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THE RECENT APPEAL CASE.

Grand Lodge appears to have been at its very best at its recent Quarterly Communication on the 4th instant. There was a full house, and when the appeal by the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, against a decision of the Board of General Purposes came up for discussion, the arguments of the several speakers *pro* and *con*. were followed with the closest attention. The Grand Registrar—Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, K.C.—as the legal adviser of Grand Lodge, moved the rejection of the appeal in a closely-reasoned speech, but resting his case chiefly on the precedents he was able to adduce in support of his contention. On the other hand, Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, who mentioned that he had been a member of the Board for some 36 years, and, as Grand Lodge Calendar shows, was its President for 10 years, took a broad and general view of the circumstances, and moved as an amendment that the appeal be allowed. He was seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Past Dep. G. Registrar, and after hearing Grand Registrar's reply, Grand Lodge decided by a substantial majority of 75 in favour of the amendment of Sir J. B. MONCKTON in preference to the course recommended by Grand Registrar.

The circumstances of the case may be briefly stated. A brother was appointed to the office of J.W. in the Regent's Park Lodge, the installation meeting of which falls in June, but, owing to his compulsory absence with his regiment during their period of training, the brother in question was unable to attend to be invested, nor did his investiture take place till the next meeting of the lodge in October. Thus his actual service as J.W. lasted only eight months instead of the one full year, as required by Article 130 of the Book of Constitutions. At the next installation meeting of the lodge the same brother was appointed S.W., but, owing to the same enforced absence for his Yeomanry training, he was unable to be present, and was not invested till the October meeting. Thus, in his year of office as S.W., as in that as J.W., his actual service extended over a period of eight months, and the Board of General Purposes decided that these two broken periods of eight months' service each—firstly as J.W. and then as S.W. and separated as they were from each other by an interval of four months, during which there was admittedly no service at all—did not constitute the one year required by

Article 130, Book of Constitutions, as a qualification for election to the Master's chair; and consequently that his election as Worshipful Master, which followed his second broken period of service, was void. The authorities which Grand Registrar adduced in favour of the Board's decision were certain *dicta* of the late Bro. MCINTYRE, Grand Registrar from 1862 to 1884; of Bro. PHILBRICK, K.C., Grand Registrar from 1884 to 1898; and of the late Bro. THOMAS FENN, who was President of the Board of General Purposes from 1884 to 1894. The weight of such acknowledged authorities as these on the law and practice of the Craft is undeniably great, but with all deference to Grand Registrar, their *dicta*, as quoted by him, appear to us to have been intended to define what constitutes the qualifying period of one year's service as a Warden, it being or having been the opinion of many brethren of weight and influence that a Warden who had not served as such for a full term of 12 months on the day set apart in the Lodge Bye-laws for the election of a Master did not *then* possess the necessary qualification and was ineligible. The *dicta* quoted by Grand Registrar and Article 130 itself—since the insertion of the words "or previously to the installation of such Master shall have" between the words "have" and "served" in the fourth line—have set all doubts upon this point at rest, but there is nothing in them to show that the year's service as Warden must necessarily be wholly in the chair of J. Warden or in that of S. Warden; or, in other words, that the year may not be served partly in one chair and partly in the other. The late Bro. Dr. OLIVER in his "Masonic Jurisprudence"—edition 1859, pp. 147, 148—lays it down that a Warden "will be eligible for election to that office"—that of Master of the lodge—"even though the service shall have been under two separate Masters." Again he says—"If a Warden should die during his year, the Worshipful Master is competent to appoint another brother in his place; but the substitute will not be qualified for the chair, as he will actually have executed the office for a part of the year only; and his qualification can only be completed by his re-appointment to the office at the succeeding election." We know it is the fashion to pooh-pooh Dr. OLIVER as an authority on Masonic history, but we see no reason why, owing to his long experience as a Mason, and as Dep. P.G.M. for several years of Lincolnshire, and his familiarity with Masonic law and usage, his authority in a matter of this kind should not be considered entitled to respect.

But to return to this case of the Regent's Park Lodge. The decision of the Board of General Purposes was to the effect that its election to the Master's chair of a brother who, through no fault of his own, had served the office of Warden, not for one year—that is, from one installation meeting to the next ensuing—as either S.W. or J.W., but for two broken periods of eight months each, and separated from each other by an interval of four months, the first eight months as J.W. and the second as S.W.—was void. Be it observed that in this case there was continuity of appointment, if not of service. The brother in question was appointed J.W. at the installation meeting in June, but owing to his enforced absence on military duty, not invested and placed in his chair till the next meeting of the lodge in October. At the installation in the following June he was appointed S.W., but again and for the same reason was not invested and placed in his chair till October. Grand Registrar contended that the second interval from June to October deprives the 16 months' service of this brother of its qualifying virtue, and that, as two separate periods of eight

months' service confer no qualification, the two added together are similarly worthless. He quoted what was probably intended as a jocular remark by the late Bro. THOMAS FENN that "Two halfpennies won't do when you have to put a penny in the slot." But the purpose in coining money is not to put a coin of a particular size and value into a hole in a class of machine which a few years since had never been heard of, but to provide legal tender in the purchase of commodities or of certain rights and privileges. Thus two halfpenny pieces are as much legal tender in the purchase of goods as a single penny piece, and for this reason—that they represent the same money value. But, though we might urge other reasons than we have stated in support of the course taken by Grand Lodge in allowing the appeal, we must not prolong our article indefinitely. We are, therefore, content to add that this was eminently a case in which the dictates of common sense should have been followed. The brother in question was nominally a Warden for two years, but, owing to circumstances beyond his control, he was unable to serve the office for more than the last eight months of his first year's Wardenship and the last eight months of his second year. Hence he served in all twice eight months, which, as Bro. RICHARDSON pointed out, are "a good deal more than one twelve."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE ASHINGTON LODGE, No. 2868.

The annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on the 4th instant, in the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, Newcastle, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Ridley, Prov. Grand Master.

There was a large attendance of the brethren, including Bro. Alderman Richard Henry Holmes, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. G. Master, and also the following Present and Past Prov. G. Lodge Officers:

Bros. Ralph Carr, Fred. H. Corder, Henry Soden Bird, J. A. Wait, Summers Hunter, J. Straker Wilson, Seymour Bell, J. Gibson Youll, Thomas Gillespie, Capt. Coates, T. Cartmel Ridley, John M. Winter, Thomas Pickering, S. F. Bates, W. Spicer, Rev. B. Shaw, Rev. Herbert Bott, Rev. E. Sidney Savage, Joseph Banks, S. R. Turner, Jos. J. Holme, J. Turnbull, Y. Terry, Charles H. Reay, L. Winstone, A. Aitchison, Leonard Nixon, M. Lotinge, R. F. Kidd, Thomas Young, A. Darling, W. Fawcett, G. F. Steven, T. M. Morrison, W. Smith, John Speirman, Charles Pulman, George Moor, Henry Robson, A. E. Burdon, Robert Weddell, Charles Cooper, Ralph Allan, jun., J. Park, E. J. Gibbon, D. S. Chapman, J. John Joel, Henry Usher, J. Barker, George Foggin, M. Watson, Cecil A. Cochrane, Robert Brown, J. R. Dixon, F. W. Sykes, W. T. Hall, W. Anderson, P. H. Moore, R. W. Cummins, jun., R. S. Storey, J. Ridley Barker, W. S. Armstrong, and W. G. Harker.

The reports received from the various lodges were of a very satisfactory character, both financially and numerically.

A new lodge was consecrated, to be known as the Ashington Lodge, No. 2868. Bro. Ralph Crawford was installed W.M., and Bro. W. Charlton, I.P.M. The newly-installed W.M. chose the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Askwith, S.W.; G. R. Turner, J.W.; Rev. Canon Robinson, Chap.; John Craigs, Treas.; F. Wiseman, Sec.; Frank Beaton, S.D.; A. M. Carswell, J.D.; Thomas Appleby, D. of C.; Herbert Wilson, I.G.; H. Clough, Org.; and F. Beattie, Stwd.

The Prov. G.M. appointed the following as his Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Col. W. M. Angus, 2666	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. F. Steven, 393	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. Sidney Savage, 1557	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Ralph Carr, 24 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. J. De Buriatte, 1427	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. H. Corder, 1664 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Pickering, 24	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" James Don, 2520	...	...
" Wm. Urpeth, 2327	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" Wm. Anderson, 1342	...	...
" John Armstrong, 2557	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" J. Straker Wilson, 685 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Edgar Jobling, 685	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" G. Hannah, 1664	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Dobson, 2571	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Forster, 1676	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" James Phillips, 1167	...	...
" J. P. Outhwaite, 1712	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" G. H. Erskine, 406	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John T. Stark, 2680	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Isaac Crisp, 1557	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Edward Tweedy, 24	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. Heath Lemon, 1427	...	...
" Thomas Moor, 2327	...	...
" Joseph Shenton, 2497	...	...
" Herbert Todd, 2520	...	...
" John Graham, 2666	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Joshua Curry, 48	...	...

The Prov. Grand Master announced that the meeting next year of Prov. Grand Lodge would be held at Berwick.

After the transaction of other business, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

In the evening a large number of the brethren dined together in the Grand Hotel, the Prov. G.M. presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby. There was, as usual, a very large attendance of brethren from all parts of the province. In the absence of the Duke of Devonshire, P.G.M., the proceedings were presided over by the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.J.G.W. Eng., who entered the lodge shortly after three o'clock, attended by the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bros. J. A. Arnold, P.S.G.W.; R. A. Little, 1688, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. E. Jagger, 2129, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. C. Collyer, 625, P.G. Chap.; C. D. Hart, 1085, P.G. Treas.; Wm. Naylor, 253, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; J. W. Chambers, 2224, P.S.G.D.; F. L. Somerset, 681, P.J.G.D.; H. Offiler, P.G.D.C.; C. A. Holloway, P.G.S.B.; W. Peel, P.G. Std. Br.; Edwin Walker, P.G. Org.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W., P. Asst. G. Sec.; W. Wild, P.G.P.; W. H. Bass, P.A.G.P.; E. T. Hulse and A. Baum, P.G. Stwds.; and A. Slinn, P.G. Tyler.

Amongst the large number of Past Provincial Grand Officers supporting Bro. Okeover were—

Bros. T. Cox, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., as D.P.G.M.; A. Woodiwiss, P.D.G.D.C. Eng.; J. H. Lawson, P.P.S.G.W.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.I.G.; E. Horne, P.P.S.G.W.; John Walker, P.P.S.G.W.; William Walters, P.P.S.G.W.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, P.P.S.G.W.; E. R. Ward, P.P.S.G.W.; N. J. Hughes Hallett, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Sladen, P.P.J.G.W.; I. H. Cook (Okeover), P.P.J.G.W.; V. Greenhough, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Rigby, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Iliffe, P.P.J.G.W.; H. A. Bemrose, P.P.G. Treas.; W. J. Piper, P.P.G. Treas.; A. Butterworth, P.P.G. Treas.; A. C. Brentnall, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. W. Drury, P.P.G. Chap.; William Cooper, P.P.G. Treas.; R. T. Ingram, P.P.G. Treas. Notts; J. E. Steward, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; A. Eaton, P.P.G. Treas.; and many others.

Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, and formal business transacted, the W. Masters of the various lodges in the province presented their reports, which were, without exception, of a satisfactory character, and testified to the continued growth and prosperity of the Order.

Bro. A. WOODIWISS brought up the report of the Masonic Hall Committee, which recommended the adoption of plans for the enlargement of the Masonic Hall buildings, with a view to improving the ante-room accommodation and the caretaker's house. The plans had been prepared by Bro. A. Eaton, and it was estimated that their execution would involve an outlay of £850.

The Report was approved, and resolutions authorising the Committee to ask for tenders and provide funds for the purpose were adopted on the motion of Bro. WOODIWISS, seconded by Bro. COOPER.

The Report of the Charity Committee was read by Bro. PERCY WALLIS. It showed that a sum of nearly £900 had been subscribed to the three central Charities of the Order during the year.

The Report was adopted on the motion of Bro. WALLIS, seconded by Bro. COATES.

Bro. C. D. HART presented the Report of the Audit Committee, and the accounts were adopted.

On the election of Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year the only candidate nominated was Bro. John Ryley, P.M. 802, P.P.G. Std. Br., proposed by Bro. T. COX, seconded by Bro. PIPER.

Bro. RYLEY having been duly elected, returned thanks.

The Masonic Hall Committee of Management was re-elected, on the motion of Bro. WALTERS, as were the representatives of Prov. Grand Lodge on the Charity Committee, on the motion of Bro. J. A. ARNOLD.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the year were then invested as follows:

Bro. A. A. Greig, 253	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. C. Webb, 2630	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. C. Collier, 625	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. R. T. Winckley, 1088	...	...
" Thos. Swire, 625	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Ryley, 802	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Naylor, 253, P.G.S.B. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Partridge, 1085	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. A. Nichols, 654	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. R. Price, 353	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" W. Carter Pegg, 1324	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" G. S. Smith, 802	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" George Slater, 2355	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. K. S. Lawson, 1730	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" A. Butt, 1179	...	...
" B. Toft, 731	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Percy Wallis, 850, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" R. H. Case, 506	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. S. Taylor, 681	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" B. Varley, 731	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. J. Topple, 731	...	...
" J. Cheetham, 787	...	...
" H. Banks, 787	...	...
" J. A. Helford, 1085	...	...
" A. Derry, 1085	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" A. Slinn, 253	...	...

In honour of the election of the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master, permission had been accorded the province to confer Past Rank on two members of Prov. Grand Lodge. These honours were conferred as follows: Bros. Wm. Cooper, 731, P.P.S.G.W.; and James Whitehead, 1952, P.P.J.G.W.

Before closing the Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. OKEOVER briefly addressed the brethren, and expressed his warm gratification at the character of the reports that had been read, affording evidence as they did of the progress of the Order, and of the truly fraternal spirit that prevailed. He also alluded to the improvements that were in contemplation of the hall, and expressed the hope that they would conduce to the comfort of the brethren. Speaking of the changes that had been necessitated since their last meeting by the death of our late beloved Queen, he said they now met under a new monarch and under a new Grand Master. Our Sovereign had a glorious example before him in the case of his illustrious mother, and they had every reason to hope and believe that he would endeavour to follow in her footsteps. The same might be said of their new Grand Master and of the example afforded him by the present King. Alluding to the horrible and dreadful war in South Africa, Bro. Okeover earnestly expressed a hope that it might soon draw to a close. What a glorious thing it would be if when they met a year hence the occu-

part of that chair could tell them that peace once more filled the earth. He was sure there was not a Mason in Derbyshire who, in his nightly prayers and thanksgivings, failed to ask such a priceless blessing as that of peace on earth. Bro. Okeover concluded by wishing all present, and especially the W.Ms. of the lodges, a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and a large company subsequently dined in the lower hall, under the presidency of Bro. Okeover.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHINGFORD LODGE, No. 2859.

It was a real disappointment to the large and representative gathering of Essex Freemasons at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, that the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G.M., and his Deputy, Bro. Colonel Lockwood, M.P., were both prevented from taking part in the consecration of a new lodge, to be called the Chingford Lodge, No. 2859, the former by illness, and the latter by another Masonic engagement. In the absence of these two distinguished brethren, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Thos. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., who was assisted by Bros. Wm. Shurmer, P.G.S.U., P.P.G. Treas., as D.P.G.M.; Howel J. J. Price, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; Walter J. Tull, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. Eisan I. Colnett, Prov. G. Chap., as Chap.; John J. C. Turner, P.P.S.G.W., as Sec.; Albert Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.S.G.W., as I.G.

In opening the proceedings, the CONSECRATING OFFICER said no one regretted more than himself the circumstances which had placed him in his present position. They had for some time been looking forward to the pleasure of meeting their beloved Provincial Grand Master, and their regret at his absence was intensified by the cause of it. Only on the previous Saturday he (the speaker) had received a communication from Lord Warwick making an appointment to meet him this day, and they might judge of his astonishment and regret when on Monday he received a telegram from Lady Warwick that his lordship had contracted a most serious cold and chill, and was quite unfit to travel. This was followed by a brief confirmatory note from Lord Warwick himself, his lordship adding: "I am very sorry and very disappointed—please tell the brethren so, and that I will come and pay them a visit later on." As regarded the object of their gathering that day it must naturally be a most interesting one to all thoughtful Masons, because they were founding a new centre of Masonic influence which they fervently hoped would add lustre and strength to their province. At a time like this it was well to bear in mind that the brethren who undertook the foundation of a new lodge were in a position of great responsibility, particularly during the early years of its existence. He hoped the founders would not misunderstand him if he ventured to point out that there was a danger during the infancy of a lodge lest there should be too great a desire to add to its membership without due regard to the character of those who might be admitted. This particular lodge, as he understood the intention of the founders, was designed to provide a Masonic home for Chingford people, and there must be many gentlemen in that attractive residential neighbourhood who would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of practising the ancient Craft; but he should like to impress upon the founders that the idea of a lodge was a community of brethren knowing and respecting each other, who would be always happy to meet, sorry to part, and who would look forward to the happiness of meeting again. He was sure he might in the name of the large and distinguished body of brethren who had gathered that afternoon, wish the lodge and its members every prosperity, and fervently hope it might have a long and distinguished career of Masonic usefulness.

The D. of C. having read the charter from the Grand Lodge of England authorising the formation of the lodge, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with according to ancient custom, the musical portions being rendered by Bros. Thomas Powell, Etherington Smith, Charles Strong, and Horace Reynolds, under the direction of Bro. W. Emerson.

