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THE PROVINCES.

There has latterly been a considerable amount of activity in the several branches of Masonry in the Provinces. We do not say that this activity has been greater than usual, because, as a rule, Provincial meetings are held annually, and, as nearly as possible, about the same time of the year. But our later issues have shown that, in the discharge of our duty, it has devolved upon us to report many of these meetings in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry, and in no case has the record of events during the past year been otherwise than satisfactory. As regards Craft Masonry, there have been meetings held at Wigan and Oswestry for special purposes, and, in addition, one of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire, at Windsor, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. Berkshire, as our readers are aware, is not an old Province, having been formed as such in 1890, after the lamented death, in 1889, of Bro. Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart., who had presided over Berks and Bucks as Provincial Grand Master from 1868. But if not an old Province, it started on its career under the most brilliant auspices with no less illustrious a personage for its ruler than the late Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE, who was installed in office by his father, then M.W. Grand Master, and died, unexpectedly, after a very brief illness, in January, 1892. On his Royal Highness's death, the Province remained in charge of the Deputy until 1898, when Lord WANTAGE, Past G.W., and Lord Lieutenant of the County, was appointed P.G.M.; but in the spring of the present year his lordship died, and the Province is once again in charge of the Deputy, Bro. JOHN T. MORLAND, P.G.D., who, however, is in every way qualified to discharge the duties, and to whose ability and experience the brethren are greatly indebted for the success they have achieved as a Provincial organisation, while, from the reports that were submitted at the meeting, the year that has just closed will bear very favourable comparison with the years that preceded it.

As regards Royal Arch Masonry, several Prov. Grand Chapters have met during the past few weeks, the earliest, if we remember rightly, being that of Hertfordshire, at which, in the absence through illness of Comp. the Right Hon. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., G. Superintendent, the Prov. Second G. Principal, Comp. F. H. KNYVETT, presided, and had the satisfaction of hearing that the past year had been on the whole a successful one. The Province is numerically weak, there being only nine

chapters to 24 Craft lodges; while, as regards membership, the chapters, individually, are in still worse plight, and it would be as well if some energy were infused into the proceedings. The chapters meet three or four times a year, but the year's record is not a heavy one, and as there is an abundance of Craft material to work upon, let us hope that the chapters and their members will in the future exhibit just a trifle more interest in this branch of Masonry. In Northumberland, Lord RIDLEY, the Grand Superintendent, presided in person at the annual meeting, and "expressed his satisfaction with the work done during the past year, and with the progress Royal Arch Masonry was making in the Province." Here there are 11 chapters to 33 lodges, and we take it, therefore, that the former are strong as regards membership; while in Berkshire, whose annual meeting was reported last week, there are five chapters to 17 lodges. In the case of Warwickshire, where 11 out of the 34 lodges have chapters attached to them, Comp. GEORGE BEECH, who presided in the absence of the venerable Lord LEIGH, Grand Superintendent, is reported to have "congratulated the Province upon its improved position, the success which had attended the new chapter of instruction, and the satisfactory condition of the finances." Here, then, though the proportion of chapters to lodges discloses nothing unusual, there are distinct evidences of that energy which is necessary to place the Royal Arch on a sound footing. In Staffordshire, where, as far as we know, the proportion of chapters to lodges is about the same as in Warwickshire, the past year appears to have been similarly successful. The Grand Superintendent was prevented by illness from attending, but a letter was read from him in which he expressed his "gratification in knowing that Royal Arch Masonry was flourishing in the Province." Thus, we have evidence from several Provinces that the Royal Arch has fared prosperously during the past year, and yet the apathy in reference to this branch of our Masonic system is inconceivably great. Supreme Grand Chapter meets at stated intervals, but it rarely happens that the business transacted is of other than the most formal character. To crown all, during the present year there have been fewer warrants for new chapters issued than for a long time past. We have many times pointed out that a mere increase in numbers is not necessarily an indication of progress, nor, on the other hand, does it by any means follow that a falling off in numbers is a sign of increased weakness or greater apathy on the part of members. But taking all things into consideration, we are inclined to regard the steady diminution in the formation of new chapters which has been going on for some years as testifying to an indifference on the part of Craft Masons to the Royal Arch, which, to say the least, is greatly to be regretted.

If we turn our attention to the Mark Degree, we find gratifying evidences in nearly all directions as to its steady increase in popular favour. Last week we had occasion to point out how in the single Province of West Yorkshire the Mark had grown under the auspices of the present Prov. G. Master from a small to a numerous and thoroughly well organised body; and though neither Somersetshire nor North Wales is comparable in strength with the Province of which Bro. C. L. MASON is the ruler, our reports of the proceedings at their recent annual gatherings bear conclusive testimony to the success of the Degree in those Provinces. The conclusion we draw is that the Mark goes on prospering because there is an immense amount of energy thrown into the work, while the Royal Arch remains stationary, because of the apathy with which its proceedings are surrounded.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST
YORKSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Church Institute, North Parade, Bradford, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., under the banner of the Acacia Lodge, No. 2321, when there were present:

Bros. Richard Wilson, P.M. 289, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., acting Prov. G.M.; Henry Smith, P.M. 302, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M., as D.P.G.M.; J. C. Malcolm, P.M. 306, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.W., P.G.D.; W. C. Lupton, J.P., P.M. 974, P.P.G.W., P.G.D.; Jno. Lee Walker, P.M. 290, Prov. S.G.W.; Henry Chalker, P.M. 154, Prov. J.G.W.; Major D. Salmond, P.M. 302, Wm. Harrop, P.M. 290, G. H. Parke, P.M. 154, Cornelius Wheatwill, P.M. 290, and W. Watson, P.M. 61, P.P.G.Ws.; Rev. Hugh Doig, Chap. 337, Prov. G. Chap.; Ven. Archdeacon Donne, W.M. 1019, P.P.G.C., as Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. Wm. Wilkinson, P.M. 2069, Rev. L. S. Calvert, P.M. 208, Rev. J. Maxon Walton, Chap. 307, and Rev. G. Ford, P.M. 2558, P.P.G. Chaps.; Robt. Potter, P.M. 275, Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Richards, P.M. 208, Major G. Bolton, P.M. 154, Wm. Smith, P.M. 1211, and Thos. Woods, P.M. 2695, P.P.G. Treasurers; John Tweedale, P.M. 827, Prov. G. Reg.; D. Allison Shaw, P.M. 827, T. Brayshaw, P.M. 2091, J. H. Pawson, P.M. 242, and Jno. Thos. Last, P.M. 2321, P.P.G. Regs.; Major H. G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; Hugh Kershaw, P.M. 2330, Prov. S.G.D.; Jno. Barraclough, P.M. 304, and Edward Holmes, P.M. 1779, Prov. J.G.Ds.; Reuben Williamson, P.M. 521, T. I. Walker, P.M. 1231, Wm. Hy. Jessop, P.M. 521, F. C. Robinson, P.M. 1648, Fountain Read, P.M. 1034, J. W. Balme, P.M. 61, Alfred Stephenson, P.M. 1648, Walker Dyson, P.M. 290, Francis Smith, P.M. 837, Alfred Robertshaw, P.M. 448, Dr. Isaac Mossop, P.M. 974, Wm. Flockton, P.M. 1042, W. O. Hinchliffe, P.M. 1018, J. L. Brayshaw, P.M. 2091, J. P. Browne, P.M. 1648, Col. E. S. Tozer, P.M. 2268, and Rd. Hodgson, P.M. 448, P.P.G.Ds.; Wm. Towers, P.M. 306, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; G. W. Hawksley, P.M. 139, Charles Gott, P.M. 302, Reuben Castle, P.M. 750, T. C. Hope, P.M. 302, T. R. Vaux, P.M. 208, J. H. Bolton, P.M. 1736, and J. Lane Fox, P.M. 208, P.P.G. Supts. of Wks.; Tom Twivy, P.M. 1018, P.G.D. of Cers.; Ellis Foulds, P.M. 910, P. Dep. G.D. of C.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M. 242, Chas. E. Bygrave, P.M. 2091, and Wm. Harrison, P.M. 265, Prov. Asst. G.D. of Cers.; Austin Roberts, P.M. 448, J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018, T. J. Pickles, P.M. 258, Geo. Buckley, P.M. 61, Wm. Fitton, P.M. 2035, W. D. Quarmby, P.M. 808, Thos. Norfolk, P.M. 600, Jno. Dawson, P.M. 521, G. P. Sunderland, P.M. 1736, Thos. Heaton, P.M. 265, Daniel White, P.M. 149, J. R. Fawcett, P.M. 1214, Joseph Best, P.M. 302, Wm. Oddy, P.M. 387, Joseph Wrigglesworth, P.M. 1783, Abm. Armitage, P.M. 521, W. Pick Raynor, P.M. 290, W. Greenwood, P.M. 439, Jas. Millington, P.M. 1221, Chas. Middleton, P.M. 2069, and Joe Sykes, P.M. 1514, P.P.G.Ds. of Cers.; John Haley, P.M. 1034, P.G.S.B.; Geo. Scarborough, P.M. 61, Herbert Columbine, P.M. 1221, and W. J. Morris, P.M. 1736, P.P.G.S.Bs.; Ben Child, P.M. 258, and Wm. E. Turner, P.G. Std. Brs.; Wm. Laycock, P.M. 1108, T. M. Holmes, P.M. 1545, Robert Fisher, P.M. 1221, John Hey, P.M. 387, Wm. Haigh, P.M. 1283, John Spencer, P.M. 408, Wm. Moyer Tate, P.M. 306, Geo. Illingworth, P.M. 258, and Hy. Beaumont, P.M. 1301, P.P.G. Std. Brs.; E. Rowe Dickenson, P.M. 308, P.G. Org.; Wm. Ash, P.M. 1019, Tom Buckland, P.M. 1231, C. F. Brindley, P.M. 2491, and Wm. Gadsby, P.M. 2491, P.P.G. Orgs.; Geo. Hy. Schofield, P.M. 1542, P. Asst. G. Sec.; J. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, and J. R. Barton, P.M. 306, P.P. Asst. G. Secs.; Elias Heaton, P.M., 387, P.G. Purst.; A. E. Powolny, P.M. 1211, Geo. Althorp, P.M. 1018, Wm. Cockerott, P.M. 307, F. W. Turner, P.M. 408, Thos. Gaukroger, P.M. 307, Jno. Shoesmith, P.M. 1783, Edwin Billington, P.M. 1462, J. A. Heastie, P.M. 652, Chas. Cromick, P.M. 2330, and Geo. Thompson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G. Pursts.; Jno. T. Goodall, P.M. 1301, A. Alderson, P.M. 1302, Wm. Senior, P.M. 1513, Alfred Leach, P.M. 495, Walter Davey, P.M. 1001, and George Stones, P.M. 1462, Prov. G. Stewards; Thomas Leighton, Tyler 139; and Thos. Chester, Tyler 904, Asst. to P.G. Tyler. Also W. Masters, Past Masters, acting Wardens, and brethren from Lodges 61, 139, 149, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 401, 408, 439, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 750, 810, 827, 837, 904, 910, 971, 974, 1001, 1018, 1019, 1034, 1042, 1102, 1108, 1211, 1214, 1221, 1231, 1239, 1283, 1301, 1302, 1462, 1513, 1514, 1522, 1542, 1545, 1645, 1648, 1736, 1779, 1783, 2035, 2069, 2091, 2259, 2261, 2268, 2321, 2330, 2491, 2558, 2609, 2677, 2695, and 2856.

The acting Prov. G. Master, Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. Master; the acting Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M., and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge entered at four o'clock, and solemn prayer was offered and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Prov. G. Chaplains.

The acting Prov. G. Master, the acting Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, were then saluted, and the roll of lodges was called.

The roll of Present Prov. G. Officers was called, and the roll of Past Prov. G. Officers noted.

Apologies were announced from the Prov. G. Master, from Bro. William Blackburn, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charity Committee, and upwards of 50 Past Prov. G. Officers, W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren.

The minutes of the annual meeting held at Dewsbury on the 17th April, were read and confirmed.

The ACTING PROV. G. MASTER, addressing the brethren, said:

Brethren, the oldest authentic record which we have of a regular meeting of speculative Masons in West Yorkshire was that of the holding here of a meeting by the old lodge from York in 1713, when 18 gentlemen of the neighbourhood are said to have been initiated. After a somewhat long period we have the founding of the Hope Lodge, No. 302, in 1794, followed at intervals by the forming of the present Bradford lodges, in all eight, including the Eccleshill Lodge, No. 1034. We are to-day met for the first time under the auspices of the Acacia Lodge, No. 2321, which was consecrated on 28th September, 1889, by our late R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Thos. Wm. Tew. Bradford has excellent reason to be proud of the result of its enterprise in the formation of new lodges. Whilst in some of the very large centres of industry in the province there has been a sprinkling of failures during the last century, lodges having died out or collapsed from one cause or another, Bradford stands out exceptionally strong, every lodge when once planted here having gone forward and continued to prosper to the present day. This speaks well for the judgment and foresight of the brethren who have in past ages taken the initiative in forming these lodges. They evidently desired to have in view an undoubted prospect of success before launching any new enterprise, and their circumspection in this direction has been amply justified by the result. Whilst recommending our brethren not to err on the side of over-caution, and so cripple laudable and commendable progress, yet we trust that full and weighty consideration will be given to the prospect of future stability and prosperity, as well as to assumed requirements for the present, when seeking to establish new lodges. It may, perhaps, be interesting to mention in passing an important event which occurred just 50 years ago, viz., the visit of the then M.W. Grand Master of England, the late Lord Zetland, accompanied by the Grand Lodge, for the purpose

of laying the foundation-stone of that noble structure, St. George's Hall. Since that time a large number of brethren have participated in the work of Freemasonry in this city, and have passed away. Our registers bristle with the names of earnest, zealous, and gifted Bradford brethren, who have distinguished themselves by their deep devotion to the welfare of the Craft and their town and country; and we need not to remind you that the high standard reached by those who have gone is well maintained to-day by a large body of brethren, with the Mayor at the head, who are now working as actively and are equally interested in our well-being. Since we last met in April, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., has, as you know, been installed Most Worshipful Grand Master by the M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst, with fitting pomp and ceremonial, at the Albert Hall, London, on the 17th July last, in the presence of 9000 brethren. West Yorkshire Masonry was well represented on that occasion. We have every confidence in the King's successor; he is an old and tried Mason, and we shall with great cheerfulness accord him the loyalty which is always offered to its Grand Master by brethren in West Yorkshire. On 29th July we dedicated the new Masonic Hall at Leeds, and we were very gratified with the result of that day's ceremony and proceedings. On the 8th October we opened the new premises of the St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2330, at Pudsey, and we congratulate that lodge on the care and foresight which has enabled them to buy and adapt premises which are so suitable. On 22nd October we consecrated a new lodge, the Regent Lodge, No. 2856, at Barnsley, assisted by a large number of Prov. Grand Officers, and in the presence of many influential members of the Craft. On 5th October our P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Hy. Smith, attained his 80th year, and as the Charity meeting was held that day we took the opportunity to present him on your behalf with an address of congratulation and hearty good wishes. You will all be glad with me to see him as acting Deputy to-day. Next month the Masonic year practically closes, and the momentous question of electing the Worshipful Master exercises our minds in a greater or lesser degree. May the G.A.O.T.U. give us wisdom to select the best man and the most deserving, if that can be done with due regard to seniority and past work in the lodge. Good Treasurers, and good Secretaries, too, will, I hope, be found, and I trust those selected or elected will make a resolve to carry out their respective duties in the most efficient and prompt manner. As a general rule the work only wants doing once, and it is often easier to do it at the beginning than at the end when driven into a corner. There is a strong desire throughout the province to exercise more care in admissions, and we are doing all we can to foster that desire. Not enough care, however, is taken in ascertaining if a candidate for Freemasonry from another town is of good repute and position, and lodges sometimes fail to send circulars as is required by Prov. Grand Lodge Bye-law 30. And I regret to say that the lodge to whom the circular of enquiry is directed omits or declines sometimes to reply to the questions asked. The circular is confidential, and, therefore, there should be no doubt that it will be regarded as such; but at any time if the Secretary or Worshipful Master prefers to do so, he can report to the D. Prov. Grand Master or Prov. Grand Secretary, from whom enquiry circulars can always be obtained. I have tried to interest my officers in the work of Prov. Grand Lodge by calling on them for assistance and advice on every possible occasion; and the response has been so cheerful, and the result so beneficial in creating an attachment to work together for the best interests of the province, that it has given pleasure to us all and been a strength to me, for which I am very grateful. Our Librarian has also been very active in his department, and as his work is seen by you all, particularly in the Reprints and in the Memoirs of W. Bros. Gaukroger and Lingard, I feel certain you will approve of it. Many of you will join me in sorrow at the death of W. Bro. W. W. Clayton, P.M. 1311, P.P.G.D., who was interred yesterday. A suggestion was thrown out at one lodge visited by me, which I shall pass on to the Grand Lodge for their consideration: "That a statue of King Edward VII. be presented to the nation by the Masonic Fraternity." Britannia Lodge, No. 139, some months ago invited Prov. Grand Lodge to meet in Sheffield next April, and they desire it so much that I hope to be able to accept it. Brethren, in exercising my duties as Deputy, and from my experience in visiting the lodges, I can assure you that there is such an interest in, and a devotion to, Freemasonry in West Yorks, that we need not fear any effort too great for our strength, if it commends itself to the wisdom of the brethren. It is a pleasure to meet you all here to-day, and I greet you with hearty good wishes.

