is to realise a sum of £350 to found a pension of £10 10s. per annum in connection with the Printers' Pension Corporation Fund, and of this amount previous efforts have produced £106. In the evening a Bohemian concert will be held at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington. A capital programme has been arranged.

THE BOARD OF TRADE having been officially informed of the signing of the Peace Agreement between China and the Powers, draws attention to the fact that by Article VI. of the Protocol, the Powers have agreed to an import duty of 5 per cent. of the value of all goods hitherto admitted free with the exception of rice, cereals, and flour of foreign origin. Pending their conversion into specific rates, the duties will be levied ad valorem. Only such merchandise as is *en route* within 10 days of the signing of the Protocol (September 7th) will be admitted into China on the old basis. The new tariff comes into force on November 7th.

MESSRS. DEAN AND SON, LIMITED, have arranged to hold an exhibition of the successful paintings in Dean's Patriotic Painting Book Competition, at St. James's Hall (Banqueting Room, Regent-street entrance). With this will be incorporated an exhibition of original pictures by well-known artists, including: Dudley Hardy, Richard Simkin, "Crow," A. S. Forest, M. D. Ayoub, and others, and it will take place on the 24th, 25th, and 26th instant, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Red Band will play 3 to 5 p.m. There will also be shown an unique exhibit of children's picture books, varying from the hand-coloured books of the early Victorian period to the most finished productions of chromo-lithography and colour processes.

BRO. EARL ROBERTS on the 12th instant spent the day in visiting the eastern and western fortresses at Plymouth, accompanied by Sir Evelyn Wood and Sir William Butler, and a minute inspection was made of these formidable defences, as well as of the plans of other works now in contemplation. In the evening the Commander-in-Chief and a large number of officers dined with Sir William Butler at Government House, Devonport, where a reception was subsequently held. An authoritative contradiction is given to the statement recently published by a Service journal to the effect that his lordship would not remain much longer at the War Office.

THERE is a curious parallelism between the careers of Mr. Justice Murphy, who died on Thursday, and Lord Morris, who died on Saturday. They both obtained gold medals in Trinity College, Dublin, in the same course. They were called to the Irish Bar on the same day. They practised both in stuff and in silk together. They sat on the Irish Bench together, and they died in the same week. Lord Morris, however, far outdistanced Mr. Justice Murphy in the race of promotion. He became a member of the Irish Judiciary in 1867, more than 16 years before Mr. Justice Murphy, who did not attain a similar position till 1883.

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SIR THOMAS LIPTON is having a lively time of it in America. He has already been engaged (in print) to at least half-a-dozen heiresses.

THE 37TH consecutive benefit on behalf of Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co., the pyrotechnists, will take place at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, the 19th instant.

SERIOUS DIFFERENCES have arisen at two West End hotels, frequented by Americans, over the quartering in the same establishments of a number of the negro delegates to the Methodist Conference.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR has commissioned the American designer, Mr. A. Cary Smith, to build him a schooner-yacht, 120ft. long, and thoroughly up-to-date in every respect. She is to be ready for delivery in April, 1902.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 206.—The regular meetings will take place every Monday evening at 5.30, at Simpson's, Bird-in-Hand-court, Cheap-side, and the officers will be glad to welcome any brethren who can make it convenient to attend.

THE DIRECTORS of Cassell and Company, Limited, have declared an interim dividend for the half-year ended 30th June at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable on the 20th inst. The corresponding distribution at this time last year was 3 per cent. per annum.

NEXT YEAR'S Irish International Exhibition, which is to take place at Cork, promises to be a great success, especially as it is expected that the children of Erin now flourishing in America will flock over in their thousands to pay homage to the land of their forefathers.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR will open the new parish hall at St. James, Upper Edmonton, on Thursday, the 31st prox., when Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., will be the principal speaker. The cost of the chairs and seats has been defrayed by the Bishop of London's Fund.

THE LONDON SEASON is over, and the Scotch season is in full swing. The *elite* of Park-lane have betaken themselves to the moor and mountain north of the Tweed, and their coachmen may now be seen driving their own families about in their employers' handsome equipages.

"BECKY SHARP," at the Prince of Wales's, has been judiciously curtailed since the first performance, and now concludes at the more reasonable hour of about 11. It is announced that Wednesday matinees will be given on and after the 18th inst., in addition to the usual Saturday afternoon performances.

BRO. W. J. CARROLL, the retiring W.M. of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, installed the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, Bro. R. F. Thomson, at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday. During Bro. Carroll's year of office there have been no fewer than 20 initiations. A detailed account of the ceremony will appear in our next issue.

