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## FREEMASONRY IN CHESHIRE.\*

It is strange, but true, that though the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire is the oldest organisation of its kind under our Grand Lodge, dating, as it does, from 1725, its Provincial Grand Chapter is of comparatively modern origin. We have it on indubitable evidence that in a return presented to Grand Lodge on the 27th November of that year, Col. Francis Columbine was Prov. Grand Master. There is, in the archives of Grand Lodge, a letter addressed to the then Grand Master from the Castle and Falcon Lodge, Chester, dated the 15th April, 1727, which is signed by Bro. Hugh Warburton as P.G.M., his Deputy (Bro. S. Smith) and his Wardens (Bros. Roger Comberbach and John Coleclough). How long Bro. Warburton remained in office there is nothing to show, and consequently there is no evidence as to when his successor Bro. Captain Robert Newton was elected in his stead. But this much we find recorded in the fortunately still extant minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, namely, that Bro. Newton was *re-elected* Prov. G.M. on the 27th December, 1743. He died in 1750, and on St. John's Day-in-winter, 1754, Bro. Alderman John Page was elected to succeed him, and remained in office till shortly after 10th June, 1771, when he resigned, having, in the meantime, however, been appointed by a Deputation from the Grand Master, which was granted in 1755 but not acted upon till 1757. On the 27th December, 1771, Bro. the Hon. John Smith Barry took the chair as Prov. Grand Master. On his death in September, 1784, Sir R. Salusbury Cotton, Bart.—father of Viscount Combermere—was recommended for the office, and the following year was appointed and installed. He died in 1809, and was succeeded by Bro. John Grey—subsequently Sir John Grey—Egerton, and three years after the latter's death, in 1825, Sir Philip Egerton was recommended. But the recommendation was ignored, and in 1830 H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex appointed Viscount Combermere Prov. G. Master. The Hero of Bhurtpore, on his death in 1865, was succeeded by Lord de Tabley, on whose resignation, in 1886, Lord—now Earl—Egerton of Tatton became Prov. G.M., and on his resign-

nation was followed by his brother, the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., the present Prov. G. Master. Thus, there is a virtual, if not an actual, continuity of working in the case of this Prov. Grand Lodge from 1725 till now, and yet it was not till more than half a century after the Union in 1817 of the two Grand Chapters that steps were taken to organise a Prov. Grand Chapter; and in 1869 Lord de Tabley, whose patent bore date the 30th December, 1868, was installed G. Superintendent. And, still more singular to relate, the distinguished companion who was delegated to instal his lordship—Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Std. Br. Grand Chapter—died as recently as 1898, so that the formation of this R.A. Provincial organisation must be still fresh in the recollection of the Cheshire Masonic community. Why so long a time should have been allowed to elapse passes all comprehension. It was certainly not for lack of the requisite material. Royal Arch Lodges or Chapters existed long before, and when the Prov. G. Chapter was formed, as we have stated, in 1869, it was reckoned that there were 17 chapters in the Province. Since then this branch of Masonry appears to have prospered fairly well, and the present G.S., Comp. the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, has under his charge some 21 chapters, of which, however, one is reported as dormant, the senior chapter on the roll—No. 287, Stockport—dating from 1793, and the junior—No. 2433, Birkenhead—from 1897. Particulars are given of the proceedings in Prov. G. Chapter, and short accounts added of the private chapters.

Mark Masonry in Cheshire as an organised body dates from the 5th April, 1873, when Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P.—now Earl Egerton—was installed Prov. G. Mark Master for Cheshire and North Wales, his patent of appointment dating from the previous year. In 1830 Cheshire and North Wales were formed into separate Provinces, Cheshire remaining under the same Prov. G. Master, who in 1893 was succeeded by his brother, who is thus the ruler of Cheshire Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry. But it is needless to say that the Mark was worked in this Province long before the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was organised, firstly under Craft Lodge warrants, and later in lodges of its own. There are now nine Mark lodges in Cheshire, so that the Degree has prospered. All necessary particulars as to Prov. Grand Lodge and private lodges are furnished, so that the reader can judge for himself of the progress the Degree has made under the auspices of Lord Egerton and his successor.

The Appendix is a most ample one, containing, as it does, lists of the Craft and Mark lodges and R.A. chapters throughout the whole career of Cheshire as a Province; Lists of Prov. Officers, Craft, R.A., and Mark; meeting places of the Prov. bodies; pedigrees of sundry of the most distinguished Cheshire Maçons; and last, but not least, a long list of those who have subscribed to Bro. ARMSTRONG'S book, and thus enabled him to produce with as little risk to himself as possible one of the most complete Histories of Provincial Masonry which it has been our privilege to read.

We take leave of the volume for the present—as regards this review of its contents, at all events—with regret. We should much have liked to lay before our readers more of its interesting and valuable details, but it would not have been just to the author, who has laboured so diligently and successfully to produce the History, and whom we most sincerely congratulate, as well as on the manner in which he has fulfilled his task, as on the matter he has accumulated in his pages.

\* A HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN CHESHIRE, being a Record of all Extinct and Existing Lodges, Craft and Mark, and Royal Arch Chapters, Provincial Grand Lodges, Craft and Mark, and Provincial Grand Chapter. By John Armstrong, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.H. London: Bro. George Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 1901.

## A TRIBUTE TO BRO. KENNING.

I should like to add my testimony to that of the Editor of the *Freemason* in relation to my old and esteemed friend, Bro. George Kenning. We have been intimately connected, in many ways, during the past 30 and more years, through which long period there has never been the slightest break in our friendship; time but serving to strengthen the fraternal bond which has made us brethren devoted together to help forward the high aims of our beloved Fraternity.

I was consulted about the start of the *Freemason*, in 1869, and wrote one of the chief articles in the first number, in response to a dear friend of mine, who was then the Editor. Later on, the lamented brother—the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A.—accepted that position, and for long did his best to make the paper the excellent medium which it has become for all that concerns the history and welfare of the Brotherhood. On his decease firstly Bro. W. Lake followed and then the present Editor, who has sought to maintain the character of the well-known Masonic weekly as the "Organ of the Craft."

Bro. Kenning was most generous and hearty, and when in health, he was, without doubt, one of the most cheery and pleasant companions to be met with in a day's march. He realised, to the extent that few do, the international advantages and capacities of the Craft, and was always most ready to co-operate with brethren who sought to promote good fellowship between the members of the various Grand Lodges, especially those of Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, the United States, and those of other English-speaking Masonic Organisations throughout the world.

I feel his decease very much, for it has been one blow after another of late, and the parting with so many of such dear old friends is a terrible trial to me. To see the companions of my youth rapidly passing away, and living at an age when new friends are not made, makes their loss all the greater, and emphasises the wish for the rest and peace that are rapidly becoming needful for both mind and body.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. The attendance was small, no doubt owing to the thick foggy weather. Comp. Canon J. Studholme-Brownrigg, P. Asst. G. Soj., presided as Grand First Principal; Comp. George Richards, Grand Superintendent of the Transvaal, as Grand Second Principal; and Comp. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, M.A., P. Asst. G. Soj., as Grand Third Principal. There were a'so present among others—

Comps. E. Letchworth, Grand Scribe E.; Rev. F. Bethune N. Norman Lee, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces, Grand Scribe N.; Frank Richardson, as G.D.C.; Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A., Sheriff of London, G. Treas.; Baron de Ferrieres, C. E. Keyser, J. E. Le Feuvre, George Everett, P.G. Treas.; W. G. Kentish, A. C. Spaul, Dr. Clement Godson, C. J. R. Tijou, J. Whitaker Burgess, J. C. Fitzroy Tower, W. A. Scurrah, W. Lake, Asst. Sec.; Sir Geo. D. Harris, Pres. Com. of General Purposes; H. J. P. Dumas, J. L. Barrett, Capt. Robert Gresley Hall, D.L.; Arthur W. Orwin, M.D.; Charles Martin, Henry Lovegrove, J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Stephens, W. J. Mason, W. S. Hoyte, Major Henry Wright, Major T. C. Walls, Harry Tipper, Thomas A. Bullock, Charles Pulman, Walter S. Whitaker, W. Kipps, Hermann Klein, W. J. Fisher, H. Massey, and W. Dodd.

Comp. Dr. Walmsley Little, Grand Org., officiated at the organ, accompanying the procession, both on its entering and on its leaving the Temple.

GRAND SCRIBE E., after Grand Chapter had been opened, read the minutes of the August Convocation, giving in full the address of Canon Brownrigg on the death of the late Empress Frederick of Germany, and of the late Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J., with the resolution of sympathy and condolence on the loss of that eminent companion, which was moved by Comp. Brownrigg, and seconded by Comp. Robert Grey, acting as Grand H.

The minutes were then put and confirmed.

Comp. Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President of the Committee of General Purposes, moved, and Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D. of C., seconded, the granting of a charter to be attached to the Manica Lodge, No. 2768, to meet at Umtali, Rhodesia, South Africa.

The charter was granted.

Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS moved, and Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded, the grant of a charter for a chapter to be attached to the Staines Lodge, No. 2536, to meet at the Town Hall, Staines, Middlesex.

Comp. J. G. GARSON, P.P.G.J. Middlesex, moved as an amendment that the charter be not granted. There were several chapters in Middlesex, and in no less than five the members were so few that it could not be said that the Royal Arch was working satisfactorily. In one chapter the membership was only 10, another chapter had 12 members, another 14, another 15. It seemed, therefore, a great pity that they should have in the province another chapter when so many of the Middlesex chapters were in that condition. Then, again, near the place where the chapter was proposed to be held two of the chapters he had spoken of as being in a low condition were situated at Twickenham, which was only seven and three-quarter miles off, and there was an excellent service of trains, and it could be reached in 16 or 17 minutes. Then the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex had not, he thought, met since August 6th, 1898. The H. of the Province was appointed on July 7th, 1899, and the Provincial Grand Scribe E. had only been appointed during the last few months.

Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS rose to order. What Comp. Garson was now speaking of was not appropriate to the subject he had raised.

Comp. Canon BROWNRIFF said he was just going to bring forward the same point of order. This was a vote of censure on the recommendation of the Committee of Grand Chapter. If Comp. Garson would confine himself to the point at issue it would be better. What he was drawing attention to had nothing to do with the Provincial Grand Chapter. The question was whether this petition for the Staines Chapter should be granted? Did he move an amendment?

Comp. GARSON said he would move that the question of granting a warrant for this chapter should be referred back again to the Committee of General Purposes for further consideration.

Comp. Major T. C. WALLS, P.D.G.D. of C., seconded the amendment. If he had been present at the Committee of General Purposes he should have opposed the recommendation. Twickenham and Staines were very near each other, and Teddington was not far from Twickenham. Brethren at Staines who wanted to join the Arch might go to either place.

Comp. RICHARD FOX WARNER, Z. designate of the proposed chapter, wished to reply to the remarks of the companions. It was very unusual not to grant a chapter that had been recommended because chapters already existed seven or eight miles away. So far as the Staines Lodge was concerned, he might say that many members of it had asked to be exalted in the proposed chapter. The lodge, which was established in 1894, had 32 members, and had subscribed as much as £600 to the Charities. He thought that was in favour of the Staines Lodge. He thought they were entitled to a chapter, as they had served the interests of Masonry well.

Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS hoped Grand Chapter would refuse the amendment. The Staines Lodge was a prosperous one, and it was not because chapters attached to other lodges were not prosperous that a lodge that was progressing should not have a chapter.

Comp. Canon BROWNRIFF as a resident at one time in the neighbourhood knew something about it. He saw the name of one very distinguished Mason on the petition; he was a very old and valued member of the Somerset House Chapter. Among the petitioners, too, was the Vicar of Staines, a man of great eminence in his profession.

The amendment was rejected, and the chapter was granted.

Permission was given to remove the following chapters:

The Charnwood Chapter, No. 1037, from the Bull's Head, to the Town Hall, Loughborough.

The Richard Newhouse Chapter, No. 2433, from Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, to the Hotel Victoria, New Brighton.

The Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, from the White Hart, Cannon-street, to Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

The Starkie Chapter, No. 935, from the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, to the Town Hall, Salford.

The Engineer Chapter, No. 2599, from 33, Golden-square, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, London.

The St. Peter Chapter, No. 481, from the Masonic Hall, Pilgrim-street, to the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 282, from Freemasons' Hall, West-street, to the New Freemasons' Hall, Barley Market-street, Tavistock.

The Harmony Chapter, No. 178, from the Masonic Hall, King-street, to the Town Buildings, Wallgate, Wigan.

The Strong Man Chapter, No. 45, from the Holborn Restaurant, to the Cafe Monico, Piccadilly, London.

and a charter of confirmation was granted to the Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, the original charter having been destroyed by fire.

Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHESELDEN LODGE,  
No. 2870.INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS WAKLEY, JUN.,  
P.M., P.P.G.D. SURREY.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on the evening of Monday, the 4th inst., in the presence of a numerous and distinguished assemblage who had gathered in spite of the dense fog in the Governors' Hall of St. Thomas's Hospital, with which the new lodge is connected. It had been hoped that the ceremony would be performed in the presence of the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., president of the hospital, who had undertaken to formally constitute the lodge, but unfortunately, at the last moment, his Royal Highness was unavoidably prevented from being present.

The founders of the new lodge are—

Bros. T. Wakley, jun., P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey, W.M. designate; H. H. Clutton, S.W. designate; G. Crawford Thomson, P.M., J.W. designate; L. A. Bidwell, W.M. 2620; C. R. Box, A. A. Brockatt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Worcestershire; F. Gordon Brown, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; W. S. Colman, C. Whitehall Cooke, W. H. L. Copeland, W.M. 1506; S. M. Copeman, P.M.; W. S. Fincham, P.M.; H. Gervis, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Prov. G. Reg. Herts; C. W. Grant-Wilson, Samuel Hague, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx; C. W. Haig-Brown, W.M. 2101; R. Lake, P.M.; H. J. Macevoy, Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, P.M., P.G. Treas.; T. G. Nicholson, H. B. Osburn, Sydney Phillips, H. J. Prangley, P.M.; H. A. Sansom, E. Solly, and Chisholm Williams, W.M. 205.

The company, independent of the founders, included the following:

Bros. Col. John Davis, A.D.C., P.G.M. Surrey; G. Richards, D.G.M. Transvaal; Viscount Templetown, S.G.W.; Sir William MacCormac, Bt., K.C.B., K.C. V.O.; Sir Borradaile Savory, Bt., G. Chap.; Sir R. Hanson, Bt., P.G.W.; W. C. R. Bedford, G. Chap.; Ald. Frank Green, Lord Mayor, P.G.W.; Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair; Robert Grey, P.G.W.; Frank Richardson, P.D.G.R.; Ald. Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas.; Edwd. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. Vaughan Morgan; A. W. D. de Fienzi, D.G.S. Natal; J. Strachan, K.C., G. Reg.; F. Woodhouse Braine, S.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, President Board of General Purposes; Clement Godson, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, President Board of Benevolence; Alfred Cooper, P.G.D.; A. W. Oxford, P.G.D.; Sir Home-wood Crawford, P.G.D.; G. E. Wainwright, P.P.G.W. Surrey; R. Clutton, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Kiallmark, P.G.D.; J. C. Fitzroy Tower, P.A.G.D.C.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; A. W. Orwin, P.G.D.; Sir John Puleston; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; D'Arcy Power, P.G.D.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. B. Wyatt, P.G. Stwd.; W. Manders, P.P.J.G.W. Berks; H. R. Rose, P.G.O.; T. Burns, P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. Stallard, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Tyler, P.G. Sec. Surrey; W. J. Armitage, P.P.G.P. Cambs.; T. G. Miller, P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. C. S. Carrington, P.P.S.G.W. Worcestershire; F. Lawrance, P.A.G.D.C.; H. W. Little, G. Org.; W. B. Openshaw, C.M.G.; Lieut.-Col. Dixon, D.G.S.B.; W. J. Spratling, P.G. Std. Br.; P. S. Abraham, W.M. 2540; and many others.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., assisted by Bro. F. Richardson, as D.C., and Bro. J. C. F. Tower, as G.D.C., and Bro. Sir B. Savory, Bart., G. Chap., as Chaplain.

In addressing the brethren on the motive of the meeting, the GRAND SECRETARY stated that the lodge was named after one who, about 200 years ago, was a prominent surgeon connected with St. Thomas's Hospital.

