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MARK CHARITY.

THE thirty-third Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held on Wednesday, 10th July next, under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Clifford Probyn Past Grand Treasurer who, we hope, will be well supported by members of the Degree and their ladies.

All donations and subscriptions are divided equally between the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity Branches. Benevolent grants are made from time to time, and candidates for the benefits of the Educational and Annuity Funds have up to the present been elected by the General Board, the necessity and expense of issuing voting papers having been hitherto avoided by the liberality of the donors.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

WE are asked to draw attention to the fact that Thursday next, 6th inst., is the latest day by which petitions for the October election of this Institution must reach the Office at Freemasons' Hall. It is very desirable, however, that they should be received as much before that date as possible.

SOUTHAMPTON CHARITY.

IN connection with the approaching 103rd Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at which the Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is to preside, a banquet was held at the South Western Hotel, Southampton, on Thursday, 16th ult., which was attended by over 100 Brethren representing the six Lodges in the Southampton district. Bro. G. J. Tilling P.G. Deacon Eng. presided, and the Vice-Chairs were occupied by Brothers Bagshaw W.M. Gloucester Lodge, Lovell Stevens W.M. Lodge of Peace and Harmony, W. J. Berry W.M. Southampton Lodge, S. Cooksey P.M. Shirley Lodge, J. Methven P.M. and Sec. Clausentum Lodge, and R. W. Denness P.M. Albert Edward Lodge. The guests of the evening were Bros. E. Goble P.G.S.B. Eng. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and J. M. McLeod Secretary of the Boys School. A *recherché* banquet was served by Bro. Kuntze, manager of the Hotel, and during the repast choice selections of solo and concerted music were performed.

Dinner over, the Chairman proposed the King and the Craft, which was followed by other Masonic toasts, the Chairman responding for Grand Lodge Officers, Bros. Goble and McLeod also rising.

The last named proposed the Provincial toast, specially referring to the high esteem in which the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Beach was held by Masons everywhere, and urging that the Brethren of his Province should make the coming Festival a record in the career of their chief.

The D.P.G.M., with whom rose several past and present Provincial Grand Officers, responded, and cordially endorsed the remarks of Bro. McLeod concerning the Provincial Grand Master, and then congratulated the promoters of the gathering on the success which had attended their effort, which he hoped would result in a banquet in aid of the great Masonic Charities being held annually in Southampton, and that the example set that night would be followed by other towns in the Province.

Bro. Lemon proposed the Masonic Charities, and said that gathering was unique in the history of Southampton Freemasonry, and he, too, hoped it would be made an annual affair.

Bro. McLeod made an eloquent response, in which he dwelt more particularly upon the Institution with which he

is immediately connected, referring to the excellent training the boys received, and to the educational successes they gained in examinations. He further stated that thirteen lads from the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight were being educated in the School.

A feature of the evening, which excited great interest, was a ballot for life-votes for the School, and an "auction" by Bro. Sawbridge of similar votes, the approximate result being announced at £152 5s, which will be placed on the lists of certain Stewards attending the Festival, in the names of the Brethren who were successful in the ballot or purchased the votes "under the hammer."

An excellent musical programme was gone through under the direction of Bro. G. Leake, Mus. Bac.

EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, 15th ult., at the Belgrave Schools, Darwen. As no gathering of the kind had been held in the town since 1875, the function was of special local interest, and the attendance of Brethren attached to Lodges in the surrounding district was very large. All the Lodges in the Province were represented, numbering 113.

Lord Stanley, M.P., was unable to take the chair as Provincial Grand Master. His Lordship had been expected to attend, and the occasion had been looked forward to as affording an opportunity for the Brethren to give their ruler in the Craft a cordial welcome to the Province after his return from South Africa. Lord Stanley was installed in office in November 1899, at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, in succession to the lamented Colonel Starkie. Afterwards he went to the war with Lord Roberts as press censor, and since then he has been unable to meet the Brethren of the Province. His visit to Darwen was regarded as a certainty until a day or two ago, when Lord Stanley wrote to the Provincial Grand Secretary expressing sorrow for his compulsory absence, but explaining that the discussion of the Army Scheme made it imperative that he should be in his place in Parliament.