A very thoughtful and highly instructive oration on "The Nature and Principles of the Institution," was delivered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. ELSAN I. COLNETT, Chaplain to the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457. He said:

In dealing with so complex an institution as Freemasonry, it was not easy to express in a few words those essential things which marked it off from bodies which appeared to resemble it. They often heard it said, "Freemasonry was not a religion," and, while admitting that this was most certainly true, they must be careful lest they implied more than the words expressed. The word religion was used in more senses than one. They spoke, for instance, of the Christian, or Jewish, or Mohammedan religions, and, as Max Müller reminded them, they could speak in that sense of a man changing his religion as he might change the language he had been accustomed to use. "But," Müller went on to say, "as there is a faculty of speech in man independent of all spoken languages, so there is a faculty of religious faith in man independent of all religions." Yes, there was a faculty within them which made religion natural, a faculty which found its sphere of exercise only in the search after God. But while Freemasonry must not indeed be labelled "a religion," at the same time it was in every sense religious, for it recognised that which they might call the religious faculty. Oliver Wendell Holmes expressed something like the same idea when he spoke in his "Poet of the Breakfast Table" of the possibility of a "Broad" Church. He explained the idea as that of a body of men not united because they held in common a very large number of opinions as against the rest of the world, but united by a few things they held in common, and in spite of many other differences. "Freemasonry," he says, "gives an idea of such a Church." It might, said the Rev. Chaplain; but in suggesting that idea it must not be confounded with the realisation of it. Freemasonry was not a religion, a sect, or a Church. But it was essentially religious, and he thought they would agree with him that the first thing they must notice if they would understand its nature and principles was that it recognised that elemental religious faculty, and sought to develop it. It did not compete with the historical religions, nor seek to occupy their places. It was, however, based upon the religious faculty in man, and though it only asked of its adherents a simple declaration of faith in God, yet it expected that declaration to be made sincerely and unreservedly. In enforcing this point the rev. gentleman reminded his hearers that the blessing of the Supreme Governor of the Universe was sought on the first admission of a candidate; that the Volume of the Sacred Law was ever open in the lodge, not for mere show, for every ceremony found its significance in that sacred book; and with special regard to the work in which they were then engaged, they dedicated the lodge to God and his service. Yes, the lodge was a Temple indeed. They sprinkled it

with corn to denote plenty and abundance; they poured wine upon it to signify joy and cheerfulness; oil for peace and harmony; and they sprinkled salt for hospitality and friendship. But they did more, they burnt sweet incense in conjunction with prayer—the sign of their belief in an ever-listening God, and an Over-ruling Providence. Thus recognising God as the Father of all, Freemasonry was a Brotherhood, and they said with legitimate pride that their Order was founded on the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It was very necessary for them often to recall the great principles upon which the Order was founded, if they were to maintain the high ideal set before them. Especially those who were gathered there that day ought to feel that responsibility, for this was not an ordinary gathering of the Craft. They were met for the establishment of a new centre of Masonic life and influence—their work that day was to a certain extent that of propaganda. They wished them to be imbued with the true Masonic spirit, as only a lofty conception of the nature and purposes of the Order would enable them to do that. If the founders esteemed Masonry lightly, the result of their work would be inconsiderable, perhaps, even pernicious, for they might degrade the Order for many generations to come. He confessed he looked upon the future of that lodge with great interest, and not alone because he had the honour of assisting at its consecration. The circumstances of Chingford were very much like those of her neighbour Loughton, where he resided and where the Bagshaw Lodge met, of which he was a member. He knew well how good an influence the Bagshaw Lodge had upon their village life. He had often been able to trace increased harmony and brotherly love in their village community to its source in their lodge. He was a parish priest through and through, and he thought there was no higher tribute that he could pay to Masonry than to say he had always found it a help in his parish work to be a Mason among Masons and to be a member of a lodge actually meeting in the place where he laboured. He was confident that the same good results would be realised in Chingford. Might it be so and might the Great Architect of the Universe shed His abundant blessing upon the lodge they were met that day to consecrate!

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, the first Master of the lodge, Bro. George R. Brown, was ably installed by Bro. Albert Lucking, P.G. Purst., Prov. G.D.C., and the new W.M. having invited Bro. Fred. Taylor, P.M. 2256, to act as I.P.M. for the year, the officers were invested as follows: Bros. Sydney Fortescue, S.W.; J. Parkinson Watts, J.W.; S. C. Rhodes, Treas.; Charles T. Papworth, Sec.; Harry Bird, S.D.; George H. Pizey, J.D.; W. W. West, I.G.; K. M. Yeoman, D.C.; F. C. Gooding, Stwd.; and John Ives, Tyler.

The W.M. was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

Letters were read from Bros. his Honour Judge Philbrick, K.C.; Col. Lockwood, M.P.; Claude E. Egerton-Green, P.P.S.G.W.; and other brethren, regretting their inability to attend.

A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the Consecrating Officers, they were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. Thanks were also accorded the Prov. Grand Chaplain for his excellent address.

Between 70 and 80 brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the new W.M., fervent wishes being expressed by the after-dinner speakers for the welfare of the new lodge.

Early in the evening, at the suggestion of the Consecrating Officer, a telegram of regret at his illness and wishes for his speedy recovery, was sent to Lord Warwick, and a reply was received from his lordship that though somewhat better, he was still in bed, and wishing every prosperity to the Chingford Lodge.

A METHODIST MINISTER

OF 40 YEARS' STANDING, SAYS:

"For years I was troubled with Indigestion and Constipation, and suffered greatly from Giddiness,

Nervous Debility and Sleeplessness.

SEIGEL'S SYRUP.

"The best medical skill seemed of no avail, and I quite thought my ministerial work was coming to a close. However, a friend urged me to try Seigel's Syrup, and four bottles sufficed to make my cure complete."—(Rev.) J. SPENSLEY, Winterton, Doncaster,

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Scotland.

GRAND LODGE.

The installation of office bearers and Festival of St. Andrew's was celebrated in Edinburgh, on Monday, the 2nd inst. The installation ceremony took place in the Hall of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, when Bro. Lord Saltoun acted as Installing Master. Bro. James Hozier, M.P., was introduced with a fanfare of trumpets, and duly obligated as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scottish Masonry.

The other office bearers were then installed as follows:

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun ...	Past G. Master.
" the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay ...	G. Master Depute.
" J. D. G. Dalrymple of Woodhead ...	Substitute G. Master.
" W. Munro Denholm ...	S.G.W.
" R. King Stewart of Murdostoun ...	J.G.W.
" David Reid ...	G. Sec.
" Edward A. Chisholm ...	G. Treas.
" Rev. George S. Anderson ...	Senior G. Chap.
" Rev. David Watson ...	Junior 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.

At the conclusion of the installation, the M.W. GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren for again doing him the honour of re-election to the throne of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He thanked them most cordially for having given him, this time last year, such valued brethren as Bros. David Reid and Edward Chisholm. Bro. Reid had anticipated his every want, and by the energy and untiring attention he had given to the work of the office of Grand Secretary, his duties as Grand Master had been most considerably lightened. He was a man on whom he could thoroughly rely, and he again thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for having elected Bro. Reid to the position of Grand Secretary. He always considered the Grand Treasurer as a sort of Chancellor of the Exchequer, and he would, later on, prove what an excellent Chancellor they had in the person of Bro. Chisholm. He asked those two brethren to accept his personal thanks for their labours. He also thanked Bros. C. Maule Ramsay and J. D. G. Dalrymple (until lately and better known as Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan) for accepting the offices of Grand Master Depute and Substitute Grand Master; and also Lord Saltoun for coming, at some considerable inconvenience, to act as Installing Master.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. Andrew in the Freemasons' Hall. The chair was occupied by the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., M.W.G.M., who was supported by a large number of influential brethren, among whom were Bros. Lord Saltoun, P.G.M.; Lord Haddington, P.G.M.; the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay, G.M.D.; J. D. G. Dalrymple, G.S.M.; J. Parker Smith, M.P.; Lord Newlands, and James Reid, M.P.

The GRAND MASTER proposed the toast of "The King and the Craft" in most felicitous terms, and referred with great pleasure to the fact that his Majesty the King had again consented to become Patron of Scottish Masonry.

In reply to the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," most eloquently proposed by Bro. PARKER SMITH,

The GRAND MASTER said that at the opening of a new century, and at the opening of a new reign, he rose, for the third and last time—(cries of "N.")—as the Grand Master Mason of their choice, to thank them, with all his heart, for the very high honour which they had thus thrice unanimously conferred upon him. (Applause.) He received a telegram from Captain Towse, V.C., from Goring Redding, as follows: "Fraternal greetings; many regrets for unavoidable absence." They all knew the heroic manner in which Captain Towse won his Victoria Cross, and he trusted they would empower him to send a suitable reply to their dear brother. (Applause.) The Masonic year just ended had been indeed a record year in the annals of Scottish Freemasonry. The grand total of Scottish Freemasons had been increased during the past year by the unprecedented number of 9320 new members, as compared with 7608 in the year 1900, and with 7513 in 1899, then the highest point ever reached. (Applause.) The income of Grand Lodge during the past year had been £8438, as against £7364 in the previous year—an increase of £1074. During 1901 the grants from the Benevolent Fund had amounted to £839, and the Annuities to £1420. Since the formation of the Annuity Fund in 1880 the sum of £12700 had been paid in annuities. (Applause.) Charters had been issued during the year to lodges: Hozier Douglas Water, Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, No. 912; Leonora, Leonora, Western Australia, No. 913; Gwalia, Leonora, Western Australia, No. 914; Northam, Northam, Western Australia, No. 915; Ionic of Gingin, Gingin, Queensland, No. 916; Odin, Dounby, Kirkwall, No. 917; Alexandra, Emerald, Queensland, No. 918; The Robert King, Stewart, New Stevenston, Holytown, No. 919; and Fingal, Day Dawn, Western Australia, No. 920. The General Fund amounted to £21,191; the Benevolent Fund to £8199; and the Annuity Fund to £31,310; making a grand total for the three funds of £60,700 exclusive of the heritable and movable property, which was valued at £25,400. Altogether the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Scottish Craft were in a position of unprecedented prosperity. (Applause.)

Bro. the Hon. C. M. RAMSAY, in proposing "The City of Edinburgh," referred to various municipal improvements carried out in the capital, and humorously touched upon the Sunday car question, which he said was a sign of progress. It had come suddenly, but it was bound to come. (Applause.) He would not dwell on the great growth Edinburgh had witnessed during the last century, for it was a mere matter of figures that within the last 60 years Edinburgh had more than doubled in its population and more than

doubled in its rateable value. Meeting to celebrate the annual festival of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he might properly congratulate Edinburgh upon the good choice it had made in its municipal representatives, by apparently, in recent years at any rate, considering it a necessity on the part of its chief magistrate that he should be a member of their Fraternity. (Applause.) As a Mason, he looked upon that as a healthful sign, and showing good sense on the part of the citizens of Edinburgh. (Applause.)

Craft Masonry.

Moira Lodge, No. 92.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. NORMAN NOAKES.

The anniversary meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 5th instant, and, by a curious coincidence, two of the Past Masters were present for the first time since their promotion to Grand office. The senior of these, Bro. Cornelius Thorne, who has been a subscribing member for nearly half a century, was initiated in the lodge in March, 1852, and served the office of Master in 1868, and again in 1869, a position he would doubtless have occupied at a far earlier date had it not been for his absence in China from 1855 to 1864. Ten years he then spent in England, returning to Shanghai in 1874. In 1877 he became the first District Grand Master of Northern China, an appointment which he retained until 1886, but continued to reside in Shanghai until a few months ago, when, after receiving the warmest tokens of regard ever conferred on any foreign resident when departing from the Far East, he embarked for his native land. The junior of the two brethren is Bro. Gotthelf Greiner, who was initiated in the Moira Lodge in 1884, and filled its chair in 1891. He is also a member of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, and W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, to the *Transactions* of which latter body he contributed (in 1886) a remarkable essay on "German Freemasonry in the Present Era," that has been universally acclaimed as the standard authority, in the English language, upon the subject of which it treats. At the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Bro. Greiner was invested as Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, in succession to the late Bro. C. Kupferschmidt.

The following were present at the anniversary meeting on the 5th instant: Bros. Sir Norman R. Pringle, Bart., W.M.; C. E. Russell, I.P.M.; J. Norman Noakes, S.W., W.M. elect; the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, P.M., Chap.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., P.D.G. Reg., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; F. A. Donnison, S.D.; C. A. Elgood, J.D.; A. B. Walters, I.G.; Wickham Noakes, P.M., Stwd.; J. Webb, P.M.; S. Shorter, P.M.; A. Pringle, P.M.; G. Greiner, P.M., Asst. G. Sec. for German Correspondence; G. C. Andrew, P.M.; E. Greiner, P.M.; W. F. Noakes, P.M. Cornelius Thorne, P.M., P. Dist. G.M. Northern China; W. S. Greves, A. W. Smith, and W. S. Horlock. Visitors: Bros. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; G. Cowell, P.G.D.; T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; F. G. Robinson, 1826; W. G. West, 2741; J. C. Hayes, P.M. and Treas. 619; B. C. Frith, 1656; G. T. Langridge, S.W. 29; T. Mellish, late 93; G. T. N. Harrison, 419; F. C. Hobrow, W.M. 2489; Hamilton Scott, W.M. 2741; John Clark, W.M. 2228; H. N. Clark, S.W. 2228; M. Davis, P.M. 1159; W. G. Poole, P.M. 860; J. R. Brough, P.M. 2397; J. Peeke Richards, 1584; C. F. Stoetzer, W.M. 238; G. I. Goodhart, P.M. 1506; F. Hallows, P.M. 861; John Dives, S.W. 2741; A. A. Krauss, 570; Oscar Timme, 1827; Percy Bradford, 2834; E. Henderson, 493 (S.C.); C. F. H. Beardmore, 857; Attwood Thorne, 2730; Edward Macbean, P.M. 2076; C. W. Skinner, 2000; G. Humphreys, 2597; R. Hummel, 2047; T. W. Ockenden, 1512; Henry Times, P.M. 165; W. Candy, 10; the Rev. J. H. Smith, 279; W. Slark, P.M. 2095; Luke Hansard, 1506; C. Kingzett, 1691; and R. H. Harland, 1716.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Mr. Alexander Coldstream Robinson, who had been elected in October last, being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by Bro. John Webb, P.M. Shortly afterwards the Father and senior Past Master of the lodge, R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, was announced and admitted. The W.M. having said a few courteous words, then requested Bro. Thorne to take the chair, which he did, and proceeded to open the lodge in the Second Degree. The Secretary next presented the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Norman Noakes, who was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Thorne with a solemnity, earnestness, and ease of diction which could not be excelled. Among the visiting brethren who assisted in the ceremony were Bros. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; G. Cowell, P.G.D.; S. P. Richards, P.M. 1584, and Edward Macbean, P.M. 2076, as S.W., J.W., D. of C., and I.G. respectively. The following officers were then invested by the W. Master; Bros. Sir Norman R. Pringle, Bart., I.P.M.; F. A. Donnison, S.W.; C. A. Elgood, I.W.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, P.M., Chap.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., P.D.G.R., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; A. B. Walters, S.D.; W. S. Horlock, J.D.; G. Greiner, P.M., A.G.S.G.C., D.C.; W. S. Greves, I.G.; Wickham Noakes, P.M., Stwd.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. It was proposed by Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., seconded by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M., and resolved, "That the hearty congratulations of the lodge be presented to Bro. Gotthelf Greiner, P.M., on his appointment to the office of Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M." The compliment having been acknowledged by Bro. G. Greiner, P.M., in a few well chosen words, it was proposed, seconded, and resolved that the sum of £5 should be voted to the "Speth Memorial Fund." Letters of regret at inability to accept the invitation of the lodge to be present at the meeting, were read from several brethren, and also letters and telegrams from other brethren, including the Grand Secretary, Bros. F. Richardson, P.D.G.R.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; and Sir G. Harris, P.G.D., who had hoped to be present, but were unavoidably prevented at the last moment from attending.

There being no further business, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet which had been provided for them.

After the toasts of "The King and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M.," had been duly honoured,

That of "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the Grand Officers," followed, and was gracefully acknowledged by R.W. Bro. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G. Master Norfolk.

Next came "The Memory of Earl Moira," which, in accordance with custom, was entrusted to Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, whose speech (and there can be no higher praise) was worthy of himself and the occasion.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he should borrow a phrase from the admirable address of their Treasurer, namely, "the continuity of events," which he thought would apply to Bro. J. Norman Noakes, who was occupying a chair which had been previously filled by so many members of his family, and whom he wished a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in reply, remarked that he was very proud to occupy the chair of his mother lodge. It was for him a record night, and in some respects also for the lodge. They had Bro. Thorne with them after an absence of 27 years, and the largest number of visitors that had been present for many years. He had not looked forward to the evening without misgiving, but was glad to state that, owing to the general kindness he had experienced, the ordeal had been a less severe one than he had anticipated.

The next toast was a special one, and in proposing it the W.M. said Bro. Thorne is the Father of his Mother lodge, which is a curious relationship to work out. Having been initiated in 1852, he has consequently been a subscribing member for close upon 50 years, and would celebrate his jubilee very shortly. He had been the first District Grand Master of Northern China, and was the recipient of numerous testimonials on leaving Shanghai. The W.M. concluded by saying that Bro. Thorne had been absent 27 years, but prior to his departure from England he had initiated his father (Bro. Wickham Noakes, P.M.), and the first occasion in which he had been present in lodge, after his return, he had installed himself (the speaker) in the Master's chair.