In delivering his oration the CHAPLAIN stated that in 1100 A.D. the hospital had been formed in connection with the church of St. Mary, Holborn. It was destroyed by fire in 1207, but was restored, with the aid of the Bishop of Winchester, in 1228. In 1538, and afterwards, it suffered in common with other religious houses. During the period of about 1700 Cheselden lectured in the hospital, and in 1871 Queen Victoria laid the first stone of the new buildings. So it seemed fitting to form a lodge in connection with the hospital, which should be a new centre of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

The lodge having been duly dedicated and constituted, Bro. T. Wakley, jun., was installed in the chair of K.S. by the Grand Secretary, and then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Vaughan Morgan, P.M., P.G. Treas., as I.P.M.; H. H. Clutton, S.W.; G. Crawford Thomson, P.M., J.W.; Sydney Phillips, Treas.; Charles R. Box, Sec.; W. S. Colman, S.D.; T. G. Nicholson, J.D.; S. Hague, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., D.C.; L. A. Bidwell, W.M. 2620, I.G.; W. H. L. Copeland, W.M. 1506, and H. J. Prangley, P.M., Stwds.; and W. H. Hobbin, P.M., Tyler. A Committee was appointed to frame bye-laws, and the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, was elected the first Hon. Member of the lodge, a similar honour being subsequently conferred on Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., and the other Consecrating Officers. A number of propositions for membership were received, and founders' jewels were presented to each one of the Consecrating Officers.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Trocadero Restaurant, where a banquet had been prepared, at the conclusion of which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. G. RICHARDS, Dist. G.M. Transvaal, referred to the brilliancy which had attended the consecration of the lodge, and expressed his sense of the burden which devolved on the W.M. and his officers to maintain the prestige of the lodge, for the future of which he had no fear, connected as it was with a noble profession, whose duty called them to relieve sickness and pain, even at their own peril, and on the field of battle.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," hoped they would not view their honorary membership in too honorary a light, but would often visit the lodge. He referred in graceful terms to the admirable work of the Consecrating Officers, and to the eloquent oration of the Grand Chaplain, who would always be *persona grata* with the medical profession if only for the sake of his honoured father. He took the opportunity also of thanking Bro. Dr. Walmsley-Little, G. Org., for the music with which he had supplied them.

Bro. LETCHWORTH responded in suitable terms, and remarked that no one was more disappointed at the Grand Master's absence than the Duke of Connaught himself. His Royal Highness had expressed to him only that morning the pleasure with which he looked forward to being present at the consecration of a lodge belonging to a hospital with which he was officially connected.

Bro. VAUGHAN MORGAN, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a humorous speech, the toast being most cordially received.

Bro. T. WAKLEY, W.M., in response, said he sometimes thought the toast was one to which a W.M. on his installation was hardly entitled to as he was an unknown quantity and his work remained to be proved. He would, however, endeavour to do his best and would conclude with a few observations on the name of the lodge. They were precluded from calling it St. Thomas's Lodge, as there was already a lodge of that name in Derbyshire, which comprised for the most part the tenants of land given to the hospital in the time of Edward VI. St. Bartholomew's had named their lodge after their founder Rahere, and Charing Cross had named theirs Chère Reine, partly in memory of Queen Eleanor, and partly in memory of Queen Victoria. Cheselden was a surgeon at St. Thomas's Hospital from 1718 to 1738, and though there was nothing to show he was a Freemason, yet he was an eminent man, not only in surgery, but in other directions. If he did not cement stones, however, he did much to take stone away from the human frame, a work equally beneficial to mankind. Cheselden had, moreover, drawn the plans for Putney Bridge, and was an eminent sportsman also. But if Cheselden was not a Mason, Bro. R. F. Gould had informed him that Sir Thos. Clayton, Alderman and Lord Mayor of London, who was Governor of St. Thomas's Hospital in 1693, was a Freemason.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Sir WILLIAM MCCORMAC, Bart., and P. S. ABRAHAM, W.M. of the Rahere Lodge, the remaining toasts being those of "The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast.

A programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. W. Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc., G. Org., who furthermore presided at the piano. Others who contributed to the programme were Miss Annie Box, Miss Walmsley Little, Bros. H. Holyoake and G. J. Conning.

The founders' jewels, &c., were manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, London.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE.

The Berkshire brethren assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge at the Royal borough of Windsor, on the 29th ult., when the weather proved favourable, and there was a numerous and highly-representative attendance, including members of all the lodges in the county, and several officers of the Grand Lodge of England.

The brethren of the Windsor Lodges and Royal Arch Chapter gave the visitors a most hospitable reception between three and four o'clock at the Masonic Hall, from whence they proceeded to the adjacent Town Hall, where several rooms were placed at their disposal by the Mayor, Councillor Walter P. Reavell, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was presented, and acknowledged by the ex-Mayor, Bro. Barber.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened with due ceremony at half-past four in the handsome Guildhall, the walls of which are hung with valuable

portraits of Royal and distinguished personages. The D.P.G.M. in charge, Bro. J. T. Morland, P.G.D. England, presided with his accustomed ability, and was supported by a strong body of Prov. G. Officers, some of whom had been working in the cause of Masonry for 30 years or more, and to these the Prov. Grand Lodge affords a most pleasant reunion, recalling the incidents and associations of past days. At one end of the hall appeared the splendid Prov. Grand Lodge banner with the armorial bearings of the late Lord Wantage, V.C., while at the other was fixed the banner of one of the youngest lodges—that of Aldermaston—presented by Bro. Charles E. Keyser, and bearing a beautifully-worked representation of Aldermaston Court.

After the usual formalities, it was unanimously resolved, on the proposal of Bro. E. MARGRETT, seconded by Bro. G. J. COSBURN, that the lengthy minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Lockinge House last summer be taken as read, the same having been printed and circulated.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER, addressing the brethren, remarked that the first business on the agenda paper was one of a melancholy character. They were reminded by the notices which they had received that on the last occasion on which they assembled in Prov. G. Lodge it was at the hospitable home of their late lamented Prov. G. Master, Lord Wantage, and some of them might have formed the opinion from his lordship's appearance on that occasion that it was not likely he would be spared to them for more than a few years. However, it had since pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove him, and they all deplored very much his loss. It was probable that few of them had known much of Lord Wantage Masonically, as he did not take any prominent part in Prov. G. Lodge matters until comparatively a short time ago. Nevertheless he became a member of the Abbey Lodge as far back as the year 1863, and continued a subscribing member up to the date of his death. He (Bro. Morland) felt sure they would desire to have recorded on the minutes their deep sense of the loss which the province had sustained by his death, and also to express sympathy with Lady Wantage in her sorrow and affliction. They also regretted the loss by death of two other prominent members of this Prov. G. Lodge, one being their Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. R. Adams, of Pamber, who was a Mason of considerable standing, while the other was Bro. Charles Stephens, who had been their Prov. G. Treasurer for a considerable period—23 years he believed. Bro. Stephens in his earlier days was an active and most indefatigable member of the Craft, and he had reason to know that at the time of the installation of the late lamented Duke of Clarence and Avondale, his Royal Highness offered to appoint Bro. Stephens to the position of Dep. Prov. G. Master, but he was compelled to decline the honour through failing health, which would render it impossible for him to visit the various lodges at their meetings, which were usually held in the evening. He simply mentioned this to show the high esteem in which Bro. Stephens had been held as a Mason. It was a singular circumstance that the next Prov. G. Lodge following the death of the Duke of Clarence should have been held in the very room in which they were then assembled, mourning the deaths of Lord Wantage and two other of their Grand Officers. He would not say more, and would content himself by simply moving the following resolution, asking Bro. Canon Garry to second it, and speak more fully upon it: "That this Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons desires to record its deep sorrow at the loss this province has sustained by the lamented deaths of the Right Hon. Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., the Provincial Grand Master; W. Bro. the Rev. E. R. Adams, the Provincial Grand Chaplain; and W. Bro. Charles Stephens, the Provincial Grand Treasurer; who had each obtained the sincere respect of all Freemasons in Berkshire; and that a vote of condolence, expressing sincere and heartfelt sympathy, be passed, and forwarded to the members of their respective families."

Bro. Canon GARRY, Past Grand Chaplain of England, in seconding the vote, said: Few provinces have ever had to send a vote of condolence to the families of three of its Grand Officers at the same annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge; that is our sad lot to-day. The loss of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the province naturally turns our thoughts back to the untimely death of our first Grand Master. In this very room at the meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, nine years ago, it was my sad privilege to move a vote of condolence on the death of the Duke of Clarence. Many here present can remember the stately and impressive ceremony in the Town Hall of Reading, with which the present King, then Prince of Wales and Grand Master of England, installed his eldest son, the heir to the Throne, as first Grand Master of the Province of Berkshire, of the kindly grace with which the newly-installed Grand Master invested his officers. How soon was all the bright promise of that young life cut short by death! It was with him as with the young Marcellus, the heir of his uncle the Emperor Augustus:

"Ostendent terris hunc tantum fata, neque ultra Esse sinent."

After the interval of some years, Lord Wantage was installed, also in Reading, by Earl Amherst; but he had not held the post of Grand Master much longer than his predecessor, the Duke of Clarence, though he passed away full of years and honours. Those who can remember the Crimean War can recall the bravery of Colonel Lindsay of the Guards and how he won the Victoria Cross; all Berkshire men know and appreciate the part that he took in the Volunteer movement, and how under his leadership the Berkshire men became, and still are, one of the most efficient Volunteer regiments. When Lord Wantage became Lord Lieutenant, the county felt that it was a well-merited distinction, and the Freemasons of the province felt that they were honoured when he was appointed their Grand Master; and now that he has been taken away they deeply mourn his loss. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. E. R. Adams, had not been long in the county when he was appointed; but he was a distinguished Mason, and had already acted as Grand Chaplain of the Province of Sussex. But the tale of our loss is not yet complete; we mourn our tried friend Bro. Charles Stephens, our Provincial Grand Treasurer, whose management of our funds, since the formation of the province, has been most careful and efficient. In his youth our brother was an athlete; he played as a boy in the Winchester eleven, and he rowed in his College boat at Oxford, and in early and middle life everything about him promised a hearty and vigorous old age; but to the deep regret of his many friends, especially of his brother Masons, his health began to fail about 15 years ago, and now he has passed away, making the loss of the province a threefold one. We deeply feel that loss ourselves, and we wish to assure the families of the three Provincial Grand Officers who have passed away to the world of light, of our heartfelt sympathy with them in their sorrow.

The resolution was then submitted from the chair, and unanimously

adopted, in silence, the whole of the brethren rising, as a mark of respect to the deceased officers.

The financial report of the province, read by the PROV. G. SECRETARY, was of a satisfactory character, and it was unanimously adopted on the motion of Bro. F. J. FERGUSON, seconded by Bro. KIRCHHOFFER.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY'S report on the state of the lodges in the province was also of a gratifying nature, showing a total membership of 769, of whom 226 were Past Masters. There had been 18 joining members and 31 initiates, and 168 regular lodges and one lodge of emerge-cy had been held during the year.

Bro. EDWARD MARGRETT, the painstaking Secretary of the Provincial Charity Committee, read the annual report, showing that during the past 12 months the brethren had sent upwards of £1100 as contributions to the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The Committee had received for use in the periodical elections as many as 7461 votes, a large proportion of these having been placed at their disposal by Bro. C. E. Keyser, to whom their thanks were heartily due. The report also mentioned several individual cases, in connection with which the Charity Committee had rendered excellent service.

On the proposal of Bro. R. C. MOUNT, seconded by Bro. F. J. FERGUSON, the report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. GEORGE GARDNER, observing that death had been very rife among them during the past year, said it would be for the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, to appoint a new Provincial Grand Master, but it was the privilege of the brethren themselves to elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and he had much pleasure in proposing for that office a well-known brother who had done sterling Masonic work, more especially in connection with the Charities. He referred to Bro. Margrett, Past Grand Warden, Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee, and also a member of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Boys' School. (Applause).

Bro. ERNEST MARSHALL seconded the proposal, which was agreed to *mem. con.*

Bro. MARGRETT thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of their confidence, and assured them that he would endeavour to follow as far as he possibly could in the footsteps of his predecessor (the late Bro. Stephens).

The following brethren were appointed and invested as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. C. W. Cox, P.M. 1566...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. Gray, I.P.M. 771 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Footman, S.W. 1770 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. Margrett, P.M. 1101 (elected) ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. H. Dodd, I.P.M. 414 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. W. Martin, P.M. 414 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. A. Cocks, I.P.M. 2671 ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. B. Reed, P.M. 1101 ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Capt. H. H. Tasker, P.M. 1564 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Dr. Hawkins, I.P.M. 2043 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. L. Thompson, P.M. 2228 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Sandback, D.S.O., P.M. 1899 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" John Rolfe, W.M. 574 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" E. J. Dunn, I.P.M. 1887 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Williamson, Org. 209 ...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" C. Dodd, P.M. 1887 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Gordon Walker, I.P.M. 945 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Wright, W.M. 2760... ..	...	
" W. E. Allaway, W.M. 209 ...	...	
" T. H. White, W.M. 414 ...	...	
" E. J. Harris, W.M. 945 ...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" E. Caldecott, I.P.M. 2437 ...	...	
" J. H. Brooks, S.W. 771 ...	...	
" W. Hemmings, 1101 ...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" J. F. Stevens, 2043 ...	...	

The D.P.G.M., in investing Bro. Cox as S.G.W., mentioned that for 21 years he had been Secretary to his lodge, and had always proved himself a zealous and indefatigable Mason. Subsequently, addressing Bro. Martin, the courteous and hard-working Prov. Grand Secretary, the D.P.G.M. said he did not know what he should do without Bro. Martin's invaluable services.

Apologies from Bro. Lord Addington, P.G.M. Bucks, and other distinguished brethren for non-attendance were announced, after which the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a banquet was served, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The attendance included the following officers, Present and Past:

Bros. J. T. Morland, D.P.G.M.; Algernon Lacy, 2460, S.G.W.; W. Walford Ridley, 1101, J.G.W.; Charles R. Thomas, 1566, G. Reg.; John W. Martin, 414, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. G. Sec.; Charles Luker, 1770, S.G.D.; W. E. Kingston, 771, J.G.D.; D. N. Heron, 1101, G. Supt. Wks.; Herbert W. Dunlop, 414, G.D. of Cers.; Dryland Haslam, jun., 2043, Asst. G.D. of Cers.; C. Weeden, 795, and John Rolfe, 1687, G. Std. Brs.; T. S. Cambridge, 2760, G. Org.; Walter G. Crombie, 574, Asst. G. Purst.; Wilfred Kearn, 209, G. Stwd.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, 1809, P.D.G.D.C. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.; R. C. Mount, P.P.S.G.W.; Edward Margrett, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Gardner, 771, P.P.G. Chaplain; E. Bowen and W. A. Hart, Grand Lodge Officers; J. O. Carter, P.P.S.G.W.; Canon N. T. Garry, 414, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Chaplain; W. Ferguson, 1101, P.P.S.G.W.; George H. Morland, 945, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Ferguson, 414, P.P.S.G.W.; Charles Slaughter, 1101, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Bonny, 414, P.P.G.W.; A. W. N. Deacon, 1887, P.P.G. Chap.; Frederick F. Penruddock, 771, P.P.G. Chap.; Charles Oides, 414, P.P.G. Reg.; Henry Creed, P.P.G. Reg.; C. F. Dyson, 771, P.P.S.G.D.; Sidney Payne, P. Prov. S.G.D.; F. J. C. Forss, 1556, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Fenton, 795, P.P.G. Sup. of Works; F. Prince, 209, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. A. Hart, 2228, P.S.G.W., P.A.G.D.C.; William Hickie, 1101, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Page, 771, P.P.G.D.C.; Sidney Smith, 209, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Dyson, 771, P.P.G.D.C.; Chas. W. Cox, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Butting, 1566, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Purkiss, P.P.S.G.D.; E. C. Broquet, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. King, 209, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Ernest Marshall, 771, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Thorne Phillips, 2437, P.P.G. Org.; T. W. Walford, 2460, P.P.G.O.; Vernon Knowles, 1101, P.P.G. Org.; E. H. Simmons, 2013, P.P.A.G. Sec.; George J. Cosburn, P.P.A.G. Purst.; and W. Andrews, P.M. 209, P.P.A.G. Sec. Visitors: Bros. R. W. Rolfe, P.P.G.P. Herts; John Trotman, Chap. 1770; George W. Dixon, D.G.S.B. Eng.; W. A. Crowhurst, 1894, P.P.G.P. Purst. Bucks; H. Read, 261 and 2390; J. Chamberlain, 2738; E. H. Pollis, 1624; T. E. Cooper, 2128; W. J. Hill, J.W. 2536; P. H. Groves, 2740; J. Hill, 2732; H. Morecroft, 295; H. R. Seafie, 2738; and E. H. Lister, 2740, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BERKSHIRE

This annual Prov. G. Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday afternoon, the 29th ult., under the presidency of Comp. John Thornhill Morland, M.A., when the officers for 1901-2 were invested as follows:

Comps. E. Margrett, P.Z. 414 ...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. H. Belcher, P.Z. 574 ...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. W. Martin, P.Z. 414 ...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Hickie, P.Z. 414 ...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. C. Mount, P.Z. 414 (elected) ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Turner, P.Z. 771 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. R. Barnby, P.Z. 945 ...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. A. C. Broquet, M.E.Z. 771 ...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Ernest Marshall, H. 771 ...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" A. W. Gundry, H. 1899 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. Hill, H. 574 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Dr. Holden, S.E. 414 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. S. Cambridge, 1st A.S. 574 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Hemmings, 414 ...	...	
" J. F. Stevens, 414 ...	...	Prov. G. Janitors.