Bro. H. S. CHILDE, the Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee, said that, according to the notice on the agenda paper, the business he had to bring before the brethren was to ask them to concur in the suspension of By-law 51, in order that a grant might be made to Bro. Mark Scott, 1211, Leeds.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER said: I am bound to express my opinion, and I must say that I have known Bro. Mark Scott for a long time. He has done good work for the Corporation and in other directions, and he is deserving of the grant being made to him.

Bro. CHILDE, after expressing regret for the absence of Bro. W. Blackburn, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, through illness, said that last April and May, in London, the Committee elected nine cases, and one case was presented under the Heaton testimonial. A fortnight ago they elected two boys and one girl, so that on the whole the Charity Committee thought they had done fairly good work. It was his duty to request the brethren this year to do what they could to qualify themselves for Stewardships for the Boys' School, because the Charity Committee were of opinion that, so far as the province was concerned, it was the Boys' School turn. He had to thank the brethren of the province for the handsome support they had given to the Charities during the past year, and hoped that they would not think the Committee were pressing them too hard with respect to next year. As the acting R.W. Prov. Grand Master had said, there was no limit to what they could do, if the Charity Committee only worked the brethren properly. He regretted that he had not been able to attend so many lodges as he should have done. He trusted, however, that next year he would be able to visit the lodges more frequently, and that there would not be a decrease of subscriptions in consequence. So much for the past. With regard to next April and May, the Committee had a heavy list before them. They already had 12 cases on the list for those elections, and whether the cases could be elected depended largely upon how they would "shell out" and subscribe. The list was the heaviest they had had, and he was sure the brethren would help the province to keep to the front, as it had always done. Bro. Childe concluded by proposing the adoption of the report, and that the sum of £20 be granted to Bro. Mark Scott, in accordance with the petition which had been presented.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G.D., in seconding the resolution that the grant be made, remarked that he fully sympathised with Bro. Scott in the position in which he was placed. The Committee would require strong support in carrying the cases, it being the heaviest list known since he had been connected with the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire. He would urge upon the Charity members of the lodges to do their best to get subscriptions not only from the lodge funds, but from private members. In the absence of the Chairman, the cause of which he regretted, he had to thank the brethren for the manner in which they sent in the voting papers for the

last election. It was a heavy election, but the Committee succeeded in electing all their cases. He seconded the adoption of the report, and also that the grant of £20 be made to a brother of Lodge 1211.

The motions were carried unanimously.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER said: When it came to our knowledge that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England was going to confer Grand Lodge honours on our worthy Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Herbert Green, I felt—although he could not take any action himself—I should be remiss if I did not give an opportunity to every lodge in the province to show their appreciation of the services he has rendered, and the great pleasure they felt that the Grand Lodge should have conferred an office upon him. For that purpose I sent out cards giving them an opportunity to subscribe a sum which I calculated would cover the expenses of the Grand clothing, the clothing belonging to the Arch, and also the fee of honour for the office. I am glad to say that every lodge has responded. We have already bought the clothing—it is there (pointing to a table in front of the dais), and I will proceed to invest Bro. Green with part of it. I find, however, that in conferring past rank there are no fees of honour, so that there is a larger balance than I thought I should have. I have paid for all the clothing, and the balance I give to Bro. Green for his expenses in going to receive the honour.

The acting Prov. Grand Master proceeded to invest Bro. Green.

Continuing, he said that they all felt that in conferring that honour on Bro. Green the Grand Lodge had honoured West Yorkshire. They all acknowledged the ability and courtesy with which Bro. Green had carried out the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary, and wished him health, long life, and happiness in wearing the clothing.

Bro. H. G. E. GREEN said: Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master in the chair, officers and brethren, during the war in South Africa you have frequently heard of the poor fellows, brethren and fellow citizens, being in a tight corner, but I doubt whether any of them were ever in such an extremely tight corner as I am now—simply because I am not able sufficiently to thank you for the handsome present you have given to me today. But before I quite get to that point, I should like to mention one or two facts and figures with regard to the province with reference to what has taken place since I was connected with it. During the 16 years I have been Secretary there have been initiated or joined 4792 Masons, resigned 1955, died 1121, and excluded 775, necessitating 8643 entries in the Provincial Grand Lodge Registers. The number of members now is 4339, while the number of members who have been initiated or joined during the 16 years has been 4792, so that it will be seen that during that period there has been a complete change in the membership of the province. The number of members when I first began to assist in the work of the province in 1874 was 2841, and of Masters and Past Masters 625. As I have already stated, the present membership is 4339, while there are 1269 Masters and Past Masters. During the period I have been acting as Assistant Secretary and afterwards as Secretary, upwards of £75,000 has been collected and sent to London to the Masonic Central Charities, besides a great deal of money in other ways, such as testimonials, and so on, has been raised. That is a large sum of money, and of the amount I have mentioned £70,000 will have passed through my hands. During this period of 16 years we have elected 188 candidates for the Masonic Charities, and this has necessitated the collection and manipulation of 457,000 votes. I received my appointment on the 21st June, the longest day of the year, and may tell you it was the proudest day of my life. I fully recognise that the office was not conferred on me for anything I have done, but on the province and for your regularity in making your returns, and the manner in which you attend Grand Lodge. Your duties in your various lodges is fully known in London and recognised. I wish to thank sincerely and gratefully the Masters of the 81 lodges throughout the province, and through them the 4339 brethren, for this handsome gift of the Grand Lodge regalia of the Craft and Arch, and assure them I appreciate their generosity. I do not promise to redouble my efforts in the province, because that is impossible, but I can assure you that I shall not relax them in the slightest degree. I have the greatest affection for and pride in my province. It has always been my earnest endeavour to do everything that lay in my power to carry out the duties of the office I have the honour to hold, and to assist any brother, whoever he may be, in any part of the province, to the best of my ability. Sometimes things become a little awkward and across, and the Prov. Secretary is only human, so that he gets put about, and occasionally speaks and writes a little more sharply than he should do to those with whom he has to do. You must forgive me, for it is only from a desire to serve your best interests, to keep you in the right path, and the province in good order. If I have offended you, I wish sincerely to apologise. Until the moment I read my official letter of appointment I had not the slightest idea there was anything of the kind in store for anyone in the province, and therefore it came to me as a great surprise. Who has moved in the matter, or how it came about, I am not up to the present aware, but if any are present who have exercised influence with respect to my appointment I hope they will receive from me my heartiest, warmest, and most grateful thanks. To Bro. Richard Wilson, the acting R.W. Prov. Grand Master in the chair, who kindly undertook the raising of this testimonial, I also offer my sincere and grateful thanks, and assure him that I am and ever shall be full of gratitude for what he has done for me. I sincerely thank you all.

Bro. J. T. LAST, P.M. 2321, P.P.G. Reg., having given notice that he would call attention to the method of election of the Grand Treasurer of England, and move a resolution thereon, referred to the various methods of election under different Constitutions, especially that of America. In England, however, he said all the members of Grand Lodge, consisting of Present and Past Masters, and actual Wardens, had a right to vote at the election of Grand Treasurer, which was, therefore, regarded as the blue ribbon of the Craft. Ninety per cent. of those who were qualified to vote in Grand Lodge had never exercised the franchise, because it was necessary for them to attend the meetings in London and fill up the voting papers. That gave the members in London a great advantage, because it not only necessitated the expenditure of a great deal of the time of the Provincial brethren, but also of from three to five guineas out of their own pockets in going to and staying in London for the elections. It also debarred many Provincial brethren from becoming candidates for the office. They had only one Past Grand Treasurer in Yorkshire, and many of them would remember how they went up to London in force and succeeded in carrying the election of Bro. Major Woodall, while there were a number of brethren in West Yorkshire worthy of the office. He thought those brethren who were qualified could equally well fill up their papers at home, without being under the necessity of journeying to London for the purpose. It was used as

an argument that it would greatly increase the work of the Grand Secretary to have so many voting papers pass through his hands, but he pointed out that this work was done several times a year with respect to the Charitable Institutions. He concluded by moving the following resolutions: "That it is the opinion of this Provincial Grand Lodge that the election of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England should be so conducted that the members of the Grand Lodge have the opportunity of exercising their privilege of voting at any such election of the Grand Treasurer without it being requisite personally to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge, and so avoid the expense (often considerable) and loss of time incident to attending the Grand Lodge." "That it is desirable that any necessary steps be taken by this province to act in conjunction with other provinces favourable to such a movement, to bring about such an alteration of Rule 19 of the Book of Constitutions as will give effect to the object of this resolution." "That copies of this resolution be printed and sent by the Provincial Grand Secretary to the Provincial Grand Secretaries of the various Masonic provinces of England and Wales, and report thereon to the next or some future meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. Major BOLTON seconded the motion.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.D.P.G.M., remarked that as no notice had been given of the text of the resolution the Prov. Grand Lodge was not in a position to vote upon it. They could not legally do so. It was the old difficulty of voting for Grand Treasurer, the entailing of a great cost, but they could not go in face of their bye-laws. He appealed to the Prov. G. Registrar if his view of the case was not the correct one.

The PROV. G. REGISTRAR said he agreed with that view.

The ACTING PROV. G. MASTER said that his attention had been called to the subject, but he thought it desirable that it should be brought before that meeting so that the brethren might have the information which Bro. Last had gathered, even if they could not pass the resolution. He thought it was important to the Freemasons of England that they should take part in the election of Grand Treasurer. Rule 27 of the Prov. Lodge, however, distinctly stated that the proposer should give no less than 14 days' notice of the terms of his resolution, and that resolution had been placed in his hands only just before the meeting. Personally, he had no objection to anything that might occur there, but he did not think they should settle such an important resolution at a minute's notice, which by its wording might give offence to Grand Lodge. He thought the wisest course would be to wait until other people had expressed an opinion. As the Prov. Grand Registrar had held that the resolution was out of order because of the want of notice, he (the acting Prov. Grand Master) must decline to allow a vote to be taken.

The discussion dropped.

Bro. LAST gave notice that at the next Prov. Grand Lodge he would move a resolution with respect to the election of Grand Treasurer, and added that he would take care to hand the resolution in in time.

Bro. WM. WATSON, P.P.S.G.W., Honorary Librarian, expressed thanks for the hearty and spontaneous response which had been given to his appeal during the last 12 months, for funds towards publishing the Library Reprints, somewhere near three-fourths of the lodges in the province having subscribed. The handsome sum thus raised had enabled him to treat the subscribers very liberally with regard to the number of copies issued to them, the initial cost *pro rata* for producing each copy being much less when a large number could be ordered. He remarked that he would be saved much unnecessary work and correspondence if the lodges would promptly acknowledge receipt of the parcels he sent out, many having omitted to do so at all. He was pleased to say that many favourable comments had been made with regard to the "In Memoriam" obituary notices on distinguished West Yorkshire brethren deceased, which had been issued to members of Provincial Grand Lodge with the summons for that meeting, under the auspices and cordial sanction of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. West Yorkshire was the first province to adopt the idea, and everyone thought it to be a step in the right direction.

Bro. JOHN BARRACLOUGH, P.G.D., stated that it was intended to invite the Prov. Grand Lodge to hold its next meeting at Leeds, but, after the intimation of the acting Prov. Grand Master, the invitation would be postponed.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Acacia Lodge, No. 2321, for the provision made for the accommodation of Prov. Grand Lodge on that occasion.

Bro. J. C. MALCOLM, P.D.P.G.M., P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was carried.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

Forty-four brethren afterwards dined together at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, the acting Prov. G.M., Bro. Wilson, presiding.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly meeting of the above Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 7th inst. The Hon. James Hozier, M.P., G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Graham, of Broadstone, G.M. Depute; W. A. Dinwiddie, Prov. G.M. Dumfriesshire; Col. Campbell, Prov. G.M. East Perthshire; Major F. W. Allan, P.S.G.W.; James Caldwell and William Officer, P.G.Ds.; W. W. Robertson, P.G. Architect; R. K. Inches, P.G. Jeweller; J. Dalrymple Duncan, P.S.G.W.; David Reid, G. Sec.; and E. A. Chisholm, G. Treas. The Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. A. A. Speirs, S.G.W., and W. Munro Denholm, J.G.W.

The GRAND MASTER, before entering on the ordinary business, made an appropriate reference to the assassination of President McKinley, and proposed the following resolution: "We, the Freemasons of Scotland, in Grand Lodge assembled at Edinburgh, desire, on behalf of ourselves and on behalf of all Scottish Freemasons at home, in India, in the Colonies, and in foreign parts, to place on record our deep and heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. McKinley, and with the people of the United States, in the terrible domestic and national loss which they have sustained by the cold-blooded murder of a President so illustrious, and a man so beloved."

The resolution was unanimously approved, and a copy was ordered to be forwarded to the American-Ambassador in London.

On the motion of the GRAND MASTER, it was also agreed to send an expression of regret to Sir Michael and Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart on the death of Captain Houston Shaw Stewart, a gallant officer who died on his way home from active service in South Africa.

Bro. W. A. STEVEN, P.D.G.M. New Brunswick, was introduced to the meeting, and, having been welcomed by the G.M., he made a few remarks on the flourishing condition of Freemasonry in New Brunswick and throughout Canada generally.

A report was presented by Grand Committee on a disputed point between the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Hamburg affecting Masonic law. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg having erected a daughter lodge in Copenhagen, and thus encroached on the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the latter represented the fact to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and requested it to declare that the erection of such a lodge was an infringement of its jurisdiction. Grand Secretary, at the request of Grand Committee, communicated the application to Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and requested an explanation. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg replied that, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, certain persons residing in Copenhagen were initiated in one of its lodges at Hamburg, and these brethren afterwards requested the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to erect a lodge at Copenhagen, because "the Grand Lodge of Denmark consists of Craft Masonry, Scottish Degrees, and chapter, all combined in 'one Grand Lodge'; that the Craft Degrees are in many respects entirely dependent on the higher Degrees; the Grand Lodge of Denmark initiates Christians only, to the exclusion of all other beliefs." Grand Committee, in their report, said they regretted very much the infringement the Grand Lodge of Hamburg had made on the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and they were of opinion that the grounds assigned for its action were irrelevant, and did not warrant the erection of the lodge complained of. The Committee, therefore, recommended Grand Lodge to find that the lodge erected by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg at Copenhagen was illegal and irregular; but, before passing resolutions giving effect to such a finding, the Committee suggested that the views of Grand Lodge should be communicated to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in the hope that it might, in the interests of Masonry, recall the charter, and so restore Masonic unity. The Committee further reported that the Grand Lodge of England had had this matter under its consideration, and had unanimously passed the following resolution: "That a body calling itself 'Lodge Christian Zum Palmbaum' or 'Lodge Christian til Palmatroeat,' and meeting in Copenhagen, having been declared illegal and irregular by the Grand Lodge of Denmark, all Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England are hereby warned that they cannot visit such irregular body, nor can any lodge under this jurisdiction admit as a visitor, or joining member, any member of such irregular body, without incurring the penalty attaching to a grave Masonic offence."

Bro. ALFRED A. MURRAY, W.S., moved the disapproval of Grand Committee's recommendation, and this was seconded by Bro. M. GOLDSTON.

The GRAND MASTER pointed out that if the recommendation of Grand Committee was not upheld, it meant that they were denying the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Denmark within its own territory.

On a vote being taken, the adoption of the report, which was moved by Bro. WILLIAM OFFICER, and seconded by Bro. Major ALLAN, was carried by a large majority.

Grand Committee recommended Grand Lodge to the effect that the recognition of a sovereign Grand Lodge in Western Australia was premature. Of the 28 Scottish lodges, 26 had expressed their desire to retain their connection with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and two lodges only had dissented from that resolution. The recognition of a Grand Lodge in Western Australia would imply the abandonment of the Scottish lodges and the sovereign rights of Scotland in the colony.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

It was agreed to grant new charters to Lodges Robert King Stewart, New Stevenson, Holytown, Lanarkshire, and Fingal, Day Dawn, Western Australia.