The toast having been very warmly received, Bro. C. Thorne responded in the following terms: Worshipful Master, Bro. Wardens, and brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the very kind manner in which this toast has been proposed and responded to, and for the hearty reception you have given to me on my return to my mother lodge. It is a very great pleasure to me to be amongst you once again, but there is some slight sorrow when I look around and find

so few present of those whom I left in 1874, more especially when we learn many of them have joined the "great majority." We sincerely trust they have entered "The Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever." Your W.M. has alluded to the fact that I initiated his father into Masonry in this lodge in 1869, and now my first act on returning in 1901 is to instal him (the son) into the chair, and pleasing it is to find the father looking in such excellent health, and willing to assist his son in the work if necessary, but judging from what we have seen to-night, he is not likely to be called upon frequently for any aid, and we can but hope the W.M. will have a successful year of office, and then take his place amongst the Past Masters respected as much as his good father now is. It is gratifying in the extreme to find No. 92 in such a flourishing condition, and keeping up its old tradition for both work and hospitality. Since my return to Shanghai, in 1874, I have had rather a unique experience as a Mason. When I left, in 1864, there were only two Masonic lodges in Shanghai. On my return I found six, viz., three English, one Scotch, one American, and one German, besides chapters, Knight Templars, etc., and I felt particularly honoured by my Shanghai brethren when I was asked to consecrate The Orient Mark Masters Lodge. I am a Mark Master, but have not passed the chair, and I explained I could not therefore comply, but the brethren requested the W.M. to ask for a dispensation for me to perform this ceremony. This was done, a favourable reply was received, and I was thus enabled to comply with their request. It was my painful duty to read the Masonic Burial Service over brethren as follows: R.W. Bro. C. M. Donaldson, the Senior Master in China at that time, a member of the Supreme Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Senior Past Master and founder of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 128, S.C., Shanghai; R.W. Bro. Dallas, Past District Grand Master of Japan; R.W. Bro. Janser, Deputy District Grand Master of Massachusetts, assisting the Rev. J. Stevens, Chaplain to the Ancient Landmark Lodge (Mass.); and R.W. Bro. Miller, District Grand Master of Northern China—who was my immediate successor, and whom I had installed into his office in 1886. He is succeeded by R.W. Bro. L. Moore, whom I also had the privilege of installing. The brethren of all Constitutions in Shanghai have been exceedingly kind to me, and gave many proofs of their esteem and affection. Brethren, time is short, so I detain you no longer, but thank you most heartily again for your very kind reception.

Then followed the toasts of "The Initiate," whom the W.M. described as one of his greatest friends; "The Past Masters," among whom were present the father, two uncles, and the elder brother of the W.M., coupled with the name of Sir Norman R. Pringle, Bart., I.P.M.; "The Visitors," acknowledged by Bros. Hamilton Scott, W.M. 2741; C. F. Stotzer, W.M. 238; and George Humphreys, P.M. 2597 (New Zealand); and "The Officers," replied to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable evening to a close. The musical programme was of an unusually attractive character, and all the songs were listened to with keen marks of appreciation by the brethren. The vocalists were Miss Florence Dewhurst, Miss Jenkins-Colyer, Messrs. William Hubbard and Percy Robson, and Bro. Herbert Harden. Bro. Harry Collman presided at the pianoforte. The entire musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Herbert Harden.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

This lodge held its regular meeting at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. A. Ferguson, W.M.; A. J. Rippin, S.W.; R. F. Roche, J.W.; T. Cohn, P.M., Treas.; J. 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.; J. Collins, I.G.; E. Chatterton, P.M. 879, Org.; F. H. Farr and W. Lloyd, Stwds.; John G. Robeson, P.M.; Isaac M. Mower, P.M.; Frederick Hughes, P.M.; Deardsley, Allerton, Meers, Adams, Bassett, Grimes, Philpot, Durrant, Preston, Dickson, J. W. Fishleigh, Thomson, Stevenson, Press, Willey, Mills, Cashman, Brough, Hipwell, Ellis, Mein, Barclay, Grimsdale, Browse, Back, Prevost, Purbrook, Auckland, A. A. Jones, Robinson, Crawshaw, Ullmann, Jackson, Cowderoy, S. Rippin, and Ward. The visitors were Bros. Fishenden, P.M. 700; J. O. Lewis, I.P.M. 2808; J. A. Webb, J.D. 1549; Stovell, 1556; Grimes, 1818; Odell, 1549; and March, 1185.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dickson and Philpot were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. Stevenson raised to that of M.M. Bro. D. T. Jackson was elected a member of the lodge.

Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. HANCOCK.

The installation meeting of this well-known and prosperous lodge was held at the Hollorn Restaurant on Thursday, the 5th instant, when there were present Bros. F. Napoli, W.M.; W. Hancock, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Crane, J.W.; G. J. White, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Ingram, P.M., Sec.; C. Riley, S.D.; W. Willson, J.D.; G. Le Brun, Org.; W. Husk, I.G.; E. T. Polley, Stwd.; R. Shaw, P.M.; T. Holmes, P.M.; Wm. Oliver, P.M.; E. De Vere, P.M.; W. H. Shaw, P.M.; J. H. Drackford, A. South, W. Jewers, E. Cadle, A. Briskey, J. Marshall, T. H. Brooke, T. Hick, W. H. Lamberts, J. A. Newton, A. R. Ackerman, Marquess de Leuville, J. Bryant, C. Knight, D. G. Cameron, W. E. Willson, A. Bright, and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Fonseca, P.M. 1563; W. Serjeant, P.M. 1227; G. Price 2632; J. A. Atherton, W.M. 2652; T. W. J. Ellis, 1339; H. E. Pollard, F. C. Gregory, 2455; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was duly opened, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. Napoli, then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Robert Shaw, P.M., and Bro. A. J. Ingram, P.M., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Hancock, and he was installed as W.M. by Bro. Robert Shaw, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year. They were as follows: Bros. F. Napoli, I.P.M.; J. Crane, S.W.; C. Riley, J.W.; G. J. White, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Ingram, P.M., Sec.; W. Willson, S.D.; W. Husk, J.D.; E. T. Polley, I.G.; A. Brisker and G. Le Brun, Stwds.; T. Hick, Org.; Jesse Burton, D.C.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Robert Shaw, P.M., gave the customary addresses with marked effect. The W.M., Bro. W. Hancock, initiated Messrs. Alfred Wright and Chas. Knight in a manner that should leave a lasting impression upon the initiates, so well was it done, and it proved beyond doubt that the members had elected one most able and competent to carry out the onerous duties of W.M. The I.P.M., Bro. Napoli gave the ancient charge in a most able manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent and well-served banquet.

At the conclusion of the repast the W.M., Bro. Hancock, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. F. Napoli, I.P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Hancock," as his working of the ritual that evening was grand, and he had no doubt that as he had begun so well, so he would continue during his year of office, and be as good as those who had gone before him, and make one of the successes of their old lodge.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. Hancock, W.M., received a hearty greeting on rising to respond. He said that his very best thanks were due to them for their manifestation, and he felt deeply his position and the kindness he had received that evening and ever since he was initiated in the lodge. He hoped during his term of office to keep up the traditions of the lodge, and if when the time arrived for him to vacate the chair he received their commendations he would be more than gratified.

In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. stated that he was honoured to have two initiates at his installation. He expected others that evening, but they would be there at the next meeting. The two he had initiated were of excellent quality, and he felt that they would be a credit to the lodge and the Craft. The lodge had always been fortunate in getting their share of initiates, with the result that they had one of the best of lodges.

The initiates, on rising, were received with repeated cheers. Bro. Alfred Wright responded, observing that he appreciated the kind way they had received the toast, and he hoped to prove as good a Mason as those there that evening, and it would be his aim and wish to be some day worthy of the honour conferred on the W.M., Bro. Hancock.

Bro. Chas. Knight remarked that his co-initiate had well said all that he thought was necessary, but might he add that he also hoped some day to be W.M. He could not make a long speech as he felt nervous, that being his first appearance in the Masonic world.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors." He said they were always welcome, and the more they had the better they liked it. He was honoured with the attendance of Bros. H. Fonseca, P.M., and R. T. West, who were present when he (the W.M.) was initiated by Bro. R. Wake, P.M., who was known as the resuscitator of the lodge. He sent a special invitation to Bro. Wake and he regretted that he was not there that evening, but the following letter, which he read, explained the reason of his absence:

"72, Marina, St. Leonards-on-Sea,
December 3rd, 1901.

"With much pleasure I received your kind invite to the Pimlico Lodge installation meeting, Thursday next, and I thank you very much indeed, but owing to indifferent health I cannot accept that honour, much as I should like to be there. Dear old lodge notice, I was pleased to see it, and the Standard and the Pillars and the names thereon.

"Give all the brethren my very hearty good wishes, and may the Pimlico Lodge prosper and flourish for many years to come! This is the sincere wish of
"Yours fraternally,
"R. WAKE."

The W.M. associated with the toast the names of Bros. H. Fonseca, P.M. 1563; J. A. Atherton, W.M. 2652; and R. T. West, 1744.

Bro. Fonseca responded in very suitable terms, remarking that it was 14 years ago since he first visited the Pimlico Lodge at the invitation of Bro. R. Wake, P.M., and he regretted not seeing him that evening.

Bro. Atherton also responded, and said the members were favoured with a W.M., who would do well. He was very much impressed with the grand working of the lodge. He finished his remarks in a very humorous strain, which elicited much laughter.

Bro. R. T. West also acknowledged the toast.

The next toast was "The I.P.M., Bro. F. Napoli," the W.M. stating that he was "able and willing to execute his own work." What more could he say, except that he had given them every satisfaction; and if the Masters following him were as good, the lodge would go on in the right way. He took that opportunity of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, and they were all agreed that he had thoroughly and honestly earned it, and he hoped he would be with them for very many years.

In replying, Bro. F. Napoli, I.P.M., said he was a poor speaker, but he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their kindness to him, and for the handsome jewel, which he should ever prize. He was proud to have had the honour of filling the chair of such an excellent lodge, and if he had done any good during his happy year of office he was very glad.

The W.M. submitted the toast of "The Past Masters." He said that since the time Bro. R. Wake, P.M., resuscitated the lodge, the Past Masters had done everything, and its present success was due to their great efforts; and he had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. E. De Vere, P.M.

Bro. De Vere said he was highly flattered to have his name coupled with the toast. The Past Masters had done their duty, and were ever ready to do anything to promote the interests of their good lodge.

The hour being late, the W.M. gave as one toast "The Treasurer, Secretary, and the Officers," in becoming terms, and he joined with it the name of the Treasurer, Bro. G. J. White, P.M.

Bro. G. J. White, P.M., responded. He said the lodge was in a good condition, and its prosperity would no doubt continue during the reign of the W.M. and he hoped afterwards. The Past Masters were very proud of the lodge and of the new W.M. and the officers invested that evening would be a credit to the lodge and to the W.M. (Great applause.)

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most harmonious and delightful evening.

In a lodge of which the members are so closely connected with the musical profession, it was expected that an excellent entertainment would be provided, and in this respect the brethren were not disappointed. The following contributed: Bros. George Le Brun, Wilt Serjeant, James Norrie, and Marquess de Leuville, but special mention should be made of the two Cavaliers (Bros. Warles Butler and John Jesse), from the Palace Theatre, who were the success of the evening. Mr. Singletin, who has a grand baritone voice, is a miner, and was working in a colliery the previous Monday, made his debut in Masonic circles, was well received, and we hope to hear more of him. Bro. F. Eplett was an able accompanist.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALFRED F. ROBBINS.

The 21st installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the evening of Saturday, the 7th instant, this being the first installation ceremony held in the lodge's new quarters. Bro. Lionel F. Gowing, W.M., presided, and was supported by several of the Past Masters of the lodge, including Bros. J. Minstree, P.G.T., H. Wright, W. T. Perkins, H. Massey, P. W. Husk, W. M. Duckworth, G. Tarran, P. G. Manning, and S. James.

There was a very large and distinguished assemblage of visitors, including the following Grand Officers and Past Masters: Bros. Sir J. Dimsdale, Lord Mayor; Alderman and Sheriff Bell, Alderman and Sheriff Horace Brooks Marshall, Under-Sheriff Langton, Sir H. H. Crawford, P.G.D.; Guy Repton, S.G.D.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; John Read, P.G. Std. Br.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Wolff, 1604; W. C. Chaney, 507; C. E. Courtney, 1915; J. B. Booty, W.M. 142; H. Richards, M.P.; W. Cleghorn, 1287; J. H. Meyer, 1559; H. E. Bussey, 213; C. J. Drummond, 2817; J. Robbins, 231; W. Miles, 1540; W. L. Barrett, W.M. 2190; Hosker, 2528; Hibberdine, 1237 and 2410; and Alderman Widdell, J.P. (Darlington). Apologies were received for the unavoidable absence of Bros. Lord Glenesk, Under-Sheriff Phillips, Edward Terry, P.G.T., the Hon. Mr. Justice Bucknill, the Mayor of Guildford, and others.

The lodge having been opened and formal business transacted, Bro. Lucien Wolf was passed to the Degree of a F.C. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Arthur Edwin Brown, of the Standard, and Percy Frederick Booty, of the Daily Graphic, which proving favourable they were initiated. Bro. Alfred F. Robbins was then installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation, as well as those of the previous passing and initiations, being performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Gowing, in a manner well meriting the encomiums bestowed thereon by the brethren present. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. L. F. Gowing, I.P.M.; G. H. Robbins, S.W.; H. L. Bell, J.W.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; G. Tarran, P.M., Sec.; J. D. Irvine, S.D.; W. G. Kirby, J.D.; A. E. Baines, I.G.; H. E. Peacock, Org.; F. W. Brodie, P.M., D.C.; R. G. Emery and John Martin, A.D.Cs.; Arthur Bettany, J. Bane, C. H. Smith, and Gordon Hunter, Stwds.; and G. A. Ball, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. next presented Bro. Gowing, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the lodge during his tenure of the chair. The presentation was acknowledged in suitable terms by the recipient.

On the lodge being closed, an adjournment was made to the Victoria Room, where an elegant banquet had been prepared, at the conclusion of which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of "The Grand Officers" being coupled with the name of Sir John Monckton, to whom, the W.M. stated, the lodge had been greatly indebted in the past.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., in reply, observed that it was now nearly 21 years ago since he had been present at the consecration of the Gallery Lodge, the members of which he knew to be worthy men and good Masons, and expressed his pleasure at seeing the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs present on this occasion.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of London," assured the Lord Mayor that many of the members of the lodge had appeared before his predecessors; some of them legally, others illegally (laughter)—but most of them professionally. It gave him great pleasure to welcome the Lord Mayor, not only as the Chief Magistrate of the City, but as one of the representative of London in Parliament, and one also who was connected with every movement for the civic and philanthropic good of the metropolis. He was glad to see him supported by the Sheriffs, and trusted that Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Bell would conceive the ambition that night of attaining the distinction of a purple collar. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall was one of the best known of Masons. He had had dealings with him in connection with the candidature of sons of former members of the lodge for admission to the Boys' School, and Bro. Brooks Marshall had always aided him, often at considerable personal sacrifice; in fact, his kindness had been such that on the occasion of any future candidature, he should go to him again.

Bro. Sir J. Dimsdale, Lord Mayor, in response, thanked the W.M. for the terms in which he had proposed the toast and the members for the way in which it had been

received. It might seem that there was small analogy between the Corporation and Masonry, but they were both of assistance to mankind, and both of great antiquity, the Corporation of London dating back to before the Conquest, but their antiquity had affected the efficiency of neither. Then, again, he regarded Masonry as a religious Institution, not sectarian or confined, but truly religious; and the City of London had worked hard and strenuously in the past for religious liberty. They both had as their aim Charity and Benevolence—the City extending its Charity, like Masonry, not only to London, but to mankind generally. In his civic capacity he had to thank journalists for co-operation and advice; their criticism was never unkind, and he considered the country owed a deep debt of gratitude to the patriotism and high tone maintained by those who were responsible for its newspapers. He congratulated the I.P.M. on the impressive, magnificent, and religious manner in which he had rendered the installation ceremony. There were two classes of men he held in contempt—those who never made a mistake, and those who did not like a good dinner; but the Fourth Degree was only the fringe of Masonry, and it was in large measure to the excellent working of the I.P.M. and his predecessors that the lodge occupied a front rank among the lodges of the country.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Bell amused his audience by declaring that he felt nervous among so many pioneers and captains of the press. The Lord Mayor was responsible for his admission into Masonry, and he looked forward to obtaining his purple collar, and to keeping the Lord Mayor company in his efforts on behalf of the Charities.

The Charity-box, on being passed round, realised the sum of £9, which was made up to £10 10s. by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, the amount being contributed to the funds of the Boys' School.

Bro. Gowing, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who had the unique honour of being Master of a lodge composed entirely of those who were journalists as well as Masons. A few months ago he had narrowly escaped having to appear at the bar of the House of Commons, and he was not sure his comrades felt glad he had escaped, as they felt he would have distinguished himself there as much as he had done in Masonry. The office of Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, an office almost created for him, he had held for the last 10 years, during which time the fund had attained to fine proportions, although Bro. Robbins had never hesitated to pull the purse-strings when required, either privately or for the Charities. He had continued Treasurer of the fund as Warden, and would continue now he was W.M., and yet that he had managed to supplement his duties as Treasurer by knowledge of the ritual, they had seen that evening.