THE ADDRESS of welcome presented to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York by the Indian community of Cape Town is a beautifully illuminated work, having views of the Taj, "the Wonder of Agra and Crown of the World," and the Golden Temple, Amritsar, copied from native Indian hand paintings, while the border represents cashmere shawl designs.

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THE WORK of widening London Bridge will take three years, and will cost about £1,000,000. The enlargement, which will be a gain of 12 feet across, is to be made by throwing out cantilevers and erecting a balustrade of granite. When it is remembered that on an average 100,000 foot passengers and 22,000 vehicles cross the bridge every 24 hours, it will not be difficult to realise that the present width, which was built for the needs of nearly a century ago, is not sufficient for the present traffic.

AN INTERESTING double wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Hamble, a pretty little Hampshire village, on the 11th inst., when two daughters of Rear-Admiral Sir John Fullerton, Groom-in-Waiting on the King, were married to two lieutenants in the Royal Navy, Miss Rachel being led to the altar by Lieutenant Gerald Lane, of H.M.S. *Excellent*, and Miss Elizabeth by Lieutenant Sydney Mayrick, also of H.M.S. *Excellent*. The brides were given away by their father. The presents numbered 500, and, curiously enough, were identical in each case. Princess Beatrice sent each bride a silver looking-glass.

THE REV. FORBES PHILIPS, Vicar of Gorleston, had occasion to criticise a certain local institution somewhat caustically, anent which one of the officers concerned thus wrote him: "Unless you at once withdraw your statement, write me an apology, and give five pounds to the institution of which I am an officer, I will give you a sound thrashing." To which the worthy Vicar immediately replied: "I will not withdraw the statement of which you complain; so that it will be necessary for you to give me a thrashing. If you are able to get home without a cab after you attempt it, I will donate ten pounds to your institution." The institution did not receive the ten pounds!

THE NATAL Mercury of August 4 contains a long and detailed account of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to Durban. Speaking of the decorations the *Mercury* says: Messrs. Hart and Co., in conjunction with Mr. Fred. W. Phillips, of the Phoenix Hotel, imported from the well-known firm of Messrs. George Kenning and Son, London, a very handsome device, and must have been rewarded by the evident appreciation of the thousands of sight-seers surging down West-street. Portraits of the Duke and Duchess were introduced. The accompanying wish was contained in the words, "The Garden Colony Welcomes its Future King and Queen." Some idea of the size of the device may be gained from the fact that it measured 51ft. in length by 6ft. in breadth.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR presided at a special meeting on the 12th instant of the Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund, held in the Mansion House, when a letter was read from Mr. Henry N. Custance tendering his resignation of the office of Secretary, which he had held for 28 years, by reason of a breakdown in health. The council decided to give him six months' further leave of absence, from November 1st next, in the hope that at the expiration of that period he would be able to continue the performance of his work. Sir Sydney Waterlow, who, as Lord Mayor in 1873, founded the fund, and others, bore earnest testimony to the admirable manner in which Mr. Custance had discharged his duties.

THE FOLLOWING are among the principal donations received at the Mansion House within the last few days towards the National Memorial to Queen Victoria: Rochester, per the Mayor (first instalment), £100; Messrs. Debenham and Freebody (first instalment), £100; Major-General D. Crichton-Maitland, £5; Miss Freeman, £5; offertory at a parade service in the King's Chapel, Gibraltar, £3 3s.; collected at Marlow, Bucks, per General Sir George Higginson, K.C.B., chairman of committee, £96 0s. 1d.; C. H. D., £5; Ward of Aldersgate, £36 12s. 6d.; Mrs. North Graham, £10 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Drummond, £8; and Some Boys of the Foundling Hospital, 5s. The Fund now amounts to £150,000.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.—"Hospital Saturday"—for the 20th successive year—will be observed on October 12th, when "special" collections will be made in the workshops and business houses in aid of the medical charities of the Metropolis. The weekly collection, which constitutes the main source of the fund, will continue until the end of December. It is hoped that the ultimate total will not fall short of £25,000. With a view to extending the weekly collection scheme, which was inaugurated during the Lord Mayoralty of Sir James Whitehead, the governing body have addressed a circular to some thousands of firms which have hitherto been unidentified with the movement. The appeal states that the Hospital Saturday Fund aims at providing opportunities for all those employed in workshops and business houses to give a penny a week, or, at least, a small donation once a year, in support of the hospitals. After enumerating the benefits accruing to subscribers, the circular adds that the annual income of the fund is now about £20,000, which is obtained from some 6000 firms.