The Hon. Charles M. Ramsay was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, in room of Bro. James Berry, who has resigned office on account of the state of his health.

Bro. Thomas Mylne was re-appointed District Grand Master of Queensland, and Bro. Alexander C. Mather was appointed representative of Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

It was agreed to vote 100 guineas to the Masonic Relief Fund in Natal.

Bro. W. A. DINWIDDIE proposed, and Bro. R. K. INCHES seconded, the re-election of Bro. the Hon. James Hozier as Grand Master, and the nomination was received with acclamation.

The GRAND MASTER returned thanks for the affectionate manner in which they had re-elected him to the chair for a third year, an honour which he highly appreciated, and he also thanked the members of Grand Lodge for the hearty manner in which they had co-operated with him, which had made his period of office a pleasure instead of a trial. (Applause.)

The following other Grand office-bearers were nominated for next year:—

Bro. W. Munro Denholm ...	...	S.G.W.
" R. King Stewart, of Murdostoun, Prov. G.M. of Lanarkshire, Middle Ward ...	...	J.G.W.
" Rev. George R. Anderson ...	...	S.G. Chap.
" Rev. David Watson ...	...	J.G. Chap.
" James Orr Sinclair ...	...	S.G.D.
" George Crawford ...	...	J.G.D.
" Frank W. Simon ...	...	G. Architect.
" Arthur J. Ramsay ...	...	G. Jeweller.
" John O. Stewart ...	...	G. Bible Bearer.
" Andrew Fergus ...	...	G.D.C.
" William Falconer ...	...	G. Bard.
" Robert Bathgate ...	...	G.S.B.
" J. Kenyon Lees ...	...	G. Dir. of Music.
" Arthur J. Curle ...	...	G. Org.
" Captain Alexander M'Rae ...	...	G. Marshal.
" James Grierson ...	...	G.I.G.
" George Hay ...	...	G. Tyler.

The following were elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Grand Stewards: Bros. William L. Hamilton, J. Foster King, Allan S. Edmiston, James H. Fenton, James M'Combe, and M. Goldston.

It was reported by the Benevolence Committee that grants amounting to £224 15s. had been voted during the past two months.

Craft Masonry.

Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

At the meeting of the lodge on Monday, the 11th instant, Bro. W. James, W.M., in the chair, a resolution was passed by a majority in favour of removing a bye-law restricting the membership of the lodge to 88. The limitation was first inserted in the bye-laws in the year 1891. The present number of members is 88.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

This lodge held its regular meeting at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 7th instant, when there were present: Bros. A. Fergusson, W.M.; A. J. Rippin, S.W.; R. F. Roche, J.W.; Thos. Cohn, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Smith, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Lockett, S.D.; W. J. Fishleigh, J.D.; T. Stokes, I.P.M.; William Baker, P.M., D.C.; Chatterton, P.M. 379, Org.; J. Collins, I.G.; F. H. Farr and W. Lloyd, Stewards; Robeson, P.M.; Mower, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Adams, Dearsley, Davies, Grimes, Gosheron, Brough, Preston, Durrant, Allerton, J. W. Fishleigh, Ellis, Back, Williams, Pubbrook, Mein, A. A. Jones, Hamlett, Bayley, Robinson, Hipwell, Bassett, Meers, Cowderoy, T. E. Fergusson, Hanks, Wetton, Prevost, Press, Philpot, Dickson, and Stevenson. Visitors: Bros. Huckell, W.M. 65; Watts-Lea, W.M. 2414; Jas. Brown, P.M. 1446; Jackson, I.G. 1421; Carman, 2442; Hammett, 860; and March, 1185.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Gosheron and Preston were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. Stevenson to that of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Dickson and Philpot, and it proving unanimous, they were initiated into Freemasonry. The sum of £5 5s. was voted to the widow of a deceased brother. The W.M. then announced to the lodge the death of Bro. George Kenning, P.M. Bro. Stokes I.P.M., proposed, and Bro. Robeson, P.M., seconded—"That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. George Kenning, and that the same be recorded in the minutes." After Bro. Cohn, P.M., and several other brethren had spoken, the resolution was carried unanimously. Bro. D. T. Jackson, I.G. 1421, was proposed as a joining member. Bro. A. J. Rippin announced his intention of representing the lodge at the Girls' Festival. A Committee was formed to arrange for the ladies' night, and, there being no further business, the lodge was then closed.

Williamson Lodge, No. 949.

The officers and brethren of the above lodge, on the 6th instant, entertained his Worship the Mayor, Bro. Kirtley, P.M., P.S.G.W., to a banquet at the Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth, and the members recognised in an appropriate manner the high honour which was so recently paid to him on the occasion of the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge in Sunderland, when the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Barnard, conferred the collar of P.S.G.W. on him. Bro. Kirtley has been a member of the Williamson Lodge for over 20 years, was W.M. in 1884, and in 1885 was appointed Prov. Grand Deacon. For some years he held the position of Treasurer of the lodge, and he was one of those instrumental in acquiring the excellent property which the lodge possesses in the Masonic Hall, North Bridge-street.

Bro. R. Scott, W.M., presided, and there were also present: Bros. the Mayor; J. Grayson, I.P.M.; Jas. Blake, S.W.; D. Bell, J.W.; G. B. Hall, P.P.G.P.; E. R. Cherrett, Sec.; W. H. Turner, J.D.; A. T. Munroe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. White, I.G.; W. H. Foster and J. Cuthbert, Stwds.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; E. Lautebach, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Lee, P.P.G.P.; E. H. Tiley, P.A.G.C.; D. D. Smith, W.M. 1389; T. James, W.M. 97; W. T. Wallace, P.M.; R. J. Cuthbertson, Jas. Allan, C. E. Thompson, Alf. Griffiths, W. H. Andrew, W. Hassell, J. Rowlands, T. Lawson, Chick, Churchill, Moffit, Chrisp, Bolko Schmiechen, R. D. Jeffrey, C. A. Spencer, Summerside, and Robson.

The presentation consisted of a gold Prov. Senior Grand Warden's jewel in a case, and bore upon the silver plate the initials "J.G.K." The inscription on the jewel was as follows: "Presented to his Worship the Mayor of Sunderland, Bro. J. G. Kirtley, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., by the brethren of the Williamson Lodge (No. 949), on his appointment as P.G.S.W. of Durham, September, 1901."

Bro. Scott made the presentation on behalf of the officers and members of the lodge. To say that his Worship was deserving of the honour was, he said, to express the opinion not only of their own lodge, but of every lodge in the Province of Durham. His Worship did a great deal towards making the recent Provincial Grand Lodge the success it was. They also claimed the distinction to the Mayor as an honour to the Williamson Lodge. He felt sure that when his Worship accompanied the Provincial officers in visiting the lodges in Sunderland and neighbourhood all would give him a hearty welcome.

Bros. A. T. Munro and G. B. Hall joined in the expression of recognition of the honour done to the Mayor, and the latter gave an interesting resume of Bro. Kirtley's connection with the lodge, and mentioned the number of very excellent brethren who had become members of the lodge during that connection, including Bro. Samuel Storey.

The Mayor said that, in accepting the office of Provincial Grand Senior Warden, he wanted it to be an honour to the whole of his brethren of the lodge, and not merely a personal honour. The gift they had favoured him with was extremely beautiful, and would be treasured by him as long as he lived. Behind its intrinsic worth, and what he valued far more, there was existing among his brethren the feeling of appreciation, of love, of harmony, which had promoted the gift. His Worship then gave an interesting Masonic retrospect, and referred to the absence, through unavoidable circumstances, of some of the P.Ms. of the lodge, who had expressed their personal satisfaction both at his appointment and at the presentation being made to him, and in which they participated. He went on to mention many beloved faces of those who had been connected with them in years past, but who had now joined the great majority, such as Bros. Egglestone, P.M., Shadforth, P.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.M., and others. He referred to the part he took with others in acquiring those premises, and said that he was pleased to know that the spirit of Freemasonry which he found existing at the beginning of his connection with the lodge was still continued; it was the true spirit of the Great Master, it was the very essence of Masonry, and if they followed that he believed that no professing Christian would come nearer to the spirit of the Great Founder of Christianity. (Applause.)

The evening was a very harmonious and pleasant one.

Pantiles Lodge, No. 2200.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. EDWARD O. HOWIS.

There was a large attendance of visitors and members of the Pantiles Lodge, No. 2200, at the Masonic Temple, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on the 6th instant, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Edward O. Howis, the W.M. elect, to the W.M. chair. The general arrangements of the lodge room were most satisfactorily carried out by the Tyler, Bro. J. W. Boulter, who has occupied that position in Masonry for nearly a score of years. Amongst the officers present were: Bro. F. M. Best, W.M.; E. O. Howis, S.W.; Edward Westbrook, J.W.; Albert Burslem, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Downs, J.D.; Herbert C. Gain, D.C.; M. D. Brown, A.D.C.; G. Dudenzy, I.G.; Lewis H. Luck, Org.; Israel Sida and Ernest Sanderson, Stwds.; J. W. Boulter, Tyler; and the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bro. R. Stevenson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Potter, J. Confield, and Raean Martin. The visitors present included the following: Bros. J. C. Rustell, W.M. Knole; E. P. Stacey, W.M. Medway; G. Rogers, W.M. George Rice Lodge; E. Oliver, P.M. Holmesdale; W. J. Skinner, P.M. Holmesdale; J. A. Hughes, W.M. Amherst; W. Forrester;

S.D. Crane Lodge; W. Wiseman, 2200; Edward Catchpole, Holmesdale; S. Oaten, Holmesdale; F. W. Warde, W.M. Stour; W. R. Noble, P.M. Crane; Louis S. Beale, P.M. Holmesdale; Wm. Thorne, Royal York; S. V. Booth, Holmesdale; R. Lang Sims, W.M. 2304; A. I. King, S.B. Holmesdale; A. T. Scott, Chap.; James Cave, S.D. 1223; W. H. Wall, 1063; H. Harris, Sec. Holmesdale. The following members were also present in lodge: Bros. C. J. Ellis, Herbert Harris, T. J. Hudson, E. W. Newson, Louis Edwards, James Combley, Herbert Gillian, Daniel Hoadley, Roger C. D. Waymark, Thos. E. Collins, jun., R. J. Crates, Frank Harris, Albert A. Cundell, George Pain, J. F. Adkin, T. Hall, G. Grover, E. Hickmott, J. J. Crates, H. Dupree, M. A. H. Edwardes, and J. Jones.

The lodge having been opened, after the conducting of certain formal business, the I.P.M., Bro. T. S. Best, proceeded to install Bro. Edward Owen Howis to the W.M.'s chair. The installation ceremony was excellently conducted by Bro. Best, who received afterwards the cordial congratulations of the brethren, as did also Bro. Grunwell, who officiated as D. of C. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Edward Westbrook, S.W.; Ernest Edwin Fenwick, J.W.; Rev. Henry Edwyn Eardley, Chap.; Nicholas Grunwell, P.M., Treas.; Albert Burslem, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Henry Downs, S.D.; John Charles Dudeney, J.D.; H. Cecil Gain, I.G.; M. Davis Brown, D.C.; Ernest Sanderson, A.D.C.; Israel Sida, Lewis H. Luck, Edwd. Wright Newsom, and James Combley, Stwds.; and Roger Charles D. Waymark, S.B. On the motion of Bro. Burslem, in the regretted absence of Bro. W. Rule, through indisposition, the following notice of motion was carried unanimously: "That a Past Master's jewel and collar be presented to Bro. T. S. Best, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the lodge as Worshipful Master for the past two years, and that the same be paid for out of the funds of the lodge." The report of the Permanent Committee and of the Audit Committee was then read, and received with acclamation, as there was a balance to the good of £214. Bros. Frank Harris, Roland John Crates, and George Etherington then received their Grand Lodge certificates, the first issued by the lodge of those signed in the name of the King as "Protector of the Craft." Bro. A. Burslem was then re-elected Almoner, and Bro. Wm. Rule as Charity Representative.

The brethren then adjourned for the banquet to the Pump Room, which had been tastefully decorated.

The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edward Owen Howis, occupied the chair, and amongst other brethren present, in addition to those who had been present in lodge, were: Bros. B. Rix, P.M.; A. H. Tester, P.M.; Wm. Bunce; Minus; and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., who took occasion to refer to the fact that it was the first banquet held by the lodge in which there had been an alteration in the time-honoured toast, "The Queen and Craft." Under the new regime that toast was now "His Majesty the King, Protector of the Craft."

"May his years be many, and his trouble nil,
The King! our Patron and our Brother still."

In giving the toast, "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., M.W.G. Master; the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G. Master; the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, R.W. Dep. G. Master; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," said that those who belonged to the Kentish lodges must feel proud to know that their own Prov. G. Master occupied the very highest position, next to the Grand Master of England.

Bro. J. Corfield, P.M., proposed the toast, "The R.W. Prov. G. Master of Kent, Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst; the Dep. Prov. G. Master, W. Bro. James Smith Eastes; and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent." Those of them who had been for many years members of the Kentish lodges knew the men they were referring to. Those who had been privileged to see Lord Amherst perform his duties at the consecration of lodges, or at other meetings, could only go away with one idea that he was doing his duty thoroughly, and instilled into the minds of the more humble members of the Craft a determination to continue their progress in Freemasonry. Those brethren referred to in the toast had done grand service towards maintaining the noble Craft in the County of Kent. He asked the brethren, therefore, to drink the toast with all enthusiasm, coupling with it the names of Bro. Rix, as representing the Past, and Bro. Grunwell, as representing the Present, Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Rix, P.M., in reply, said he fully endorsed all that had been said of their Prov. G. Master, for a better P.G.M. could not possibly be found. His only regret was that he did not get an opportunity of seeing his work oftener. Unfortunately, as they all knew, Bro. Smith Eastes' health did not now permit him to attend on these occasions, but when he did he always received a cordial welcome.

Bro. Best, I.P.M., in rising to propose the next toast, "The W.M., Bro. Edwd. Owen Howis," said it gave him great pleasure to do so, inasmuch as they were initiated only one month after the other. He knew Bro. Howis would be a credit and honour to the Pantiles Lodge, and he hoped the brethren would give him the right hand of fellowship, so that he would have a successful year.

The W.M., in response, assured the brethren it would be his constant endeavour to keep unsullied, so far as lay in his power, the true traditions of Masonry, and to maintain its reputation locally and generally. It was truly a noble craft, and it was their duty to keep its ritual intact as it had been handed to them. Continuing, in proposing "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. said he considered the toast of the evening should be given to those who had done the work of the evening. Those brethren who had been present in lodge must have been impressed by the very excellent way in which Bro. Best had performed the duties of Installing Master that afternoon. The work had been perfect, and no one could have given better voice to the splendid ritual they had heard. For two years Bro. Best had borne the work of the lodge, and he had done that work to the entire satisfaction of the members. They knew, unfortunately, that his health at times had not been of the best, but they hoped it would be better, and that he would long continue to be an ornament to the lodge.

Bro. Best, I.P.M., in response, said he had simply endeavoured to do the best he could for Masonry and the lodge. He was very grateful for the kind support which had been extended to him by the brethren, and he heartily thanked them for the beautiful jewel and collar they had presented to him. It showed their kindly sentiments.

The W.M. said the next toast was that of "The Past Masters of the Pantiles Lodge"—experienced Masters who will guard the ancient landmarks against encroachment. So said the toast list. He knew the Pantiles Lodge could not have gained its success and eminence without the great work it had received from Bro. Cripps to the I.P.M.; they had all worked hard for the success of the lodge. In connection with this toast he had a very pleasant duty to perform. They had with them that evening one Past Master of the lodge, who had lately removed from Tunbridge Wells to perhaps a more congenial atmosphere in the Isle of Wight. He was sure the brethren all wished him success in his new office, he having been promoted to the postmastership of an important town in that island; he alluded to their Bro. John Corfield, P.M. (Cheers.) This was the first opportunity they had had as a lodge of wishing him good health in his new home and appointment. The brethren of the Pantiles Lodge felt they could not let him go away from them without some more tangible mark of appreciation for the work done in the lodge. Therefore, they had conceived the idea of making him some little present, some slight token of their esteem and the regard in which they held him. He had before him a very handsome silver tea service on which was inscribed: "Presented by the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Pantiles Lodge, to W. Bro. John Corfield, P.M., as a mark of respect and esteem on the occasion of his leaving Tunbridge Wells, November 9th, 1901." In handing that present to Bro. Corfield he knew he was only echoing the wishes of the brethren, when he said he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to fulfil the duties of his important office, to the satisfaction of himself and the Government of the country. (Cheers.) He was sure that if Bro. Corfield performed the duties of postmaster in the same energetic manner he performed the duties of Worshipful Master, they could congratulate the Government on having such an excellent official. (Hear, hear.) He trusted that no matter how far removed he would be from them he would never forget the brethren of the Pantiles Lodge. Bro. Corfield might be sure they would always hold a place in their hearts for him, and that whenever he looked at the tea service he would think of the brethren he had left behind him, and who thought so much of him, because of his excellent work in the lodge. He had also a Past Master's jewel to present to Bro. Corfield, which bore practically a similar inscription to that on the tea service, and which, he hoped, he would append to his Past Master's collar. (Hear, hear.) He asked the brethren to drink most heartily to the good health of Past Master Corfield and Past Master Potter, whose names he coupled with the toast.