Bro. Robbins, W.M., who was most cordially received, said it would be affectation on the part of any man to say he was not deeply moved on being installed as W.M. of his mother lodge, and that such a lodge as the Gallery. When 13 years ago he had responded to the toast of the initiate, he had promised to do all he could on behalf of Charity, which had been emphasised to him in the lodge, and during the last 10 years he had done all he could to develop the Benevolent Fund, a fund which had kept household from wreckage, families from being broken up, and assisted individuals in distress. The lodge was composed of men who had to work, and sometimes work very hard for their living, yet their practical benevolence was shown more and more towards the fund belonging to the lodge. He was proud of the way the brethren had rallied round him; they were brothers inside the lodge as well as out, and he felt sure they would provide him with a record list for the Girls' School. Every class of journalists was represented in the lodge, not only those who used the scissors and paste—(laughter)—and the pen, but those also who used the pencil; those who belonged to London entirely, and those who, like himself, obtained a living from what he hoped were the handsome profits of a provincial paper; or, like Bro. Watson, who supplied news to the world. He was proud of his calling, which for 27 years he had followed, and felt like saying with Disraeli, "I am a gentleman of the Press, and know no other escutcheon." (Applause.)

He W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master."

Bro. Gowing, I.P.M., in reply, gracefully acknowledged the appreciation of his working expressed by the Lord Mayor. He was not an initiate of the lodge, but came to it from Shanghai, where one met brethren from every part of the world, and where a profound reverence for Freemasonry had been inculcated in him. As long as he lived he should be proud to serve the Gallery Lodge.

Bro. W. T. Perkins, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Benevolent Institutions," and said it was especially agreeable to discharge such a duty on an occasion when the Gallery Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Chief Magistrate of the City, of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, and of so many brethren whose Masonic life is closely associated with the magnificent work of our Benevolent Institutions. It was his good fortune to hear the Lord Chancellor announce the gratifying approval which the King had expressed of the citizens' choice in electing Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale to the highest civic office, and not less was it a pleasure to be present in Guildhall, on November 9th, when such striking testimony was borne to the esteem in which the present Lord Mayor is held by those who know him best. One of the distinguishing features of his heart, as all his work showed, was undoubtedly that of charity, and happy was the coincidence which had in civic life associated with him such a pillar of strength in Masonic benevolence as Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, who, with Bro. Alderman J. Bell, was this year worthily discharging the important duties which attach to the ancient office of Sheriff. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. had referred to the deep obligation which the Gallery Lodge owed to Bro. Horace Marshall, but he would remind the brethren that their obligation went back to his lamented father, who, when the speaker was acting as Secretary of the lodge years ago, came to his aid, and did much, on two occasions, to enable them to secure the election of sons of departed brethren to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, whose excellent Secretary, Bro. Morrison McLeod, they were glad to welcome that night. (Hear, hear.)

It might with confidence be stated that the Gallery Lodge had no one to present this toast, seeing that it was every year doing its best to offer support to the great Masonic Charities. During the 21 years of its existence the lodge had never failed to send a Steward to one or other of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions. Their present W.M., Bro. Robbins, had twice been Steward for the Boys' School, and they were glad to know in the coming year he proposed to act in a like capacity on behalf of the Girls' School. As it was a *sine qua non* here that each incoming Master should install his successor, so it was equally incumbent upon him that he should either serve as a Steward himself for one of the Masonic Charities, or invoke the assistance of an equally earnest brother. Ten years ago the lodge possessed only two perpetual and four time-limited votes in these excellent Institutions. Thanks in a large measure to the persistent efforts of their W.M., it now held 60 perpetual votes—28 for the Boys' School, 12 for the Girls' School, and 20 for the Benevolent Institution—the total being 11 more than last year. (Hear, hear.)

The Charity-box, never absent from their gatherings, yields at least four times as much as it did a few years ago, and they had heard from the W.M. that that night's contribution exceeded all previous records. The brethren would be glad to learn that the sum collected had, in personal compliment to Bro. Morrison McLeod, been allocated to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. was already a Vice-President of each of the three Masonic Charities, and this further contribution to the Boys' School would make him a Vice-Patron of the Institution. Further, the lodge possessed its own benevolent fund, which at that moment had a credit balance in the bank of £150, ready to meet the pressing emergencies of their own brethren who may suffer temporary misfortune. (Hear, hear.)

On all these grounds he had infinite pleasure in asking them to drink to the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and he was proud to couple with the toast the names of Bro. Horace Marshall and Bro. Morrison McLeod, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (Cheers.)

Bro. H. Brooks Marshall, in reply, said he almost wished he was a journalist, but he could claim to be a news distributor, and so to have some connection with the Gallery Lodge. Bro. Perkins had referred to his father. When his father initiated him the first principle he had inculcated was Charity, and he wished to carry on the good work his father had begun. He had served 4 Stewardships, and what he had already done for children of members of that lodge he would be pleased to do a gain in the future.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., also briefly responded.

The toast of "The Initiates" was responded to by Bros. Brown and Booty, that of "The Visitors" being proposed by Bro. Husk, P.M., and responded to by Bros. H. C. Richards, K.C., M.P., and Poutney, Editor of the Birmingham Daily Post.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was replied to by Bros. Massey, the first W.M. and a founder of the lodge, Duckworth, P.M., and Tarrant, P.M.; and that of "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bro. Ribbons, S.W.; the proceedings terminating with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a selection of music was contributed by the St. George's Glee Singers, Bros. Wilfred Kearton, Bell Kempton, Barrett, W.M. 2190, and Harrison Hill, and Messrs. F. Smith and F. Whitehouse.

Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN HINTON.

The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when, after the initiation of two candidates, Bro. John Hinton, the S.W. of the lodge during the past year, was installed as W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. James Kellaway. The other Masters and Past Masters present included Bros. Bunch, W.M., and Ansty, P.M., of 76; Bagshaw, W.M., and R. W. Lees, P.M. P.P. J.G.W., of 130; E. G. Stroud, P.M. 175; L. Stevens, W.M. 359; H. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Chapman, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Methven, P.P.S.G.D.; A. J. Brown, P.P.G. Std. Br., M. F. Curtis, P.P.G. Std. Br., E. T. Wise, P.P.G. Std. Br., W. J. Miller, W. Fowler, P.P.G. Org., E. E. Edwards, P.G.D., James Martin, S. B. Crock, H. B. Robbs, I. Amys, H. Slade, and F. Wentworth Shields, all of 1461; G. Ward, P.M. 1883, P.P.S.G.D.; and A. Curtis, W.M., and H. Hussey, P.P.G. Std. Br., of 1780.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master, both for his work for the day and the excellent service he had rendered during his year of office, a Past Master's jewel being presented to him on behalf of the lodge by the new Master. Bro. Kellaway suitably returned thanks. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. J. Kellaway, I.P.M.; Nalder Roberts, S.W.; F. Kimber, J.W.; Rev. G. Hughes, P.M., Chap.; A. J. Brown, P.M., Treas.; J. Methven, P.M., Sec.; J. Key Allen, S.D.; S. White, J.D.; J. A. Billett, Org.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; R. H. Reed, I.G.; T. Chandler, A. W. Hunt, R. W. Hancock, and A. H. Oakley, Stewards; and C. Henley, Tyler. The proceedings also included the acceptance of an excellent portrait, in frame, of Bro. W. Vare, for many years Tyler of the lodges and chapters in the district, who has resigned all his offices owing to advancing years.

After the transaction of formal business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, numbering about a hundred, afterwards partook of a banquet, excellently served by Bro. Henley.

The new W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

It may be mentioned that a letter was read from Bro. Sir A. Webster, who has been appointed by the Duke of Cornwall Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, in succession to the late Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., stating, in reply to an invitation to attend, that after his installation he hoped to make the acquaintance of the brethren.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered to the new Master by many visiting brethren beyond those above-named.

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by a choice programme of songs and quartettes rendered by Bros. Wareham, Conlan, Billett, and Finmore, Bro. G. Leake, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., presiding at the piano.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 22nd ult. There were present Bro. Hugh T. Taylor, W.M., who presided, Bros. A. Dawson Jones, S.W.; J. Davidson, J.W.; Wilfred A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Probyn-Williams, S.D.; W. W. Szlumper, J.D.; R. Lake, P.M., D.C.; H. L. Sarson, I.G.; J. Pollard, P.M., and F. J. Rebman, Stwds.; W. Turner, I.P.M.; A. W. Lee-Mitchell, P.M., P.G.S.B.; R. S. Fairbank, P.M.; Herbert F. Jones, W. Lewis Burrett, G. Budd, F. E. Bartlett, J. H. Dallas, A. C. Probyn-Williams, H. A. Broust, W. A. Bird, G. B. Flux, J. F. W. Silk, M.D., H. M. Allom, A. R. Woodbridge, C. Fox, P.M. 90; J. D. Patullo, H. A. Tom Fairbank, H. W. Czuzens, J. H. Tull Walsh, and T. Bowler, Tyler; and the following visiting brethren: Bros. W. Gripper, P.D.G.D.C.; Chisholm Williams, W.M. 200; E. Symonds, W.M. 2369; Ernest Clark, W.M. 2410; Dundas Grant, P.M. 140; Aug. Morcom, P.M. 1470; C. W. P. Hughes, J.D. 2815; and J. Kift, 1791.

The minutes having been confirmed, and some routine business transacted, the ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of three candidates for Freemasonry. Bro. J. H. Tull Walsh was examined as to his proficiency in the First Degree, with a most creditable result; and Bro. R. Lake, P.M., having taken the chair, Bro. Walsh was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. H. T. Taylor having resumed the chair, Bro. H. A. Tom Fairbank was examined as to his proficiency as a P.C., with a satisfactory result, and was raised to the Third Degree. Messrs. Irving J. Albery and Cecil Howard Cribb, two of the candidates being in attendance, were initiated into the mysteries and privilege of Freemasonry according to ancient custom by the W.M., who also delivered the charge. The annual election of officers was then proceeded with, Bro. A. Dawson Jones, S.W., being elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Henry R. Rose, P.M., P.G. Org., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. T. Bowler, Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed, and the Secretary read the bye-laws of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel, according to the pattern of the lodge, was voted to the W.M., Bro. H. T. Taylor, who retires in January next, and the Charity maul was passed round. The labours of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and their guests afterwards dined together, and an excellent selection of vocal and instrumental music was contributed by the musical members and visitors.

United Northern Counties' Lodge, No. 2128.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. MOYSEY, P.M.

PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY, BRO. W. H. BULLOCK, P.M.

The annual installation ceremony of the above lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel on the evening of Tuesday, the 3rd instant. Bro. T. Whitmore Chant, W.M., presided, and there was an attendance at the lodge and subsequent banquet of close on 120, a majority of whom were visitors. Among the visitors were the following W.M.s. and P.M.s.: Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; Brock, P.P.G.S.B. Ken; Warne, 1805; Roberts, 2633; Fagg, 30; Power, 1228, 869; Anderson, W.M. 2495; Robinson, W.M. 1907; Franks, 96; Newland, 28; Cobb, 2070; Reeve, 803; Godding, W.M. 809; Fitch, 1793; Cooke, 2108; Davies, 1315; and Prilmore, 2625. Apologies were received for the unavoidable absence of Bros. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Brigade-Surgeon Wickett Clayton, A. Robertshaw, and W. J. Nosworthy, P.P.S.G.W. Somerset.

The lodge, which, as its name implies, is composed for the most part of brethren from North of the Trent and South of the Tweed, having been opened and the ordinary lodge business transacted, Mr. John Thomas Hadley was balloted for as an initiate, and the ballot proving favourable, declared elected. Bro. Thomas Moysey, P.M., the W.M. elect, was then installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being very ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Whitmore Chant. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. W. Chant, I.P.M.; C. J. Weller, S.W.; Henry Riley, J.W.; W. E. Porter, M.D., P.M., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; R. S. Ayling, F.R.I., B.A., S.D.; W. B. Hextall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, D.C.; Ramsden Walker, J.D.; R. Vivian, I.G.; C. H. Piggott, Org.; H. T. Town, C. S. Ayling, and Herbert Nield, J.P., Stwds.; and R. W. Edgley, P.M., Tyler.

Before the lodge closed a sum of 15 guineas was voted to the Boys' Institution from the funds of the lodge, and a similar sum for the Girls' School. In connection with the fact that no sum was voted for the Benevolent Institution, it should be noted that the late Bro. Ratcliffe, P.M. of the United Counties Lodge, bequeathed a sum of 30 guineas to that Institution. Still another pleasing episode was the presentation of a cheque for £57 to Bro. W. H. Bullock, P.M., the Secretary, in recognition of his efficient services to the lodge for many years past. The presentation was made by Bro. W. B. Hextall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Derby, on behalf of the lodge, and was feelingly acknowledged by the recipient.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bros. Henry Smith and W. F. Smithson, P.G.Ds., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. J. Whitmore Chant, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He and the W.M. had known one another for many years, almost from prehistoric times; in fact, so he would not give the W.M. and himself away by saying how long. This was not the first time the W.M. had filled the chair of K.S., but the second, and he would

take it on himself to say that the W.M. felt much greater pride in filling the chair of his mother lodge than he would that of any other lodge. They could all of them rest assured that their new W.M. was a jolly good Mason and a good man.

Bro. Thos. Moysey, W.M., who was most enthusiastically received, prefaced his reply by the observation that he was a modest man—(laughter)—and their applause had somewhat disconcerted him. He felt that he hardly deserved the reception that had been accorded him, nor the flattering terms in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health. At the same time he was one who had Masonry deeply at heart, and he hoped during the coming year to endeavour to merit the good opinion they had formed of him. He was very fond of the lodge through the chair of which he had passed, as it was a lodge connected with his old school, and he was one of the founders; but he had been initiated in the United Northern Counties Lodge eight years ago, and he hoped then to become its W.M. in due course. This was, therefore, the proudest evening of his life, and he felt that was one of the chief causes of the flattering reception that had been accorded him. The I.P.M. and Bro. Heydon, P.M., before him had both worked hard to bring the lodge up to its present status, and it was largely due to their efforts that the lodge had such bright prospects before it, and that there was such a wide circle of dear friends present on these occasions; occasions when he had no doubt the links of the chain of friendship were welded more closely together, and he trusted it would be many years before that chain was severed. He was proud of being Master of a lodge which was capable of entering into close rivalry with any lodge in London or elsewhere, and he should make the greatest efforts during his year of office to carry that idea through. He hoped during his year of office to see the visitors at many assemblies of the lodge; quieter assemblies, perhaps, than the present one, but at which they would be equally welcome.

Bro. Nield, J.P., in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," observed that it had been said that the way to an Englishman's pocket was through his stomach; but that did not apply to Masonry. No banquet was needed to enable them to acquit themselves as they should towards the Charities. The United Northern Counties Lodge was behind none in giving to the best of its means. It had subscribed 70 guineas at the Boys' Festival, and 300 guineas had been left by a late member to the Benevolent Institution. The Boys were being taken out to Bushey, but he hoped the School Committee would be able to continue Dr. Porter's services, for he was sure the lodge would raise as much money as it could, not only among its members, but also from among their neighbours—with the consent of the latter, of course. (Laughter.) The Masonic Charities resulted in boys and girls not only being given a good secular education, but they were taught reverence for T.G.A.O.T.U., which they could not learn in a State school; and the Old People were given a certain amount of help to spare them making an appeal to the public officers. He coupled the name of Bro. Smithson with the toast.

Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., in reply, said he had been associated with the Charities for a number of years, not only with the education of the boys and girls, but also with the maintenance of the old men and women. There were 200 old men receiving £42 a year, and over 200 old women who received £30 a year each, or a total cost to the Order of £16,000 a year. The Girls' School had 270 on the roll to-day, all of whom were taught cooking and sewing in addition to ordinary lessons, so as to make them good housewives in the future. The cost of that Institution was £14,000 a year, while in the Boys' School there were 300 boys receiving a good commercial education; they were also taught shorthand, carpentry, printing, and book-binding. The Craft was spending voluntarily £80,000 a year on the three Institutions, and at the Centenary £140,000 had been raised to provide accommodation at Bushey for from 300 to 400 boys.

Bro. W. B. Hextall proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Brock, Anderson, Robinson, Gooding, Davies, and Fridmore, P.M.s.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," presenting him, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's collar and jewel as a mark of esteem for his great services, this being the first occasion on which the lodge had voted a collar to a P.M. Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., also pinned a Past Master's jewel on the breast of the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge.

The I.P.M. suitably acknowledged the compliments paid him in a humorous speech, the remaining toasts being those of "The Past Masters and Officers," responded to by Bros. Heydon, P.M.; Bullock, P.M.; and Weller, S.W.; and the Tyler's toast.

During the progress of the banquet a programme of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Augustus Toop, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, in which Madame Franken, Misses Amy Fletcher, and Alice Stroud, Bros. James Gawthrop and William Llewellyn took part.

Arrow Lodge, No. 2240.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS E. HALL, P.P.G.O.