At the close of the business the companions attended the Craft Prov. G. Lodge banquet held at the Guildhall, as reported elsewhere.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held under the auspices of the Rectitude Chapter, No. 502, at the Masonic Hall, Rugby, on Monday, the 28th ult. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. George Beech, as G. Supt.; Vesey Fitzgerald, as Prov. G.H.; and T. E. Shaw, as Prov. G.J.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened, and the Grand Officers saluted, the summons convening the meeting and the minutes of the last annual convocation were read, as well as letters of apology for absence from the Earl of Warwick, G.H., and others.

The roll of Prov. G. Officers and that of the chapters in the province having been called,

The PROV. G. SCRIBE E. read his report, which showed an increase in membership.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's report was afterwards received and adopted.

The report of the Committee appointed to present an address and testimonial to Comp. Swinden, P.P.G.S.E., on behalf of the Prov. G. Chapter, was also presented and approved, with applause.

The following were then appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers:

Comp. A. G. Chamberlain ...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. C. Stackhouse ...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Dr. Davidson ...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. M. Boddington (elected) ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Berlyn ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Hans Graff ...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. J. Dingley ...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. Bowen ...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" C. H. Slingsby ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Harold Mason ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. J. Collins ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Graham ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Attwood ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Cotton ...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Dalley ...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions. He congratulated the province upon its improved position, the success which had attended the new chapter of instruction, and the satisfactory condition of the finances. He referred, in feeling terms, to the several deaths which had occurred during the year, and desired that letters of sympathy should be sent to companions who were absent through illness, and especially to Comps. Tolladay and Rooker.

Prov. G. Chapter having been closed, the companions dined together, and generally expressed their admiration of the arrangements which had been made by the Rectitude Chapter, and especially by Comps. Chamberlain, Lawrence, and Micklejohn.

Altogether some 50 companions were present, and it is exactly 11 years since a similar meeting was held at Rugby.

One incident we must not forget to mention. Two eminent companions from Birmingham, who should have changed carriages at Coventry, omitted to do so, and went through to Northampton. They fortunately found a train just returning to Rugby, and so managed to reach the meeting before it was over, and were both appointed to P.G. Office amidst the congratulations of all the companions.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Mark Master Masons in North Wales took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Amlwch, on Thursday, the 31st ult., under the auspices of the St. Eilian Lodge, No. 369, of which Bro. T. Westlake-Morgan, P.C.N., P.G. Org. Eng., is now the W.M. There was a large and representative attendance of Mark Masons from the province, and amongst those present were:

Bros. Colonel Hunter, Prov. G. Master of North Wales; Colonel Gordon Warren, P. Dep. Prov. G.M.; the Rev. Thomas Edwards, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Rev. Pugh Evans, W. Walton, J. O. Morris, W. Bulkeley Hughes Hunter, Owen Rowlands, Dr. T. L. Kenrick Davies, James A. Hornby, Westlake-Morgan, Hugh Thomas, Major Ashley, James Porter, W. Jones, W. Jones, Thomas Williams, John Bowen, F. P. Leche, R. E. Pritchard, W. S. Herbert, John James, Thomas Powis, and others.

Telegrams and letters of apology for absence were received from:



Bros. the Rev. J. Fairchild, J. Lloyd Griffith, W. Douglas Jones, F. Fisher Jones, Thomas Jervis, R. G. Thomas, K. McEwen, Samuel Evans, Robert Owen, H. Jones Roberts, J. T. Morgan, W. A. Foster, G. W. Matthews, Hugh Pritchard, Richard Pritchard, and Captain Nathaniel Philips.

The Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Hunter, arrived, attended by his Deputy, Bro. Rev. Thomas Edwards, Rector of Aber, and Past G. Chaplain of England.

On assuming the chair at half-past two o'clock, Bro. Colonel HUNTER alluded in feeling terms to the demise of her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and went on to refer to the loss the province had sustained by the death of its worthy Tyler, the late Bro. Vincent (of Vincent's Private Hotel, Llandudno), and the bereavement the Amlwch brethren had suffered through the removal, by death, of their late Bro. John Hughes, of Frondeg.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for 1901-2 as follows:

Bro. Rev. Thomas Edwards, P.G. Chap. England	Dep. Prov. G.M.
(Rector of Aber) ...	...
" T. Westlake-Morgan, P.G. Org. England ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Dr. Hugh Jones Roberts ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" R. E. Pritchard ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Bulkeley Hughes Hunter ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" J. O. Morris ...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. J. Pugh Evans ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Capt. W. Douglas Jones, M.A. ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Dr. Kenrick Davies, M.B. ...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" Major G. R. Ashley, B.A. ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. W. Matthews, B.A., H.M.I. ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Hugh Pritchard ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Walton ...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Owen Rowlands ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Bowen, B.A., H.M.I. ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. T. Morgan ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" John James ...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Samuel Evans ...	
" Major Ashley (acting) ...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Owen ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Thomas P. Leche ...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" Hugh Thomas ...	
" J. L. Mayger ...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Sergeant Thomas Powis ...	

The balance sheet of the Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. Douglas Jones), duly audited by Bros. Kenrick Davies and Farrington, was received, and showed a balance in hand of nearly £30.

The Auditors were re-elected.

The business of the province being finished, a presentation of a very handsome Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master's jewel was made to Bro. Col. Gordon Warren, on behalf of the province and the lodges within its jurisdiction, that good brother having acted as Deputy for 15 years, and rendered very valuable services to the cause of Mark Freemasonry in the province generally.

It was decided to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge at Rhyl 12 months hence.

After the Prov. Grand Lodge had been closed (with that of St. Eilian), a Masonic festival took place at the Dinorben Arms Hotel, presided over by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Col. Hunter.

After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly pledged, and before leaving, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Thos. P. Leche, the proprietor of the Dinorben Arms, for the excellent way in which he had prepared for the comfort of the brethren, many of whom had to travel long distances home that night, and much appreciated his kind attention.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual general convocation of Royal Arch Masons for the Province of Staffordshire was held at Heron-street Schools, Rugeley, recently. Great regret was felt and expressed that the Grand Superintendent, Lieut.-Col. Bindley, V.D., P.G.D. Eng., was unable to be present owing to his long and continued illness. In his absence the duty of presiding fell upon Comp. J. F. Pepper, whose zealous and disinterested service for Masonry is only equalled by his wonderful energy and his perfect knowledge of the working of Prov. G. Chapter, in which he has been "second in command" for nine years. Among those who signed the admission roll were:

Comps. Thomas Taylor, J.G.D. Eng., acting H.; G. Vaughan, J.; Col. G. W. Walker, P.G.S.B. Eng., S.E.; G. Wormal, 727, S.N.; T. H. Salter, 662, Reg.; George H. Frewer, 546, 1st A.S.; George Buttery, 1941, 2nd A.S.; J. T. Marson, 726, D.C.; J. E. Dolman, 539, Std. Br.; J. Twist Snape, 418; J. J. Smith, H. Percy Smith, and J. N. Lester, 419; H. Ward, 456; H. Richardson, P.P.D.C. Worcestershire, and W. Allman, 482; W. Hebblethwaite, T. M. Heape, D. Power, and W. A. Gould, 539; A. Reeve and W. G. Lowe, 624; J. W. Bromley, 546; F. Taylor, the Rev. S. Wickham Jones, and George Dean, 726; the Rev. W. Trevor-Parkins, Col. J. D. Murray, P.G.T. Eng., J. Hackett, W. Webster, A. Tunnicliffe, H. Whitehouse, A. Campbell, and F. Fereday, 1911.

With the sanction of the Grand Superintendent, the following were appointed the officers of Prov. Grand Chapter for the ensuing year:

Comp. Dr. F. W. Willmore, Vernon ...	Prov. G.J.
" Col. Walker, St. Peter's ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Baker, St. Peter's ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. C. Kent, Etruscan, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. T. Snape, Staffordshire Knot ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Frank Hughes, St. James's ...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. W. Bromley, Etruscan ...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" A. Reeve, Abbey ...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Rev. S. Wickham Jones, Royal Chartley ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Ward, Dove ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. T. Mason, Royal Chartley (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Geo. Haines, St. Augustine's ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" B. Nock, Mus. Bac., St. James's ...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Hebblethwaite, Vernon ...	Prov. Asst. G.S.E.
" W. Davis, Vernon ...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comps. H. Percy-Smith and J. W. Bromley were appointed Auditors.

Comp. Dr. Newnham having resigned the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, a vote of thanks was passed to him for his services in that capacity.

The appointment of Comp. Kent as his successor was moved by the ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT, and seconded by Comp. THOMAS TAYLOR, who remarked that he had known Comp. Kent for many years in connection with Masonic work, and could bear testimony to the admirable services which he had rendered not only in the Province of Staffordshire but to English Freemasonry in general.

The ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT read a letter from Col. Bindley, in which he expressed his great disappointment at not being able to be present, and his gratification in knowing that Royal Arch Freemasonry was flourishing in the province.

On the motion of the ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT, a vote of sympathy was passed with Col. Bindley in his illness, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Comp. THOMAS TAYLOR said it was six years since Prov. G. Chapter had met in the north of the province, and gave a cordial invitation to Hanley, under the banner of the Staffordshire Knot Chapter, No. 418, next year.

On the motion of Comp. T. TAYLOR, two guineas was voted to the Speth Memorial Fund.

On the motion of the ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT, a vote of thanks was passed to St. Augustine's Chapter for the excellent arrangements made on behalf of the convocation, and the vote was suitably acknowledged by Comp. WEBSTER.

After the proceedings in Prov. G. Chapter, an adjournment was made to the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Macgregor.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

During the banquet a telegram was despatched to Col. Bindley with fraternal greetings from the Prov. G. Chapter, and wishing him a speedy recovery. A reply came from the G. Superintendent conveying his cordial thanks to the Prov. G. Chapter for their sympathy and good wishes, and his heartiest greetings.

It should be recorded that the Prov. G. Chapter was in Masonic mourning in consequence of the death of the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, Third Principal, and "Father of the House of Commons," an event which has caused deep sorrow to every member of the Order, by whom he was greatly respected and beloved.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge took place on Thursday, the 24th ult., under the banner of the William de Irwin Lodge, No. 162, at the Masonic Hall, Yeovil. The Prov. G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.S.G.D. Eng., presided. All the lodges in the province were represented.

In the absence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Long (in South Africa), Bro. J. W. Nosworthy, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Org. England, was appointed to the chair to act for him.

Bro. WATTS, P.A.G.D.C. England, Prov. G. Treas., presented the accounts for the past year, showing a balance from last year of £80 19s. 11d., and that the cash in banker's hands at the present time was £65 11s. 7d.—the reduction in amount being explained by the fact that a donation had been sent of £21 to the South African Masonic Relief Fund.

The accounts were adopted.

Bro. Watts was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and heartily thanked for his past services.

The P.G.M., Bro. ELSE, proposed that a sum of 15 guineas be granted from the funds of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and placed upon the list of the brother who undertakes the office of Steward at the 1902 Festival.

Bro. WATTS seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

Bro. ELSE, P.G.M., expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Colonel Long, the D.P.G.M., who, he remarked, was now entering on his third year's active service in South Africa. For some time after he got there, Colonel Long wrote stating that he rather liked the climate and got on very well, but unfortunately lately he had suffered from the heat, and his health did not seem to be as good as it was. His son, too, has been seriously wounded, and was now in Netley Hospital, and under those circumstances Colonel Long would no doubt be glad to return home at no distant period. They all sincerely hoped he would soon be able to do so, and that they might once more have the pleasure of shaking him by the hand. He had very great pleasure in again nominating Bro. Colonel Long as his Deputy for the ensuing year.

The other Prov. Grand Officers appointed were—

Bro. F. W. Gaylard, P.M. 162 ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. Evered, W.M. 41 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" A. Gates, W.M. 162 ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. M. Dames, P.M. 177 ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" G. James, P.M. 348 ...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. H. W. Dymond, Chap. 348 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" O. W. Wiltshire, P.M. 119 (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" F. T. Elworthy, P.M. 348, S.G.D. of Eng. (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. J. Dart, W.M. 102 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Warner, P.M. 128 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. J. Ker Thompson, M.O. 191 ...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. C. Thomas, P.M. 102 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" N. Buchanan, S.W. 162 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" L. Goodman, J.W. 162 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. W. Nosworthy ...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Dancer, Sec. 155 ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. E. Symes, J.O. 348 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. J. H. Scott, S.W. 177 ...	
" A. J. Salter (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The alms, amounting to £1 13s. 6d., were devoted to the Yeovil Hospital.

After the meeting a banquet was held at the Mermaid Hotel, the catering being satisfactorily carried out by the proprietor, Bro. C. T. Pitcher.

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Address the Secretary,

Bro. F. W. WARD,  
Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1901.

**Masonic Notes.**

We have much pleasure in announcing that His Majesty the King has graciously consented to become Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This will be good news indeed for Bro. Terry, the Secretary, to report at the meeting of the Committee of Management, on Wednesday, the 13th instant.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Comp. the Rev. Canon Brownrigg presided, and there was about the usual attendance of Grand Officers, Present and Past, and of the representatives of private chapters. The business on the Agenda was dealt with.

St. Thomas's Hospital was the scene of a grand Masonic function on Monday, when the Cheselden Lodge, No. 2870, which has been founded for the convenience of brethren connected with this fine old institution was consecrated, its first W. Master installed, and the officers for the year invested. But for the unfortunate state of the weather, the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M., would have been present and assisted at the inauguration of the new lodge. However, the ceremony of installation was, it is hardly necessary to say, most impressively performed by the Grand Secretary, who afterwards installed Bro. T. Wakley, jun., as the first W.M. There are already several lodges connected with our London Hospitals on the register of Grand Lodge, and all of them, as far as we know, have experienced the best of good fortune. We trust the Cheselden may follow in their wake and emulate their success.

The Province of West Yorkshire made a brave show in our columns last week. In the first place, we published a report of the proceedings on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., when a new Craft lodge—the Regent, No. 2856—was consecrated at Barnsley, thus augmenting the number of lodges on the Provincial register to 83. The ceremony was performed, in the absence of the Prov. G.M., by his respected Deputy, Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D., and when the lodge was constituted, Bro. W. Senior, a Past Master of the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513—which is now the senior lodge in the town—was installed in the chair as the first W.M. There was a very numerous muster of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers and other brethren, and we cordially echo the hearty good wishes that were expressed on the occasion for the success of the new lodge.

Another and fuller report appeared in the same issue of the proceedings at the half-yearly meeting on the 24th ult., of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire, from which we gather that the Mark Degree is yearly making greater and still greater progress. No additional evidence of this fact—for fact it is—is needed, but none the less gratifying is it to find that the Mark is not "marking time" but "advancing" by rapid strides in the esteem of our West Yorkshire brethren. This is not to be wondered at. The present Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. Letch Mason, has been in office for 18 years, and has just had his patent renewed for a further term of three. He has shown himself throughout his long official career a wise and energetic ruler, and it is not therefore surprising that his Province should be now about three times as strong as when he was first appointed to office.

An exceptionally pleasing episode occurred during the progress of the Mark Provincial meeting. It seems that in the interval that had elapsed since the previous meeting the worthy Dep. Prov. G. Mark Master, Bro. John Barker, had taken to himself a wife, and to show their esteem and respect for him, the brethren had presented Bro. and Mrs. Barker, on this auspicious occasion, with a wedding gift, consisting of silver plate and table cutlery, with a Russia leather travelling bag for Mrs. Barker, and the Deputy took advantage of the meeting to express to those present his heartfelt thanks for their kindness.

We call attention to the cutting from a Retford newspaper, which will be found in our Tidings columns. It is some satisfaction to know that this particular "Masonic Vagrant" has had his deserts in the shape of a sentence passed upon him by the Retford bench of magistrates of 21 days' hard labour. But there is a very old saying that "Prevention is better than cure," and if English Freemasonry would establish some such Association as has existed for several years in the United States, by which many thousands of dollars are annually saved from being wasted on the relief of the worthless fellows who bring discredit upon the Craft, there would be some chance of putting down this kind of fraud, or, at least, of making it so difficult and dangerous a practice to indulge in as to reduce it to a minimum. The mere knowledge that such an association existed with branches all over the country would have a deterrent effect, and, at the same time, perhaps, compel these vagrants to seek an honest means of livelihood.