In the regretted absence of the head of the Province, the next in command, Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided. Bro. Forrest Past Prov. G. Warden acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bros. C. D. Cheetham and G. Norris Midwood were in their chairs as Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

Bro. J. H. Heap Prov. Grand Treasurer presented his accounts for the year ended 31st March. The statements showed that £1,064 had been received from all sources, and that a balance of £218 remained in the bank. This balance he explained was £48 less than was the case a year ago, but it was more than accounted for by the payment of fifty guineas, in accordance with the resolution of Provincial Grand Lodge, to the South African Masonic Relief Fund. On the motion of Bro. W. E. Clegg, seconded by Bro. Archie C. Wilson, two of the Auditors, the balance-sheet was approved.

The Provincial Senior Grand Warden, in moving the adoption of the Charity Committee's report, urged the representatives of several Lodges to use despatch in sending up their votes for the forthcoming election of Annuitants upon the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. There were two candidates from the Province, an old man and an old widow, and all votes were needed. On behalf of Captain John Barlow, he thanked all the Brethren who went to London in March to vote for that Brother as a candidate for the Grand

Treasurership. He questioned whether any Brother in England could have attracted so many Brethren as those who went from the Provinces of East and West Lancashire, Cheshire, and West Yorkshire to spend their time and money and effort to do honour to him. He hoped that Captain Barlow would be a candidate for the Grand Treasurership next year, in which case he believed there would be no contest. If a contest was again necessary, however, all who recently supported him would do so again, and would obtain for him so many other votes as would secure his election. Bro. W. Goldthorpe P.Prov.G. Registrar seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

The Senior Grand Warden afterwards made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Festival which is to be held at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, next month, in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent and Educational Institution. By their first Festival, in 1895, he said, a sum of about £4,450 was raised, but that amount it was estimated would be exceeded by some thousands of pounds. The degree of enthusiasm displayed in the undertaking was something which had never been equalled in the Province. Every Lodge was contributing most handsomely towards the Festival, every Provincial Grand Officer would, it was thought, qualify himself as a Life Governor of the Institution. There were more than three Lodges at present with over twenty Stewards each, all of whom would qualify as Life Governors, and it was probable that the total financial result of the Festival would be a sum that would astound their own and other Provinces. He moved that £100 be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Festival. Bro. Captain Barlow seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Bro. Thos. Duxbury moved, Captain Barlow seconded, and the Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master supported, the election of Bro. James Aspden, Harmony and Industry Lodge, No. 381, Darwen, as Treasurer; Bro. Israel Greenhalgh nominated, and Brother Kenyon P.G.Std.B. England seconded, Bro. Holgate, St. John Lodge, No. 348, Bolton. The Darwen candidate was elected by an overwhelming majority.

The Acting Provincial Grand Master, in the name of the Lodge, congratulated Bro. Cheetham upon having been appointed a Grand Deacon of England. Hearty applause was evoked by the well-deserved compliment.

Afterwards the new Provincial Grand Officers were invested in the following order:

Bro. Thomas Longworth 2529	...	Senior Warden
T. J. Hooper 1170	...	Junior Warden
Rev. H. Marks 344	...	Senior Chaplain
Rev. H. Skaines 269	...	Junior Chaplain
James Aspden 381	...	Treasurer
J. B. Pownall 430	...	Registrar
Major T. W. Ashworth 2322	...	Deputy Registrar
James Newton (re-appointed)	...	Secretary
C. Duckworth 204	...	Senior Deacon
R. K. Roberts 1012	...	Ditto
H. Fulford 852	...	Ditto
R. Leach 1055	...	Junior Deacon
Joseph Halden 1009	...	Ditto
J. H. Shorrocks 381	...	Ditto
John Ramsbottom 325	...	Supt. of Works
John Waring 1134	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
R. Armitage 1083	...	Dep. Dir. of Cers.
W. H. Birtwistle 1634	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Thomas Duxbury 381	...	Ditto
J. M. Graham 935	...	Ditto
J. Moorhouse sen. 2193	...	Sword Bearer
J. Butterworth 1948	...	Ditto
W. Jones 581	...	Standard Bearer
G. Nabb 678	...	Ditto
R. Johnson 2156	...	Organist
J. W. Atkinson 2185	...	Assistant Secretary
W. W. Stansfield 219	...	Pursuivant
J. Taylor 274	...	Assistant Pursuivant
R. T. Redman 163	...	Steward
R. H. Beswick 1723	...	Ditto
F. Ferrand 266	...	Ditto
R. Shorrocks	...	Ditto
W. F. Steel	...	Ditto
J. Cocker 381	...	Ditto
E. Roberts 1459	...	Tyler.