The above prosperous lodge in the Province of Hereford celebrated in grand style its annual festival on the 2nd instant, in the lodge room at the Burton House Hotel, Kingston, when the above-named esteemed brother was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of Bros. H. C. Beddoe, D.P.G.M.; S. Passey, P.P.G.S., W.M.; T. E. Hall, P.P.G.O., S.W., W.M. elect; T. H. Vaughan Morris, J.W.; G. T. Goodwin, S.D.; G. W. S. Hart, J.D.; F. P. Young, P.M., P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. W. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., D.C.; C. W. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. W. Griffiths, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; B. A. Hamer, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; R. A. Billiald, L. P. Reese, Edward Bore, C. Bridgewater, T. G. Sprague, C. F. Blakely, G. Davies, J. Welson, B. Philpin, E. J. Jones, A. Dingwall, L. A. Davies, and Robert Bich. The visitors were Bros. R. Bright, P.M., H. Gosling, P.M., Powell, P.G.S., Bradford, and Bach, all of 892; W. H. Matthews, P.M., W. Margrett, W.M., and W. W. Robinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., all of 120; Rees Williams, F. B. Powell, and A. J. Lilwall, of 2382; Thomas Bore, P.M. 1275; A. E. Pritchard, 2662; C. J. Johnson, 1706; J. R. Blair, P.M. 1387; A. S. Townsend, 117, P.P.G.W.; E. Lewis, 377; and Herman Strauss, 1120.

After the formal business, which included the adoption of a very satisfactory balance-sheet, the W.M. elect, Bro. T. E. Hall, was duly installed into the chair by Bro. S. Mayor, P.M., P.G. Org. Hereford, who delivered the addresses in a most impressive manner, after the following officers for the ensuing year had been invested: Bro. T. H. Vaughan Morris, S.W.; G. T. Goodwin, J.W.; A. Parker, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hereford, Treas.; F. P. Young, P.M., Sec.; G. W. S. Hart, S.D.; E. A. Mahir, J.D.; E. Bore, I.G.; L. F. Reese, Org.; and T. G. Sprague and C. Bridgewater, Stwds.

After the closing of the lodge, the members sat down to a first-class banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Robert Lodge and the Misses Lodge.

A list of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts was submitted, excellent speeches being made by Bros. Beddoe, D.P.G.M., and Robinson.

A capital programme of music, under the direction of Bro. S. Mayor, who also accompanied, was gone through in a manner highly pleasing to the listeners, the following being the contributors: Bros. Bradford, Gosling, Johnson, George Davies, Hart, Reese, and Powell.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. W. ROSIER.

The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at the Masonic Rooms, King William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich, and was a most enjoyable affair from first to last. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. J. Simpson, and, after the minutes of the previous regular and an emergency meeting had been confirmed, Bro. J. W. Rosier, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in the presence of a large and influential Board of Installed Masters Bro. Rosier was installed, proclaimed, and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. J. Simpson, I.P.M.; D. McCall, S.W.; C. Greenaway, J.W.; E. W. Higgs, P.M., Treas.; G. P. Carter, P.M., Sec.; W. Powley, S.D.; E. Mills, J.D.; R. D. Simpson, D.C.; E. A. Higgs, I.G.; A. Eades, P.M.; J. S. Fowler, H. Kennard, B. G. Stringer, and F. Fortt, Stewards; and F. Spinks, Tyler. The ceremony was then concluded by the Installing Master giving the addresses in a most eloquent and impressive manner. He was afterwards tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his services, and awarded a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel.

Bro. W. J. Huntly was presented with a testimonial for his services as Secretary to the lodge for nine years, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the handsome assembly room of the hotel, under the direct supervision of Bro. George Burney, P.M., and was much enjoyed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. T. G. Thomas, P.M.; J. Harper, P.M.; C. Barrett, J. Nixon, T. Law, T. Bargent, B. Blagrove, T. Rogers, E. Hedges, H. Davis, S. Crayford, B. Stringer, W. C. Stokes, T. Shields, C. Thomas, D. Foster, W. Pinnie, F. Burney, J. Smith, G. Burney, jun., E. Brady, J. Smalley, E. W. Carpenter, B. Springer, P.M. 871; J. Sivien, P.M. 2721; Captain G. Fishenden, P.M. 706; R. Salter, P.M. 79; G. Kendall, P.M. 615; T. M. Coombes, S.W. 829; L. Thomas, E. Tree, 879; Whitelock, 879; W. Rogers, P.M. 1339; C. Cooper, S.W. 79; G. Haynes, 79; F. Robertson, 1708; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, The I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said that Bro. Rosier had achieved the height of his ambition. He had been a most efficient officer in every office he had gone through, and would be able, as he was willing, to carry out the duties entrusted to him to their satisfaction.

Bro. Rosier, in response, said "Allow me to thank the I.P.M. for his kind expressions, and you, brethren, for your hearty reception of the toast. It is quite true as the I.P.M. has said, that I have been a very attentive member of the lodge, and mean to try by every means in my power to prove worthy of your confidence, but if you find me a little remiss, I trust you will excuse me."

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and, in so doing, praised not only Bro. Simpson's work that day, but more especially his work while in the chair, and trusted to have his support and assistance during the coming year. He then presented Bro. Simpson with the Past Master's jewel above mentioned, as being awarded him in the lodge by a unanimous resolution, and wished him many years to wear it.

Bro. Simpson thanked the W.M. and brethren for the toast of his health, and also the jewel, and said that during the time he had been in the lodge he had always endeavoured to do his duty, and could assure them that he should endeavour to assist the W.M. in any little work he might require of him for the benefit and prosperity of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Rogers, Fishenden, Salter, Stringer, Whitelock, and F. Roberts.

Several other toasts followed, and the harmony was upheld by Bros. Fishenden, Rogers, Powley, Fowler, Mills, Straïner, and others. Bro. Carpenter created roars of laughter by rendering a most comical recitation, Bro. W. C. Stokes played a cornet solo, and "all went merry as a marriage bell."

Instruction.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting was held on the 6th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present: Comps. R. N. Larter, 890, M.E.Z. 185, M.E.Z.; F. P. Baxter, M.E.Z. elect 2621, H.; H. J. Pearn, J. elect 2621, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; W. J. Lewis, S.N. 890 and 173, S.N.; H. Foskett, 890, M.E.Z. 186, Treas.; F. Marchant, P.S. 890, P.S.; A. L. Butters, J. 890, 1st A.S.; E. Stevens, 733; and C. Webster, J. 1642. Comp. H. Bladon, 2501, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, companions admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Bladon being the candidate. The executive officers for the ensuing 12 months were elected as follows: Comps. H. Dehane, S.E.; H. Foskett, Treas.; E. Lloyd and A. L. Butters, all of whom acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks was passed to Comps. Larter, Baxter, and Pearn for the able manner they had rehearsed the duties of their respective offices for the first time. All three worthy companions expressed their thanks. The M.E.Z. having risen, Comp. Bladon was unanimously elected a member, and, after "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, the chapter was closed.

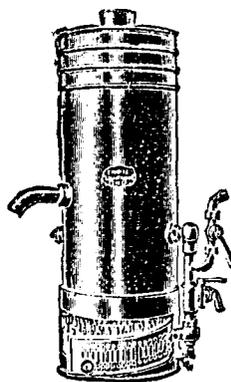
HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 9th instant at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. G. B. Oberti, W.M.; F. Spink, S.W.; H. H. Bagnall, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. J. Lewis, S.D.; W. H. Handover, P.M. 1612, J.D.; A. E. Pinfold, I.G.; W. Daniell, Stwd.; H. Foskett, P.M. 1642, Dep. Preceptor; C. S. Moti, P.M. 1732; W. A. Macleod, E. Stevens, J. H. Beardon, W. C. Franklin, and W. Smith-Rose. Visitors: Bros. A. L. Marchant, 1793; and F. Chidley, 733.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chidley acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Bagnall, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and opened up to the Third Degree. The brethren were instructed in "entry drill," after which the officers were invested. The W.M., Bro. Oberti, then rose, and Bros. Marchant and Chidley were elected members, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Simpson was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Oberti for the admirable manner he had rehearsed the duties of the chair for the first time, and, in reply, thanked the brethren for the great consideration he had always received from them. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COBORN LODGE, No. 1804.

Friday, the 30th ult., being the fifth Friday in the month, was, according to the by-laws of the lodge, Preceptor's night, Bro. Meyer elected to work the ceremony of installation and investiture of officers. A special whip having been sent round, resulted in a good attendance of 23 Installed Masters, Past Masters, and brethren. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the W.M. requested Bro. White, P.M., to occupy the S.W. chair, and Bro. Sulley (P.M. and Sec. of mother lodge) the J.W. chair, while Bro. G. P. Minett, P.M., acted as D.C. Bro. Ranger, P.M., having been duly presented, was installed in the chair of K.S., the Preceptor giving the addresses in a most impressive style, and that part of the ceremony concluded, the Preceptor then invited Bro. Captain Duff to work the investiture, to which he kindly assented, giving the extended working in each case with much edification to the brethren. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Preceptor for his admirable rendering of the ceremonies, brought a very successful meeting to a conclusion.



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the lists for the election at the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers, which will be held on the third Tuesday in May of next year. The petitions of two men and one widow were refused. We take the opportunity of adding that all petitions received at the offices of the Institution—4, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.—between now and the end of the year will be considered at the January Committee of Management, and if they are approved, the applicants will have their names included in the lists of candidates for next year's election.

We are indeed gratified to hear that the Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival which will be held on Wednesday, the 26th February, 1902—not 28th as stated in our article of last week—under the presidency of Sir A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire—already musters upwards of 220 ladies and brethren. Last week we mentioned in our leading article that some 180 had so far volunteered their services, so that the latest efforts of Bro. Secretary Terry in organising the Board have been most successful. We hope that before the year is out the number will be very considerably augmented, and that when the Board holds its first meeting in January for the purpose of appointing officers and making the necessary arrangements for the celebration, Bro. Terry will be able to announce that, making due allowance for the difference in the circumstances, he has had pretty nearly as great success in enlisting the services of brethren as at the first meeting of the 1901 Board.

We have received copy of the printed Report of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China at its regular Communication at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on the 23rd September last. Bro. Lewis Moore, Dist. G. Master, presided, and there appears to have been a full attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being several brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, Scottish Constitution, and the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Massachusetts Constitution.

The District Grand Master, after proclaiming the new Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., delivered an admirable address, in which he passed in review the principal events that had occurred in the District since the previous meeting, making special and most sympathetic reference to the assassination of Bro. William McKinley, President of the United States, and to the fact that the District Grand Lodge and members of the English lodges had only a few nights previously attended the Lodge of Sorrow, held by the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const., in memory of the deceased President. He also referred to the Special Communications that had been held—one as a mark of respect for and to celebrate a memorial service in honour of the late Queen Victoria, and the other to wish God-speed to Bro. Cornelius Thorne, the first District Grand Master of Northern China, on his return to England. He also announced that the warrant for the new lodge—the "Far Cathay," No. 2855, Hankow—had been received, and in doing so paid a just compliment to Bro. W. C. Howard, to whose zeal and assiduity the formation of the lodge is to be ascribed.

The addition of this lodge to the muster roll of lodges in the District increases the number to seven, and the District Grand Master mentioned that it had reached his ears that there was a possibility of a still further addition being made to the list. Indeed, the District appears to be in a condition of great prosperity. The table of the Returns in the Appendix showing the membership of the private lodges during the five years from 1896 to 1900, both inclusive, makes this particularly prominent. In 1896, when there were only five lodges in the District, the aggregate membership was 162. In 1897, when the Northern Star of China Lodge, No. 2673, Newchwang, was added to the list, it was 179; in 1898, it reached 227; in 1899, 256; and last year it totalled up 310, the increase in this brief period being 142, and the average membership per lodge in the whole of the five years 51. The strongest evidence of progress is furnished by Lodge No. 2673, which at the close of four years' work mustered 70 members. We trust that Far Cathay Lodge will prove equally successful.

The recent annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cambridgeshire, under the auspices of the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1492, would appear to have been

about the most successful we have known for several years past. We all realise that since the appointment, in 1891, of Bro. Col. Caldwell as Prov. G. Master the Craft in this Province has gone on prospering, but the reports that were presented on this occasion show that that prosperity has greatly increased, and is increasing. The Prov. G. Master, in acknowledging the toast of his health at the banquet which followed the proceedings in lodge, spoke of the possibility of further lodges being added to the roll, the towns in which such lodges might be placed being March and Chatteris. In the event of these anticipations being realised, there would be nine lodges in Cambridgeshire as compared with the seven now existing.

Certainly the success which has attended the St. Audrey Lodge, No. 2727, Ely, justifies the belief that, given the necessary facilities for extending the influence of Masonry to other places in the Province, an ample measure of support would be forthcoming such as would place beyond doubt the stability of any lodges that might be formed at Chatteris and March or elsewhere. The St. Audrey Lodge, though warranted only three years since, has already 49 members on its register, and as, in the terms of the old familiar saying, "nothing succeeds like success," there is reason to hope that half a dozen years hence this lodge will be stronger still, and we trust it will be so, provided always the quality of the recruits is on a level with their number. Candidates of indifferent surroundings are a source of weakness rather than a source of strength.

We have said that the reports that were submitted at this meeting were of a satisfactory character. The Prov. G. Treasurer was in a position to show an improved balance at the close of his year's account, and Bro. Major Oliver Papworth, Prov. G. Secretary, and Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, had the pleasure of congratulating the Province on the increased number of subscribers, the receipts for the year amounting to £254. But the report which is most likely to have impressed our readers is that of the Prov. G. Registrar, whose return of the membership of the seven lodges gives a total of 565, being an average of 80 per lodge. It was pointed out that there were some duplicates included in this Return, but after making allowance for these the average is extraordinarily high for so small a Province. The strongest lodge is the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, which has 197 members on its roster, the next highest being the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, which musters 88 members. We heartily congratulate this Province and its respected chief on the success of the past year.

Our report of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire is exceedingly pleasant reading, disclosing, as it does, that during the past year—and we may add for very many preceding years—Freemasonry in this Province has greatly prospered. The number of its lodges is greater than formerly; but it is not so much the progress that has been made in this respect that we look to for confirmation of our statement as to the excellence of the work that is done in the lodges, and the very generous support which, both severally and collectively, they give to our great Charitable Institutions. The sum distributed among these during the past year was about £900, which sum, though it may have been exceeded in the past, is, nevertheless, worthy in all respects of the traditions of the Province. It must be gratifying to the Duke of Devonshire, who has been for so long a time the Grand Master of the Province, and whose absence on this occasion may easily be accounted for by the large demands upon his time as a Cabinet Minister, to hear how admirably his Derbyshire brethren are fulfilling their duties, and also how worthily he is represented at these gatherings by his respected Deputy, Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W.

It seems to have become a custom with the authorities of the Province of Northumberland to give greater *éclat* to the consecration of a new lodge by inaugurating it at the annual meeting of its Provincial Grand Lodge. We have noticed this in the case of previous gatherings, and at the recent meeting which was held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the Ashington Lodge, No. 2868, which will meet at Hirst, was consecrated by Viscount Ridley, P.G.M., Bro. Ralph Crawford being subsequently installed as the first W. Master. We wish the new lodge all possible success and the Province a long continuance of its present prosperity.

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.

THE CORONATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I, as a humble member of the Craft, suggest that in view of the fact that his Majesty the King has for so long been the head and front of our ancient and honourable Institution, some especial commemorative jewel should be struck to mark so auspicious an occasion, to be worn by all M.Ms. duly raised on or before that year. This, I think, would form a worthy companion to our late beloved Queen's Jubilee jewel, the only one a large moiety of our brethren are entitled to wear at present.—Yours frater nally,

"S. D."

"BELOW THE POVERTY LINE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

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Reviews.

Castles and Abbeys of Great Britain and Ireland.—(John Dicks, 313, Strand, W.C.)—Part 2 is now before us, price sixpence, of this remarkable work, which is being issued monthly. The present number is of a varied and most interesting character, completing Dublin Castle, and giving in full the Tower of London, Melrose Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey, and Chepstow Castle, with the first page of the next article devoted to Boyle Abbey. There is a fine plate, quarto size, as the work, of Glastonbury Abbey, by Harry Evans, which is worth much more than the whole of the part costs; besides which there are several full page illustrations by the same artist, and smaller sketches, the special feature of this part being the article on the Tower of London, with all its smaller Towers.

Doidge's Annual (Hoyton and Cole, Plymouth; Simpkins, Marshall and Co., London). Price, One Shilling. We consider "Doidge's Annual" for 1902, has no superior among any of its thirty-three predecessors, and as a combined almanack, directory, and library of local tales and sketches, it cannot be beaten, and rarely equalled in any other locality; this is the 34th issue, being an extraordinary shilling's worth, and a great credit to the enterprising printers and publishers, Messrs. Hoyton and Cole. In addition to the numerous attractions of the bulky volume, of some 450 pages, there is a really good picture of The Barbican, Plymouth (fit for framing), reproduced from the original water-colour drawing by C. G. Hannaford, which is a triumph in fine art colour printing. The artist selected the historic spot where from the steps (at the left) the Pilgrim Fathers sailed in the Mayflower, 6th September, 1620, for New England. Copies of this and the book may be sent to America for 34 cents, post free. There are numerous tales, suitable for the season, as well as an immense amount of information of a useful and entertaining character, those also who volunteered to the front, from Devon and Cornwall, are immortalised in a series of illustrations depicting their return, and enthusiastic receptions throughout the West, and several reproductions are given from photographs of the active service contingents. This year's contents, therefore, are even more important and interesting than usual.