But in this country we are slow to learn from experience. Englishmen are splendid men of business as regards their private affairs, but in matters that affect the general community they care little about taking the initiative in remedying grievances and putting down abuses. Hence, while Masonic vagrancy is admittedly a great nuisance affecting the comfort and credit of the whole fraternity, no one tries to put it down. The nearest approach to anything like a serious attempt to cope with it was made some time since in West Yorkshire, where it was suggested that the chief constables of the big cities and towns in the Province who happened to be Masons should be appointed Lodge Almoners, and we have little doubt that where the suggestion was possible and has been acted upon, the nuisance has been mitigated. Chief constables easily acquire a knowledge of many things that are seldom dreamt of in the average man's philosophy, and the vagrant, with the plausible tale of luggage detained or not arrived, or the non-receipt of his usual remittances from Australia, who tackles a lodge Almoner who is likewise a chief constable, is far more likely to get his deserts, as the visitor to Retford did, than the wished-for crown or half-crown to help him on his road to the nearest tavern.

Still, if we omit from the reckoning the three Provinces of Man and the Channel Islands, West Yorkshire is only one out of 43 Provinces in England and Wales, and if West Yorkshire, and it may be East Lancashire, and a few other Provinces are, to a certain extent, closed against these gentry, when they are hard up for a drink, there are the rest of the Provinces, where the number of unwary benevolent brethren is legion, and the vagrant, so far as his malpractices are concerned, finds himself in clover. But why should not the Provinces combine with London in forming some kind of Central Association, with as many local and district centres as may be thought necessary, and let these circulate periodically for private use lists of all of these itinerant applicants for relief. We venture to think that if such a scheme were adopted, the interests of the poor but worthy brother would not be jeopardised, while the unworthy would find his little game of preying upon benevolent brethren just a trifle more risky than it appears to be at present. Some such organisation as this has been found to answer extremely well in the United States and Canada, and, as we have said before, it has been the means of saving many thousands of dollars annually to the benevolent. Why should it not be attempted here, and with similar success?

We have received copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India at (1) a Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 27th April, and (2) a Special Communication, held on the 31st August, in memory of Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise, Hon. Past G.M. Depute, G. Secretary, deceased. On both occasions, in the unavoidable absence of H.E. Lord Northcote, G.M., Bro. Dr. J. Pollen, G.M. Depute, presided. The appendices to the former report show that financially the Grand Lodge is in a prosperous state, there being at the close of the account for the year ending 30th November, 1900, a sum of 3000 rupees at fixed Deposit in the Hong Kong Bank at 4 per cent., and a balance on current account in the same Bank of 2923 rupees, while on the account for the same period of the Scottish Masonic Fund of Benevolence there was a balance in the Bombay Bank of 1831 rupees, irrespective of a sum of 1000 rupees due by the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Association in India, which was lent to it in 1898. The account of the Freemasons' Hall Committee for the half year to the 31st December 1900, showed a balance of 3196 rupees. These figures are most satisfactory.

The Special Communication on the 31st August was held, as we have said, for the purpose of doing honour to the memory of Bro. C. D. Wise, who after 12 years' eminent and continuous service as Grand Secretary, died on the 27th July, in the 66th year of his age. Bro. Wise was initiated under the Scottish Constitution in January, 1866, and 10 years later affiliated to a lodge under the English Constitution, and in both he won high distinction as a Grand Officer of the one and a District Grand Officer of the other. But he will be best remembered as the Grand Secretary, A.S.F.I., to which office he was appointed in 1889, and in which, to quote the words of Bro. P. N. Wadia, Past Dep. G.M., in his oration at the meeting, he "had exceedingly endeared himself to one and all of us, and to those who had the privilege of his personal friendship and his fraternal confidence, it seems as if it was but yesterday that he was amongst us."

There was a very large attendance of the brethren at the Special meeting, and when the service in memory of the deceased was over, and Bro. Wadia had delivered his oration, a resolution was passed in solemn silence to the effect that the Grand Lodge "desires to place on record its sense of the great loss which Freemasonry in general, and the Scottish Constitution of all India in particular, has sustained in the death of our highly esteemed R.W. Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise, Hon. P.G.M. Depute, Grand Secretary A.S.F.I. His attachment to the principles of our Institution, as well as his upright and devoted discharge of his duties as a Mason and as a Man, ever entitled him to our respect and esteem, and will cause his memory to be held in lasting and loving remembrance amongst us." It was also agreed that a copy of the above should be transmitted to the deceased's family "as a tribute of respect in which he was held by his brethren."

It is with regret we report the death on the 30th ult., of Bro. C. Kupferschmidt, Asst. G. Sec. for German Correspondence. The funeral, which took place on the 2nd inst., was very numerous attended.

## 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.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE LONDON RAGGED SCHOOL CHILDREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

May I once more ask the courtesy of your columns to bring before your notice the annual entertainment, &c., to poor children in the Guildhall of the City of London and the distribution of Christmas hampers to 4000 to 5000 little cripples?

It is my privilege to have received from his Majesty the King a subscription, with an accompanying letter from the Keeper of the Privy Purse, in which Sir Dighton Probyn says:

"I have the pleasure to inform you that his Majesty will be very happy to continue his support to the Christmas and New Year's entertainment which you so kindly organise every year for the benefit of the Ragged School Children of London."

It is, therefore, with confidence that I again appeal to you to assist me in raising the necessary funds.

The balance-sheet, signed by Mr. W. H. Pannell, C.C., chartered accountant, honorary auditor, shows that last year £1434 1s. 6d. was collected; but year by year the number of crippled children registered increases, the difficulty of selecting the recipients for the hamper becomes greater, whilst the prolongation of the War makes my task still harder.

I am making a special effort to mark the advent of the Coronation Year by extending the hamper distribution, and to that end would gratefully receive for the children's fund donations, large or small, to be addressed to me, as heretofore, at 69, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.—Yours faithfully,

W. P. TRELOAR,  
Alderman.

69, Ludgate Hill, E.C.,  
October 31st.

## Reviews.

"The Century Bible—The General Epistles.—(Edinburgh, Messrs. T. C. and E. C. Jack, 1901).—This series is most valuable, and already far exceeds in variety and critical ability our most sanguine expectations. In many respects it differs from all other works of the kind, and any one of the volumes now published has only to be seen to be appreciated, not only because of their scope and importance, but the several volumes are the products of well-known scholars, acting independently, but with Prof. W. F. Adeney as the editor in chief. The present issue is devoted to "The General Epistles, James, Peter, John, and Jude," each having a special Introduction of considerable ability and research, and the Epistles are reproduced from the *Authorised* Version of 1611, and then from the *Revised* Version of 1881; the latter having copious notes, being a Commentary of great interest by Prof. W. H. Bennett, M.A., who has made a name for critical acumen in relation to theological questions, the Canonicity of the different Books of the New Testament; the authors, and other cognate matters. The 13 volumes, of which six are now published, will contain the New Testament, in the two texts—*Authorised* and *Revised*, with invaluable introductions and notes, based on the latest researches and most trustworthy authorities, at 2s. each, or more, according to binding.

### A SPRIG OF ACACIA.

WORSHIPFUL BRO. GEORGE KENNING.

BY CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

(Member of the Council of the Royal Society of Literature).

The Grandest, Noblest, Loftiest Lodge of all  
To-day has meeting in the Realms of Light;  
And Brethren slain by Death's relentless Maul  
May gain Admittance if they're Clothed in White!  
But White indeed must be their inmost souls—  
Heaven's piercing rays must purge and purify;  
Must cleanse them from the canker and the shoals,  
And must have Taught them how to Live and Die!  
A Candidate standing at the Door—  
He stands without and gives the signal Knock!  
And Lo from hence his Home is evermore  
In that Bright Mansion Built on a Rock!  
For Brother Kenning lived such life below  
To join that Lodge which they who've lived in Faith may know.

Bradford, October 26th, 1901.

### MASONIC HALL FOR COLCHESTER.

For many years the Freemasons of Colchester have been desirous of possessing a home of their own, and various projects have been started, but from one cause and another have proved abortive. The members of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, however, took advantage of the sale of a small estate situate almost in the centre of the town to secure sufficient ground for a Masonic Hall, and on Thursday, the 24th ult., the corner stone of the building was laid with Masonic ceremonial by his Worship the Mayor of Colchester, Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Treas. Essex, who was supported by the members of the Corporation and a distinguished body of Masons from all parts of the district.

The members of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, met in their lodge room at the Cups Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. J. E. Cheese, W.M., and the lodge having been duly opened, a procession was formed in the following order:

Tyler, with Drawn Sword.  
Members of the Lodge (Juniors first).  
Architect, with Plans.  
Trowel,  
Borne by the J.D.  
Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions.  
Treasurer, bearing the Phial to be deposited in the Stone.  
Visiting Brethren.  
Mallet,  
Borne by the S.D.

J.W.,  
With the Plumb Rule.

S.W.,  
With the Level.

Chaplain, with the Volume of the Sacred Law.  
W.M., with the Square.

On the procession emerging from the Hotel entrance, the Mayor, preceded by the mace, borne by the Town Sergeant, and accompanied by the members of the Town Council, issued from the municipal offices, and took up a position in rear of the Masonic procession, the whole proceeding through Pelham's-lane, Trinity-street, and Schere Gate, to Abbeygate-street, where the new Hall is to be erected. The members of the Council attending, besides the Mayor, were the Deputy-Mayor (Councillor E. Thompson Smith), Aldermen W. Butcher, H. H. Elwes, H. Goody, H. Laver, and J. Wicks; Councillors H. Arnold, J. Asten, W. G. Benham, T. M. Bear, E. S. Beard, E. H. Barritt, J. F. Goodey, J. A. Greenwood, G. Littlebury, G. Moore, Wilson Marriage, H. F. Nash, J. Phillips, Asher Prior, E. J. Penny, W. B. Sparling, J. C. Shenstone, W. C. Shaw, and L. J. Watts, with the Town Clerk (Mr. H. C. Wanklyn).

On reaching the site the Freemasons opened out into two lines, and his Worship and the Town Councillors and those Masons who had to take part in the ceremony, marched up the avenue thus formed to a platform specially erected near the south-east corner of the intended building. Here they were grouped in convenient positions by the D. of C., Bro. R. Haward Ives, and on silence being proclaimed by the D. of C.,

His Worship, Bro. CLAUDE E. EGERTON-GREEN, gave a brief address. He said that Freemasons were true and faithful to the laws of their country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God the Great Architect of the Universe. They had secrets, but those secrets were lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and having been lawfully transmitted to the present generation of Freemasons, it was their duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless the Craft were good and its calling honourable it would not have lasted for so many centuries, nor would so many illustrious brethren have joined the Order, ready to promote the laws of fraternity and further its best interests. They were assembled that day to erect a house to the honour and the glory of the Most High, wherein the local Masons might practise their Craft, which they prayed God might prosper as it seemed good to Him; and as it was the first duty of Masons in any undertaking to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, he called upon those present to unite with the Chaplain in prayer.

The Chaplain (Bro. Rev. C. Pierrepont Edwards) then offered prayer, after which the Secretary (Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec., P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.), read aloud the inscription on the stone, which runs as follows:

#### THIS CORNER STONE

was laid with Masonic Ceremonial by  
CLAUDE R. EGERTON-GREEN, Esq., M.A., J.P., D.L.,  
Mayor of Colchester,  
P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G. Treas. Essex.  
October 24th, 1901.

THOS. J. RALLING, Sec.

CHAS. E. BUTCHER,  
Architect.

HENRY EVERETT AND SON,  
Contractors.

At the call of his Worship, the Treasurer (Bro. A. S. B. Sparling, P.P.G. Treas.) placed in a cavity in the lower stone a phial containing some coins of the current year, a local newspaper and a printed copy of the day's Masonic proceedings. The acting J.D. (Bro. H. G. H. Elliott, P.M.), then handed to the Mayor a silver trowel (presented by the Architect) requesting him to set the stone. His Worship then received from an E.A. (Bro. Thomas Fox) cement on a builder's "hawk," with which he spread some cement, and the stone was lowered into its position. The Mayor then proved the just position and form of the stone with the plumb rule, level and square, which were successively handed to him by the J.W. (Bro. Arthur Turner), the S.W. (Bro. Rev. C. C. Naters), and the W.M. (Bro. J. E. Cheese), and he then received the mallet from the S.D. (Bro. P. G. Laver), with which he gave the stone three knocks. The Architect (Bro. Charles E. Butcher) next came forward and handed to the Mayor the plans of the intended building, and his Worship having inspected the same returned them, desiring him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the building. A hymn was then sung, and the interesting proceedings closed with the Benediction, pronounced by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking, Dr. Stevens, P.G.C.

All Freemasons present wore, by special dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, their Masonic clothing and jewels, and the proceedings naturally attracted a large number of spectators, a public ceremony of this kind not having taken place in the town since the members of the lodge laid the foundation stone of St. Mary Magdalen Church, in 1853.

On returning to the lodge room, the brethren were "called off" to enable those who had been invited to the Mayor's "Oyster Feast" to attend that historic function, and at 5.30 they re-assembled, and the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year—Bro. the Rev. C. Cuthbert Naters—took place. The ceremony was ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. John E. Cheese, and the officers for the year were appointed as under: Bros. Arthur Turner, S.W.; Philip G. Laver, J.W.; the Rev. Robert Bashford, Chap.; A. S. B. Sparling, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec., Sec.; W. R. Seabrooke, S.D.; F. Nash, J.D.; Chas. W. Denton, I.G.; R. Haward Ives, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; Charles Wood, Org.; the Rev. C. Pierrepont Edwards, H. P. Gadsdon, and A. H. W. Fynmore, Stwds.; and A. Wright, Tyler.

Bro. Joseph Grimes, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

The SECRETARY, on behalf of the architect of the Masonic Hall, Bro. C. E. Butcher, formally presented to Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Treas., Mayor of Colchester, the silver trowel his Worship had used in laying the corner-stone of the hall, remarking that the proceedings of the morning would have an important bearing on the future of the Craft in Colchester, and he trusted that his Worship would be constantly reminded by the trowel of the important part he had taken.

His WORSHIP, in expressing his thanks, said it had given him great pleasure to lay the corner-stone of the hall. He thought the brethren would agree with him that it was a very strong evidence of the esteem in which their Craft was held by the ruling body in the town that he had been so fully supported by the Aldermen and Councillors. He should greatly treasure the handsome trowel as a memento of one of the most important events of his year of office.

The inscription on the trowel was as follows: "Souvenir to Claude E. Egerton-Green, Esq., M.A., J.P., D.L., Mayor of Colchester, P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G. Treas. Essex, on the occasion of his laying the corner-stone of the Colchester Masonic Hall, October 24th, 1901, by Chas. E. Butcher, Architect."

Between 50 and 60 brethren afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by the host, Bro. G. L. Hart.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A capital selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. C. Wood, the Organist, those taking part being Miss Senior, Bros. J. S. Hammond, Rev. C. Pierrepont Edwards, F. Graham Macdonald, and Oliver W. Peck, Messrs. W. T. Bradley, W. H. Farren, and Arthur Melville, and Masters Cyril and Victor Bes.



## CONSECRATION OF THE DRAMATIC LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 487.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 31st ult. A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened by W. Bro. G. P. Parker, P.C.N., at three o'clock, the chairs of J. and S. being occupied respectively by W. Bros. Raymond Tucker, P.C.N., and C. E. L. Wright, P.C.N., and the following brethren were duly elevated to the Degree: Bros. H. Nicholls, P.G. Std. Br.; S. Pringle, J. Murray, A. Duck, E. Humphries, C. Coggin, T. Fraser, E. Beverley, W. Lyon, H. Leonard, and J. Matthews.

The lodge was then adjourned, and at four o'clock the G. Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., entered in procession, accompanied by several G. Officers, and having assumed the throne, appointed as his assistants V.W. Bro. Chas. Belton, P.G.W., J.; W. Bros. R. Clowes, P.G.J.O., S.; the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, M.A., P.C.N., Chap.; J. F. Tower, P.A.G.D.C., D. of C.; and Bro. Major Carrell, P.G.M.O., Guardian.