Cordial invitations to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in May next year were given from Ashton-under-Lyne, Heaton Norris, Todmorden, and Haslingden. Bro. Royds said the invitations must be forwarded as petitions, through the Secretary, to Lord Stanley.

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons was held, at the invitation of the Star in the East Lodge, at Scarborough, on Tuesday, 21st ult., Lord Bolton Prov.G.M.M. presiding. The Brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas Cliff.

The report of the Board of General Purposes and the Treasurer's balance-sheet were adopted, on the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, seconded by Bro. J. H. B. Beman.

Lord Bolton, referring to the death of Colonel Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master said that he had done his work very efficiently, and that his death was a loss to the Province.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, in supporting a vote of condolence with the widow, said that Col. Smith was one of the most delightful companions he had ever met, and his Masonic work was of the highest possible order. Bro. Wray also supported, and the vote was passed in silence.

Similar votes were passed to the widows and relatives of Bros. W. H. Cowper P.G.I.G. England, J. T. Seller P.G.S. England, John Blenkin P.P.G.O., and L. Harrowing P.G.S.D.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead nominated Lord Bolton as Prov. Grand Master for the next three years, and said he was quite sure that the noble Lord's rule and guidance had been tempered with mercy and directed by justice. The knowledge which his lordship had of the various degrees was a distinct advantage to the Brethren, who were delighted to have so excellent a Mason to preside over their gatherings.

Lord Bolton said he had really so much to do in connection with military and other matters just now that he had expressed a wish to be relieved from his Masonic work, but he had been persuaded to allow his name to be again submitted, and he thanked them for the honour conferred upon him.

The Provincial Grand Mark Master then appointed and invested the following Brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. T. B. Whytehead	...	Deputy
G. W. Tindall	...	Senior Warden
James Smith	...	Junior Warden
W. H. Robinson	...	Master Overseer
J. E. Elwell	...	Senior Overseer
J. R. Miller	...	Junior Overseer
G. R. Chilman	...	Chaplain
J. L. Spetch	...	Treasurer
F. W. Halliwell	...	Secretary
C. H. Dodsworth	...	Registrar
W. L. Harrison	...	Senior Deacon
H. S. Horne	...	Junior Deacon
J. T. Toy	...	Inspector of Works
G. H. Elgar	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
G. E. Wilkinson	...	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
E. B. Muzeen	...	Sword Bearer
R. Clarkson	...	Standard Bearer
J. E. Carr	...	Organist
J. P. Gill	...	Assistant Secretary
C. B. Smith	...	Inner Guard
W. Stockdale	...	Tyler.

The appointment of Bro. T. B. Whytehead as Deputy Provincial Grand Master was a graceful compliment on the part of his lordship, and was warmly applauded by the Brethren present.

A MASONIC JUBILEE.

WE are often reminded that Bournemouth is, above all else, a Victorian town, and that we can show our visitors few "ancient landmarks" like those which are the chief glory of such resorts say, as Bath or Hastings. It is true that the immediate vicinity of our "Evergreen Valley" abounds in places associated with the most fascinating epochs of English history and tradition, of which the New Forest, Corfe Castle, Christchurch Priory, Hengistbury Head, and Wimborne Minster are but a few. Still, the fact remains that, so far as the town of Bournemouth is concerned—its public buildings and institutions—we are of mushroom growth compared with other towns of similar area and population.