Handbook to the Textual Criticism of the New Testament. By Dr. Frederic G. Kenyon, Assistant Keeper of MSS. British Museum. (London, Macmillan and Co., Ltd.; New York, The Macmillan Co., 1901.)—This is the best single volume on the subject that we know of, as it is based on the latest researches, opinions, and decisions of scholars of world-wide reputation, supplemented by the author's own careful investigations, who has unrivalled opportunities for the examination of many of the MSS., and for the study of all the treatises first hand. Dr. Kenyon first treats of the function of textual criticism, clearly defining what the study involves, and particularly its importance in relation to the New Testament, which "is the most important branch of the science, and the most complicated." The next chapter is devoted to the Autographs of the New Testament, in which department Sir E. Maunde Thompson and the author himself are recognised authorities; the following two chapters treat of the Uncial and Minuscule Manuscripts, all the chief of which are duly described, and their age and value ably noted, as well as their present locality, when and how reproduced, and other particulars being given. Chapter V. is on "The Ancient Versions," and is of a particularly interesting character, because the peculiar readings of the noteworthy MSS. are frequently and most clearly detailed; and then the chapter on Patristic Quotations aptly follows. The concluding chapters on "Textual Criticism in the Past" and "The Textual Problem" present the study in a most scholarly manner, what has been done, what may be done, and what cannot be done, being set forth in all the thoroughness and complete mastery of detail for which Dr. Kenyon is so distinguished. Sixteen facsimiles of old MSS. add much to the value and interest of this most instructive volume, and useful indices make the work complete.

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THE CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

Bro. Stephen Berry, the esteemed Grand Secretary of Maine (U.S.A.), as the Committee of "Christmas Observance" of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., has just issued the official invites. The *Toast* is to be

"To our most Eminent Grand Master, Henry Bates Stoddard: Plenty, Health, and Peace, with a Merry Christmas Greeting from all his Knights, from Maine to Oregon, and from the Isles of the Sea."

The Grand Master sends the following response:

"Sir Knights: May the God of our Fathers ever keep and protect you, and may we meet in daily conclave in the Asylum above!"

Time fixed is Wednesday, Christmas Day, at noon, "Eastern Standard," equivalent to five p.m. Greenwich. British and Irish Knights are courteously invited to observe this International K.T. Toast.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Craft Masonry.

Savile Lodge, No. 1231.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. W. BROADHEAD.

We have often been struck with the fact that it is not in the great centres of population, in the crowded towns or cities, that we find the greatest Masonic activity and enterprise. Where many lodges meet under one roof it is easy, of course, to get together large numbers on special occasions, but when the next nearest lodge is miles away, and yet the numbers assemble, it is an indication that interest of more than ordinary character is being displayed. Instances of strong Masonic vitality in places which may be termed remote and comparatively insignificant have many times been illustrated in our columns. It would be an interesting experience for brethren whose only knowledge of Freemasonry has been obtained in, say, a London lodge, to be brought into close contact with the Masonic fraternity of some far distant manufacturing village or small town on the edge of a moor or in a river valley in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Our impression is that it would not only be an experience but a revelation. Londoners are supposed to barely tolerate their "country cousins," they themselves being, of course, so vastly superior; and our provincial friends fancy that such benignant condescending recognition is especially shown in Masonic matters. What truth there is in this we will leave others to determine, but by our own observation and experience we can testify that in many an out-of-the-way nook and corner of West Yorkshire at any rate, may be found active lodges, strong in numbers, enthusiastic in character, and imbued with the true Masonic spirit of open-handed Charity and Christian forbearance. The working, too, will stand comparison with the lodges in the larger centres, and the *esprit de corps* is beyond praise. It would be easy to name to or a dozen instances of this kind in or about the valleys of Aire and Calder alone. Perhaps, one of the happiest illustrations of these self-contained Masonic societies is to be seen in the small town of Elland. Here is to be found the proverbial hard-headed, shrewd Yorkshire business man, and here, too, may be heard the now rapidly departing Yorkshire dialect. Elland has some pretensions to antiquity, too, and is associated with the Elands, the Saviles, the Crosslands, the Beaumonts, and the Cliffords, old Yorkshire families going back some of them to the 13th century or earlier. It has a strong Craft lodge and a young but very thriving Mark Lodge. The Savile (Craft) Lodge dates from 1863. It has its own Masonic rooms, and is in a most healthy and vigorous condition. This was shown most emphatically on the occasion of its annual festival, which was held on Thursday, the 5th of this month. It was a very numerous gathering, for the new Worshipful Master, Bro. J. W. Broadhead, who is managing director of the large engineering firm of R. Dempster and Sons, Ltd., has not only won for himself numerous friends in Elland, but in his business connections has also acquired a wide and extensive Masonic acquaintance. His popularity was indicated by the splendid way in which on this occasion they rallied round him. From east and west, from north and south, did they come, and right royally did he welcome and entertain them. The festival of St. John in these country lodges is well kept up and this was no exception.

The lodge met with commendable punctuality at 3.30 p.m. There were present Bros. J. S. Akroyd, W.M.; John Brook, I.P.M.; J. Hepworth, S.W.; J. W. Broadhead, J.W.; J. Naylor, Treas.; J. H. Dyson, Sec.; R. E. Heaton, Asst. Sec.; F. J. W. Radcliffe, S.D.; A. E. Mitchell, J.D.; A. R. Copley, Chap.; J. H. Holroyde, I.G.; J. Carter, Tyler; W. Glossop, S. Lumb; G. Marsden, H. H. Waller, C. C. Fawthrop, F. Winkworth, R. N. Wailes, and J. Proude, Stwds. and Asst. Stwds. also Bros. W. E. Smithies, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Beaumont, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. G. Howell, P.M.; G. Hoyle, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.D.; T. Buckland, P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. Ibbetson Walker, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Squire A. Radcliffe, P.M.; J. Rhodes, P.M.; H. Littlewood, P.M.; A. Graham, B. Brooke, J. C. Pennington, E.A.; S. Dyson, P.M.; A. W. Law, P.M.; T. H. Tyson, B. Naylor, H. Rickard, E. Iredale, S. Varley, E.A.; and A. F. Goodson, E.A. Among the many visitors were Bros. T. B. Farrington, P.M. 755, P.P.G.D. North Wales; J. Sykes, P.M. 1514, P.P.G.O.; Wm. Belton, P.M. 117, P.P.G.W. Salop; J. Niven, P.M. 2321, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Duxbury, P.M. 381, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. E. Williams, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; Joseph Jackman, P.M. 139, P.P.G.D.; J. T. Goddall, P.M. 1301; P.G.S.; R. Potter, P.M. 275, Prov. G. Treas.; John Barker, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Watson, P.M. 61, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Hoyle, 1283; W. A. Sutcliffe, 448; W. Rice Jones, 61; J. Willoughby, 1235; H. Barker, 1235; R. G. Shadbolt, Sec. 362; A. Gellison, S.D. 759; J. Mackay; J. Barton, 1719; E. Biel, S.W. 2218; H. Hill, S.D. 2218; G. H. Hodgson, 1522; G. Howard, P.M. 1736; J. A. Riley, C.S. 521; G. Normanton, P.M. 1302; Clifton Lund, J.D. 750; C. E. Rose, W.M. 418; A. Scott, I.P.M. 61; F. Buckley, P.M. 61; T. Cash, P.M. 61; J. Wilkinson, 2333; Tom Child, 304; W. Farrar, 2191; J. Nicholson, P.M. 1512; G. R. Kershaw, 61; A. G. Webster, M.D., D.C. 1645; W. H. Beavers, P.M. 1514; D. D. Shertcliffe, 149; W. H. Cooper, P.M. 599; J. O. Williams, 163; G. Hurst, W.M. 1102; F. F. Bond, M.D., S.D. 1301; T. Greenwood, P.M. 1301; W. H. Thorpe, P.M. 1283; S. Farnhill, 275; N. Mabon, W.M. 2325; C. F. Wordsworth, J.W. 2325; W. J. Pierce, 2325; John Hughes, 1313; and E. West Symes, M.D., Lab. 61.

The installation ceremony was most beautifully rendered by Bro. G. Hoyle, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.D. Music was at judicious intervals introduced under the direction and guidance of Bro. John Brook, I.P.M., who presided at the organ. The "Be thou faithful," from St. Paul, was sung in Bro. Buckland's best style. On the retirement of the brethren, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, 49 in number, and the ceremony was continued. The brethren being re-admitted, Bro. Broadhead was proclaimed and received hearty salutations from all. Bro. W. E. Smithies, P.M., P.P.G.D., explained the I.P.M.'s jewel and gave the usual exhortation to each officer on his investiture. The working tools in the various Degrees were presented and explained by Bros. T. Buckland, P.M.; A. W. Law, P.M.; and H. Beaumont, P.M. The officers appointed were Bros. J. Naylor, S.W.; J. H. Dyson, J.W.; R. E. Heaton, Treas.; F. J. W. Radcliffe, Sec.; A. E. Mitchell, Asst. Sec.; J. H. Sumner, S.D.; J. H. Holroyde, J.D.; J. Carter, Chap.; W. Glossop, Org.; S. Lumb, D. of C.; G. Marsden, I.G.; H. H. Waller, Tyler; and C. H. Waller, F. A. Winkworth, R. N. Wailes, J. Proude, S. W. Smith, F. H. Tyson, C. Hadas E. Iredale, and R. D. Rider, Stwds. Bro. Hoyle concluded the installation by an eloquent rendering of the address to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. A. W. Law was unanimously elected Charity Representative, and the W.M. was appointed Preceptor. The Board of Management was re-elected *en bloc*, and a resolution was passed to concentrate all chair donations to the Charities on that of the W.M. only. Bro. Broadhead, in very kindly-chosen words, presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., after which the lodge was closed.

The banquet which followed was given in the Town Hall, as it was felt to be impossible to comfortably entertain upwards of 100 brethren elsewhere in Elland. This was beautifully draped for the occasion, and the floral decorations of the tables were most lavish and charming.

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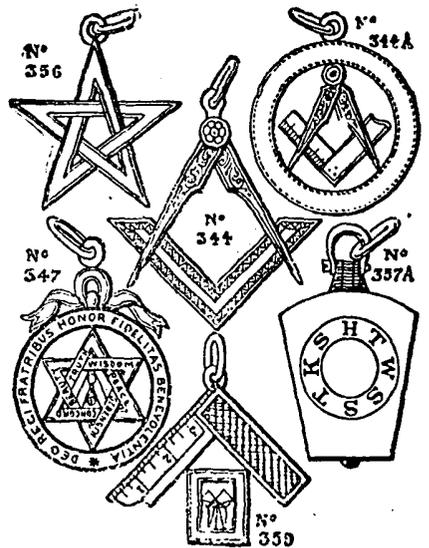
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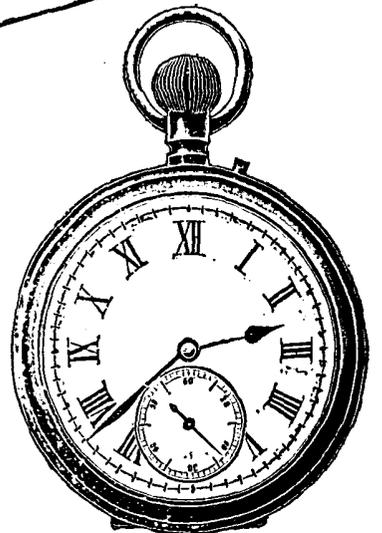
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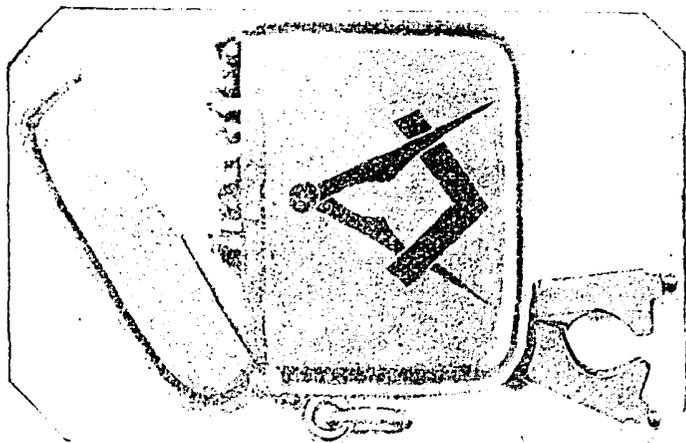
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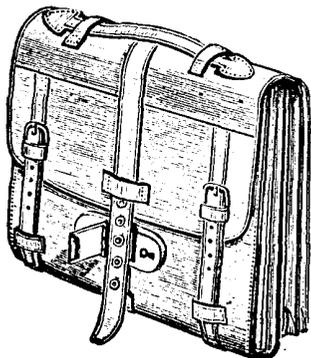
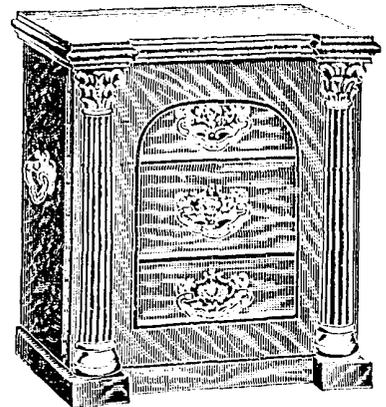
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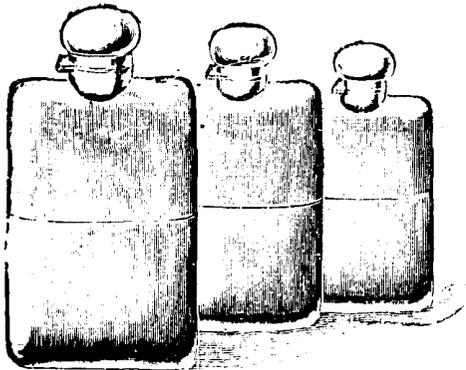


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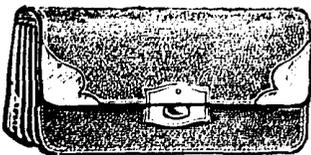
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A string band, with cornet and flute added, occupied the stage, and played a most pleasing selection of music during the repast. The dinner comprised all the delicacies of the season, and certainly did immense credit to Mrs. Briggs, the local caterer. The wines of the W.M.'s own selection were of exceptional variety and quality. The whole entertainment was, in fact, princely, and illustrated the open-handed generosity and hospitality for which Bro. Broadhead has become noted. A party of musicians, comprising Madame Elsie Thomas (soprano), Miss Ethel Dewhurst (contralto), Mr. Tom Child (tenor), and Mr. Alfred Cunningham (baritone) was specially engaged by the W.M., and with song, duet, or quartette delighted the brethren during the postprandial proceedings. The speeches were in consequence, at the request of the host, made as brief as possible.

"The King" was, of course, the first toast, and was given from the chair. Freemasons, besides being loyal to the King as their Sovereign, can never forget that as Prince of Wales he was for 26 years Grand Master of the Order, and this adds further zest to the pleasure with which they drink his health.

The National Anthem was sung, Madame Thomas taking the solo. In proposing the next toast, "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M., the Pro G. Master, the Deputy G. Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master said that in the Duke they had an illustrious and worthy successor to the King in the office of Grand Master, and he was sure he would set us the bright example in his higher position that he had held up to us before his appointment. As to the Pro G. Master and the Deputy G. Master, they were both worthy and distinguished Masons, and he trusted they might be long spared to occupy their exalted positions.

Bro. S. Dyson, P.M., gave "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P.; the W. Deputy, Bro. Richard Wilson; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He said he could not do that justice to the toast which it deserved, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the Prov. G. Master and his predecessors, Bros. T. W. Tew and Sir Henry Edwards. Twenty-five years ago West Yorks had 52 lodges, now there were between 80 and 90. This showed the progress it had made. In the Deputy, upon whom most of the administrative work of the province devolved, they had a brother whom they all could esteem, and he believed that Bro. Wilson was well supported by his Prov. Officers.

Bro. Joseph Jackman, P.M. 139, P.P.G.D., and Bro. Robert Potter, P.M. 275, Prov. G. Treas., responded.

"The Worshipful Master of the Savile Lodge," was the next, and this was entrusted to Bro. J. Hepworth, a Past S.W. of the lodge. Bro. Hepworth pointed out that not only in Masonic circles but in commercial and social life Bro. Broadhead had attained to a very distinguished position. In the world of engineers he took a high place, and Savile Lodge was proud to have at its head so eminent a brother. That the lodge under such able management would go on to still greater success he felt sure, and if the brilliance of his first discharge of one of a W.M.'s duties—that of hospitality—was any indication, they might look forward to a good time indeed, for no man could entertain his fellow man more royally than the W.M. had done that day. He proposed his very good health.

Bro. Buckland here sang the W.M.'s song, "Here's to his health." This caused the greatest enthusiasm, and the toast was received with cheers loud and long.