The Consecrating Officer having addressed the brethren, and the founders signified their approval of the brethren named in the warrant, the following oration was delivered by the CHAPLAIN:

I suppose it is an almost unique thing for two Royal Ark Mariners' lodges to be consecrated in London in successive months, and yet that is the case to-day, for only a little over a month ago I was privileged to act as Chaplain, when the Ark of the United Service was launched on what, I trust, will be a long and prosperous career. This afternoon we are assembled to take our share in a similar ceremony on behalf of the Dramatic Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and in accordance with tradition, I am called on to give you an oration on the nature and principles of the Order. But the task is in itself by no means an easy one, for the Royal Ark Mariners Degree is not one with any very deep esoteric teaching; it does not lend itself to any pictorial embellishment; nor has it any of those dramatic possibilities, which we at once recognise in some other Degrees, and which, while they of course appeal to the actor will make even the critic acknowledge that the play has some strong situations in the 2nd and 3rd act. The Order of Royal Ark Mariners is not, however, of this type at all. It commemorates certain very interesting events, but these events are unfolded to the candidates in the simplest form; the truths it enunciates, are noble, definite, and helpful, but they do not at once grip you with the same force, as when conveyed to your inner consciousness by action rather than speech. Thus, as we all know, there have been many fine plays written, which it is a pleasure to read but which are quite unsuited to public performances—plays of beautiful thoughts, but which can only be appreciated by quiet study—and so in the same way in the Royal Ark Mariner Degree there is nothing to attract the eye or catch the ear, but the ceremony must be studied and closely attended to if we would learn the beauties it contains. Now, I am sure that the way in which this Degree has prospered of late years is a proof that brethren have discovered that there is much more in Masonry than merely an imposing ceremonial. I am often struck when I read the report of the General Board of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, by whom this Order is governed, by the number of times that I see the announcement, "a warrant has been granted for a new Ark Mariners lodge." It shows how great has been the progress made by the Order, and how many latent possibilities there are in it. But it has not always been so. The Degree is certainly of great antiquity, yet its origin is lost in the mists of the past. In the 18th century it was governed by a Grand Lodge, but it gradually grew more and more feeble, and at last, after many negotiations, it was transferred to the Mark Degree, which is the reason why every Royal Ark must be attached to some Mark Lodge. The principal object of this Degree is to keep in our remembrance that terrible flood which once overwhelmed the world, and on a previous occasion I dealt at length with the historical and scientific evidence in its favour. I pointed out that, apart from other things, almost every nation of the earth possesses traces of a deluge, and of how great an importance THAT is, but without dilating further on it, I would call your attention to another subject which naturally arises from it. Noah and his family, we read, alone escaped the fate which befell the rest of mankind. They were preserved alive in the ark from the midst of those who were destroyed for their wickedness by the wrathful displeasure of the Lord. They were set apart, and dedicated to a higher work. Now, in a symbolical sense, this may be said of us. We are, in the first place, called apart from the uninstructed or popular world who are not Masons. It is a distinct calling, inasmuch as a man can only become a Mason of his own free will and accord, and unbiassed by any improper motive. But we are hardly initiated before we are told that it is our duty, without neglecting the ordinary business of our lives, to make a daily advance in Masonic knowledge. Now, how are we to do this? The answers are many and various; for all have not the same gifts. The first and most obvious answer, no doubt, is by searching and studying the records of the past, but there are many men who have not received the requisite training for this. Or we may pay diligent attention to our ceremonials, and by conversation with those of more experience than ourselves endeavour to understand their real meaning and express them intelligently. Or, again—and this is where I would especially draw my parallel—we may, by joining as many of the Degrees in Freemasonry as are open to us, greatly increase our knowledge, and realise better the relative dependency of its several parts. In the Ark there were only eight human beings, and three were shut off from the world, and so we find that as we advance in the higher Degrees in Masonry, their adherents are smaller in number, for it is only those who have shown a genuine thirst for Masonic knowledge who ever take them up. It is one of these lodges belonging to the higher Degrees that we are about to consecrate this afternoon, and I think I may take it that all those who are united in forming it are so impressed with the teachings of this Degree, that they will not only do their utmost to promote its interests, but also to profit by what they have learnt. If we will work in this spirit we may expect to grow in knowledge, and thus meriting the approval of the S.G.C. of T.O., may hope to be safely brought to the haven of everlasting rest.

The lodge was then consecrated and constituted with the customary ceremonies, and a Board of Ex. Commanders having been opened, Bro. C. Cruikshanks was duly installed as W.C.N. by the G. Secretary in his usually impressive manner.

The W.C.N. then appointed and invested his officers: Bro. H. Nicholls, J.; W. Bro. the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.N., S.; Bros. C. Coggin, Treas.; Major C. W. Carrell, Scribe; H. Leonard, D. of C.; T. Fraser, S.D.; E. Humphries, J.D.; H. Murray, Org.; S. Pringle, Guardian; J. Matthews, Stwd.; and E. Mills, Warder.

The Consecrating Officers were elected as hon. members, and also Bro. G. P. Parker, who was also appointed I.P.N.

Bro. A. J. Thomas was elected a joining member, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a pleasant evening was spent.

THE KING has contributed 10 guineas as an annual subscription to the funds of the British Orphan Asylum, Slough.

## The November Magazines.

The Captain opens with the continuation of the new serial, "A Cavalier Maid." "In Deep Water" is also continued, and there is a further tale from the trenches, relating to the present Boer War, as well as several very interesting complete tales. Athletes, stamp collectors, and cyclists are well catered for in their respective "corners," and there is a capital article on some famous escapes from prison. There is a further instalment of the amusing "Autobiography of a Dog."

Cassell's Magazine contains concluding chapters of Rudyard Kipling's "Kim," and Max Pemberton's "Giants' Gate," also several complete tales. There are interesting papers on the rustic spots of Greater London, troopships (by W. Clark Russell), bull-fighting in Portugal, rulers who have met with violent deaths, and Mr. A. C. MacLaren's Australian team. The current number is one of quite exceptional interest, fascinating as Cassell's invariably is.

Chambers's Journal contains "At the Sign of the Silver Bell," "A King's Gambit," and other complete stories, also interesting papers on the wealth of Spain, life in a convict prison (by an inmate), the mysteries of artificial incubation, lemon-ranching in the Pacific Slope, the cheapness of Portuguese hotels, submarine boats, and Indian conjuring. The Science and Art Notes for the month fully maintain the high reputation enjoyed by this journal in that specific department.

The Century Illustrated Magazine contains several capital complete stories, one of them by Mark Twain, and some articles of unusual interest, including a retrospect of American humour, and a paper on the dirigible balloon of M. Santos-Dumont, written with the aeronaut's knowledge and consent. A paper on the settlement of the Western States of America is interesting as a study in transportation, and there is a thoughtful and scholarly article on the assassination of kings and presidents, and one on some of the personal characteristics of President McKinley. The illustrations in this magazine have greatly improved of late, the half-tone plate engravings being particularly fine.

The Cornhill Magazine opens with an appreciation of Edmond Rostand, by Mr. Henry James, and Sir Rowland Blennerhassett contributes Recollections of Cardinal Newman, throwing new light on the views of Newman in regard to the Italian movement and the temporal sovereignty of the Pope. Fiction is represented by an instalment of Mr. Stanley Weyman's "Count Hannibal," and by two short stories—"Becky" and "A Lesson in Manners"—from the pens of Miss Eleanor Hayden and Mr. Harold White. There is pathos in the poem by Miss Turnbull, who lost her life in her endeavour to save a sister from the flames. Under the title of "A Club in Being," the Rev. H. C. D. Latham, of the Inns of Court Mission, gives some experience of life among the rougher working boys of London. "The Londoner" continues the diversions of his Log Book. Dr. Fitchett brings his "Tale of the Great Mutiny" up to the storming of Delhi, while "Urbanus Sylvan" heads his Provincial Letter "A Meditation among the Tombs."

The Gentleman's Magazine opens with a humorous sketch entitled "At the Dentists," which is an adaptation from the Danish of Høzer. "Three Years of the Eastern Question" is a statesmanlike article from the pen of W. Miller, M.A., while J. E. Gore, F.R.A.S., contributes an appreciative paper on the great Belgian astronomer, M. Houzeau. Georgina Hill's "Tales of Ambassadors" will be read with interest, as also will "The Siddons," an article that will be appreciated by all lovers of the histrionic art and its history. "The Old Science and the New" and "Self-styled Plantagenets" are papers worthy of perusal, and "The Broken Dream" is an interesting complete tale.

Longman's Magazine contains a further instalment of the serial tale "The Gold-Stealers," while there are two very interesting complete tales. Lieut. Col. A. L. Paget concludes his experiences as a Commandant of prisoners of war at Deadwood Camp, St. Helena; and J. R. E. Sumner completes his "Recollections of a Tender-foot." There are some beautiful verses by the Rev. George Bird entitled "Too Late."

Macmillan's Magazine opens with a continuation of the fascinating serial "Princess Puck." There is an appreciative sketch of the late Signor Crispi; a hitherto unpublished poem on Robert Burns. The River-life of the Land of the Poppy is dealt with in the current number, and there are very interesting and instructive papers on "Dickens and Modern Humour," golf, the mystery of collaboration, and other subjects, which combine to make the November number one of unusual interest.

## THE NEW TOWN CLERK OF SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES—A WELL-KNOWN FREEMASON.

### INTERESTING MASONIC CAREER.

Bro. Thomas Huggins Nesbitt, late City Comptroller of Westminster, left London on Tuesday, the 29th ult., to take up a new, responsible, and onerous position as Town Clerk of Sydney, New South Wales, at the lucrative salary of £2000 a year. In the course of an interview with Bro. Nesbitt prior to his departure, it was elicited that he is a native of Cumberland (Whitehaven). He was for many years Town Clerk of Douglas, Isle of Man, with credit to himself. Leaving Manxland for London, he was appointed clerk to the vestry of St. George's, Hanover-square, and from thence his promotion has been marked and rapid. After three years' service in the latter office, he was unanimously appointed Comptroller of the City of Westminster, and recently, out of many applicants, was selected for the position of Town Clerk of Sydney. He proceeded by way of Dover and Calais to Paris, thence to Marseilles, where he joined the fine steamer Victoria, of the P. and O. Line (Capt. Lygon, R.N.), which sailed on Friday, the 1st instant, and is due at Colombo on the 24th instant. The Victoria on leaving Colombo calls at Freemantle, Albany, Adelaide, Melbourne, and is due at Sydney on the 14th prox. In his new post Bro. Nesbitt will take charge of the whole of the administrative department of Sydney, of which Sir James Graham, one of the new Knights in honour of the Royal visit, is Mayor. Just prior to leaving London, Bro. Nesbitt was the recipient of many presentations, testimonials, high encomiums, and expressions of goodwill, including one from the staff at Westminster, and a complimentary dinner by the heads of departments. He is accompanied out by Mrs. Nesbitt and two youngest daughters, his eldest daughter and two sons, in business here, remaining in London for the time being. Bro. Nesbitt's Masonic career has been somewhat unique and his advancement rapid. It will be interesting to members of the Craft who know him, and to Freemasons generally, to know that in Masonic circles Bro. Nesbitt's work has been of the most distinguished character, and is generally recognised. In Manx Freemasonry he is particularly well-known, he having been initiated in Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, when that lodge met in St. James' Hall, being proposed by Bro. J. A. Brown, and initiated by the late Bro. John Quinney. In 1881 he decided to join the Athole Lodge, No. 1004, Douglas, proceeding step

by step through the various offices until, in 1886, he was unanimously elected W.M. In 1884 he became a founder of St. Trinian's Lodge, No. 2050, and was appointed D.C., and subsequently rendered useful and efficient service as an active member and officer for several years. In 1887, after the constitution of the Province of the Isle of Man, he became a founder and the first W.M. of Spencer Walpole Lodge, No. 2197, Douglas, subsequently holding office as Treasurer, until in 1895, acceding to the unanimous desire of the members, he was again elected W.M., and continued in active service until his departure from the Isle of Man in March, 1898. In 1891 he became a founder of the Lodge of Mona, No. 2358, Castletown, and at the request of the Prov. Grand Master, he undertook the onerous duties of Consecrating Officer. The new Masonic Rooms at Ramsey were also dedicated by him in the same year, a special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge being held for that purpose. The oration delivered by him on this occasion, entitled "Freemasonry: Its Nature, Objects, and Principles; Retrospective, Explanatory, Critical, and Practical," was warmly eulogised by many Masonic brethren of light and leading, amongst whom may be mentioned the late Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Secretary of the historic Quatuor Coronati Lodge. This oration was subsequently published and dedicated by special permission to the late Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), M.W. Pro G. Master of England, and Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire. The addresses given by Bro. Nesbitt from time to time in his official capacity of Dep. Prov. G. Master were highly appreciated, whilst the oration delivered by him in Prov. G. Lodge on the occasion of the death of the late lamented Duke of Clarence and Avondale was considered a masterpiece in eloquence and diction, and won high encomiums. In 1898, on taking up his residence in the metropolis, Bro. Nesbitt joined Justitia Lodge, No. 2563, meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and at the present time he is J.W. of this lodge. In the following year—1899—he was unanimously elected a joining member of the Sun, Square, and Compass Lodge, No. 119, in his native town of Whitehaven, a lodge which was constituted in 1768, and holds a centenary warrant.

On the formation of the Province of the Isle of Man, in 1886, Bro. Nesbitt was, by common consent, designated for the office of Prov. G. Secretary, to which office he was appointed by the late Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, J.P., Speaker of the House of Keys. The responsible duties attending the organisation of a newly-constituted province devolved upon him; and upon the occasion of the Jubilee of her Majesty the late Queen Victoria, the Prov. G. Master, acting under the authority conferred upon him by the M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, bestowed the brevet rank of P.P.S.G.W. upon Bro. Nesbitt.

He continued as Prov. G. Secretary until 1890, when, by special desire of his chief and the recommendation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, he accepted the responsible and somewhat exacting office of Dep. Prov. G. Master, and held that office for five years. In 1895, owing to increased public duties as Town Clerk of Douglas, he voluntarily retired from the office of Dep. Prov. G. Master, to the great regret of his chief, but again undertook the duties of Prov. G. Secretary, which office he held until he left the Isle of Man in March, 1898, and when, acting on his strong recommendation, Bro. F. C. Poulter was appointed his successor.

Bro. Nesbitt was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Athole Chapter in 1881, and held various offices in that chapter. Upon the formation of the Tynwald Chapter, No. 1242 (which owed its inception to the late Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell Clerke), some years later, he became a founder and first H. of the chapter, the Prov. G.M. being the first Z. In the following year Bro. Nesbitt was unanimously elected First Principal. In 1898, immediately before taking up his residence in London, he was appointed as A.G.D.C. in G. Chapter, and two years later he had the equally high honour of being one of 25 distinguished brethren upon whom the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, conferred Past Grand rank in commemoration of his having completed 25 years as G.M., the rank conferred upon Bro. Nesbitt being P.A.G.D.C. of England—the highest rank ever conferred upon any member of an Insular lodge.

Outside Craft Masonry, Bro. Nesbitt also possesses an excellent record, having been advanced to the Degree of Mark Master in August, 1883, in the Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, Whitehaven, a founder of the Peveril Lodge, No. 323, Douglas, and is a P.M. of the lodge, and a P.P.G.I.G. of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. He was admitted and installed a Knight of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine in January, 1884, in the Dyke's Conclave, No. 36, Cockermouth, and in November, 1884, he was perfected in the Rose Croix Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3. He has served as Steward on two occasions for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and on one for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He is a member of the Committee of Management of this last mentioned Institution, having been nominated by M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to that honourable position.

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTWORTH, CHERTSEY.

On Friday, the 1st instant, the Bishop of Winchester consecrated the new church of All Saints, Eastworth, in the parish of Chertsey. The story of the founding of the church is briefly told by the following inscription, which is carved on the foundation stone: "To the Glory of God, and in grateful memory of Manwaring Shurlock, Frederick Lowten Spinks, and William Anthony Herring, the three chief founders of this Church. This stone was laid on September 27th, 1900, by William, 8th Viscount Middleton. The Church was consecrated on All Saints' Day, 1901. E. R. Parr, M.A., Vicar of Chertsey, E. T. Madeley and Joseph Hunt, Churchwardens."

The church is a fine specimen of Decorated Gothic, and is built of brick and Bath stone, in a commanding situation on the Eastworth-road. It consists at present of nave, chancel, side aisle, tower, and vestries, and will seat 300 people. Space is left for the second side aisle to be added later on, which when done will give accommodation for an additional 100 sittings. The building now completed, together with the purchase of the site, cost £6000. The builders are Messrs. Goddard and Sons, Farnham, who have satisfactorily carried out the work under the direction and from designs supplied by Bro. J. Henry Christian, architect to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

We are glad to be able to add that Bro. the Rev. E. R. Parr, under whose direction this fine church has been built, is P.G.C. of England and one of the gifts in the new church is a beautiful font, with this inscription on the pedestal: "Dedicated to the Glory of God and to the use of this Church by the Chertsey Abbey Lodge and Chapter, No. 2120. All Saints' Day, 1901." A very fine brass ewer has been presented to the church by Bro. Wm. Dix P.M. 2120, and P.G.D. Surrey, &c.