Bro. P. C. Corfield, who received quite an ovation, said he must confess that at that moment he felt himself in the greatest dilemma, for he was at an utter loss for

words in which to express his thanks for the kindness shown him that evening. He joined the lodge immediately after its consecration, and he had the honour shortly after its establishment of being invited to take office as one of the Stewards. From that time till the time he passed out of the Immediate Past Master's chair, he had taken the deepest personal interest in the progress and the doings of the Pantiles Lodge, and he trusted that so long as God gave him health and strength, he should continue to do what he could for the lodge. During the past 32 years he had worked in the Tunbridge Wells Post Office, and for the past 10 years he had had the honour of holding the appointment of Chief Clerk. Those who were in the Civil Service had to put their feelings very much on one side if they were ambitious to obtain the charge of a district. He had been successful in obtaining one of those appointments. (Hear, hear.) That had necessitated his removal from Tunbridge Wells. Whether in time he should be able to get a transfer back into this neighbourhood he could not say, but he hoped to command the confidence of the authorities who had those matters at their disposal. It would certainly be his endeavour to be present at lodge as often as he could, and he extended a hearty invitation to any brother who may be visiting the island.

Bro. Potter, P.M., also responded in quite an eloquent speech on the beauties of the ritual, which were, he said, more calculated to keep a man straight in business and social position than anything he knew.

Bro. Tester, P.M., proposed in a facetious speech "The Health of the Visitors," and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. J. W. Warwick, W.M. 874; Slack, S.W.; Lang Sims, and Henry Harris, Sec. 874; each of whom responded.

Bro. Stevenson, P.M., proposed "The Initiates," to which Bros. Gilliam and Cundell responded.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's.

During the evening there were some very good songs, in addition to a violin solo, by Bro. Tester.

Papyrus Lodge, No. 2562.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. B. GISBORNE.

At the Hotel Cecil on Wednesday, the 6th inst., the members of the above lodge and their guests held a most successful meeting, when their deservedly popular Bro. John B. Gisborne was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was performed, followed by the installation of the unanimously-elected W.M., the beautiful ritual being admirably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. F. W. Robinson, P.P.G.O.

The W.M. having duly invested his officers, the lodge was closed, and the brethren to the number of 45, adjourned to the "Medici" Room, where full justice was done to an excellent banquet.

After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, the toast of "The W.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M., Bro. W. B. Edwards, and on rising to respond, the W.M. was heartily greeted.

A very entertaining programme of music, &c., was then gone through, interspersed with the usual toasts, the recipients in each case in responding following the good example of the W.M., compressing their speeches into a few well chosen and succinct sentences.

The time-honoured Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion, and the members look forward to a most successful year, marked by really good working on the part of the W.M. and all his officers.

St. Audrey Lodge, No. 2727.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. G. DJNWOODY, B.A., M.D.

The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Ely. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. G. Dunwoody, B.A., M.D., W.M.; T. A. Guyatt, I.P.M.; C. Lacey, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; J. C. Laxton, J.W.; Rev. W. T. R. Crookham, Chap.; J. M. Harvey, P.M., P.P. S.G.W. Suffolk, Treas.; P. S. Allen, Sec.; J. S. Barnett, S.D.; A. Burton, P.P. G.P., J.D.; Major O. Papworth, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., D.C.; H. S. Boyden, Org.; S. A. Creak, I.G.; W. Hawkes and T. Blake-man, Stwds.; and J. Lewis, Tyler.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

For once in a way a report of the General Committee of Grand Chapter has evoked a slight amount of discussion. At the recent Quarterly Convocation objection was taken to the granting of a charter for the formation of a chapter to be attached to the Staines Lodge, No. 2536, on the ground that other chapters already existing in the Province of Middlesex were numerically weak as regards membership and that some of these weak chapters were only a few miles distant from Staines. The weakness of certain chapters at Twickenham and Teddington proves no more than that the hopes formed of their future at their dates of constitution have not been fully realised. But this partial failure at Twickenham and Teddington is not a sufficient reason for withholding from the Staines brethren the necessary facilities for cultivating the Royal Arch. There may be only a few miles' distance between the former places and the latter, and the brethren at the former may not appreciate to their fullest extent the opportunities at their disposal for chapter work. But what have the Staines brethren done that they should be denied the facilities they ask for? A dozen R.A.'s have signed the petition, and there is, therefore, a fair reason for hoping that the chapter will fulfil its purpose

Again, if the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex has not met for some time, and certain of its principal officers have only been recently appointed, it only seems to show that Royal Arch Masonry in this Province needs strengthening, and that any opportunities that may occur for strengthening it should be made the most of. This does not appear to be the opinion of the companion who moved that the charter

for the new chapter at Staines should not be granted. We suppose he has been studying the Middlesex Calendar, and finding there are five weak chapters in the Province, but meeting some miles away from Staines, he thinks it better that the companions in the latter place should be put to the inconvenience of a railway journey rather than have a chapter of their own. We are not surprised at the rejection of the amendment. It may or may not be wise to grant charters for new chapters in places where chapters already exist; but there can be no question as to the wisdom of granting them where they are needed.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their meeting for the month at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the chair being occupied by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer. The news that we announced last week that his Majesty King Edward VII. had graciously consented to become Patron of the Institution was received with the greatest possible pleasure. In the course of the proceedings the Secretary reported the deaths of two Annuitants (one Male and two Widows), and two Widow Candidates, and the Committee accepted 10 petitions (five men and five widows).

We sincerely congratulate the retiring Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Frank Green, P.G.W.), on the baronetcy which his Majesty has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his services as Chief Magistrate of London during the past year. During his tenure of that important office Sir Frank Green, Bart., showed himself in every way worthy of the honour done him by his fellow citizens in electing him to be their chief. All the best traditions attaching to the Mayoralty of London were most scrupulously respected by him, and he now has the satisfaction of knowing that the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office has given satisfaction not only to the citizens but to his Sovereign likewise.

The Prov. G. Secretary of West Yorkshire (Bro. Major Herbert Green, P.G.S.B.), has very courteously written to inform us that the number of lodges on the roll of that Province, including the newly-consecrated Regent Lodge, No. 2856, Barnsley, is 82, not 83 as stated in one of our Notes last week. As in making our statement we took the Grand Lodge Calendar for our guide, we hardly consider ourselves responsible for the error. We thank Bro. Green for copy of West Yorkshire Calendar, 1901.

Masonry is responsible for many strange things, not the least strange being that fathers and sons, uncles and nephews, are also all placed in one and the same category as "brother." But, we imagine, there are not many lodges that can point in their minutes to the installation of a brother as its W. Master whose predecessor in the chair was his own son. Yet this very circumstance was reported in our columns last week in connection with the Acanthus Lodge, No. 2715, at the annual meeting of which, on the 5th instant, Bro. John-Fenton Jones, J.P., was installed as W. Master in succession to his own son, Bro. W. F. Fenton-Jones, who is now, of course, the I.P.M. In this case, therefore, not only are father and son brothers, but, in course of time, the son will take precedence of his father on the roll of Past Masters of this lodge.

In the long list of those on whom the King has been pleased to confer honour in commemoration of his Majesty's birthday will be found the name of Bro. Lieut.-General Sir A. Powell Palmer, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief in India, District Grand Master of the Punjab, who has been made a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Bro. J. J. Digges La Touche, C.S.I., P.M. of the Kumaon Lodge, No. 1870, Naini Tal, now Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India; and Bro. W. Leatham Harvey, member of the Zoroaster Lodge, No. 800 (S.C.), Bombay, who has received the Companionship of the Indian Empire.

By the lamented death of Bro. R. B. Hungerford, M.W. Grand Master of Canada (Province of Ontario), the government of Grand Lodge devolves on Bro. John E. Harding, K.C., Deputy Grand Master, who served in that office last year and was re-elected at the same time that the late Bro. Hungerford was re-elected Grand Master.

A most unusual circumstance is recorded in the *New Zealand Craftsman* for last month as having occurred at the installation meeting of the Palmerston Lodge, No. 26, Palmerston, Otago. The W.M. elect was a member of the medical profession, and early in the proceedings was called away to attend a woman who had met with a serious accident by falling from a hay-rick upon the handle of a hay-fork. Bro. the Rev. W. Ronaldson, Prov. G. Master, at once placed the W.M. in question—Bro. Dr. Hislop—in the chair with the absolutely necessary formalities, and the Dr. then left to attend his patient, returning in the evening just before the banquet was over.

According to the same journal the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had submitted to it the case of a brother who, unknown to the lodge which accepted him, had at the time of his initiation a charge of sheep stealing hanging over him, but who, when the trial came on, was acquitted; but the members of the lodge were strongly opposed to confer upon him the further Degrees, and inquired of the Board if they were compelled to do so and to accept him as a member. The decision of the Board was to the effect that the brother in question was a member of the lodge, and as an Entered Apprentice amenable to the laws of Grand Lodge and the lodge bye-laws, "that he could not claim the Degrees as of right, but that, on the other hand, they should not be withheld from him without sufficient cause." As the brother was acquitted it appears to us that the lodge should have allowed the matter to drop, especially as it was their duty to have inquired into the candidate's character and antecedents before they accepted him.

The agreeable duty often devolves upon us of describing the work that is done by the Masonic Educational and other Associations which have been at different times established by the different District Grand Lodges in India, not the least successful of these being the Association that has existed in Bombay for several years past. In the appendices to the Report of the Half-yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge, which was held in Bombay on the 13th April last, will be found the balance-sheet of the Association for the year 1900, from which it appears that the total amount received between the years 1880 and 1900, both inclusive, was 92,582 rupees, of which 60,913 rupees are entered as "Donations;" 25,669 rupees interest on investments, less charges; and 6000 rupees, being the amount raised for the Tyrrell Leith Scholarship.

Per contra, we find that the capital account amounted to 58,421 Rupees; the sum expended for the education of 24 children, 23,412 Rupees; and the loss on sale of Government Paper, 498 Rupees; the balance remaining in the Bank of Bombay being 10,249 Rupees. These figures show that our Bombay brethren do what lies in their power towards helping the children of their less fortunate members, and we trust that as the years go on they will be able not only to maintain, but even to extend, the sphere of usefulness of their Educational Institute.

The *Australasian Keystone* for September contains a report of the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 18th of that month. In the unavoidable absence of the Hon. A. J. Peacock, M.L.A., M.W. Grand Master, the chair was occupied by Bro. A. B. Templeman, D.G.M. The Grand Treasurer's Statements of Account showed that there were balances on the Benevolent Fund amounting to upwards of £819-4, and on the General Fund of over £663. In the course of the proceedings it was mentioned incidentally that Bro. Sir Joseph Abbott, Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was dead.

A quarterly meeting of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria, which was held on the 29th August, under the presidency of Bro. E. Coulson, M.W.G.M.M., is also reported in the same issue. A number of offices in Grand Lodge, for the most part held by members of country lodges, being still vacant, candidates were nominated and elected, and subsequently invested by the Grand Master. The Grand Treasurer's Account showed a balance to the good of upwards of £100. The brethren were afterwards entertained by the Grand Master.

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.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS MAJESTY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

On Saturday evening last at our meeting, I sent to his Majesty a telegram of congratulation, and received a reply to same. If it is not too late I should like you to mention it in your next issue, and oblige.—Yours fraternally,

A. E. TURNER, W.M.

Park Lodge,
150, Highbury New Park, N.
November 15th.

"His Majesty King Edward,
"Sandringham.

"The Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge now assembled at Freemasons' Hall, London, most respectfully beg to offer to your Majesty fraternal congratulations on this anniversary of your Majesty's birthday."

"Sandringham.

"The Worshipful Master Duke of Cornwall Lodge,
"Freemasons' Hall, London.

"The King thanks you and, through you, the officers and brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge assembled for your kind congratulations."

Reviews.

Chambers' Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language.—(W. and R. Chambers, Ltd. London and Edinburgh. 1901).—This is the third English dictionary prepared and edited by the celebrated lexicographer, the Rev. Thomas Davidson, the last of the trio assuredly being the best, for it is based on the newest authorities, arranged on the most efficient system, rigorously condensed as to definitions (consistent with clearness, accuracy, and thoroughness), and possesses special features of its own, which should ensure for it a very large circulation. Indeed, nothing but a record sale could possibly meet the heavy cost of this remarkable volume (containing as it does fully 1200 pages, in double columns, admirably printed, with head lines, definitions most carefully prepared, with the origin of words indicated, &c.), which is published, in an attractive cloth binding, at 3s. 6d. per copy. All the words in literary and conversational English are included, with many others, practically obsolete save in the pages of Spencer, Shakespeare, Milton, and the "Authorised Bible" of 1611, and wherever and whenever needful, the original and current meanings are duly inserted, with successive variations as to usage. The handsome book is copiously illustrated, and, moreover, has valuable appendices respecting prefixes, suffixes, etymology of names of places, forms of address, words and phrases from Latin, Greek, and modern foreign languages, and other most useful features, which make the work indispensable for "All sorts and conditions of men," who constantly need a reliable dictionary at their elbow, in a handy form, and well arranged for reference.

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MASONIC VAGRANTS.

I am glad to note the remarks of the Editor of the *Freemason* as to "Masonic Vagrants," and hope that the Leaderettes on the subject, and the action of the authorities at Retford, will lead to more care and discrimination as to the treatment of these pests by the younger members of the Craft. Worthy brethren who meet with misfortune have no need to perambulate the country, and beg from "door to door" at the houses of the Fraternity, for there is no lack of resources to meet all such exigencies. The majority of these travelling and most importunate "brethren" are wholly unworthy of aid, and deserve to be handed over to the police. Of the few who are really in distress and are overtaken by misfortune, the "casual shilling" would be most inadequate, and in many large towns, where there are numerous lodges, the wants of such would secure prompt and most liberal attention, *after due enquiry* and confirmation of the statements made on asking relief. I think it would be helpful to many if those brethren who are acting as Almoners for groups of lodges would give us a little of their experience in the columns of the *Freemason*. One point, however, should be insisted on—and that is that ordinary brethren, and particularly young members, should not contribute aught to those who seek their aid, save through the regular recognised channel, or after advice from competent Craftsmen.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The November Magazines.

The *Idler*, besides the continuation of the serial story "The Puppet Crown," has several capital complete stories and some excellent verse. There is a most instructive biographical sketch of "Boss" Croker, and a fifth paper of the series on the war of Titans for the Trade Supremacy of the World, the current paper dealing with the topic of Colonial Insurance. "Bound for Africa" is the title of an illustrated article of great interest.

The *Lady's Magazine* contains the last instalment but one of the serial "The Cat's Paw," as well as the usual miscellany of complete tales and storyettes. There are interesting papers on H.R.H. the Duchess of Cornwall and York, Woman and the Motor-Car, and A Modern Water-Witch, the last named being the title of what is claimed to be a veracious account of Miss Clarisse Miles' wonderful successes in finding water by means of the divining-rod. "Fashions in Furs" is the title of an account by a Paris expert of furs, illustrated by pictures of the newest French models. The illustrations are excellent, especially the frontispiece, entitled "Echo."

Pearson's Magazine opens with the usual "Art of the Age," in the course of which some beautiful reproductions occur. H. G. Wells's "Sea Lady" is

advanced to within one stage of conclusion, Max Pemberton contributes another of the popular adventures of the *Lady Zoë*, and there are several other complete tales, of which special mention may be made of W. L. Alden's "Conversion of Smithvitch." Under the title of "Big Game Shooting at Home," the exploits of the world's greatest revolver shot, Mr. Walter Winans, in shooting deer with a revolver from horseback in the park of his English home, are described. There are interesting articles on the sport of motor-racing, the Royal Globe-trotters, and our new Prince of Wales; also the first authentic account of some of the remarkable exploits of Major F. R. Burnham, the famous scout. In "With a Camera in the Bush," one of the best-known egg collectors of Australia describes some of his experiences in searching for rare specimens among the giant trees and dense scrub of the Australian forests.