In rising to reply, Bro. Broadhead had a very warm reception. Like many who have been placed in similar positions, he was quite unable, he said, to express the gratitude he felt for the way in which his health had been proposed and accepted. It was, indeed, a proud moment when a brother who enjoyed the confidence of his brethren—as he believed he did—was placed in the position of Worshipful Master of his lodge. He would earnestly endeavour to justify the choice they had made, and keep up the reputation of the Savile Lodge. They had usually plenty of work, and he hoped they would continue fully occupied. He did not object to work, in fact, he liked plenty of it, and it should be his object to demonstrate that the standard of excellence to which they had attained and of which they were proud, could be fully maintained. He expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so many friends amongst his visitors. Few W.M.s had such a "send off" as he had experienced that evening, and he would long and gratefully remember it. After referring to several brethren who were prevented at the last moment from being present, Bro. Broadhead thanked especially Bro. Hoyle, the Installing Master, Bro. Brook, and Bro. Smithies, for their contributions to the success of the installation ceremony; he was delighted, he said, to find Bro. A. W. Law again chosen Charity Steward, and trusted that the brethren would exercise Charity not only in support of the Masonic Institutions, but in their dealings with each other. Bro. Broadhead intimated that a Masonic ball and a children's dance would be given in January, and in order that they might still further interest the ladies, a special night would be set apart for their entertainment. Bro. Broadhead assured his brethren that he would do his utmost in the cause of Freemasonry and especially in the interest of the Savile Lodge, and concluded a very interesting speech by again expressing his thanks for their kind reception.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. J. Naylor, S.W., and most cordially received.

The guests were very many in number, and happy replies were made by Bros. Belton, P.M. 117, P.P.G.W. (Salop); T. B. Farrington, P.M. 755, P.P.G.D. (N. Wales); Duxbury, P.M. 381, P.P.G.D.C. (E. Lancs.); and others.

Bro. John Brook brought forward toast No. VI., "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Geo. Hoyle." Bro. Brook spoke in the highest terms of the efficient, dignified, and impressive manner in which Bro. Hoyle had carried out his duties. This Bro. Brook pointed out was recognised by all who heard it, and by the hearty way in which the toast was drunk the brethren showed how thoroughly they appreciated it.

Bro. Hoyle said he would not be human if he did not gratefully acknowledge the kindness with which his name had been received. In a brief retrospect of his experiences Bro. Hoyle recalled past incidents in the career of Savile Lodge, and contrasted their present successful condition with less prosperous times. The Savile motto was "Be Fast"—that meant be true, true to their W.M. and true to each other; thus would they continue to flourish, and only thus. He had had much pleasure in discharging his duty that day, especial pleasure, inasmuch as he had installed a brother who would be an honour to their lodge; a brother whose object would be to make all with whom he came in contact happy. In this good work Bro. Broadhead would be ably supported by his Past Masters and brethren, and if assistance was wanted it would, he was sure, be readily forthcoming. It had been a proud day for the lodge, and he thanked the brethren for their recognition of his services.

"The Past Masters of Savile Lodge" came next. This was submitted by the J.W., Bro. J. H. Dyson, and responded to by the I.P.M., Bro. J. S. Akroyd.

Bro. W. E. Smithies, a Past Charity Steward, proposed in brief but feeling terms "The Masonic Charities." Pointing out the great benefits these Institutions conferred, Bro. Smithies referred to what Savile Lodge had done in the past, how nobly it had responded especially in the Boys' Centenary year; advocated systematic giving even if in small sums put on the W.M.'s chair, and declared that he would leave the rest to Bro. A. W. Law, with whose name he should couple the toast.

Bro. A. W. Law gave particulars of Savile donations in the past, and said that without any special effort, after the excellent lead, an offer of 10 guineas to the Old People given in lodge by Bro. T. G. Howell, he had got promises that evening amounting to 100 guineas.

Other toasts were "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," proposed by Bro. C. H. Waller, and responded to by Bro. McKay (in the absence of Bro. T. G. Howell); "The Savile Lodge," submitted by Bro. H. Beaumont, P.M., to which Bro. Winkworth, Stwd., and R. E. Heaton, Treas., replied.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

We must congratulate Savile Lodge upon the excellent arrangements they had made. In lodge and out all went well. The music was thoroughly appreciated, and the efforts made by Bro. Broadhead to secure the comfort and add to the enjoyment of his many guests deserves special recognition. We prophesy for him and his lodge an exceptionally good time, and if kindly feeling, lavish hospitality, and general good fellowship count, he thoroughly and eminently deserves it.

St. Albans' Lodge, No. 2786.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HENRY WATTS.

The second installation of this vigorous and successful young lodge attracted a large gathering of members and visitors to the Town Hall of St. Albans, on Thursday, the 5th instant. The brethren present included Bros. Frank Crocker, P.G.S.B. Herts, W.M.; C. O. Burgess, P.S.G.W. Berks, I.P.M.; H. Watts, P.M. 108, W.M. elect; W. Sergeant Lee, M.A., P.M., J.W.; W. Coxon, S.D.; Harry Burkett, J.D.; J.

F. Matthews, I.G.; George Everett, Tyler; G. Rolls, T. A. Mitchell, C. H. Worley, J. M. MacLarty, C. E. Griffen, J. Wheelhouse, R. H. Balderson, and Tom Chipps. The visitors included Bros. Sumner Knyvett, D.P.G.M. Herts; J. M. McLeod, P.G. Std. Br., Sec. R.M.I.B.; A. E. Elkins, P.P.G. Std. Br. (Mayor of St. Albans); A. H. Debenham, P.P.G.S.B.; Horace Slade, P.P.G.D.; A. F. Smith, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Morrison, M.D., W.M. 1479; F. I. Slade, P.M. 61; R. J. Campbell, P.M. 2698; J. S. Keen, W.M. 2009; A. F. Hardyment, P.M. 2698; Rev. E. S. Phillips, Prov. G. Chap.; F. W. Ruxton, P.M. 1891, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Berks; W. Parsons, P.M. 753; W. Paul, W.M. 2048; J. W. Blott, P.M. 742; E. P. Debenham, P.P.G. Reg.; J. S. Hassell, W.M. 2503; H. Frask, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. J. Stratton, P.M. 2150; J. H. Thomas, W.M. 2743; Wyatt Wingrave, M.D.; and others.

The lodge (by special dispensation) was held in the Assembly Room, the handsome proportions of which lent themselves most effectively to the impressiveness of the installing ceremony, carried out most ably in every detail.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Frank Crocker, and after the usual preliminaries, Bro. C. O. Burgess, acting as D.C., presented Bro. H. Watts to the W.M. for the purpose of receiving at his hands the benefit of installation, and he was installed into the chair of King Solomon by the outgoing Master in a very able and impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing 12 months, making special mention of the past services of the Secretary, Bro. E. L. Berry. They were as follows: Bros. Frank Crocker, I.P.M.; W. Sergeant Lee, S.W.; W. Coxon, J.W.; Frank Fisher, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; E. L. Berry, Sec.; H. Burkett, S.D.; J. T. Mathews, J.D.; Chas. O. Burgess, D.C.; T. A. Mitchell, I.G.; C. E. Griffen, J. W. Wheelhouse, and R. H. Balderson, Std. Br.; and Geo. Everett, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, where an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Rolls, of the Red Lion Hotel, was highly appreciated.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured by the brethren, all the speeches being characterised by an agreeable terseness and point.

In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. called upon Bro. McLeod to respond.

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., replied in suitable terms, and concluded by an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Charitable Institutions, and outlined the great and good work these Institutions were doing and the necessity for liberal contributions.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," referred in feeling terms to the great esteem and regard in which their Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, P.C., M.P., was held not only by every member of the province, but by Freemasons generally. Although the Prov. G.M. was unable to attend that evening, they were honoured with the presence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Sumner Knyvett, whose good work was known to all, and no one was in closer touch with all the details than the D.P.G.M.

In reply, Bro. Knyvett thanked the W.M. for his kindly references to the Prov. G. Master, who, he said, had only just returned after his illness from a much needed holiday in Scotland. As regards the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Cockrem, who had also been unwell, the doctors had not yet given him permission to be out of his house after sunset, but there was little doubt that if these commands were followed out till the end of the year a permanent cure would be effected.

Bro. Knyvett then rose again, and said: It is my privilege as the D.P.G.M. to propose the toast of the evening—that of "The W.M." I do this with special pleasure, as I feel assured by the previous good work done by your W.M. that he will prove an able successor to the two very excellent W. Masters who have preceded him.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in reply, most heartily thanked the D.P.G.M. for the very kind way he had proposed the toast, and for the heartfelt manner in which it had been received by the brethren generally. As one of the founders of this young and prosperous lodge he had taken a very great interest in it, and he hoped to justify the kindness the brethren had shown towards him in placing him in the honourable position of Master by maintaining its reputation as far as it was possible to do so and trusted that the lodge would continue as second to none in the province.

In giving the toast of "The Installing and Past Master," the W.M. referred to the very excellent work of the Installing Master, Bro. Frank Crocker, and said it was his pleasing duty to present him as I.P.M. with the lovely jewel voted to him by the brethren as a slight token of the many and valuable services he had rendered to the lodge, and especially his efforts to the cause of Charity, and trusted that he might long be spared to wear the jewel, and the brethren be favoured with his presence and assistance. They also recognised the many and valuable services rendered by Bro. Burgess, the first Master of the lodge.

In reply, Bros. Crocker and Burgess thanked the brethren very sincerely for the very hearty greeting they had received, and said they looked forward to still greater work from the St. Albans' Lodge, and would never cease to maintain their interest in its welfare.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said they were always most cordially welcomed, as visitors were a criterion in which the lodge was held.

Bro. Morrison, as W.M. of the Halsey Lodge, said he was delighted to be a guest of this the young sister lodge in the City of St. Albans. They in the Halsey Lodge were far from holding any feminine jealousy of their young sister, but on the contrary welcomed its advent in their midst, for its success had more than justified that it had fulfilled a Masonic need.

The combined toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge," was given by the W.M., who referred to the immense help rendered by the Secretary, and to the good work of the officers generally.

The Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable evening.

During the banquet an excellent entertainment was given under the direction of Bro. James Kift, in which Bro. William Maxwell and Miss Elsie Blanchard took part.

Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge, No. 2675.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CHARLES JAMES SMITH, P.M.

The fifth installation of this highly prosperous City of London lodge took place in the new spacious and elegant Masonic Temple at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 4th instant.

The chair was very ably filled by Bro. Frank Ranger, the acting I.P.M., who passed Bro. H. Barker to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and then in a very dignified and impressive manner installed Bro. Charles James Smith, P.M. (the first Installed Master of the lodge), and Prov. G. Treas. for Essex, for the second time, in the chair of King Solomon, and after which the W.M. invested Bro. Frank Ranger, P.M., as his I.P.M. The addresses were given in an excellent manner by the Treasurer, Bro. G. E. Gratten, P.M. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. E. R. Alexander, S.W.; A. W. Saville, J.W.; George E. Gratten, Treasurer; Alfred J. Baker, Secretary; Harry Bladon, S.D.; Swan Woodcock, J.D.; James Smith, I.G.; E. E. Alexander, D.C.; C. E. Fuller, A.D.C.; Professor Walter Lutter, P.P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; A. Askew, C. Witherick, C. Parsons, J. H. Norton, F. E. Alexander, and H. Butler, Stwds. The W.M. afterwards initiated three candidates, Messrs. Jackson, Cox, and Coleman into Freemasonry in his usual masterly way. The initiates' ancient charge was admirably given by the Senior Warden, Bro. H. Bladon.

A number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and other brethren accepted invitations of the W.M., and among those present as visitors were: Bros. James Speller, P.G. Stwd.; R. A. Panchar, P.M. 1547, Prov. S.G.D. Essex; Capt. J. Geo. W. James, 2578, P.P.G. Std. Br. Berks; A. S. Gardiner, 2707, Prov. A.G.D.C. Essex; T. P. Frounce, 2750, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; J. Stebbings, 1685 and 2063, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; R. Gabell, P.M. 1658; Vernon B. Chalk, P.M. 2266; Sydney F. Mackway, P.M. 19 and 2310; John Barnes 1571; Joseph Leete, 1571; W. Vincent, 2625; H. Lickington, 1598; H. Butler, 898; T. Anderson Marks, 1977; Alfred T. Ives, P.M. 1472; Walter Purkis, 1685; J. Spacey, 1076; E. Mileson, 2484; W. H. K. Kuypers, 1658; O. Jones, 2266; E. H. Bramley, 957 and 2504; E. W. H. Barnard, 2266; A. Pritchard Croit, 2707; A. Appleton, 2501; T. Thornton; J. E. White; T. W. Jones, W.M. 2266; G. T. Peale, P.M. 2361; J. Dobb, 65; F. B. Benson, 1158; E. Tholander, P.M. 1757; Captain H. Miller, W.M. 2501; F. T. Liley, 2501; William Garrett, 2361; Dr. Barton, P.M. 2266; H. Long, 2006; Joseph Bruton, P.M. 2006; T. H.

Kirby, 1570; T. W. Reeds, 212; Francis G. Perry; J. Nicol, 2319; T. Straus, 1017; H. Palmer, 2750; Walter Perrins, 1830; E. F. Coccioletti, 1889; Baxter, W.M. 2750; Baron A. E. de Bernales, 538; F. Kissel, 2535; and in addition a very large number of the brethren attended.

A sum of five guineas was voted out of the lodge funds towards erecting a monument to the memory of Bro. J. F. Sanders, the late W.M., who died during his year of office. The names of three City merchants were proposed as initiates for the next meeting of the lodge in February, and it was also resolved to hold a ladies' meeting in that month.

At the subsequent banquet the chair was taken by the W.M.

During the banquet the Royal Red Hungarian Band (Kissels) discoursed sweet music, much to the delight and satisfaction of the brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically proposed and responded to, and that of "The M.W.G. Master, the Duke of Connaught," received a specially cordial reception.

Bro. James Speller, P.G. Stwd., returned thanks to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

The W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, tendered his hearty thanks for the honour conferred upon him by the lodge in unanimously re-electing him to occupy the chair of King Solomon for the second time, and assured the brethren that during his year of office he should leave no stone unturned to maintain, uphold, and support the high prestige the lodge had attained, and to leave the chair at the end of his year of office with a goodly sum to the credit of the lodge to be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

The toasts of "The Prov. Grand Officers," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Initiates," "The Officers," and a special one for the retiring Secretary, Bro. H. Bladon, followed.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Capt. James P.P.G. Std. Br. Berks; Stebbings, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; Gardiner, Prov. A.G.D.C. Essex; and Mackway, P.M., and others.

The officers of the lodge responded to their toasts, and assured the Master that they having accepted office under him, he could rely upon their strict performance of their several duties.

During the evening the W.M. was presented by Bro. Gratton, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, with Masonic clothing pertaining to the rank of Prov. Grand Treasurer as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services to the lodge and good fellowship of the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by the Province of Essex.

The W.M. returned thanks.

An excellently rendered programme of songs by Bros. Walter Perrins, Ben Albert, Joseph Leete, T. A. Read, Frank Perry, J. Sydney Leete, W. H. Cooper, and the Clavis Glee Singers, and music by the Royal Red Hungarian Orchestra, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close, the Tyler's toast having been duly honoured.

Messrs. Pirrins and Co., the proprietors of the Ship and Turtle, are to be congratulated upon the excellent banquet provided by them for the brethren, and in the very exquisite way in which the banqueting hall was decorated.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE PROSPERITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 65.

The annual supper of the above well-known lodge of instruction was held on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor (in the chair); Roberts, P.M. and Treas. 65; Harris, P.M. and Sec. 65; Oxley, Harrison, Evans, Bertram, Seneschal, Read, Drake, Dickson, Brown, P.M.; Chamberlain, Leech, P.M.; Durell, Jos. Durell, Moxley, Fountain, Rich, Blackree, W.M. 1672; Gimdale, Hughes, P.M.; Carter, Brough, Adams, Farr, Lloyd, Cohu, P.M. and Treas. 192; William Baker, P.M.; Robeson, P.M.; Ferguson, W.M. 192; Stokes, P.M.; Mears, J. W. Fishleigh, W. J. Fishleigh, Grimes, Lockett, Jones, Mills, Brouse, J. Smith, Sec. 192; Butcher, P.M.; Meadows, P.M.; Huckell, W.M. 65; and Charles Lawrence.

After a very excellent meal had been partaken of by the brethren, the usual loyal toasts were honoured.

Bro. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor, next proposed "The Health of the Lodge of Instruction." No lodge could, he said, get on well unless its members had a good lodge of instruction at which the brethren could attend when taking office. He was glad to be able to say that the Prosperity Lodge was not wanting in this matter, for backed up as they were by the Lion and Lamb and other lodges, they always had an attendance of, on an average, 17 members weekly, which figure did not include the night of the sectional working, when the attendance was 65. He hoped they would go on and prosper. He would couple the name of Bro. Robeson, Deputy Preceptor, with the toast.

Bro. Robeson, in reply, said that the prosperous state of the lodge of instruction was due to two causes, firstly, the excellent way in which the Preceptor did his work, and secondly, to the thoroughly good feeling which existed amongst the members.

Bro. Huckell, W.M. 65, in proposing the toast of "Bro. Harlow, Preceptor of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction," enlarged on what Bro. Robeson had said regarding the excellent manner in which Bro. Harlow did his work as Preceptor. Bro. Harlow was not, as some Preceptors, an autocrat but a sympathetic instructor, and it was largely for this reason that the average attendance for the year was so high as it was.

In thanking the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast of his health, Bro. Harlow said he did not deserve the flattering remarks which had been made about him, but he had tried to do what he conceived to be his duty as Preceptor. He had been admirably supported by members of the mother lodge, the Lion and Lamb, the Leopard, and the Erkenwald. He believed that brethren should be treated on equal terms in a lodge of instruction, and that points of difference, wherever possible, should be discussed. So long as he was so well supported by the Past Masters and other brethren he should continue to work on the same lines.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been duly honoured,

Bro. Harlow proposed "The Officers," alluding to the services of Bro. Meadows, than whom, he said, it would be impossible to have a better Secretary; Bro. Smith, P.M. 192, Treasurer, who had held the office since Bro. William Baker gave it up to take the Deputy Preceptorship; and to Bro. Butcher, P.M. 902.