We have, however, in our midst one institution at least which has attained to something like a respectable age. We refer to the Hengist Lodge of Freemasons, which, established in 1770, was transplanted from Christchurch on 9th May 1851, and attained its Jubilee on Thursday last. There has been no great festive celebration of the event; but it was, no doubt, made the occasion of felicitation at the last

meeting of the Lodge; and is one of interest to the general body of townsmen outside the ranks of the Masonic Craft. A brief reference to the Lodge's growth and development will not therefore be out of place. The history of the Lodge was fully chronicled by Bro. C. J. Whitting during his Mastership in 1897, and referring to the pages of that interesting volume, we note that as far back as the 24th June 1841 there was a Masonic gathering at the Bell Vue Hotel, members of the Hengist Lodge assembling with a number of Brethren from Poole to celebrate the anniversary of St. John. Ten years later there was another meeting at the Belle Vue. The Lodge had been in a condition of "suspended animation," but the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., was obtained for its revival and transference to Bournemouth, and in the words of the historian, "it emerged from obscurity," and entered upon a new career which, practically speaking, has been one of uninterrupted prosperity. Of those who were present at that revival only two Brethren now survive—Bro. D. Sydenham and Bro. G. H. Gutch (of Poole). The oldest member of the Lodge, however, is Bro. J. Druitt, sen., of Christchurch, who was initiated in 1839, occupied the chair in 1844 and 1845, and is the only surviving link with the old days at Christchurch. There are surely few Masons living whose connection with one Lodge extends over so long a period! Bro. Druitt certainly has no rival in Hengist Lodge, for next on the roll of seniority is Bro. W. B. Rogers, whose admission was seventeen years later. The first initiate in Bournemouth was the late Bro. W. E. Rebbeck, and the roll of members includes most of the names that will be best remembered as pioneers of local prosperity. The last Mason initiated in Christchurch was the grandfather of the present Earl of Malmesbury, who was himself the first candidate to join the Lodge in the new century a few months ago. This is apparently characteristic of the membership, that successive generations of families become Brethren of the Mother Lodge, as the same surnames frequently occur among the many hundreds in the roll which forms a valuable appendix to the volume referred to above.

The Lodge of Hengist, we may add, is now the proud mother of two vigorous daughters in Lodge Boscombe and Lodge Horsa, and a third off-shoot is a practical certainty of the near future. There is room, no doubt, for yet another Lodge—and work for it to do when established. In the past there have been occasions when Freemasonry has been suspect by the ruling powers—especially on the continent of Europe—but in this country its activities have been largely restricted to social and charitable channels, and at the present time its unobtrusive benevolence is generally recognised. Here in Bournemouth, the rare occasions when the Brethren have allowed the general public to witness any portion of their quaint and picturesque ceremonial have invariably been in connection with the building of churches or hospitals, an association which has been of appreciable value to the works thus assisted, and has secured for the Craft the goodwill of many who have no personal knowledge of its mysteries, and are content to judge of its worth by its work. All such, we are sure, will join with us in heartily congratulating the Bournemouth Freemasons upon the attainment of their Jubilee, and trust that when they celebrate their Centenary in the borough (an epoch which, as a Lodge, was duly honoured over thirty years ago) they will more than ever be distinguished for promoting human Brotherhood and good works.—"Bournemouth Visitors' Directory."

The concert given by Miss Greta Williams, the heroine of the wreck of the S.S. Stella, off the Channel Islands, took place on Thursday, 9th ult., at the magnificent Kensington Town Hall. The audience was largely composed of the Masonic Brethren residing in the west end of London, and when Miss "Greta," as she is familiarly called in the neighbourhood, was introduced by her father Bro. R. H. Williams P.P.G.J.D. Middx. she received a tremendous ovation, and was presented with a magnificent bouquet. The concert was carried through in strict adherence with the programme, which contained a splendid likeness of Miss Williams. The artistes and instrumentalists were of the highest order and nothing but congratulations could be heard on all sides when the vast audience were leaving the building at the termination of the entertainment.