The *Strand Magazine* opens with an illustrated interview with Mr. Stanhope Forbes, A.R.A., the well-known artist. Conan Doyle's "Hound of the Baskervilles" is continued, as is also the concurrent serial "At Sunwich Port," and there are in addition several complete tales of which special mention may be made, of "Battery Fifteen" and "The Giant's Hand," a story for children. Of the many other interesting articles published this month the most noteworthy are "Military Novelties," "Things of Most Price in the British Museum," "Wonders of the Polariscope," and "Confessions of a Caricaturist," the one making the confessions being none other than Mr. Harry Furniss.

The *Sunday Strand* in "Voices out of the Past" deals with the story of Samuel. "Happiness Unlimited" is the title of an illustrated paper describing the children's happy evening's association. "Legends of the Apostles" deals with the martyrdom of St. Philip in Therapolis, the City of Snakes, other articles dealing with the homes and haunts of Robert Louis Stevenson during his youth, and the wonderful Peace pictures of Jan Ten Katé, the photographs of the originals being inserted by permission of the proprietors of the Doré Gallery. The serial "Tregarthen" is concluded, and there are several interesting complete stories.

Temple Bar opens with the continuation of S. R. Crockett's serial, "The Firebrand." Of the many very excellent complete tales that succeed mention may be made of "A Hebridean Holiday," "Marion," "A June Night in the Kama," "Love and Photography," "Barbara's Way," and "In Cologne Cathedral."

The *Wide World Magazine* opens with a further instalment of Conan Doyle's "The Great Boer War," the current chapters dealing with the Colesberg operations and the battle of Spion Kop. Captain Dreyfus' terrible tale, "Five Years of My Life," is continued, and of the many complete tales of adventure in all parts of the world that are published in the current number the most interesting are perhaps "The Strange Story of Marko Ivankovich," "Three Women in a Boat," "A Cycle Ride in Central Africa," and "The Great Yukon Murder Case."

Craft Masonry.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.

PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY, BRO. WM. RADCLIFFE, P.M.

There was a good attendance of the members of the above lodge at the regular meeting at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on the evening of Tuesday, the 12th instant, when the W.M., Bro. G. F. Johnson, presided. The visitors present included the following: Bros. Mulvey, P.G. Purst.; Sturgess, W.M. 538; But, 1965; Burton, P.M. 1672; Prior, 1287; Warren, W.M. 2090; Baddeley, 2530; Holland, 615; Williams, P.M. 1767; Goldstein, P.M. 2265; Brett, 1284; Carter, 2808; Darby, 1767; Jupp, 2157; and Goodison, 1997.

The lodge having been opened, and routine business transacted, Mr. Edward Frederick Ashelford was balloted for, and the ballot proving favourable, initiated, the ceremony of initiation being very impressively performed by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and an adjournment was made to the banquet, which had been prepared in an adjoining room, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Mulvey, P.G. Purst., replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," took the opportunity of complimenting the W.M. on his excellent working in the lodge, and the efficiency with which he discharged the duties of his onerous position.

Bro. Berry, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. G. F. Johnson, W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the officers and brethren for the manner in which they had received it. He had been W.M. for a few months, but it was a matter of little moment as to who was king for the time being, or who the junior officers were, compared with the question as to how they played their parts. He thanked the visitors and the brethren of the lodge for their support, and expressed regret that circumstances had compelled the lodge to change their home, and, in conclusion, asked them to drink to the success of the lodge at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiate," to whom he referred as a bosom friend of his own for many years past.

Bro. Cooper, P.M., in responding to the toast of the lodge, at its new home, gave a brief though very interesting *resumé* of the history of the lodge during the 106 years of its existence. The original warrant was dated September 11th, 1795, in which the lodge was numbered 290, signed by the Duke of Atholl, G.M. of the "Ancients." Singularly enough the lodge was only mentioned on the roll of the "Ancients" by its number. The founder and first Master was Michael Dove, of Wapping, and as there was no church or parish of that name in the vicinity, he conjectured that Bro. Dove must have had it named after himself. In 1814, after the Union, the lodge was numbered 367; at the renumbering in 1832, 265; and 211 at the renumbering in 1863. The minute book of the lodge had unfortunately been lost prior to 9th December, 1823. The lodge met at the Dandee Arms, Wapping, in 1823, but moved westwards to the Three Tuns in 1825, and to the Burlington Arms, Burlington-street, in 1827; to the Wheatsheaf, Rathbourn-street, Oxford-street, in 1828. The first lodge of instruction was formed in 1829, and the lodge was moved to the Blue Posts in the same year, and to the Free Companions, Kensington, in 1832, to the Two Chairmen in Berkeley-square, and the same year to the King's Head. In 1834, it was moved to the George and Blue Boar, Holborn, and in 1865 to the Albion. In 1842, a resolution was passed firing all officers, including the I.P.M., who were 10 minutes late 2s. 6d. In 1848, an inventory of the furniture and books was drawn up, but the latter unfortunately were not to be found to-day. In 1859 a chapter was formed, and in 1810 it was recorded that Bro. Cornford was charged £1 1s. for "arching" him. In 1850 the total number of members was only six, including a joining member. The lodge was not a very large one to-day, but it had much increased since then, so, though it was with a sigh of regret they had left the Albion, yet they had grounds for looking forward with confidence to a prosperous future.

The initiate, Bro. Ashelford, having replied to the toast of his health,

The W.M. rose, and, addressing Bro. Wm. Radcliffe, P.M., the Secretary, observed that the honour and respect accorded to him by members of the St. Michael's Lodge must have been evident to him for many years past. He had shown he had the interest of the lodge at heart, for, though he was entitled as Secretary to exemption from subscriptions, yet, like the good old Mason he was, he had always paid them. The brethren of St. Michael's Lodge felt they owed a debt of obligation to him, and that they should manifest some outward sign of their esteem for him. For 19 years he had occupied the position of Secretary, always discharging the duties in a worthy manner, doing all he could not only for the lodge, but for the benefit of the brotherhood generally. Before calling upon the brethren to drink his health in bumpers, he would assure him of their hearty good wishes, and express the hope that he would be able to nail his colours to the mast and keep them flying for many years. In conclusion, the W.M. presented Bro. Radcliffe with an illuminated address on vellum and a very handsome silver tray

and tea-service, assuring him that in selecting the latter the brethren had not been unkind of her to whom Bro. Radcliffe frequently referred as his "good old lady."

The vellum was illuminated with quite exceptional taste and excellence, as will be understood when it is mentioned that the illuminator is Bro. Ernest C. Collings, a member of St. Michael's Lodge, who holds the appointment of herald painter and illuminator to H.M. College of Arms.

The following is the full text of the address: "St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211. This testimonial, with a silver tray and tea service, is presented to W. Bro. Radcliffe, P.M., by the brethren of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, to convey to him the feeling of affectionate esteem in which he is held by them; to mark the high appreciation they entertain of the invaluable services he has rendered the lodge as its Secretary during the past 19 years, and to thank him for the interest he has always shown in promoting and benefiting the Craft in general. The brethren pray the Great Architect of the Universe that Bro. Radcliffe may long be spared to take an active part in the work of the lodge, and thus further cement the good feeling and brotherhood which should ever exist. Signed on behalf of the brethren, G. F. Johnson, W.M.; Howard E. Mullins, S.W.; Charles J. Pinnell, J.W.; Arthur B. Spawforth, Treasurer."

Bro. Radcliffe, P.M., who was received with loud applause, declared that the compliment paid him was most unexpected, and as far as making any verbal acknowledgment went, he felt as if the wind had been taken out of his sails. He had no idea that his humble services would be acknowledged in such a handsome manner. During the 26 years he had been a Mason he had done his duty without fear or favour, expecting only thanks and goodwill from the brethren. He could not but fail to express his feelings on such an occasion, so they must take the will for the deed. As long as health and strength remained to him he would be willing to serve the St. Michael's Lodge, of which he had been Secretary for 19 years; and if coming W.M.s. chose to appoint him again, he would accept the post and do his duty in it. Six months after he had been initiated he had a collar round his neck, and had been wearing one ever since, though he had not received a purple collar, yet, though if one was ever offered him he would accept it as a token of recognition of what he had done for the Craft in general. As regarded Mrs. Radcliffe, he could tell them beforehand what she would say—that they had only done their duty. (Applause.) He should appreciate the presents made him by the brethren, and hoped to find a home with them as long as the Great Architect allowed him to live.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Warren, P.M., and Williams, P.M.; the remaining toasts being those of "The Past Masters and Officers" and the Tyler's toast.

During the progress of the banquet an excellent programme of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. G. Longworth, in which Messrs. Eugen Meier, F. Searle, Bros. Spawforth, and G. Longworth took part.

Ryde Lodge, No. 698.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. MAJOR SEELY, D.S.O., M.P.

On the 5th instant Bro. Major Seely, D.S.O., M.P., who the previous week was M.W.S. of the Vectis Chapter (Rose Croix), was installed as W.M. of the above lodge, the installation ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, Past G. Chap. Eng. The new W.M. afterwards installed his officers as follows: Bros. G. E. McLeod, I.P.M.; L. L. Preston, S.W.; H. G. Nutt, J.W.; the Rev. Whittam, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Dashwood, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Treas.; John Fardell, Sec.; G. R. Brigstocke, S.D.; the Rev. — Lowe, J.D.; F. Newman, P.M., P.P. S.G.W., P.G.S.B. Eng., D.C.; E. R. Ratcliffe, P.M., I.G.; W. H. Riddett, F.M., P.P.S.G.D., and H. G. Nutt, Stwds.; and Willis, Tyler.

There was an exceptionally large and brilliant assemblage of brethren from island and mainland lodges, including between 30 and 40 P.M.s., among whom was the Mayor of Ryde (Bro. M. Maybrick, J.P.).

In the evening a banquet was held at the Pier Hotel.

St. Eleth Lodge, No. 1488.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WILLIAM JONES.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place at Amlwch on the 5th instant, when Bro. Wm. Jones, W.M. elect, was duly and efficiently installed by Bro. T. Jervis, P.M., P.P.G.P. Bro. R. E. Pritchard, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and Bro. John R. Roberts with a Prov. Grand Lodge Secretary's jewel for meritorious services. Bro. Roberts has for five years acted as Hon. Secretary to the lodge, and was the only one recommended by the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Bangor, last July, to receive this distinction. Bro. T. Jervis alluded to the death of Bro. John Hughes (Frondeg), and the loss the St. Eleth Lodge had sustained. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for 1901-2 as follows: Bros. R. E. Pritchard, I.P.M.; O. P. Jones, S.W.; D. Garrie Roberts, J.W.; Rev. J. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; W. Jones, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. R. Roberts, Sec.; J. M. Gunn, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; D. of C.; Richard Pritchard, S.D.; T. P. Leche, J.D.; Hugh Pritchard, I.G.; David Jones, Org.; Hugh Thomas and George Jamieson, Stwds.; and Robt. Griffith, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed a Masonic banquet took place at the Dinorben Arms Hotel, presided over by the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. GREINER, P.M. MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 8th instant, being the festival of its patron saint. Present: Bros. E. Conder, jun., W.M.; G. Greiner, S.W.; E. J. Castle, J.W.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., as I.P.M.; F. H. Goldney, as S.D.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, J.D.; G. L. Shackles, I.G.; W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C. Sec.; and C. Purden Clarke, P.M. Also 57 members of the Correspondence Circle, and the following visitors: Bros. G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. B. Eng.; S. Meymott, S47; H. W. Bale, P.M. S7; D. Willox, 128 (S.C.); F. R. Ridley, 1539; A. B. Walters, 92; E. Bilcliffe, 1609; A. Turner, 1522; P. Fitzgerald, 2772; F. Soher, W.M. 238; G. S. Brocke, 723; T. L. Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg.; C. T. Stewart, 2530; and G. A. Wilding, 1034.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. Chetwode Crawley, L. de Malczovich, W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, T. B. Whythead, Admiral A. H. Markham, P.D.G.M. Malta; F. J. W. Crowe, Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, J. P. Rylands, and also from several members of the Correspondence Circle.

Four lodges and 18 brethren, as follows, were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: The Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk, Norwich; Love and Honour Lodge, 75, Falmouth; La Luz Lodge, 3 (Costa Rica Con.), San José, Costa Rica; Rosewood Lodge, 878 (S.C.), Rosewood, Queensland; Bros. A. G. M. Gillott, P.G.M. Costa Rica; B. E. Piza, 3 (Costa Rica Con.); E. A. Osborne, G. Sec. Costa Rica; R. S. Hanckel, G.D.C. Costa Rica; and J. M. Keith, G. Treas. Costa Rica, all of San José, Costa Rica; J. Harris, 655 (S.C.), Chartered Towers, and E. Squire, 2207, Blackall, Queensland; H. T. F. Sayers, 199, Broken Hill, N.S.W.; E. M. Bixby, P.M. 4, Providence, Rhode Island; R. F. E. Ferrier, P.P.S.G.W. Norfolk; W. L. Crow, P.A.G. Sec. Essex; W. J. Plews, P.M. 2610; T. Rowbottom, P.M. 1239; T. Simmons, 2647; S. Meymott, S47; H. B. Spaul, P.M. 145; W. H. Bale, P.M. S7; and W. S. Webb.

The W.M. referred to the lodge being draped in mourning, on account of the severe and very recent loss the lodge had suffered by the death of their learned Bro. C. Kupferschmidt; he felt sure that it would be the unanimous wish of the lodge that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Kupferschmidt, offering the sincere sympathy of the members, and expressing their feelings towards the kind and gentle friend they had lost. This duty, with the permission of the lodge, he would himself undertake. The W.M. called attention to the completion of the book on British Masonic Medals, a copy of which had been found and made ready for exhibition this evening. Copies, he mentioned, would be in the hands of subscribers early in the following week. Having referred to the unique character of the work and the beauty of the reproductions, the W.M. pointed out that the whole of the labour of collecting the specimens, preparing the descriptions, and seeing the book through the Press, had been generously undertaken

and admirably carried out by Bro. G. L. Shackles. He, therefore, proposed that the very best thanks of the lodge be offered to Bro. Shackles for the care and trouble he had so kindly and willingly given; and also to Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, for the very interesting introduction he had contributed to the work. This having been seconded by the S.W., was carried unanimously. The W.M. mentioned that a few copies remained un-subscribed for, and it was desirable, if any other members wished to have copies, their names should be sent to the Secretary without delay. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. R. F. Gould, who was assisted by Bros. H. Le Strange, as S.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; T. Charters White, as I.G.; and T. Cohu, as D.C. The new W.M., Bro. G. Greiner, appointed the following officers: Bros. E. Conder, jun., I.P.M.; E. J. Castle, S.W.; Admiral A. H. Markham, J.W.; H. Le Strange, Treas.; W. H. Rylands, Sec.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, S.D.; G. L. Shackles, J.D.; R. F. Gould, D.C.; E. Armitage, I.G.; F. H. Goldney and J. T. Thorp, Stwds.; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler. An illuminated vote of thanks for his services was then presented to the I.P.M., as also the Past Master's jewel of the lodge. As usual, in this lodge, the W.M. then delivered an address to inaugurate his year of office, which will be printed in the transactions. A vote of thanks was warmly accorded. The Secretary stated that on account of unavoidable circumstances the current part of the transactions had been delayed, and he was happy to state that it would be in the hands of the members during the coming week.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant, a special dispensation having been obtained for them to wear their Masonic clothing.

The toast of "The W.M." was, as usual, made the opportunity for a biographical review of his career, a task most interestingly performed by Bro. E. Macbean.

A number of the personal friends of the W.M., belonging to the Logic Club, very kindly added to the entertainment.

Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 7th instant, when there were present Bros. C. F. Waters, W.M.; J. B. Walker, S.W.; J. E. O'Connor, J.W.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Clinton, S.D.; R. Wasley, J.D.; G. F. Kemp, G. J. Wooldridge, and J. Colman. Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., was a visitor.

A brother was proposed as a joining member, and a candidate for initiation, after which, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The customary dinner followed, and was succeeded by the usual toasts.

Calcaria Lodge, No. 2677.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. H. H. RILEY-SMITH.