Bro. Meadows, in responding, said that whatever he had done for the lodge of instruction had been a labour of love, and he should always be pleased to do whatever he could in the future.

Bros. Smith and Butcher also replied in suitable terms.

During the evening excellent songs and recitations were given by the following: Bros. Seneschal, D. Jones, Fountain, Carter, Brown, Reed, and Tyson; and a very pleasant meeting terminated at a late hour.

"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS," adapted from the famous book by Mr. George Grossmith, jun., of course in the form of a children's story, to the music of Mr. Augustus Barratt, is in active rehearsal at the Avenue Theatre, and will be produced at that house on the 23rd instant. There will be matinees every day, as well as evening performances.

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Unanimity Lodge, No. 3.

A MASONIC JUBILEE.

The first of several functions to celebrate the Jubilee of Lodge Unanimity was held recently in Lyttelton, New Zealand, and partook of the nature of a gathering of specially invited and representative members of lodges of sister Constitutions, and also old members of Lodge Unanimity. There was a very large and enthusiastic gathering of Craftsmen—the old brethren being specially and separately introduced to the lodge.

Among others, the following lodges were represented: The District Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, New South Wales and New Zealand; of subordinate lodges, representatives were present from the Robert Burns and Crown (S.C.); Victoria, Conyers, Canterbury, Yarborough, and Victoria (E.C.); Oamaru, Kilwinning, Concord, Canterbury Kilwinning, St. Augustine, Lincoln, Ashley, and Geraldine (N.Z.C.)

The lodge was opened with the usual ritual, after which Bro. W. H. Dale, W.M., officially received and welcomed the visiting brethren.

Bro. Bates, P.M., then gave a very interesting and comprehensive *resumé* of the history of the lodge from the date of its inception, just 50 years ago, to the present time, and detailed the circumstances connected with the formation of Lodge Unanimity. In so doing he made mention of former officers of the lodge, many of whose names are as household words to members of the Craft, and the community in general, by reason of the splendid work performed by them as colonists. The speaker dwelt at length upon the vicissitudes experienced by the members in the early days, and recounted many of the difficulties under which they laboured. He expressed pleasure at the presence of Bro. G. May, the first member initiated in the lodge, and also mentioned that the oldest subscribing member is Bro. Pitcaichly, the oldest Past Master present being Bro. C. Rich. Bro. Bates then narrated the circumstances attending the establishment of the "Widows' Chest," the Board of Benevolence, and the first Masonic Scholarship, and referred to the many cases of relief afforded to poor and distressed brethren. The lodge at present had 133 members, and 513 members had been made Masons through its instrumentality. Several of the Past Masters had been connected with the lodge for 20 years.

Bro. the Rev. E. Eliot Chambers, P.M., addressed the brethren on the subject of the Jubilee of the lodge. He said that he had received about 160 telegrams and 11 letters of sympathy and good will from different parts of New Zealand. He noted with gratitude the assistance so often and freely given by Masons of the English Constitution in many different ways. The keynote of their joy that night was that so many of the old members were present. Their attendance brought back many dear and sacred memories. He pressed upon his hearers the example set by some of the Masonic pioneers in Canterbury, and urged all present to work heartily, and from pure Masonic motives. If they did this, the Great Architect of the Universe would in due time grant them their well-earned rest and reward.

Bro. Gilkins, Grand Superintendent of Canterbury, N.Z.C., also congratulated the lodge upon its Jubilee, and stated that the first brother initiated in that lodge was initiated by him.

Bro. Gundry, Deputy Dist. G. Master, E.C., also offered his hearty congratulations.

Bro. the Rev. Fielding, Grand Chaplain of the United Lodge of New South Wales, delivered an eloquent address, saying that the difficulties overcome in the past should be a source of encouragement for the future. He dwelt upon the influence that Masonry might exert if truly carried out.

Bro. Widdowson, P.M., and Bro. J. J. Dougall, Dist. Grand Master elect, S.C., also congratulated the lodge.

A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Bates for his excellent paper, the usual "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren were tendered, and the lodge was closed in the customary form.

The musical portion of the ritual was ably carried out by Bro. Just, who presided at the organ.

The banquet, attended by about 150 brethren, was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, the room being tastefully decorated, and a capital menu was provided by Bro. Ashworth.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to by Bros. Suiter, I.P.M.; Gilkin, Bates Gundry, J. J. Dougall, Dale, Hobbs, Tribe, Chick, the Rev. E. E. Chambers, and the Rev. Fielding.

The last-named speaker delivered a most eloquent address, in which he reminded his hearers that probably none of them would live to see the next Jubilee of the lodge, as by that time they would have passed through the mysteries of the Third Degree, and if their work as Masons had been properly performed, they would then pass to a higher Degree in the Grand Lodge above.

Songs were contributed by Bros. Williamson, Jardine, and Brown. Bro. Just presiding at the piano.

A collection in aid of the Benevolent Fund realised a substantial amount.

AT THE LAST MEETING of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, a very pleasant surprise awaited Bro. David Hill's, P.M., Sec., on his return from Canada and the States, where (as he jokingly termed it) he had been with his wife spending his second honeymoon. It being his silver wedding anniversary, the brethren, as a token of their regard and esteem, presented him with a handsome silver tea and coffee service. The W.M., Bro. L. Franklin, and Bro. J. Ekenmana, P.M., in making the presentation, spoke in highly eulogistic terms of Bro. Hill's services to the lodge, to which the recipient suitably replied.

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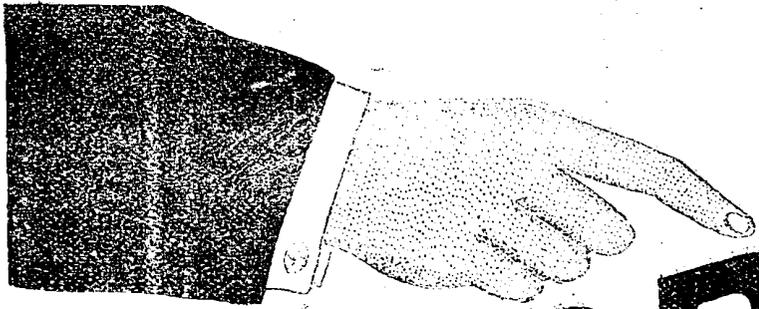
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Science, Art, and the Drama.

WHAT MODERN SCIENCE OWES TO THE ANCIENT ALCHEMISTS.

Those sanguine and patient enthusiasts, the alchemists, were not by any means the jugglers and charlatans they are commonly supposed to have been. Disdainers of dogmas, searchers for new truths, strenuous workers in the advanced trenches of scientific discovery, putting Nature to the rack, forcing her by steel and fire to disclose her secrets after the dumbness of long ages—those laborious men broke up the old ground of Aristotle, and sunk deep the piles on which modern medicine and modern chemistry have reared their vast, but still uncompleted, palaces. They first struck the lodes, which have since widened into richer veins. To reproach them because they sought for impossibilities, is like striking the infant because it cannot at once speak. We must not forget that modern science had shown that there were germs of truth even in their wildest dreams. The great Liebig could manufacture gems by chemical combinations, which have been such perfect imitations as almost to challenge comparison, in fact, experts in precious stones have been themselves occasionally deceived. The great chemist publicly expressed his firm belief that, sooner or later, we shall learn how to make gold; and we must remember that, if a common basis of all minerals was once found, gold-making would be the *smallest* of the benefits mankind would derive from the vast discovery. The early alchemists obtained a great knowledge of the properties of natural objects, by their ceaseless and prolonged experiments. It was they who discovered alcohol; at once the curse and blessing of the human race. They first taught us the use of mineral medicines. Those from the vegetable kingdom were known at the earliest times. Basil Valentine devoted half his adventurous life to the study of the medicinal properties of antimony, a most valuable agent for good, in the hands of the skilled physician. Paracelus, the famed alchemist, whose name should be gratefully remembered, brought from the East opium, the pain-killer. Those whose fate it has been to suffer from the agonies of incurable diseases, or, from the necessary operations of the hospital surgeon, should not forget that they owe to Paracelus this invaluable anodyne of their sufferings. It was an alchemist who discovered phosphorus. Another alchemist, Van Helmont, first analysed atmospheric air, and discovered that it is composed of different gases. In the Spa waters of Germany, he first observed carbonic acid gas, and learned to distinguish it as a distinct elastic æiform substance, to be elicited only by chemical decomposition, and considering it as more of an essence than common atmospheric air, he gave it the German name of (*Geist*), ghost, or spirit, from whence comes our English word Gas. This great discovery dates about 1624. We moderns know that the conclusions he arrived at were erroneous, but it ever has been, and will still continue to be, that through the mazes of errors we eventually discover the truth. If space permitted, we could easily enlarge on this subject, but enough has been alleged to induce us to look with a lenient eye on the ancient pioneers of science, and forgive the errors which their earnestness and enthusiasm led them to commit.

UTILISATION OF PINE NEEDLES.

In the Oregon exhibit in the Agricultural Building of the Pan-American Exhibition, at Buffalo, is an interesting display of methods of utilising pine needles, as employed by an establishment in Grants' Pass, Oregon. The American *Manufacturer*, in a recent issue, describing this process, says that the company takes the long needles, and puts them through a process of steaming and rolling, after which they look like coarse hair or tow, and are said to retain all their original medicinal properties. This peculiar woolly fibre is utilised in a great variety of ways. From it is obtained the extract called "Pinaronia." Bonbons are also made with the original pine flavour, and these are sold, and said to be not only palatable, but wholesome as well, and are used as a specific for many complaints. Pine pillows, stuffed with the soft fibre, find a ready sale, and under-clothes and hosiery knitted from this vegetable wool are said to be an excellent remedy for and preventive of rheumatism, and also to be valuable for the use of those suffering from pulmonary troubles. Cigars are also manufactured with this pine material for a filler, and with a regular tobacco wrapper, and are stated to have a beneficial effect on the throat and lungs of those who smoke them.

HANOVER GALLERY.

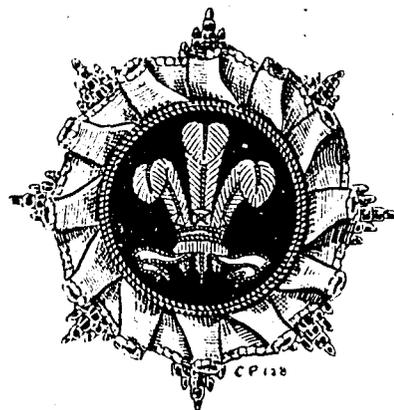
There is at the present time an exhibition of the works of Frank Boggs. They are scenes abroad, particularly of Paris. They possess great merit, and are remarkable for the strong contrasts of light and shadow which the artist exhibits. We briefly notice those which attracted our attention: 3, Vue de Harfleur; 10, Vue d'Amiens; 15, Notre Dame, Paris—taken from a good point of view; 17, Vue de Dreux Port Chartrain; 18, Le Pont Neuf, Paris; 22, Pont des Saints Perés, Paris; 30, Pont St. Michel, Paris—this is a fine picture; it was exhibited in the Salon de Paris 1898; 41, Marché aux Fleurs, Paris; 45, Le Pont de la Concorde, Paris; 59, Quai près Notre Dame, Paris; 61, La Seine à l'Institut, Paris. To those who know Paris these pictures will be interesting.

THE NEW GALLERY.

This year's exhibition of modern portraits is remarkable for the excellent work generally of the respective artists. There is evidence that this branch of work is not on the wane, but still preserves its well-merited reputation. 5, Portrait of the Artist and his Daughter, by Prof. Von Lenbach; 9, Fraulein Gabrielle Von Lenbach; 135, La Marquise Paulucci. We feel instinctively that these are veritable likenesses. 10, Stopford Brooke, by Robert Brough. The veteran, G. F. Watts, R.A., whose wonderful pencil still preserves its magic touch, has several pictures: 19, John Burns, M.P.; 38, Sir Benjamin Brodie, Bart., the famed surgeon; 124, Professor Flinders Petrie. Harold Speed shows work of great merit: 99, Rear-Admiral A. W. Moore, C.B., C.M.G.; 115, A Girl with a Book. Herman G. Herkomer: 34, The late Earl of Harrowby, the Hon. John Collier; 56, 64, 111. R. Jack is a charming artist, notice 20, 20. There are many other excellent portraits of artists of repute.

EMPIRE THEATRE.

Through the courtesy of the manager, we were enabled to pay a second visit to the above theatre. The great attraction at the present time consists in the two ballets "Les Papillons" and "Old China." The first we have already noticed in a previous issue. It was with renewed pleasure we saw it the other evening—it is a delightful harmony where all garish colours are rigidly excluded, a succession of kaleidoscopic pictures are shown by the graceful groupings of the butterflies, whose wings, with grey and brown outer cases, show resplendently when unfolded with every variety of hue in harmonious combination. The whole is a revelation of beauty—light sparkling music affords the opportunity to the principal *danseuses* and the *coryphées* to display their terpsichorean abilities. The second ballet is entitled "Old China," the conception is original and graceful. The first tableau represents a mantelshelf, with mirror, clock, and candelabra set out with rare old Dresden figures, a Court dandy and his fair lady, a shepherdess and her swain. The fanciful idea is that when the hour of 12 (midnight) sounds each figure, for the nonce, is endowed with vitality. They quit the mantelshelf to join their boon companions in the second tableau, supposed to be in the realms of Arcadia, where even the flowering trees, as well as the fantastic architecture, assume the appearance of Dresden China. There the story, slight as it is, is developed, love and jealousy forming the chief themes. Cupid is invoked, and amuses himself with the troubles of the lovers, being eventually the *Deus ex machina* who extricates them, and brings the trille to a happy end. Melodious music and graceful dancing combine to render it a pleasing entertainment. There are the usual varieties, each in their "turn" being an interesting item. The operatic selection is good and efficiently rendered. For any one who would wish to spend a pleasant evening we would recommend the Empire Theatre.



The strikingly handsome badge above illustrated was worn by the members of the Reception Committee at the Guildhall on the occasion of the visit of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Prince of Wales' Plume is worked in silver and gold on a scarlet domed button, surrounded with white silk frilling, the red and white forming the City colours, the whole mounted on a gilt metal star. Manufactured by George Kenning and Son, London.

RAILWAY FACILITIES AT CHRISTMAS.

The Great Western Railway Company issue tickets at their principal City and West-end offices, and this arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining tickets at a crowded railway station, particularly at holiday times. The booking office at Paddington Station will be opened all day for the issue of tickets on December 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd, and 24th. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use on any day between and including those days. On Saturday, December 21st, cheap excursions will be run from Paddington, Clapham Junction, Kensington (Addison-road), Hammersmith, &c., to Cork and Killarney for a fortnight or less; on December 21st and 24th night, to Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelly, Carmarthen, New Milford, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, returning on December 26th or 28th night; to Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, &c., returning December 26th or 29th night; on Monday, December 23rd, to Waterford, Limerick, Tralee, Kilkenny, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, for a fortnight or less; on Tuesday, December 24th, to Savernake, Devizes, Frome, Yeovil, Bridport, Weymouth, Portland, Minehead, Wellington, &c., returning on December 26th night; and on Tuesday night, December 24th, to Guernsey and Jersey, for a fortnight or less; to Llandilo, Cardigan, &c., returning December 26th or 28th night; to Wadebridge, St. Ives, Evesham, Worcester, Hereford, &c., returning December 26th night; and to Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c., returning December 26th, 28th, or January 1st. On Tuesday, December 24th, the 3.0 p.m. from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Truro; the 6.0 p.m. from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance, and the 12.0 midnight from Paddington will convey passengers to the Kingswear, Kingsbridge, Wadebridge, Fowey, and Newquay branches. A special train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for South Wales, calling at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, which on this date will leave at 9.25 p.m. In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the Company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcel traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only will run between the principal stations. For further particulars see advertisement columns.

GIFT TO AN AGED MASON.—Passaic, Nov. 14 (Special)—The members of Patterson Orange Lodge, No. 43, F. and A.M., have just presented to Orrin Vanderhoven, of this city, a jewel in token of the fact that he is the oldest living member of the Masonic fraternity in the State. Mr. Vanderhoven joined Henry Cabot Lodge, in New York, in 1843. In 1856 he joined the Paterson Lodge, being one of its charter members. There are no others of the original list living, and it is said that Mr. Vanderhoven, who is now over eighty years old, is the oldest Mason in the State.—*New York Tribune*.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.—QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, MARYLEBONE-ROAD, N.W.—This Hospital was founded in 1752, and her Majesty Queen Alexandra is its Patron. More than 100,000 poor women have received its benefits since its foundation. The number of patients delivered yearly now amounts to 1200 in-patients and 1000 out-patients. A special feature of the work during the past two years has been the reception as patients of the wives of soldiers sent on active service to South Africa, over 100 of whom have thus been benefitted. The sum of £5000 is needed annually to maintain the Hospital, towards which the only reliable income amounts to £2000. In addition upwards of £7000 is still required for the building fund. Queen Alexandra has recently graciously become an annual subscriber. Contributions may be sent to the bankers, Messrs. Cocks, Biddulph and Co., 43, Charing Cross, S.W.; or to the secretary, Mr. Arthur Watts, at the Hospital.