Altogether the brethren of the Abbey Lodge are to be congratulated on the action they have so markedly taken in supporting their Vicar and the Chaplain of their lodge. They have thus permanently associated themselves with him in carrying out a monument of piety and religion which will ever live in Chertsey.

TWO NEW LODGES are shortly to be consecrated in the Province of Chester, the Temperance at Liscard and the Egremont at Egremont.

## Craft Masonry.

### Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.

The first meeting this session of the above ancient and important lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, the 4th inst. There were present Bros. John Briggs, M.A., W.M.; E. Vidler, S.W.; F. Bristow, J.W.; W. G. Mills, P.M.; Treas.; Wm. Briggs, M.A., LL.D., P.M., Sec.; H. Durell, S.D.; A. Hall, J.D.; S. W. Henton, Org.; E. M. Hall, I.G.; J. Berry and G. F. Ward, Stwds.; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; B. Hall, W. H. Walter, F. Geo. Powell, C. W. Bond, T. S. Leslie, A. G. Peckham, A. W. Randall, E. E. Salt, E. Thornicroft, Jas. King, J. H. Selmes, J. Ockleford, and T. Williams, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Bramall, P.M. 1420; R. W. Bowen, 2769; and F. Taverner, 2046.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The Secretary, in answer to a question from the W.M., said that the subscription to the purchase of a suitable souvenir of the late Bro. G. S. Symons, P.M., Treasurer, had been purchased, consisting of a complete set of working tools in ivory and silver for the use of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of an excellent character.

At its conclusion, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. and cordially responded to by the brethren.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The King, the Protector of the Craft," said he was pleased to announce that the very disquieting rumours relative to the King's health were dispelled. Those who saw his Majesty on Saturday last thought he looked in perfect health.

"God save the King" was sung.

In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G.; the M.W. Pro G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said that, from his own Masonic experience, they had great and important duties, which they conscientiously fulfilled. He regretted that no Grand Officer was present to reply to the toast.

Bro. H. G. Mills, P.M., Treas., gave "The Health of the W.M." He observed that there were three different kinds of toasts—first, those of duty; second, those of office; and third, those that came from the heart, and to which all cheerfully respond. He need hardly say it was the third kind they had to do with to-night. He briefly sketched the Masonic career of the W.M.

The W.M. replied. He said on this occasion he felt more at ease than on the evening of his installation. He spoke of the excursion the lodge made to Godstone last year; how enjoyable it was. He trusted that the conclusion of his year of office would be satisfactory to the brethren and himself.

In submitting the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said as it was an informal evening, and its being so wretched and uncomfortable on account of the fog, it was surprising to him there were any visitors at all that evening.

Bro. Bramall, in reply, related a funny story of a Yorkshire man and his beer. He said a Yorkshire man could always get "right there."

Bros. Bowen and Taverner also replied.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters."

Bros. Driver, P.M., Mills, P.M., and Wm. Briggs, P.M., responded.

Bro. Wm. Briggs proposed "The Masonic Charities." He observed it was the incumbent duty of every member of the lodge to contribute their votes for the different candidates, who might be aided by the votes of the brethren of the lodge.

It may be here mentioned that the worthy Bro. Wm. Briggs is a well-known liberal supporter of all the Masonic Charities.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was next given, to which the S.W. and J.D. replied.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

### Unity Lodge, No. 71.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. ARTHUR G. EMMS.

On the 24th ult., the installation and banquet on the occasion of the 154th anniversary of the above lodge took place at the Suffolk Hotel, Lowestoft. The installation ceremony was performed in the afternoon by the W.M., Bro. E. C. Shipp, P.M. 71, when Bro. Arthur G. Emms was installed in the chair. The newly-installed Master then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. C. Shipp, I.P.M.; F. Gray, S.W.; F. Bower, J.W.; W. B. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Treas.; W. J. Wilton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; F. Spashett, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D. of C.; Thos. J. Few, S.D.; R. C. Todd, J.D.; P. W. Watson, jun., I.G.; the Rev. L. J. Elwin, Chap.; A. C. Kemp, Org.; T. P. Jary and A. Harker, Stwds.; and John Symes, Tyler.

Among the brethren present at the installation ceremony were Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Anness, Prov. G. Sec.; H. Allard, P.M.; the W.M. and several Past Masters from the sister lodge, St. Margaret, No. 1452; the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, P.S.G.W.; and others, the brethren present at the installation ceremony numbering about 60.

The banquet took place in the evening, and at the conclusion toasts were submitted, including "The King and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G. Master;" "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Henniker;" the W. D.P.G.M., Bro. N. Tracey, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past;" "The W.M.;" "The Installing and I.P.M., Bro. E. C. Shipp, P.M.;" "The W.M., Past Masters, and Brethren of the Sister Lodge, St. Margaret, No. 1452;" "The Visitors;" "The Masonic Charities;" and others.

### St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday evening, the 1st instant. Present: Bros. J. Shires, W.M.; J. W. Hainsworth, I.P.M.; J. Dennison, J.W.; Geo. Smith, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; A. W. Fretwell, P.A.G.D.C., Chap.; J. Hurst, S.D.; J. Charles, I.G.; F. Duff, Org.; W. H. Ord, G. Fennell, and F. W. Deighton, Stwds.; J. Marsden, Tyler; E. J. Pratt, Asst. Tyler; Fretwell, P.A.G.D.C., Charity Steward; T. W. Turner, Almoner; C. Goldthorpe, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Pawson, P.P.G.R.; G. W. Laughton, G. F. Carter, H. W. Snelling, Geo. Fennell, D. Charles, and others. Bro. J. Constable, 2259, P.P.G.S.B., was a visitor.

Bros. G. F. Carter and D. Charles were passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. Denison giving the working tools, Bro. Turner the T. board, and Bro. Hainsworth the charge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the ante-room for light supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. J. ARMITAGE, M.A., P.P.G.P.

The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., when Bro. the Rev. A. L. Brown installed his successor, in the presence of a number of distinguished brethren. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. J. Armitage, M.A., P.P.G. Purst. (Emmanuel College), W.M.; the Rev. A. L. Brown, M.A., P.G. Chap. (Selwyn College), I.P.M.; H. G. Comber, M.A., P.G.S. (Pembroke College), S.W.; J. H. Widdicombe, M.A. (Downing College), J.W.; the Rev. F. G. Channon, M.A. (Corpus Christi College), Chap.; W. G. Bell, M.A., P.P.G. Reg. (Trinity Hall), Treas.; the Rev. D. Hall, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Sec.; S. R. VanDuzen (Trinity College), S.D.; R. M. Berkeley (Emmanuel College), J.D.; I. G. Back (Trinity Hall), I.G.; C. C. G. Roberts (Trinity College), Org.; W. Durnford, M.A. (King's College), D.C.; F. J. Escombe (Trinity Hall), A. I. Prichard (Queen's College), and A. Stone, B.A. (King's College), A.D.Cs.; Dr. J. H. C. Dalton, P.P.G. Stwd. (Trinity College), A. N. Fynes-Clinton, M.A. (Trinity Hall), F. R. Bullard (Trinity Hall), E. S. Hervey (Trinity College), R. E. Jones (Clare College), and W. H. Robinson, B.A. (Downing College), Stwds.; and C. H. Ellis, P.G.T., and G. Allen, Tylers.

Among the 88 brethren present were Bros. Col. John Davis, P.G.M. Surrey; Frank Richardson, P.D.G.R.; Rev. J. H. Gray, D.P.G.M. Cambs, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G. Chap., P.P.S.G.W. Cambs; W. P. Spalding, P.S.G.W. Cambs; E. M. Money, P.A.G.D.C.; E. Biedermann, W.M. 357; G. E. J. Barlow and Herbert Brown, S.; R. P. Sharp, 9; W. James, W.M. 88; C. Letch Mason, 304, P.P.G.W.; G. F. Knowles, P.M., and J. Dempster, S.W. 441; W. Blackman and J. M. Prichard, 1635; J. Roper, 1074; R. H. Berkeley, 2851; G. J. Jackson, 454; Thos. Wakley, 2233; J. Wood, 2824; and others.

### St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 475.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. ARTHUR GRACE.

On Thursday, the 31st ult., the customary installation meeting of the above lodge took place at Luton. The proceedings were held at the Town Hall, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors, the Dep. Prov. G. Master for Bedfordshire, Bro. Dr. C. E. Prior, being present, and taking part in the ceremony.

Bro. Arthur Grace was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the Installing Masters being Bros. E. F. Green, G. J. Wardill, and S. W. Smith. The newly-installed W.M. invested the officers as follows: Bros. S. W. Smith, I.P.M.; A. Hayward, S.W.; W. H. McNamara, J.W.; the Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, Chap.; E. A. Cumberland, Treas.; E. F. Green, Sec.; G. W. Bindloss, S.D.; A. P. Tabraham, J.D.; T. B. Ellery, I.G.; G. J. Wardill, D. of C.; S. C. Baker, Org.; H. Cumberland and J. H. Staddon, Stwds.; and H. Dickens, Tyler. Bro. S. W. Smith, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

The installation banquet subsequently took place in the Council Chamber, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. L. GREEN.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, on Friday, the 25th ult. Before the lodge was opened our attention was drawn to a large perfect ashlar, derrick, and block, on a large scale, which had been presented to the lodge by the Secretary, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, and was now completed. The inscription on the supports was as follows: "Dedicated to the Sacred Memory of Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India; born 24th May, 1819; died 22nd January, 1901, in the 64th year of her reign." It now occupied a prominent position on the floor of the lodge, one of the many instances of the liberality of the donor, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, P.M. and Sec.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Humphries, the following being present: Bros. T. L. Green, S.W.; Major T. J. Carpenter, J.W.; Capt. Blashill, P.M.; W. H. Hillman, I.P.M.; J. H. Hawkins, P.M.; R. G. Webster, P.M.; H. Jarrett, S.D.; H. F. Allard, J.D.; F. Hill, I.G.; H. J. Adams, P.M., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.M., Sec.; C. Draycott, D.C.; Major J. Pash, P.M.; D. Williams, Tyler; W. Bradley, F. V. Matthews, C. Mitchell, E. A. Fisher, Capt. T. Robinson, B. T. Mills (Sec. H.A.C.), J. H. James, W. Eckstein, E. T. Roberts, W. H. Rolfe, A. W. Wells, A. J. Norris, Capt. J. M. Wright, L. T. Faulkner, T. L. Newton, T. W. Walford, J. C. Wood, H. G. Greenwood, P. J. Hopkinson, A. P. Koe, E. H. Girling, J. C. Taylor, Captain Charles Hammond, W. J. Nodder, H. W. Smart, H. C. Simmonds, and Oliver Thorn. Visitors: Bros. Col. John Davis, P.G.M. Surrey; Geo. Cowell, M.D., 198, P.G.D.; Hope Grant, London Hospital; O. M. Stevens, 813; W. J. Collins, P.M. 766; J. W. Cooke, 766; L. Ferguson, P.M. 1997; L. J. Westlake, 1068; F. H. Griffiths, W.M. 1920; R. H. Grey, P.M. 858; G. C. Burry, P.M. 1347; G. Pollard, 2150; G. C. Chillingworth, P.M. 1228; H. Reynier, P.M. 101; C. G. Scott, 452; W. Treley, 1716; W. J. Altholton; E. J. Trim; A. V. Marshall, 1539; J. L. Taylor, P.M. 141; J. R. Pakeman, P.M. 1725; H. W. Read, 1837; A. E. Baker, 1; R. E. Langton, I.P.M. 1657; G. Rawlinson, P.M. 206; F. Farrow, P.M. 1196; P. Pierpoint, P.M. 177; E. Brooks, P.M. 766; W. Stacey, P.M. 19; R. Clarke, P.M. 280; C. J. Thornton, 2166; G. C. H. Fleming, P.M. 1230; E. Glasser, 1627; C. Long, P.M. 1920; R. Barrett, P.M. 172; F. H. Callingham, S.W. 1769; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; H. Howard, 140; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; A. Slade, 1604; G. H. Mayhew, 2195; Capt. J. Kent, 2665; F. H. Sharp, 49; T. H. Coombe, P.M. 2024; W. J. Fisher, P.M. 2190; G. E. Jordon, P.M. 2424; A. W. Laidlaw, 2424; E. L. Shelton, P.M. 1306; Samuel Hunt, W.M. 1196; R. Dyas, 1589; H. P. Marchant, 141; H. Hayover, 1852; J. C. D. Kemp, 2705; J. H. Shoppee, 762, P.G.S.; H. McKenzie, 435; and C. Ramsey, P.M. 1745.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for a brother of Lodge No. 101, as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. W. H. Hillman, I.P.M., took the chair, when Bro. Col. John Davis, Prov. G.M. Surrey, entered the lodge and was received with Grand honours. Bro. J. H. Hawkins, P.M., acting D.C., presented Bro. T. L. Green, S.W., W.M. elect, to the I.P.M. for installation. The W.M. elect being duly obligated, was placed in the chair by the Installing Master. The investiture of officers was then proceeded with as follows: Bros. H. Jarrett, S.W.; H. F. Allard, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Stohwasser, P.M., Sec.; F. Hall, S.D.; C. Draycott, J.D.; E. H. Girling, I.G.; C. H. Mitchell, D.C.; H. J. Bertram, P.M., and H. C. Simmonds, Stwds.; W. Bradley, Org.; and D. Williams, Tyler. The Installing Master gave the three addresses in a most impressive manner. The W.M. having presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Humphries, I.P.M., the Secretary read the Auditor's report, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed.

After an excellent banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. It is worthy of remark the toasts were proposed and responded to without the usual set speeches.

"The King, the Protector of the Craft, Captain-General and Colonel of the Hon. Artillery Company," was followed by that of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M.," both being drunk most heartily.

To the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Col. John Davis, Prov. G.M. Surrey, replied, and then left the hall.

The I.P.M. then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in glowing terms.

The W.M., in reply, spoke of the duties incumbent on the W.M. of the Fitzroy Lodge, in which he knew he was deficient, yet he trusted to the helping hands of the officers and the members of the lodge, and by their willing aid he thought he might be able to discharge the important duties of his position. He thanked one and all for their kind wishes.

The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," mentioned the names of Bros. G. Cowell, P.G.D.; J. W. Cooke, 766; Col. Grey, 858; Long, 1920; Shoppee, 762, P.G.S.; and F. W. Driver, P.M. 45.

Bros. Long, Shoppee, and Col. Grey replied, the latter rather facetiously.

"The Health of the Installing Master" being given, Bro. H. Hillman replied.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and the Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

### Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALFRED BARCLAY.

There was a record attendance on Monday, the 28th ult., at the St. James's Restaurant, of the members of this lodge and their friends, when Bro. Alfred Barclay, S.W., was duly installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. W. Miles. Many encomiums were passed on the W.M.'s working in the lodge, and special reference was made by Bro. C. Greenwood, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey, to the Installing Master's histrionic abilities. Never before, he said, during his 25 years' experience had he witnessed the ceremony of installation given with such seriousness and rhetorical excellence.

The proceedings opened with Bros. W. Miles, W.M., in the chair; A. Barclay, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Sarjeant, J.W.; A. J. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; L. Weil, P.M., Sec.; S. Russell, S.D.; E. H. Parry, J.D.; J. Genese, I.P.M., acting I.G.; F. E. Chovaux, acting Org.; the Rev. S. J. Roco, P.M., Chap.; and J. Polak, P.M., D. of C. Amongst others, the following also were present: Bros. W. Kligenstein, P.M.; T. H. Brook-Hitchin, P.M.; D. H. Oppenheimer, P.M.; C. Featherstone, P.M.;

E. Cormack, P.M.; W. Janisch, J. Da Costa, S. Cook, Oppenheimer, J. D. Behr, S. L. Heyman, J. R. Woodley, H. Devries, H. V. Purvis, E. Simon, B. Ullmann, H. Passmore, and S. Wimmelbacher; and among the visitors: Bros. C. Greenwood, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; G. Elliott, W.M. 2603; C. G. Zander, W.M. 201; J. R. Hosker, W.M. 2528; J. A. Atherton, W.M. 2652; J. Cohu, W.M. 1668; A. Towers, P.M. 1491; H. J. Abrahams, P.M. 201; S. H. Isaacs, P.M. 141; W. N. Haydon, I.P.M. 2128; J. Moysie, I.P.M. 2650; E. Fuchs, 172; T. J. Ashton, 2128; A. D. Holmes, 410; F. Budge, 2699; W. Evans, 1260; A. Raines, 1632; F. Igglesden, 890; and A. E. Dixon, 890.