Bro. Henry Herbert Riley-Smith was, on the 8th instant, installed in the chair of K.S. in the above lodge. The function took place in the new Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, a handsome building replete with every convenience, and the members of the Calcaria Lodge, are to be warmly congratulated on the success which attended the gathering. The members of the lodge present were: Bros. H. Bromet, W.M.; John Crow, I.P.M.; W. Sykes, P.M.; W. Callum, P.M.; Robt. Pickersgill, S.W.; H. H. Riley-Smith, J.W.; G. F. Tindall, Sec.; J. Bromet, S.D.; S. Buxton, J.D.; T. B. Abbot, D.C.; J. Selkirk and W. Taplin, Stwds.; H. Illingworth, Org.; B. Lacy, Tyler; T. Parker, F. Start, J. W. Lazenby, G. W. Laidler, A. B. Kaye, J. H. Froggatt, J. E. Dobson, H. Durham, T. Scott, C. Blackett, and B. Waterhouse. The visitors included: Bros. R. Wilson, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; J. C. Malcolm, P.D.P.G.M. West Yorks; H. Smith, P.D.P.G.M., P.G.D. Eng.; H. Gaskell Blackburn, P.P.G.W.; W. Watson, P.P.S.G.W.; Kilvington, 1611, P.P.G. Org.; H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec. West Yorks; Towers, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. Eng.; J. R. Barton, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; Chalker, P.M. 154, P.P.J.G.W.; E. S. Robinson, W.M. 236; J. Askew, I.P.M. 235; J. R. Gill, I.P.M. 1991; G. H. Stott, P.M. 1991; F. H. Vaughan, P.M. 1611; J. Hicks, 1611; and others.

Bro. Henry Bromet most ably performed the duties of Installing Master, receiving assistance from Bro. John Crow. After the W.M. elect had taken the solemn obligation, the solo, "Be thou faithful unto death," from the oratorio of "St. Paul," was most impressively sung by Bro. F. Atkinson. The charges were delivered by Bro. William Sykes with considerable solemnity. Bro. H. H. Riley-Smith appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Robert Pickersgill, S.W.; John Bromet, J.W.; Wm. Bykes, Treas.; Henry P. Clinch, Sec.; Samuel Buxton, S.D.; George F. Tindall, J.D.; John Crow, D.C.; William Callum, Chap.; John Selkirk, I.G.; William Taplin, T. B. Abbot, and J. W. Lazenby, Stwds.; Hartley Illingworth, Org.; Benjamin Lacy, Tyler; William Sykes, Charity Representative; and William Callum, Almoner.

The installation banquet was held in the Masonic Hall, and was presided over by W. Master.

The toast "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G.; the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given from the chair, the W.M. saying that he hoped that their lodge, which was started under such satisfactory auspices, would continue to exist for a long period, and that they might look forward to the time when it would not only be given Provincial honours, but might aspire to Grand honours.

Bro. Malcolm replied, and advocated more frequent attendance of Provincial Officers at Grand Lodge. He could say that the officers representing the Province of West Yorkshire would try to do their duty in keeping up the credit which the province had attained.

Bro. H. Bromet proposed "The R.W. Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P.; the W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D. Eng.; and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past." He said that the members of the Calcaria Lodge had received invariably kindness from Grand Lodge. They owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Dep. Prov. G. Master and Bro. Green for their kindness in obtaining for them the loan of that hall, and he expressed the hope that they would be able to meet there frequently.

Bro. Wilson, in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave him in being present. He had, he said, nothing to complain of in his visit to the various lodges in this province. He thought that the Calcaria Lodge that day had made a remarkably good show, but with regard to what Bro. Bromet had said he could not agree that the big tows should be allowed to decimate the country. If they allowed all the swells who lived in the country to come to lodges in the big towns he did not know what they would be charged with. He gave that as a warning. He did not want that to be made a precedent for all the lodges surrounding Leeds to meet there to have their banquets, for he considered that they should have banquets amongst themselves, and that visitors should not consider it a trouble to go and visit them. There was a very good feeling throughout the province, and there was immense strength and power in the different lodges; and they all combined in the promotion of success and goodwill throughout the province.

Bro. William Callum proposed "The W.M. of the Lodge of Calcaria." He said that when he saw such a splendid array of Freemasons he was consumed with a nervous fear lest he should be unable to do justice to the toast. The W.M. of the Calcaria Lodge was Henry Herbert Riley-Smith, a name to conjure with. He was no Triton among minnows, no god among little fishes, but a power in influence and force which was spread over a large area irrespective of parties and opinions. It might be said of him that the qualifications for a W.M. were true of him in every respect. Besides being well educated in the law, he was great in business, being the only John Smith, of Tadcaster, celebrated for—but perhaps they had never seen his signboard. He was one of nature's own country gentlemen.

The W.M., who was received with loud applause, said he did not think he had any title for the high honour to which the members of the lodge had elevated him. He had not worked himself up step by step as many of them had done before him, but he appreciated it and took a deep interest in matters belonging to the Craft. Bro. Callum had spoken of certain qualifications which pertained to the position which he occupied. His experience proved to him that the Master of a lodge required many and varied qualifications. First of all, he required to have the temper of an angel, and when he had received as many invitations as he had done to various functions, he wanted the constitution of a bull-dog. When he had to sit in the lodge for so many hours he should have a third qualification, which only belonged to a certain china hen. He would strive to do his duty, and though he could not command success he would try to deserve it. Referring to what Bro. Wilson had said, that Leeds should not aspire to the decimation of the country, he could only say that as far as Tadcaster went, increasing as it did

day by day, they might look forward to a day when the people of Leeds would come to Tadcaster. (Laughter and applause.)

The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Sykes; "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. Crow, and responded to by Bro. H. Bromet; "The Visiting Brethren;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" and the Tyler's toast.

Excellent songs were given during the evening by Bros. Swann, Cockerlyne, F. Atkinson, and Blackett, and a recitation by Bro. W. Callum.

Swinburne Lodge, No. 2680. INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. COPELAND.

Once more the annual festival of this lodge has come and gone like its predecessors—a most successful affair. It is only some three years ago, viz., 1898, that the Right Hon. Viscount Ridley—then Sir Mathew White Ridley—consecrated the lodge at North Shields. The most important business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Geo. Copeland, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and on this occasion the installation ceremony was undertaken by Bro. R. J. Holloway, I.P.M., who fulfilled his duties with every credit.

A large number of visitors were present to support Bro. Copeland on reaching the chair of K.S., amongst them being Bros. H. Bartlett, W.M. 406; W. Pickering, W.M. 24; M. Marks, I.P.M. 2557; C. Hodgson, I.P.M. 650; R. G. Richards, W.M. 2723; H. A. Wand, I.P.M. 541; J. Nicholson, W.M. 1664; R. Marley, W.M. 1676; E. J. Gibbon, P.M. 541; J. Howe, I.P.M. 424; T. White, P.M. 406; E. Allison, W.M. 481; W. D. Sweeney, I.P.M. 1712; R. Plumpton, P.M. 481; C. Smith, P.M. 481, P.P.D.G.D.C.; R. Cummins, P.M. 1676; E. Watson, W.M. elect 2557; E. H. Reed, W.M. elect 2568; W. J. Davidson, W.M. 424; E. R. Downs, P.M. 153; J. E. Goold, S.W. 481; R. A. Hall, S.W. 1712; and J. White, S.W. 406.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the financial statement received, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. elect was then presented by Bro. F. Purvis, P.P.G. Reg., and Bro. Copeland having bowed fidelity to all the necessary questions, lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the brethren below the rank of I.M. retired, and Bro. Copeland was installed by the I.P.M. in a highly satisfactory manner. The brethren were then admitted in the respective Degrees, and informed that Bro. Copeland had been installed into the chair of K.S. for the next 12 months, and until such time as his successor be elected and installed. The newly-appointed W.M. then invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. Sutcliffe, I.P.M.; H. Gregg, S.W.; A. M. Clarkson, J.W.; F. G. Isaacson, Treas.; J. T. Stark, P.M., Sec.; W. R. Whitehead, Asst. Sec.; R. B. Jackson, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; S. Purvis, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D.C.; G. Erskine, Org.; J. Boggan, I.G.; T. Elder, T. W. Tomlinson, J. Logan, and R. Webb, Stwds. After the names of two initiates had been proposed, and the "Hearty good wishes" of several visiting lodges received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren wended their way to the banqueting-hall.

The first toast proposed was that of "His Majesty King Edward VII.," which was received amidst great applause, as also that of "His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught."

Bro. Copeland then proposed "The Right Hon. Viscount Ridley, R.W. Prov. G. Master; Bro. Alderman R. H. Holmes, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., W. Dep. Prov. G. Master; and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland;" and "Bro. Right Hon. Lord Barnard, P.G.D. Eng., R.W. Prov. G. Master; Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G. Chap., W. Dep. Prov. G. Master; and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham."

Bro. J. Sutcliffe, I.P.M., on rising to propose "The Health of the new W.M.," said it was indeed a pleasure to have to propose this important toast, as Bro. Copeland had greatly assisted him in his duties, and was one of the most enthusiastic of Masons, of whom they were all proud, and now that he had attained the highest honour that could be conferred by the brethren of the Lodge of Swinburne, he was confident, as were all the Past Masters, that he would carry out the duties devolving upon him not only with credit to the lodge but also to the credit of himself. He would assure him that he would receive the hearty support of all his brethren. He had great pleasure in asking them to rise and drink to the health of the W.M., Bro. Copeland.

Bro. Copeland, W.M., on rising to respond, said the brethren would quite understand that on that occasion he found it somewhat difficult to reply to the toast, but he assured the brethren that he would do his work better in the future than he had done, and with their assistance and support he would do all in his power, and he trusted to the satisfaction of the brethren. He thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. With these few remarks he would conclude.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. R. J. Holloway." They all knew that Bro. Holloway was a most eminent Mason, and one that would assist any of the brethren of the lodge to the best of his ability, and so far as lay in his power. He had always fulfilled his duties with every credit to the lodge and to the brethren.

Bro. Holloway said he could not tell how pleased he was when asked to undertake the installing of Bro. Copeland. Really there was no duty he was so pleased to perform, as Bro. Copeland was one of those brethren he had to thank for his position in Masonry, and he was sure the brethren did not know how hard he had worked on his behalf, and also on behalf of the lodge. In him they had got a most capable brother, and one that would fulfil the duties of his station with every credit.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Officers, Past and Present," thanking them one and all for the hearty manner in which they had all done their respective duties, and trusting that, and he was sure he would receive it, they would still show that eagerness in his year of office as in the past, and support him in goodly numbers in his visits to other lodges.

The W.M. then proposed "The S.W., J.W., and 2nd Asst. Steward," who all replied in most suitable words.

Special mention must be made of the following brethren, who most ably, and with every credit, assisted in the harmony of the evening: Bros. S. Wiggins, Leslie Crotty, and W. Ljall.

The Tyler's toast terminated a most successful banquet.

Royal Arch.

Unity Chapter, No. 1151. INSTALLATION OF COMP. R. H. DENISON.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when there was a numerous and distinguished assemblage of members and other companions to honour the occasion.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Major J. G. Shanks, K.M. (who had travelled from the centre of France in order to attend this meeting), then, by request of the First Principal, installed Comps. R. H. Denison, as M.E.Z.; J. F. Baker, as H.; and J. Retallick, as J.; performing the ceremonies in such an impressive manner as to elicit cordial expressions of approval from all present. The companions invested and inducted to the other offices were Comps. G. W. White, Scribe E.; J. G. Shanks, P.Z., Treas.; F. A. Searle, P.S.; W. H. Morcom, 1st A.S.; F. W. Lukes, 2nd A.S.; and G. Trembeth, Janitor. Then came a pleasing and interesting event, namely, the presentation of a handsome 18-carat gold Past First Principal's jewel to Comp. Shanks. This event was quite unique in the history of the chapter, for although it has been working more than 30 years it has never before now so honoured any member. The I.P.Z., Comp. F. J. Deriker, in making the presentation on behalf of the chapter, said: "It gives me the utmost pleasure to hand to so worthy a companion this proof of the esteem and approbation of his brethren. Ever since I became a member of the Order I have received invaluable assistance, instruction, courtesy, and kindness from Comp. Shanks, and every member of the chapter can say the same; while his perfect knowledge of all our ceremonies and his great zeal have been most advantageous to the chapter. The splendid work Comp. Shanks has done for No. 1151 can best be expressed by saying no other companion would or could have accomplished it; the difficulties he had to encounter were almost insurmountable, but he completed the work, and we now reap the benefit of his arduous labour in seeing the chapter in a very satisfactory condition. Then, placing the jewel on Comp. Shanks'

breast, he added: "I hope you will live many many years to wear it, and ever regard it as a symbol of the deep gratitude we one and all feel towards you for the splendid services you have rendered to Unity Chapter, and for your untiring devotion to its best interests. Comp. Shanks then warmly thanked the brethren in suitable terms, and said that the work he had done in and for Unity Chapter had been a labour of love, and although he deeply appreciated their great kindness in presenting him with such a handsome jewel he had never looked for, never expected any recompense for doing what he considered his plain duty—it would have been reward enough to him to know that his duty was done, he was amply repaid by seeing the chapter in so prosperous a state. He could not think he deserved any recognition at their hands, but for that very reason he was all the more pleased, and all the more grateful for their unprecedented kindness. The inscription on the jewel runs thus: "Presented to Major J. G. Shanks, K.M., by Unity R.A. Chapter, No. 1151, in recognition of his zealous and valuable services. November, 1901."

Willesden Chapter, No. 2489. INSTALLATION OF COMP. STANLEY MACHIN.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on Friday, the 8th instant. The members present included: Comps. C. J. Marrian, M.E.Z.; Stanley Machin, H.; J. J. Done, J.; F. W. Chant Hobrow, Treas.; Harry Machin, P.S.; Frank W. Marrian, E. Wills, C. Butler, P.Z.; E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.Z.; E. Ernst, G. R. Bland, R. Wreathall, and Percy Machin. Visitors: Comps. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.; F. G. Ivey, P.A.G.S.; F. S. Hanson, P.A.G.S.; J. Kift, 180; E. T. R. Murray, 280; and W. W. Lee, P.Z.

Chapter was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Permanent Committee's report received and adopted. The following Principals were installed: Comps. Stanley Machin, M.E.Z.; J. J. Done, H.; and Harry Machin, J. The other officers were: Comps. C. J. Marrian, I.P.Z., S.E.; F. W. Chant Hobrow, S.N.; O. C. Robson, P.Z., Treas.; F. W. Marrian, P.S.; J. J. Hanbury, 1st A.S.; Harold G. Marrian, 2nd A.S.; W. Wellsman, P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; E. Willis, Stwd.; and J. Whiteway, Janitor. Bro. Percy Markin, P.M. 231, was exalted into R.A. Masonry in an impressive manner, Comp. Sir Reginald Hanson kindly officiating as P.S.

The chapter was closed, and after banquet the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing "The Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said that not only had three G. Officers favoured them with their presence, but a most distinguished member had favoured them by taking an important part in the ceremony. All who heard the beautiful P.S. work done by Comp. Sir Reginald Hanson would remember it during their Masonic career. The interest shown by the G. Officers would be a great encouragement to this young and flourishing chapter.

Comp. Sir Reginald Hanson, in reply, alluded to the principal Grand Officers, and made sympathetic reference to the death of Comp. W. W. B. Beach, whose place, he trusted, would be filled by a good man—a better would be impossible. It was a great pleasure to attend this chapter, and he thanked them for their kindly reception.

Comp. C. J. Marrian, I.P.Z., then proposed "The M.E.Z.," who was known to them all for his sterling good qualities, and who had endeared himself to them all for years past. Those who had preceded the M.E.Z. in the chair had all tried to do their best; and, if possible, each one on the quiet tried to do a little better than his predecessor. It had been left to Comp. Stanley Machin to create a new record by exalting his own brother in the flesh into R.A. Masonry. It was very seldom an M.E.Z. installed his successor as H., and then exalted his brother. The way in which the work was done was the way in which he would conduct it during his year, and would be equal to his work in the Willesden and St. Andrew's Lodges.

Comp. Stanley Machin, M.E.Z., returned thanks, and said it had been a red letter day for him. If anyone had told him a short time ago that he would exalt a brother into R.A. Masonry he should have laughed. Not only was it an unusual thing and a great privilege for one brother to exalt another brother into their Order, but he also had the pleasure and privilege of being assisted by a dear relative—Sir Reginald Hanson. Surrounded as he was by those who had known him for the greater part of his existence, whose friendship he valued in the highest degree, the occasion had been a most pleasant one, and he felt he must do his best. If he had met with their approbation, he was more than repaid. He could not accept that high office if he had not determined to do his best to discharge the duties. This chapter had been greatly successful because those who had occupied the chairs had done the work in an admirable way. They believed that each officer should do his own particular work, and carry out the ritual in the best possible way. He thanked them for their kindness and appreciation of his services, and would try to maintain the chapter in a state of the highest perfection as the distinguished Masons had done who had gone before him.