After the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was unanimously passed, and the W.M., in referring to the statement in the report of the Committee that "they are glad to certify that the lodge is financially in a very satisfactory condition," said this was a source of much gratification to all concerned. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Miles being assisted by Bros. Brooke Hitching, as S.W.; A. J. Bailey, as J.W.; J. Genese, as I.G.; and J. Polak, as D.C. Bro. A. Barclay was formally installed into the chair of King Solomon, and after the brethren had saluted and greeted the newly-installed Master, Bro. Barclay invested the following officers, viz.: Bros. A. Sarjeant, S.W.; S. Russell, J.W.; A. J. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; L. Weil, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Parry, S.D.; W. Cooper, J.D.; E. Simon, I.G.; Rev. S. J. Roco, P.M., Chap.; J. Polak, P.M., D.C.; H. V. Purvis and J. Behr, Stwds.; and A. Young, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. Miles, then gave the three addresses, which were listened to with rapt attention.

After the usual vote of thanks had been recorded for the Installing Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and their friends adjourned to the banqueting hall, and there partook of a very choice banquet.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

The I.P.M. rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in brief terms pointed out how Bro. Barclay had won his spurs in Masonry, and expressed the opinion that he was the right Mason in the right place.

The toast, it is needless to say, was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the W.M. suitably replied in a speech which at frequent intervals elicited the applause of the brethren.

Bro. Barclay then proposed "The I.P.M.," asking all the Past Masters of the lodge to be upstanding, which he emphasised as the toast of the evening. Bro. Miles, he said, had done his work so well that it was beyond comparison, and, in pinning the jewel the lodge had presented, and handing him the collar also presented by the Past Masters, he was convinced that both these had been well earned, and that he wished to express, on behalf of the Past Masters and brethren of the lodge, that he hoped Bro. Miles would live long to wear them.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. C. Greenwood, P.P.S. G.W. Surrey; G. Elliott, W.M. 2603; and J. A. Atherton, W.M. 2652, who generally complimented the members on the capable officers the lodge possessed, and more particularly on the grand work they had seen and heard that evening.

A capital musical entertainment was provided by Miss Kate Hemmings and Bros. Arthur Strugnell, Gounod, Will Edwards, E. Simon, and F. E. Chovaux.

Altogether the members concerned are to be congratulated on the arrangements, so well carried out, and the W.M., who signified his intention of going up as a Steward for the Girls' Institution, thanked the brethren of the lodge for the unprecedented support they had given him by subscribing close on £90. We congratulate Bro. Barclay on this splendid result.

### Elliot Lodge, No. 1567.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. E. MASON.

The 127th meeting of the above lodge, and installation of Bro. A. E. Mason, was held at the usual rendezvous, the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday, the 2nd instant, when about 50 members and friends attended.

At the banquet-table the three first toasts having been given and well received, and a tribute paid by the W.M. to the efficiency and interest shown by the King and the M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, in the working in Grand Lodge, the W.M., in then proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," wished he visited the lodge more frequently; and in giving "The D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers," called upon Bro. Bevis, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx., Treas., and Bro. Walter Clement Tyler, P.A.G.D.C. Middx., to reply, the former of whom remarked on the pride he felt in having attained P.P.G. rank; Bro. Tyler also speaking of the satisfaction it gave him to have attained Provincial honours, and also at being able to say that he was a P.M. of the Elliot Lodge, which he trusted would become the second in the province.

Bro. Tucker also having replied,

Bro. H. C. R. Dailey rose, and said the brethren knew that when the gavel was entrusted to the I.P.M. "The Health of the W.M." devolved upon him. The W.M. deserved the esteem of the lodge as the son of a Past Master of it, who was a P.G. Std. Br., and he hoped the W.M. would have initiates whom he could himself take right up to the Third Degree.

Bro. A. E. Mason then thanked the brethren for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and in calling attention to the fact that his father, Bro. John Mason, was the first W.M., reminded them that he was the first Master of that lodge to be installed under the Duke of Cornwall, and said it gave him great pleasure to drink the "jolly good health" of Bro. Dailey, who had done his work so admirably not only that evening, but during the whole of his year.

Bro. Dailey, briefly replying, thanked the brethren sincerely for their kindness to him, and expressed his gratitude to his officers for their support.

In presenting "The Masonic Institutions" next to the consideration of his brethren and guests, the W.M. reminded them that he was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that it cost £20,000 annually to keep it going as a Charitable concern with 472 annuitants, and he much regretted that Bro. Terry was not there to respond on its behalf.

Bro. Davis, in replying for "The Visitors," said he had had a right royal good time, congratulated Bro. Dailey on his work, and thanked the W.M. for the happy evening he had spent.

The lateness of the hour prevented our reporter from remaining for the last three toasts on the list, but from information since received the proceedings were closed in harmony.

### Caradoc Lodge, No. 1674.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. WALTON.

The Festival of St. John was celebrated on the 21st ult. by the members of the above lodge at the Masonic Hall, Market-street, Rhyl, by the installation of Bro. Wm. Walton as W.M. for the ensuing year. No member of the Craft stands higher in the estimation of his brethren than Bro. Walton. His genial disposition and generous support of the Masonic Charities has made him one of the most popular members of the Order. It was, therefore, not a matter of much surprise that there was a record attendance of Craftsmen.

When the lodge was opened the following were present: Bros. Fisher Jones, I.P.M.; W. Walton, S.W.; F. Wallis, J.W.; H. A. Steer, P.M., P.Z., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; Kenneth McEwen, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; F. Geary, S.D.; T. Houghton, J.D.; F. J. Gamlin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; James Evans, I.G.; Horace Hazelden, Org.; R. John Hughes, Stwd.; F. H. Hughes, Tyler; A. L. Clews, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; John H. Ellis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. J. Amos, P.M.; Leonard J. Hall, David J. Collis, J. A. Lang, L. J. Roberts, Llewellyn Jones, and W. H. Johnson. The visitors were Bros. W. H. Wright, 606; H. G. Littler, P.M. 1674; G. E. Saville, 384; Ambrose O. Roberts, 425; Samuel Davies, 2423; C. Shaw, 1147; P. Lazarus, 1147; J. Samuel Swift, P.M. 1477, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Hartley, W.M. 1861; John Proctor, P.M. 126; T. H. Summerhill, P.M.; J. C. Aston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Walton, 126; Samuel Beresford, W.M., P.M. 1477, P.P.A.G.P.; J. G. Lewis, 1477, P.P.G.P.; J. W. Williams, I.P.M. 1477; E. E. Manley, 1477; W. C. Murgatroyd, S.D. 126; J. P. Morgan, 126; and L. Lloyd, 2560.

After the lodge had been opened in the several Degrees, the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. K. McEwen, assisted by Bros. F. J. Gamlin, P.M., and J. H. Ellis. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Peter Jones, I.P.M.; Fred. Wallis, S.W.; Francis Geary, J.W.; Rev. W. L. Nicholas, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. A. Steer, P.M.;



P.Z., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; Kenneth McEwen, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; Thomas Houghton, S.D.; James Evans, J.D.; F. J. Gamlin, P.M., P.G.D.C., D. of C.; Horace Haselden, Org.; R. J. Hughes, I.G.; J. A. Lang, Stwd.; and Fred Hughes, Tyler.

After the business of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Westminster Hotel, and sat down to a banquet laid out and served in faultless style by Bro. Lang.

A long toast list was gone through, "The Health of the W.M." being proposed in appropriate terms by Bro. K. McEwen, and suitably responded to:

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Geo. A. Taverner, and responded to by the visitors present.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. F. Wallis, S.W., and acknowledged by Bro. H. A. Steer.

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Murgatroyd, Lazarus, Walton, Haselden, Proctor, J. Evans, F. J. Gamlin, and others. The Quartette Party from Burnley rendered several pieces to the great delight of the company.

#### Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

The regular meetings of this lodge were resumed on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W., when there were present Bros. Hugh T. Taylor, W.M.; A. Dawson Jones, S.W.; J. Davidson, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas.; W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.; F. M. S. Lewin, S.D.; W. W. Szlumper, J.D.; H. L. Sarson, I.G.; W. Turner, I.P.M.; A. W. Lee Mitchell, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. Pollard, P.M.; R. Lake, P.M.; R. S. Fairbank, P.M.; W. Lewis Barrett, G. Budd, F. E. Bartlett, J. H. Dallas, R. J. Probyn-Williams, M.D., A. C. Probyn-Williams, W. A. Bird, G. B. Flux, M.D., G. I. Schorstein, M.D., J. F. W. Silk, M.D., H. M. Allan, A. R. Woodbridge, H. M. Tod, M.B., J. D. Pattullo, H. A. Tom Fairbank, M.B., R. Hilton, E. Dalzell, H. Parkin, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; S. J. Nottley, P.G.S.B.; Fountain Meen, P.G. Org.; E. Symonds, W.M. 2369; H. Sanome, W.M. 2848; A. Ball, P.M. 5, P.G.S.; Sir W. Quale Jones, P.M. 1871, P.P.S.G.W.; A. M. Moore, J.D. 1150; L. Williams, J.D. 1584; W. D. Crawford, 972; and W. Lloyd Williams, 2620.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. rose, and in the name of the lodge welcomed Bro. W. Turner, I.P.M., on his return from the South African War, and presented him with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, which was voted to him at the meeting in November last. Bro. Turner returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure he felt in being in his mother lodge once more. The ballot was then taken, and proved unanimous, in favour of Bro. Harold William Couzens as a joining member, also in favour of Major John H. Tull Walsh, I.M.S., who was duly initiated into Freemasonry in an exemplary manner by the W.M., who also delivered the charge. Bro. H. A. Tom Fairbank was then passed to the Degree of F.C. The Secretary, Bro. Bowser, P.M., reported that the members of the lodge had liberally supported his list as Steward at the recent Festival of the Boys' School, and had also contributed to the lists of Bro. R. H. Turner, P.M., for the Girls' School, and Bro. T. Pollard, P.M., for the Benevolent. Bro. R. Lake, P.M., D.C., announced his intention of going up as Steward at the next anniversary Festival of the Girls' School. Three candidates for initiation having been proposed, the I.P.M., Bro. W. Turner, presented the lodge with a magnificent silver cigar box, "as a memento of his year of office as W.M., spent with the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital in South Africa during the Anglo-Boer War, 1900-1901." In the lid of the box two sovereigns are let in, one of Queen Victoria, 1900, and the other of President Kruger, 1898, also two bullets extracted by Bro. Turner, one from a Boer and the other from an Englishman. He was most heartily thanked by the brethren for his valuable gift, and then, on behalf of himself and the officers of the lodge during his Worshipful Master-ship, Bro. Turner presented Bro. R. S. Fairbank, P.M., with a Past Master's collar and jewel in recognition of the excellent work done by the latter as acting W.M. during last year.

The Charity maul having been passed round, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet.

The W.M., Bro. H. T. Taylor, presided, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the W.M. stated that at the recent installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as M.W.G.M., the Earl of Mornington Lodge had again been honoured, in the fact that the purple had been conferred on a Past Master of the lodge, Bro. A. W. Lee-Mitchell, P.G.S.B.

The toast was replied to by Bros. W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C., and S. J. Nottley, P.G.S.B.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in felicitous terms by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Turner.

The toast of "The Initiates" was humorously acknowledged by Bro. J. H. Tull Walsh.

"The toast of 'The Past Masters' was responded to by Bros. W. Turner, I.P.M., and W. A. Bowser, P.M. and Sec.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by a choice selection of part songs and instrumental music contributed by Bros. G. May, E. Dalzell, Branscombe, and R. Hilton, as a vocal quartet; Bro. W. Lewis Barrett on the flute; and Bros. H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., and Fountain Meen, P.G.O., on the pianoforte.

#### Acanthus Lodge, No. 2715.

##### INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN FENTON-JONES, J.P.

The annual installation ceremony of the above lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the evening of Tuesday, the 5th instant.

The lodge having been opened, and some formal lodge business transacted, Bro. James Oliver Grant was raised, and Bro. Harry May passed, and the report of the Audit Committee received. Bro. John Fenton-Jones was then installed in succession to his son, Bro. W. F. Fenton-Jones, the retiring W.M., Bro. H. H. Finch, P.M., undertaking the part of Installing Master, and performing the ceremony in a markedly able and impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. F. Fenton-Jones, I.P.M.; J. M. Bathgate, S.W.; H. H. Finch, P.M., J.W.; Chas. Steel, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Jeffray, P.M., Sec.; R. A. Osman, S.D.; G. T. Bagnall, J.D.; W. J. Davenport, I.G.; J. T. W. Rous, D.C.; A. S. Croome, Org.; W. J. Rous, W. C. Croome, and A. S. Croome, Stwds.; and W. H. Martin, P.M., P.Z., Tyler.

Propositions for membership having been received, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the banquet prepared in an adjoining room, at the conclusion of which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Steel, P.M., Treas., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," observed that the latter, for a number of years past, had been a member of the lodge, and had that night been installed as W.M. He was not going to flatter him and say he was absolutely perfect, as was too often said of the W.M. at installation banquets, but he felt sure the W.M. would improve in the working, and be all they could wish for. He had known the W.M. for 20 years, and had always found him fair and above board, and what was very important in a Masonic lodge, punctual.

Bro. J. Fenton-Jones, J.P., W.M., who was received with prolonged applause, thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. He felt it to be an honour to occupy the position in which he had been placed that night. He had been initiated in 1870, and though he had not gone forward very rapidly, yet the older he got the better he liked Masonry.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. H. H. Finch, P.M., the Installing Master," and observed that the way in which he performed the work was calculated to gladden the heart of any Mason. He hoped to see Bro. Finch in the chair of the lodge again.

Bro. Finch, in reply, expressed his pleasure in having been deputed to perform the installation ceremony, yet regretted the absence of Bro. W. Finch, through illness, who would otherwise have been called upon to perform the ceremony. Personally, his heart and soul was in Freemasonry, for the further one looked into its ceremonies, the more was there to be seen behind them. There was a religion in its rituals, and more than a religion, and a good Mason when his time came could ask with confidence for admission to the Grand Lodge above.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Jardine, P.M. 2029, the

other visitors present including Bros. P. D. Smith, 201; Page, 2327; A. Bragg, 2099; and Peacock, 1278.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Past Masters," stated that his son had performed his duties in a way very pleasing to himself as a father.

Bro. W. F. Fenton-Jones, I.P.M., in reply, stated that now he was a P.M. he felt he had ascended a higher rung on the ladder than he had previously occupied, and paid a tribute to Bro. Dr. Gordon Brown for standing aside to allow of his father occupying the Master's chair, this not being the first occasion on which Bro. Gordon Brown had exhibited a spirit of similar self-sacrifice in the lodge.

Other Past Masters also responded, the remaining toasts being those of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

A musical entertainment of exceptional excellence was rendered during the banquet, under the direction of Bro. A. Swayne Croome, Org., in which Miss Lillian Graham, Bros. B. rt Graham, Finlay Dunn, and Bernard Russell, Messrs. Ernest Cherry, Jas. Davis, C. Furness Peters, L.R.A.M., and George Burgess took part.

#### St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817.

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil, on Monday, the 4th inst., the chair was occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. C. J. Drummond, in the absence of the Lord Mayor, the W.M. of the lodge, who was assisting at another function in the same building. Bro. Drummond performed the ceremony of passing two brethren to the Second Degree, and initiated two others, while three other brethren were raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Roberts. During the evening, the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, communicated the following message to the the W.M. and brethren: "The Lord Mayor sends his fraternal regards to his brethren of St. Bride Lodge, and heartily reciprocates the expression of their good wishes."

## Instruction.

#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST LODGE, No. 475.

At a meeting of the above lodge of instruction on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at Luton, a handsome illuminated address was presented to Bro. J. Gladwell on his impending departure from the town. The address, which was signed by the whole of the members, was expressive of appreciation of the recipient's brilliant work in Masonry, and of good wishes for the future. Bro. Gladwell was mainly instrumental in securing the establishment of a Prov. G. Lodge for Bedfordshire, and has served in the distinguished office of Prov. J.G.W.

The presentation was felicitously made by Bro. G. J. Wardill, and Bro. Gladwell feelingly responded.

There was a large muster of members.

#### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present: Bros. H. J. Dunaway, W.M.; J. Horstead, S.W.; E. Richards, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., P.G.D.C. Norfolk, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; M. Relph, S.D.; E. Morris, J.D.; S. Cload, I.G.; H. R. Maskall, E. Lucas, P. E. Gates, W. B. Griffiths, and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. C. Weston being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. The ceremony of raising was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Fischer being the candidate. Bro. Horstead was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

#### Cantabrigia Chapter, No. 112.

The Cantabrigia Chapter, No. 112, was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 30th ult. Bro. F. W. Miller, M.W.S., perfected Bro. W. Le C. Goodwin (Lodge 2107, Newmarket), and Bro. C. C. Vincent (Royal Clarence Lodge, Suffolk). He subsequently installed his successor, Bro. F. H. Potts, in an impressive manner. The following officers were then appointed and invested by the M.W.S., namely: Bros. W. Purchas, Prelate; T. A. Guyot, 1st General; A. R. Jennings, 2nd General; Oliver Papworth, 3rd, Treas.; F. W. Miller, I.P.M.W.S., Recorder; T. Cowling, Grand Marshal; B. Chennell, P.M.W.S., D.C.; S. H. Sharman, Herald; F. T. McMurray, Capt. of Guard; and J. Dempster, P.M.W.S., Stwd. The visiting brethren were: Bros. G. J. McKay, 32, R. H. Adie, I.P.M.W.S. Chapter No. 33; and W. J. Armitage, M.W.S. Chapter No. 30.

AT A MEETING on Saturday last of his Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, at Guildhall, at which the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Green) presided, resolutions of congratulation to his Majesty and to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, on the safe return home of their Royal Highnesses, were unanimously passed.

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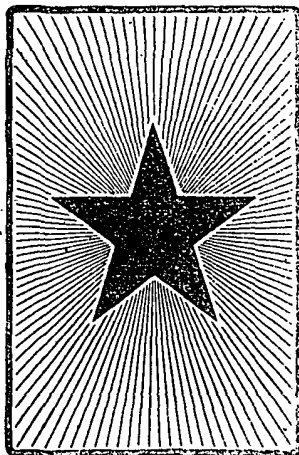
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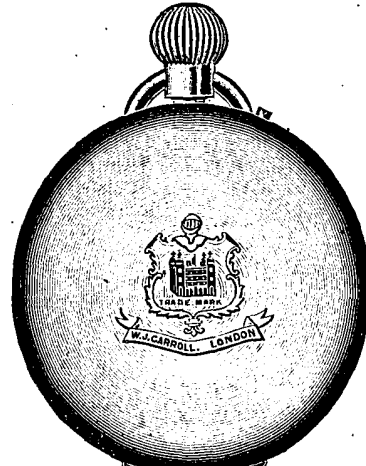
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## Obituary.

### BRO. WILLIAM WIKELEY CLAYTON.

By the death of Bro. W. W. Clayton, which took place at his residence, Gipton Lodge, Leeds, on the 26th ult., business, social, and Masonic circles alike have sustained severe loss. The eldest son of Mr. William Clayton, surgeon, who survives him, Bro. Clayton was governing director of Messrs. Hudswell, Clarke and Co., makers of tank locomotives, patent wrought iron pulleys, &c., whose extensive works are situated in Hunslet, Leeds. In the engineering and iron trades Bro. Clayton was known to be a man of eminent business qualifications, and complete master of technical details. He was, in fact, a practical engineer. From apprenticeship he rose to managership in the old firm of Hudswell, Clarke, and Rodgers, and eventually became a partner. When, some few years ago, the firm was made a limited liability company, Bro. Clayton filled the post of managing director. In addition to conducting a large business, Bro. Clayton gave much time to other matters. Modest and unassuming, whatever he took in hand he worked out thoroughly. His friends were legion, for geniality, hospitality, and generosity were his special characteristics. He took a prominent position in political affairs, being chairman of the Leeds North Ward Conservative Association. For six years he sat on the Local Board of Guardians. He was Vicar's Warden at St. Aidan's Church, having been closely associated with the parish from its formation, under Canon Taylor, in 1890; in fact, it was largely through the instrumentality of Bro. Clayton assisted by other friends that the inhabitants of Roundhay-road have obtained their splendid new church. He was not only a subscriber to parish funds but he was an active working participator in every scheme which tended to the benefit and advantage of the church and congregation. The loss to the clergy and parishioners of St. Aidan's by Bro. Clayton's death can be realised only by those who know the relation in which he stood towards both. As a Freemason, Bro. Clayton was well known and popular. Initiated in *Zetland Lodge*, No. 1311, Leeds, in 1885, he passed through the various offices and reached the chair in 1890. For some years as a Past Master he served either as Charity Steward or Treasurer. He was one of those prominent members whose services in any capacity are as useful as they are freely given. He took very great interest in the Mark Degree, being the first candidate for advancement in the *St. Chad Lodge*, No. 374, founded by Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., and others in 1887. He rose to the chair of *St. Chad* in 1894, and obtained Provincial honours in the Mark almost immediately. In 1895, he was elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and in 1899, the Prov. G. Master appointed him Senior Grand Warden. He was an eloquent advocate in the cause of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the working of it commending itself to his practical mind. Of this fund he became a Vice-Patron, and three times took up Stewardships. In 1900, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. appointed Bro. Clayton G. Std. Br., an honour well deserved and worthily worn. Bro. Clayton was staunch as a friend and steadfast as an opponent, and by his upright and consistent conduct gained the affection of the one and the respect of the other. This was exemplified by the crowded church and churchyard on the occasion of the funeral on Tuesday, the 29th ult. The service was conducted in the spacious church of St. Aidan, in which there was not a vacant seat. The clergy taking part comprised the vicar of Leeds (Dr. Gibson), Canon Taylor, first vicar of St. Aidan's and now Precentor of South-west Cathedral; Rev. A. W. Swayne, vicar, and the Revs. G. H. Wilson, P. P. Hobson, and A. W. Smith, curates of St. Aidan's; also the Revs. G. H. L. Wharton (vicar) and A. Holloway (curate) of St. John's, Middlesbrough. The congregation was representative of all the undertakings in which Bro. Clayton had been interested—political, religious, commercial, social, Masonic, and personal. The funeral took place in the peaceful, rural graveyard of Roundhay Church, some two miles away, and the cortege was preceded by a band of upwards of 200 employees of the firm with which Bro. Clayton was connected. The Rev. Canon Taylor conducted the service at the graveside, and, notwithstanding the wet day and the distance, there was a very large, silent, and sympathetic concourse. After the sorrowing widow and children (a son and two daughters) had taken a last look at the flower-covered coffin, came relatives and intimate friends, including his Masonic brethren, each of whom whilst filing past dropped his sprig of acacia into the grave. These were followed by crowds of workpeople and acquaintances. It was a touching scene, which will long dwell in the memory of those who witnessed it, for it was a heartfelt tribute to the virtues of the dead and a mournful, though genuine, recognition of his useful, upright, and manly life. Bro. Clayton, who died from acute pneumonia with complications, was only 52 years of age. He was M. Inst. M.E. and M. Inst. C.E. He was also a director of the Leeds New Masonic Hall Company, and from the commencement had taken an active share in its promotion.

### BRO. JAMES CARTER.

Bro. and Comp. James Carter, for many years a prominent builder and contractor, of 273, Gray's Inn-road, departed this life on the 3rd instant, at his private residence, 9, Adelaide-gardens, Ramsgate. Bro. Carter was an old Past Master of the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, and was exalted into the R.A. Degree on the 13th June, 1878, in the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260. He was a proficient in the working of the R.A. Degrees and ceremonies, and was an old and beloved P.Z. in Chapter, No. 1260, and a member thereof to the date of his death.

### BRO. J. T. ANDERSON, W.M. 382.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. J. T. Anderson, W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, which took place suddenly on Sunday morning last. Our late brother was initiated in the lodge in September, 1891, and, after passing through the minor offices, became J.W. in 1899, and was unanimously elected W.M. in January of this year, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. in the following March. Our brother was also a member of the Urban District Council and also a member of the Board of Guardians. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 6th inst., at Hillingdon Cemetery, and was attended by the whole of the officers, many Past Masters, and brethren of the lodge, in addition to several members of the neighbouring lodges.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE will be held at Cambridge on Friday, the 29th inst.

WE HEAR, on inquiry at 49, Beaumont-street, W., that Bro. Maurice Spiegel, P.M., is progressing as satisfactorily as possible under the circumstances.

THE QUEEN has sent two signed portraits of herself and the King to the men of the Red House, the temperance hostelry that is to be opened shortly at St. Augustine's, Stepney.

BRO. THE EARL OF CHICHESTER, who, as Lord Pelham, was P.G.M. Sussex, 1877-79, has sent in his resignation as Chairman of the East Sussex Quarter Sessions. He was appointed to the position in 1886, in succession to his father.

THE WINTER CATALOGUE of Messrs. Ellis and Elvey has just been issued, and has several illustrations of the chief books and others with special bindings for sale. The collection is a remarkable one, and copies of the catalogue may be had from the Firm, 29, New Bond-street, at 1s. each. The lots number 690, of MSS. and books.

A LOSS has been sustained by the hardware trade of Belfast through the death of Bro. Thomas Stirling, for many years connected with the firm of Riddell and Co., hardware factors and merchants, Donegal Place, Belfast. Bro. Stirling had been in bad health for some little time, but his death had not been anticipated. He was a prominent member of the Masonic body.

THE TESTIMONIAL which it is proposed to present to Bro. Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd on the occasion of his Masonic jubilee has not yet been decided upon. It is thought, however, it will take the form of a service of plate and an illuminated address illustrative of the esteem and affection in which Sir Horatio has been held for a long period in the hearts of the brethren.

FOUNDATION STONE COINS STOLEN.—On the 24th ult., in connection with the Colchester Oyster Feast, the Mayor laid the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall. In a cavity underneath was placed a bottle containing the current coins of the realm and several Masonic documents. It was discovered on the 4th instant that thieves had tunnelled beneath the stone and had stolen the bottle and its contents.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (Bro. Earl Roberts, K.G.) will hold levees at 1.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and Tuesday, the 3rd prox., at the Horse Guards, Whitehall, the number of officers to be received at each levee being limited to 100 Officers on the active list (with the exception of those on half-pay) will attend in uniform (review order), but others in morning dress. Applications to attend should be addressed to the Military Secretary.

AMONG THOSE who have already accepted invitations to be present at the installation of Bro. Alfred F. Robbins, S.W., as W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, to be held at the Criterion on Saturday, December 7th, are the new Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Sir Joseph Dimdale, M.P., P.G.T.; the Sheriff, Bro. Alderman Bell and Horace Brooks Marshall, G.T.; the City Solicitor, Bro. Sir Homewood Crawford; Mr. H. C. Richards, K.C., M.P.; and Bro. Guy Repton, P.S.G.D.

AS WILL be seen from our advertisement columns, the committee which was formed to collect a fund for the widow of the late Bro. H. Pritchard, wish to make a further appeal for assistance. The late Bro. Pritchard, after many years' work for Freemasonry, died leaving a widow and children without means. The sum of £500 is required to set Mrs. Pritchard up in a house furnished so as to be suitable for taking boarders, and at the same time enabling her to keep her children round her. Of this sum, only about £210 has been received, and the committee make an earnest appeal for the amount to be made up. Bro. W. R. Bennett, of 58, Moorgate-street, E.C., is the Hon. Secretary to the fund.

THE WHOLE of the 15 Sections will be worked on Friday, the 22nd inst., by the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction at the Mail Coach, Farringdon-street. The lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m. The brethren who are working the various Sections are Bros. W. Hayward, 1745; A. B. Clayton, W.M. 1686; G. Knights, W.M. 1828; W. R. Witt, P.M. 1745; N. P. Lardner, P.M. 1745; J. Knight, P.M. 861; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; J. A. Hiffman, J.W. 1623; G. Newnam, J.W. 145; J. D. Webb, P.M. 1745, P.D.G.D.C. Kent; H. Martin, P.M. 211; R. Fitch, Stwd. 87; J. D. Hand, 1928; P. K. Rottenberger, Stwd. 1623; and P. Waldrzel, P.M. 1628. The Preceptor is Bro. F. P. Weinle, P.M. 1828, and the Hon. Secretary, Bro. W. R. Witt, P.M. 1745.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.—In response to the appeal issued by the Organising Committee of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London to factories, workshops, &c., the following amounts have been received: The employees of Messrs. B. J. Hall and Co., £2 4s. 6d.; the employees of Messrs. Horrocks, Crewdson and Co., Ltd., £2 2s.; the employees of Messrs. W. W. Rouch and Co., £1 1s.; the employees of Messrs. Langley and Sons, £1; the employees of Messrs. J. Barringer and Sons, 14s.; the employees of Messrs. George Beddow and Co., 10s. Contributions have also been received from Messrs. A. Gierz and Co., Ltd., £10 10s.; Messrs. A. R. Davis and Co., £2 2s.; Messrs. S. and A. Calderara, £1 1s.; Mr. J. Mansfield, £1; and D. O. and J. C., 10s.

AN INTRUDER EXPELLED.—The one touch of honour which made the Masonic stone-laying ceremony perfect on Thursday, the 24th ult., at Colchester, was the forcible expulsion by the Mayoral foot of a half-bred wire-haired terrier of woebegone appearance and apologetic expression. I hope none of those present have gone so deeply into the mystic creeds of Hindoo-ism as to believe in metempsychosis. If they had they must have been convinced by the diligent and persistent efforts of that disconsolate dog to reach the very centre and heart of the ceremony that the soul of some very eminent Mason of past ages had become habituated in the animal and desired to again take a prominent part in the ancient rites. But the prompt and vigorous action of the Mayor banished (not to say kicked) all belief in the transmigration of souls out of my mind, because I am sure that so good and advanced a Mason as the Mayor, with a mind so telepathic, would have at once recognised a brother Craftsman, however deeply disguised, and would have invited him to join in the ology. One thing is certain; the dog did not give the "grip," nor could his language as he departed be taken to be the "password" to the "Angel" Lodge.—*Sussex Telegraph*.

THE GRAND THEATRE, ISLINGTON.—Among the theatres which are now distributed in every suburban district of London the Grand Theatre, of Islington, deservedly holds a high place. We visited it last week, when we saw a new comic opera, entitled "The Little Innocents," adapted from the successful French vaudeville, "Les Petites Brebis," the book by Hugh Stranger, the music by Louis Varney. Of its kind, we consider it fairly good; the plot is full of incidents of a comic nature; in fact, the fun is fast and furious, rather bordering on pantomime; however, we would not judge it severely on that account—people in Islington, and its populous neighbourhood, go to the theatre to be amused, and those who did so were not disappointed. We cannot give the details of the plot, space would not permit; suffice it to say that, by a curious coincidence (a very common theatrical one, by the way), there are two schools *vis-à-vis*—the one for girls, the other for boys—that the boy pupils are very recalcitrant—that the respective heads of the establishments fall in love with each other, and most carefully endeavour to prevent their attachment from being discovered, how in spite of all they fail to do so, the comic incidents that occur thereat may easily be imagined—it is all very funny and harmless. The two principals were Harry Paulton and Miss Alice Barth, the chief schoolgirl Miss Irene Szilassy. The music is light and sparkling, some of the melodies were pleasing, as were also two unaccompanied concerted pieces.

ANOTHER MASONIC VAGRANT.—On Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Retford Borough Police Court, before Mr. J. A. H. Hirst (in the chair), and Mr. T. Bescoby, William Studd Owen, a respectably dressed middle-aged man, describing himself as an American sea captain, was charged in custody with obtaining money by false pretences at Retford, on October 10th, to which charge he pleaded guilty. The magistrates requested Supt. Thomas to explain the facts of the case, and he stated that on the 10th inst., the prisoner came to him as the Almoner of the Retford Freemasons, and representing himself as a brother, asked for temporary relief for the night. He said he was in need of assistance as he had just come in from Grimsby by train, and his luggage with all his belongings had been sent on to Radford, near Nottingham. He said he had made a complaint to the stationmaster, who had telegraphed for the luggage, and he expected it would be returned that night or the next morning. Upon this statement he gave him 4s., and he afterwards ascertained that at nine o'clock the same night the prisoner went to West Retford Rectory, and upon making similar representations obtained 5s. from the Rev. Canon Gray. On Monday he found the prisoner intoxicated at Newark, and having charged him brought him to Retford. The prisoner was also drunk the same night that he obtained the money from himself and Canon Gray, and Police-sergeant Meakin endeavoured to get him taken in for the night, but they would not take him in. In reply to the Bench, the Rev. Canon Gray said that the prisoner came to him and asked for assistance upon the strength of exactly the same statement as that related by the superintendent of police. The Rev. Father Scully, of Gainsborough, said the prisoner called upon him also on the 10th, and said he was an American capitalist, who had lost his luggage, and he gave him 2s. 6d. Mr. A. O. Wood, stationmaster at Retford, was called, and said there was no truth in the statement made by the prisoner about the lost luggage. The magistrates said the prisoner appeared to have been engaged in systematic fraud, and he would be sent to gaol for 21 days.—*Retford Newspaper*.