Comps. J. J. Done, H., and Harry Machin, J., replied for "The Second and Third Principals."

Comp. E. Bartley Dennis, P.Z., submitted "The Health of the Exalte," which was suitably responded to by Comp. Percy Machin, and Comps. F. G. Ivey and F. Hanson answered for "The Visitors."

In proposing "The P.Zs.," the M.E.Z. referred to the services rendered by all. Comp. C. J. Marrian, the I.P.Z., had had a distinguished Masonic career, and had thoroughly earned the jewel which the chapter had unanimously voted to him and which he (the M.E.Z.) asked him to accept with every good wish.

Comps. Marrian, I.P.Z., and C. Butler, P.Z., replied, and Comp. Hobrow acknowledged "The Officers."

Comp. J. Kift was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Florence Ogilvy, Bro. Wreford, Frank Rush, and A. Winckworth.

BRO. GEORGE POTTER-KIRBY.

Bro. George Potter-Kirby, who was elected to the ancient office of Sheriff of the City of York on the 9th instant, is a prominent member of the Masonic Body and well known in the Province of North and East Yorkshire; Past Master of York Lodge, No. 236; P.Z. and Treasurer of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236; P.P.G.D.C. of Prov. Grand Lodge; and P.P.G. Reg. of Prov. Grand Chapter. Bro. Potter-Kirby is also Treasurer of the York Lodge, and only a few months ago was the recipient of a handsome Treasurer's jewel, subscribed for amongst the brethren as a mark of their affection and esteem. Bro. G. Potter-Kirby is one of the directors of Messrs. Kirby and Nicholson, Limited, York, silk mercers and drapers, who have branches at Manchester, Southport, Halifax, and Conduit-street, London. He is a member of the Merchant Tailors' Company at York, having on two occasions served the office of Master; a Governor of the Bootham Asylum; also of the County Hospital; a life member and member of the Council of the Grand Yorkshire Gala; and evinces a great interest in the Yorkshire Societies' School, having served as Steward on several occasions.

Instruction.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present: Comps. H. Foskett, M.E.Z. 185, M.E.Z.; C. Webster, J. 1642, H.; A. L. Butters, J. 890, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; R. N. Larter, M.E.Z. 185, S.N.; H. Foskett, 890, Treas.; H. J. Dunaway, 59, P.S.; W. J. Clubb, J. elect 1706, 1st A.S.; J. P. Baxter, M.E.Z. elect 2621; and E. Stevens, 733. Comp. H. J. Pearn, J. elect 2621, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pearn being the candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Webster for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of H. for the first time. Comps. Baxter, Clubb, and Pearn were

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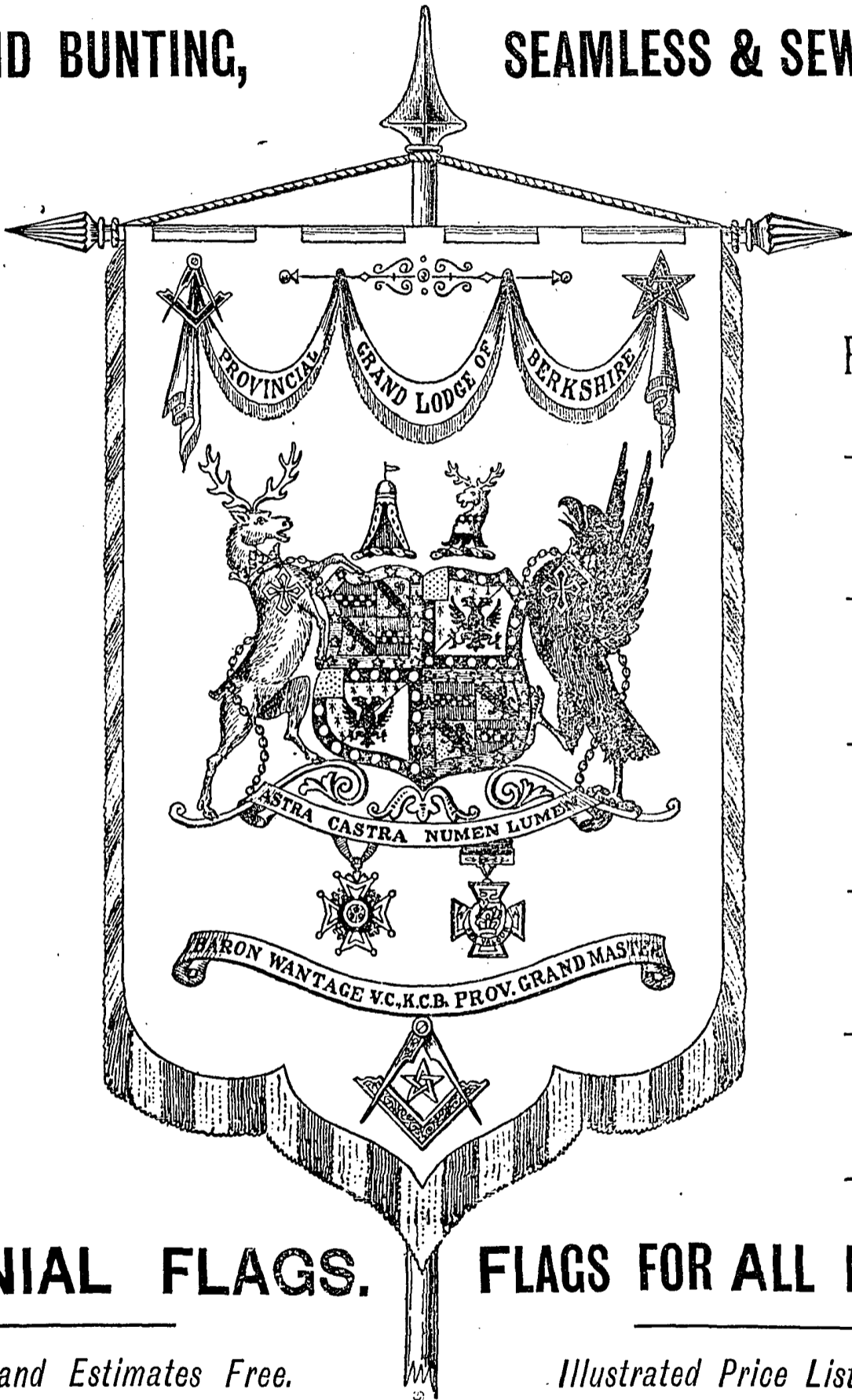
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ected members, all of whom expressed thanks and gratification at the manner the ceremony had been rehearsed. The M.E.Z. having risen, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 11th instant at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. G. G. Hiscocks, W.M. 2012, W.M.; J. H. Beardon, S.W.; W. Smith-Rose, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Harris, I.P.M. 1894, S.D.; W. H. Handover, P.M. 1642, J.D.; A. E. Pinfold, I.G.; G. B. Oberli, Stwd.; H. Foskett, P.M. 1642, Dep. Preceptor; B. R. Thomas, I.P.M. 511; A. L. Butters, P.M. 2163; W. C. Franklin, A. J. Taplin, and E. Stevens. Bro. J. N. Luffan was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed as required. Bro. Harris resumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Dehane, Pinfold, Oberli, and Beardon, which compliment was acknowledged by each. Bro. Beardon was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present: Bros. J. Horstead, W.M.; E. Richards, S.W.; M. Relph, 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.; E. C. Morris, S.D.; G. Wals, J.D.; E. P. Fischer, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; D. Taylor, J. Ewings, J. Foxcroft, W. Goring, T. Brown, F. H. Johnson, and H. R. Bower.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Ewings being the candidate, that of raising was also rehearsed, Bro. Goring being the candidate. Bro. Richards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

COBORN LODGE, No. 1814.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Cuckfield Arms Hotel, Wanstead, when a good muster of brethren were present, under the direction of Bro. Henry Meyer, W.M. 2549, and the ceremonies of passing and raising were impressively worked by Bro. G. J. Ralph, S.D. 2562, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed at the conclusion of the proceedings.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2689.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th instant, at the Earl Derby Hotel, Kilburn, when there were present: Bros. Morris, W.M.; R. J. Campbell, P.M. S.W.; Lewis, J.W.; Barlow, S.D.; T. Palmer, J.D.; Gawthrop, P.M., I.G.; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., P.G.D.C. Norfolk, Preceptor; T. Bore, P.M., Sec.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the charge in the First Degree was most impressively given by the W.M. Bro. R. J. Campbell. P.M., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Alleyn Chapter, No. 139.

A meeting of the above-named chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there were present: Ill. Bro. R. C. Leversedge, 31°, M.W.S., in the chair; Illus. Bro. F. A. Powell, 30°, I.P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bro. J. W. Stevens, 18°, Prelate; E. and P. Bro. A. Churchward, M.D., 18°, 2nd General; Illus. Bro. W. John Songhurst, 30°, Treasurer; Illus. Bro. Captain W. Portlock Dadson, 33°, Recorder; E. and P. Bro. H. E. Herman, 18°, Raphael; E. and P. Bro. J. F. Henley, 18°, Dir. of Cer.; E. and P. Bro. W. Llewellyn, 18°, Herald; Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, P.M.W.S., Org.; Bro. Geo. Austin, Outer Guard; also E. and P. Bro. Lawrence, 18°; E. and P. Bro. Molony, 18°; E. and P. Bro. A. J. Thomas, 18°; E. and P. Bro. Gordon P. Hills, 18°; and E. and P. Bro. J. Husbands, 18°. Visitors: Ill. Bros. Sir James Shaw Hay, K.C.M.G., P.M.W. Sov. "St. Michael" Chapter, 143, Barbados, and 30° of Scotland; Ill. Bro. Gregory Paul Jordan, 31°, P.M.W. Sov. "St. Mary Magdalene" Chapter, No. 73, Hong Kong; Ex. Bro. C. W. P. Douglas-de-Fenzi, P.M.W. Sov. of the "Natalia" Chapter, No. 62, Pietermaritzburg; Ex. Bro. Dr. H. G. Dalton, P.M.W. Sov. "Union" Chapter, No. 55, British Guiana; Ex. Bro. Dr. W. S. Barnes, "Union" Chapter; Ex. Bro. W. A. Haig-Brown, "Bombay" Chapter, No. 18; and E. and P. Bro. Parker, P.M.W.S. Shadwell Clerke Chapter, No. 107.

Letters of regret for inability to attend the meeting were received from E. and P. Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, M.P., 18°, M.V.O., and Ill. Bro. Sir F. Godson, 33°, M.W.P.G.M. Worcester.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates for perfection were ably introduced to the 18° by the M.W.S., Illus. Bro. R. C. Leversedge, 31°. This being the annual meeting for the installation of M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. J. W. Stevens, 18°, having at the previous meeting been elected to the position, was presented, and installed to that office by Illus. Bro. Leversedge, 31°. The M.W.S. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year: E. and P. Bro. A. H. Thornton, Prelate; E. and P. Bro. Churchward, 18°, 1st General; E. and P. Bro. Herman, 18°, 2nd, General; Illus. Bro. W. J. Songhurst, 30°, Treas.; Illus. Bro. Captain Portlock Dadson, 33°, Recorder; E. and P. Bro. Henley, Marshal; E. and P. Bro. W. Llewellyn, 18°, Raphael; E. and P. Bro. J. M. Rogau, 18°, D. of C.; E. and P. Bro. Charles Barker, 18°, Herald; E. and P. Bro. Walter Laurance, 18°, Capt. of Guard; Illus. Bro. John Read, 30°, Org.; E. and P. Bro. Gordon Hills, 18°, Stwd.; and Bro. Austin, Outer Guard. A very satisfactory report was received from the Audit Committee, which was adopted and ordered to be recorded. A P.M.W.S.'s jewel was presented by the chapter to Illus. Bro. R. C. Leversedge, 31°, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services during his term of office as M.W.S. of the chapter.

Bro. Thornton was unable to be present owing to the death of his brother. The Third Point was given, and chapter closed.

The Craft Abroad.

Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.). INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE ELLIS.

The installation meeting of this English lodge was held at the rooms, Castlereagh-street, Sydney, on Wednesday, the 2nd ult., in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren, attracted, doubtless, by the desire to do honour to friends whom they had been for years debarred from visiting, and to express their pleasure that by the winning of the tedious law suit, and the handing over to the lodge of the majority of its valuable records, the strife had virtually ceased. Among the many visitors were Past Masters and others belonging to the English, Scottish and New South Wales Constitutions, whom the Cambrian brethren welcomed with much heartiness.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. Louis Parkinson), and after the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. George Ellis, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Parkinson, and in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters was finally placed in the chair. Bro. Ellis appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. A. Fuller, S.W.; Wm. Wainwright, J.W.; T. W. Knight,

P.M., P. Dist. G.P., Chap.; L. Parkinson, I.P.M. and Treas.; G. Robinson, P.M., Sec., and D.C.; F. Madden, S.D.; A. Ross, J.D.; E. F. Head, I.G.; T. A. James, Asst. Sec.; R. N. Henderson, D. Chamberlain, and H. B. Podmore, Stwds.; and M. Smillie, Tyler. Letters of congratulation and good wishes were read from Bro. the Hon. Justice Boucaut, Past Prov. Deputy Grand Master (I.C.) South Australia; the Dist. G. Lodges (E.C.) in New Zealand; the Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 363 (I.C.), Adelaide; the Combermere Lodge, No. 752 (E.C.), Melbourne; the Aorangi Lodge, No. 2300 (E.C.), Wellington, N.Z.; and others. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. called upon Bro. Parkinson, I.P.M., to present, on behalf of the brethren, a handsome silver tea and coffee service to Bro. Robinson, P.M. and Sec., and Mrs. Robinson, as a mark of the appreciation of their self-denying work during the past 13 years. Bro. Parkinson, in the course of his remarks, alluded to the great victory won by the lodge in the law suit against the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which had virtually settled the dispute by the return during the past month of a great portion of the lodge's records, the result of Bro. Robinson's incessant efforts. He also testified from personal knowledge to Mrs. Robinson's co-operation, her assistance in spurring on members to remain true to the cause, her hospitality when they met frequently weekly at her house to discuss knotty points with the "boss," and he thought no other woman in the world would have suffered the same neglect and anxiety during all those years. Bro. Robinson, to whom the presentation came as a great surprise, and who was much affected, in reply said that he had only done his duty as a man and as a Freemason in protecting the weak from the tyranny of the strong; but the whole credit he must accord to his wife, who, as Bro. Parkinson had hinted, most unselfishly, uncomplainingly, and unremittingly assisted and spurred him on to renewed efforts, even when the clouds looked very black. And had it not been for this assistance and implicit faith in her husband's being right, and able to win, the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.), would have long ago ceased to exist, and to-night's pleasant gathering would not have been.

An adjournment was made to the banquet-room, which had been tastefully decorated by Mrs. Robinson with English flowers, greenery, &c., out of her gardens.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Parkinson proposed "The Health of the W.M."

The W.M., in reply, expressed his sense of the responsibility imposed on him, and intended to do his best to carry out his important duties. He proposed "The Health of the Installing Master."

Bro. Parkinson, in returning thanks, referred to the result of the long and tedious legal proceedings, and the resulting win for the lodge. He now thought that virtually all was settled, as there only remained certain important papers to be returned.

"The Visitors" was given by Bro. Robinson, and replied to by several Past Masters.

During the evening the brethren were entertained by vocal and instrumental selections by members and visitors, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the time-honoured Tyler's toast.

The following week Bro. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson entertained a large party of ladies and brethren at their residence, Solway, Forest Lodge, Sydney.

NEW METROPOLITAN MAYOR.

Bro. Councillor Walter Johnson, J.P., who was elected Mayor of Hackney last Saturday, is a Freemason of old standing, and is also a member of the Foresters, Druids, and other friendly societies. He was born in London in 1845, and now resides at "The Cedars," Upper Clapton. In 1866, on the retirement of his father, he succeeded with his brother to the business of surveyor and estate agent, in Hackney-road, founded by his grandfather in 1828. He has been a resident of Hackney for 36 years, and during the past quarter of a century has taken an active part in local affairs generally. He was elected a member of the first London County Council in 1889 for the Central Hackney Division; he holds the Bishop's license as a lay-reader of St. Michael's Church, London Fields; he has for many years been chairman of the Central Hackney Conservative Association, and vice-president of the Hackney Conservative Club; for some 16 or 17 years he was a member of the old Hackney Vestry, Board of Works, and Trustee Board, and it was during his tenure of office as chairman of the House Committee of the Hackney Vestry, that the scheme for the enlargement and improvement of the Town Hall was adopted. He takes a keen interest in all branches of athletics, and is a liberal subscriber to the funds of most of the local clubs, be they cricket, football, or rowing. In 1897, he was, on the recommendation of the late Duke of Westminster, appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of London.

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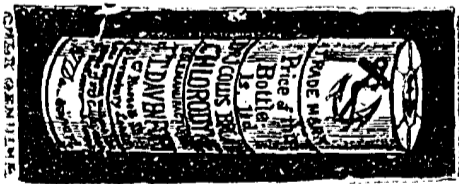
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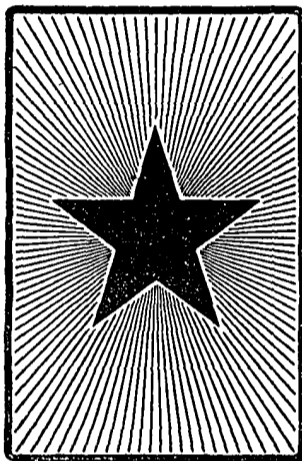
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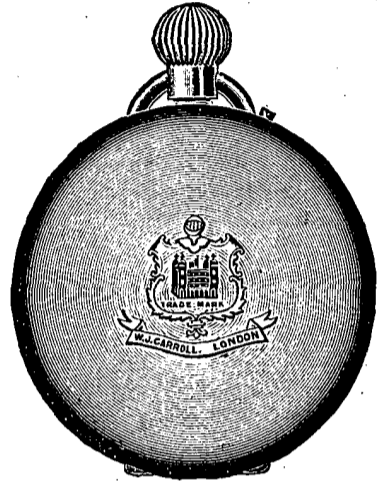
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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. MAJOR CHARLES E. CASSAL, P.M., P.Z., P.P.J.G.W. Middlesex, has been appointed a public analyst for the City of Westminster.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES is again taking a great interest in the forthcoming exhibition of the work of the members of the London Needlework Guild, which is to be held on the 20th and 21st inst., at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington (east entrance).

THE LEWISHAM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION meets at the White Hart Masonic Rooms, High-street, Lewisham, every Tuesday evening at eight. Bro. H. T. Bridges, P.M., is Preceptor, Bro. H. Lewis, P.M., Treas., and Bro. F. Lever, P.M. 31, Tressillian-road, St. John's, Sec.

BRO. L. J. BAKER, Grand Master of Iowa Masons, is pushing a plan by which the Lodges of the State will contribute to purchase additional property and erect more buildings for the Iowa Masonic library, the object being to provide such a monument for "Father Parvin" as he would have most desired.

BRO. C. W. P. DOUGLAS-DE-FENZI, Clerk of the Natal Legislative Council, has been appointed D.G.M. for Natal. He is returning to this country for a holiday, and has been delegated to represent that Masonic district at the enthronement of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as G.M. of the Grand Lodge of M.M. of England and Wales, &c.

BRO. ALFRED F. ROBBINS, who for nearly 10 years has acted as Treasurer of the Gallery Lodge Benevolent Fund, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, which is the only purely journalistic lodge in the world. Bro. Robbins will be installed at the Criterion on the 7th prox., when Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London will be present.

MASONIC BAZAAR.—A bazaar promoted by the brethren of Lodge Torphichen Kilwinning, No. 13, Bathgate, to raise funds for the erection of a new Masonic Temple in Bathgate was opened in the Corn Exchange, on the 7th inst. Bro. Dr. Kirk, R.W.M., presided, and the opening ceremony was performed by Bro. Thomas Hope of Bridge-castle, Prov. Grand Master Mason of Linlithgowshire. The sum aimed at is £2000. There was a large gathering at the opening.

GUILDHALL was visited during the early part of Monday by crowds of poor but meritorious individuals, anxious to participate in the remains of the Lord Mayor's banquet on Saturday last, consisting of roast beef, hams, pies of various descriptions, pheasants, partridges, chickens, and other similar dainties. Members of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Committee cut up the victuals into portable proportions which were then distributed among the approved poor of the several wards of the City.

THIS may interest many brethren. According to a contemporary, Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam, who, we believe, is a Liverpool solicitor, has, under a mandate dated 12th October, 1901, from the Supreme Council "350 Degrees" of the Royal Oriental Order of the Sat Bhai (Asiatic Masonry), been constituted one of the seven Arch Censors (the highest dignity in the Sat Bhai). This Oriental Order, it is said, embraces the highest point of the Masonic fabric, and forms the junction of Oriental and Occidental Masonry.

A HAMPSHIRE FREEMASONRY SUCCESSION.—The recent sad and regretted death of the Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., deprived the Lodge of Economy, No. 1761, Winchester, of its senior brother. It is pleasurable to record that his son, Bro. Ellice Michael Hick Beach, P.M. 1629, has been unanimously elected a joining brother of his late father's old lodge, which long ago celebrated its centenary. The renewal of the beloved name of Beach in the lodge is a great delight to the brethren, both past and present. The proposer and second of the new joining members are themselves veteran Masons, namely, Bros. T. Stopher and James Harris.

ON MONDAY, the 11th inst., a meeting of the Grand Officers and prominent Freemasons of Ireland was held in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, under the presidency of Bro. Sir J. Creed Meredith, D.G.M., for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken in connection with the forthcoming marriage of Lady Gladys Hamilton, daughter of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. of Ireland, with the Earl of Wicklow. There was a very large and most influential attendance. It was unanimously decided that an address should be presented to the Grand Master, congratulating him on the marriage of his daughter, and it was also resolved that the Freemasons of Ireland should present Lady Gladys with a suitable memento on the occasion. A committee was appointed to carry out the decision of the meeting. At a meeting of the Grand Chapter of Ireland, which was held in the evening, it was decided by that body, of which the Duke of Abercorn is head, to participate in the presentation. A committee was appointed to co-operate with the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

THE GOUPIL GALLERY.—Inaugural Exhibition, 5, Regent-street, W.—There is a collection here of water-colour drawings, pastels, and oil paintings, many of great merit. No. 2, Washing Day, by J. Muris (in style of Corot); 3, Canal at Delft (very good); 13, Drawbridge; 16, The Three Windmills, by same artist; 15, Syracuse (effective); 19, Village by the Canal; 23, Entrance of the Palace Jeypore (careful work); 25, Loenen Holland (very good); 25, The Farm Orchard (line); 37, The Bend in the River (the inevitable Poplars); 37, The Old Farmstead; 47, Evening, by J. B. C. Corot; 35, Le Chateau (curious effect of reflection), by J. B. C. Corot; 25, F. J. Du Chattel-Loenen Holland (very good); Portrait of his Majesty King Edward VII., as Prince of Wales (good work, portrait when he was young), by J. Bastien Lepage; 29, The Queen of the Night, by J. Weiss; 42, Sunset (curious cloud effect), by C. Troyon; 45, N. V. Diaz, The Forest Pool (fine work); 50, The Young Mother (well painted) by A. Neuhuys; 53, Maternity; 55, Winter (good); 64, A Wintry Day in Paris, by Fritz Thanlow; 60, A Street in Dieppe—Moonlight (good effect), by same artist; 62, A Gentleman (fine portrait), by F. Roybet; 65, C. Westerbeck, jun., The Beech Avenue; 68, The Select Stream, by E. Chappell.

THE LONDON SKETCH CLUB.—We attended the seventh exhibition (autumn) held at the Modern Gallery, 175, New Bond-street, W. On the whole we were pleased with it, being quite up to its ordinary standard. Many of the well-known members of the club exhibited, there were a few whose names were unknown. We will draw attention to those pictures which most pleased us, at the same time stating that there were many others equally deserving of notice. No. 1, Storm, by Giffard H. Lenfestey, R.B.A., good cloud effect; 46, A Grey Day; 138, Contances; 8, A Dutch Canal, by Geo. C. Haite, R.I., R.B.A.; 99, Sunset and Moonrise, pleasing picture, by same artist; 26, The Brigand's Wife; 83, The Assassin, good, by J. A. FitzGerald; 25, Tangiers Corn Market, clever; 27, Parliament Hall, Edinburgh; 104, Evening in Spain, by Hans Hansen, R.I.W.; 30, If Wishes were Horses, quaint; 113, In the Dark Ages; 151, The Scarecrow, funny, by John Hassal, R.I.; 45, The Emir; 159, Rouge et Noir, by Cecil W. Quinell; 61, Afternoon at Hoorn, Holland, rain effect, by Splenlove-Spenlove, F.R.B.A.; 77, The King's Bedchamber, Hampton Court, bright; 143, St. Paul's from the Boat, by Charles J. Lander, R.I.W.; 100, The Last Load, good; 109, Outward Bound; 165, A Silver Harvest, nice work, by Dudley Hardy, R.I.

THE HAYMARKET THEATRE.—About a week or so ago we paid a visit to this theatre. We saw "The Second in Command," from the facile pen of Captain Robert Marshall. It is not our intention to relate the story contained in the play. From the long period it has been on the stage it is too well known to need it. We experienced great delight during the gradual development of the plot. In a masterly manner the author has interested us exceedingly with the leading character. Major Christopher Bingham, or "Little Binks," as his fellow officers affectionately call him, is one of those honest creatures who so perpetually ignores himself for the benefit of others; his loyal devotion to "his chief" is so unallegedly touching that his career is watched with intense interest. "His self" on many occasions, yielding to his successful rival the dearest desire of his heart, as a matter of course, and is only surprised that his self abnegation should be appreciated. It is a lovely character Mr. Cyril Maude has to enact, and the author has to be congratulated on the wonderful skill in the portrayal of the delicate "nuances" the lights and shadows of the part. Mr. Allan Aynesworth, as Lieut.-Col. Miles Anstruther, renders efficient aid as the foil to "Little Binks." Where, however, we naturally expected to be most interested there we meet with great disappointment—we mean in the role of the heroine, undertaken by our favourite, Miss Winifred Emery. We consider she has not a part worthy of her great and undoubted talent.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES have given their patronage to the fund which has recently been organised by Messrs. Chappell and Co., 50, New Bond-street, on behalf of Madame Susanna Cole, A.R.A.M.

A MONUMENT will be erected in the school chapel of Wellington College in memory of the Wellingtonians who have fallen in the South African war. With the exception of Eton, Wellington has had more old boys serving in the Boer war than any other public school.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE has consented to present, on Saturday, the 23rd inst., to Mr. George Herbert Strutt, the portrait of that gentleman, which has been painted by Mr. Herkomer, R.A., and is to be handed to him as a mark of respect by his fellow-townsmen in Belper, and also as a thanksgiving for having presented to them an efficient water supply at a cost of £50,000.

UNITED MASONIC SERVICE AT DALKEITH.—A united Masonic service was held under the auspices of Lodge Kilwinning, No. 10, in the West Parish Church, Dalkeith, on the 10th inst. Deputations were present from various lodges in Edinburgh and the county of Mid-Lothian. The Revs. Henry Farquhar, B.D., of Dalkeith West Church, and John C. Carrick, B.D., Newbattle, conducted the worship.

MISS MARIE LLOYD will make her re-appearance (after her recent Australian tour), at the Tivoli next Monday. Other additions to the programme will include Miss Maggie Duggan, Miss Lilian Doreen, Carrie Lawrie and her Kindergarten Scholars, whilst the services are still retained of such popular favourites as Harry Randall, Violet Dale, Eugene Stratton, Ben Albert, Vesta Victoria, and "The Musketeers."

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR, Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, M.P., has kindly consented to preside at the 144th Anniversary Festival of the Orphan Working School on March 4th, 1902. The Charity, which was founded in the City of London in 1758, maintains and educates some 500 orphan children, and depends for its support on voluntary help. Bro. Sheriff Marshall is the treasurer of the Institution, in the welfare of which he has for many years taken a deep interest.

A MEETING of the Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039, was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, when the following sums were allocated to Charities: Sunderland Infirmary, Masonic Ward, £2 2s.; Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, £2 2s.; Victoria Nursing Institution, £2 2s.; Orphan Asylum, £1 1s.; Eye Infirmary, £1 1s.; Hudson Benevolent Fund, £5 5s.; Durham Educational Fund, £3 3s.; total, £16 16s.

BRO. MR. JUSTICE EADY, our newest Chancery Judge, is among the many wearers of the ermine who is a Freemason. He is a Past Master and a Past Grand Officer, a member of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, and the first Master of the Justinian Lodge, No. 2694, which was established nearly four years ago specially for solicitors' managing clerks. Sir Swinfen Eady nominated the King, when Prince of Wales in December, 1895, for re-election as Grand Master, and in the next year he received the rank of Past Deputy Grand Registrar. The office of Deputy Grand Registrar has already been held by a Judge of the Superior Courts, Bro. Mr. Justice Bucknill having worn the purple in that character in 1895. But, strange to say, the higher office of Grand Registrar has never yet been in the possession of a Judge of the High Court.

ALTHOUGH the Duke of Buccleuch, as the "Last of the Druids," still exacts what is called "Wroth Money" from the Hundred of Knightlow, near Coventry, annually on St. Martin's Day (November 11th), the crowds who assemble for the interesting ceremony are never wroth in reality with his Grace, who entertains them royally on the occasion, spending a great deal more in the collection of his dues than the total of the pence gathered in. The origin of "Wroth Money" is so ancient that it has escaped the memory of the earliest historians, but is supposed to be a relic of Druidical times. As the sun appears above the horizon the representative of the Duke of Buccleuch, who is Lord of the Manor, turns to the rising orb and proclaims his lord's right to certain dues from each parish, which must be placed in a cavity on the surface of a particular stone. If these be not forthcoming the defaulting area is bound to provide for his Grace a white bull with red ears and nose, as well as an enhanced fine. The parishioners are only too glad to "pay up," in order to have the outlay and the entertainment, so that the Lord of the Manor never has the chance of obtaining an ornamental and highly-coloured animal. Yesterday all the dues were promptly paid, and the company then adjourned for breakfast in a neighbouring inn, where one part of the ceremony consisted of drinking the Duke of Buccleuch's health in hot rum-punch.—*Daily Telegraph.*

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 at the Bank of England: The employees of Messrs. Cadbury, Pratt, and Co., £5 5s.; the employees of Kelly's Directories, Ltd. (Printing Department), £4 15s.; the employees of Mr. Fras. Weintraud, £3 3s.; the employees of the Anglo-Austrian Confectionery Company, £2 13s. 9d.; the employees of Messrs. Spencer and Co., Ltd., £2 12s.; the employees of the Berkeley Filter Company, Ltd., £2 2s.; the employees of the American Radiator Company, £1 10s.; the employees of Mr. Albert Thurston, £1 15s. 3d.; the employees of the Montier Watch Company, £1 1s.; the employees of Messrs. Ritchie and Co., £1 1s.; the employees of Messrs. G. Walter and Co., £1 1s.; the employees of Messrs. J. Whitehead and Co., £1; the employees of Mr. E. Back, 15s.; the employees of Mr. A. E. De Bry, 14s.; the employees of Messrs. Parcell and Njbbes, 12s. 6d.; Messrs. Drew-Bear, Perkes and Co., £10 10s.; Mrs. Ellinor Arbuthnot, £10; Mrs. D. O'Brien, £10; Miss E. J. Payne, £10; Messrs. Harrison, Burton and Co., £5 5s.; Mr. H. Dell, £5; Mr. Almeric Fitz Roy, £5; the Misses Weddes, £1 1s.; Rev. J. Denny, £1 1s.; Mr. Andrew Johnson, £1 1s.; Miss J. L. Noel, £1 1s.; Dr. Urban Pritchard, £1 1s.; Lady Evelyn Ewart, £1; and Mr. Robt. Fright, 10s.

Obituary.

BRO. FREDERICK FOXLEY, P.M.

We regret having to record the death of Bro. Frederick Foxley, P.M., for many years Treasurer to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, which occurred at Sutton Lodge, Maida Vale, W., on the 27th ult. He was buried at Deal on the 31st ult., the first portion of the funeral service being held at St. Mark's Church, Upper Hamilton-terrace. Bro. Alfred Moore, P.M., P.Z., and Treasurer of the Phoenix Chapter, was elected Treasurer of the Phoenix Lodge on the 9th instant, vice Bro. Foxley, deceased.

SONNET FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Chilly November, gruesome, harsh and bleak
With morning mists and evening fogs appears,
Like an old man, wizened and worn and weak—
Born nigh to earth by weight of many years!
How his cold breath benumbs the very heart,
And gnaws the vitals of each shivering soul—
Blanching and shrivelling our every part,
Rude winds and biting blasts his only dote!
Wrap closer still the mantle, lest he pierce
With his keen breath the frail and fragile form;
For old November can be very fierce,
Sere, sullen sire of many a screeching storm!
Yet wish him not to die—for when he dies
More peevish gloom full oft bedims the skies!

Bradford.

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