ALBANY LODGE CENTENARY.

THE Albany Lodge, No. 151, this year completed the hundredth year of its establishment and continuous existence at Newport, Isle of Wight, and the auspicious event was naturally regarded as one of special importance in the annals of local Freemasonry.

The celebration of the Centenary on Tuesday, 7th ult., was attended by a large gathering from all parts of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and from other places. The proceedings took the form of a luncheon at the Masonic Hall, followed by a public Service at the Parish Church, attended by Masons in procession in full regalia, and the presentation of a Centenary Warrant at a special Lodge, which in order to accommodate those present had to be held in the large room of the Star Hotel, the whole being brought to a conclusion after tea at the Masonic Hall with a very enjoyable variety concert in the banqueting room.

It was hoped that the venerable and highly esteemed Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., would have been able to fulfil his intention of being present, but he was at the last moment detained by an urgent Parliamentary whip. His duty was ably discharged by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Edgar Goble P.G.S.B. Eng.

The luncheon, with which the proceedings commenced at 1.15 p.m., was attended by some seventy Brethren, over whom the W.M. of the Albany Lodge Bro. E. F. King presided. Before proceeding with the short toast list which had been arranged, the W.M. made a brief reference to the importance of the event which had brought them together that day—the celebration of the Centenary of the Albany Lodge—and said that though pressure of time prevented his then touching upon the various matters in connection with the auspicious event for which opportunity would occur later in the day, he could not pass on without extending a hearty welcome to all who were there and thanking them for their presence and support on that occasion.

The W.M. then submitted the toast of the King and the Craft, remarking that His Gracious Majesty, the Patron and long the Grand Master of the Order, had given his promise to devote his life to the welfare of the nation, and they had every confidence that he would prove a worthy successor to his illustrious mother.

In proposing the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the W.M. said that no one in the kingdom had worked harder, more zealously, or more faithfully for Masonry than their revered Provincial Grand Master had done, and they had good cause to rejoice that in him they had one placed over them whose heart was right and whose conduct was just, and might he be blessed with health and strength for many years to come to carry on his good work for the benefit of the Craft in general and that Province in particular.

The W.M. also proposed the D.P.G.M. Bro. E. Goble P.G.S.B. Eng., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present and past, expressing the pleasure and satisfaction the members of Albany Lodge felt at the presence of Bro. Goble (who had done such splendid work as Prov.G.Sec. for so many years) and of so many of the Officers of P.G. Lodge.

Bro. Goble responded, giving expression to the regret the Prov.G.M. felt at being unable to be with them that day, and offering his hearty congratulations on the occasion they were met to celebrate.

The visitors were formally welcomed in a cordial speech by Bro. J. G. Pincock, and Bro. Greenham, of Shanklin, responded in a genial and fluent speech.

The last toast, the Worshipful Master of Albany Lodge Bro. E. F. King, was proposed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Goble, who warmly congratulated the W.M. on the excellence of the arrangements made by the Lodge that day and for the hospitality extended to the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge.

In response the W.M. said he knew that the honour done him had been because he represented the Lodge, and he should ever look back upon that memorable day as one of the happiest and brightest in his life. For the success of the arrangements he was indebted to members of the Lodge for the kind co-operation and loyal support they had given him, and he desired particularly to mention the valued assistance given by the two Hon. Secretaries Bros. Horan and Hutton.

At 2.45 the Brethren, joined by others who had by this

time arrived, formed in procession to proceed to St. Thomas's Church for Divine Service. The Provincial Grand Officers came last with the officiating clergy, conspicuous among the latter being the special preacher of the day, the Rev. F. M. Burton, LL.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, who wore the brilliant scarlet robe and cap and the ermine cape of his degree of Doctor of Laws of Cambridge University.

Founding an impressive address on the text "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity," the Rev. Dr. Burton, addressing those before him as "Worshipful Masters and well-beloved Brethren," said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to stand in that place, to which he was accustomed for about eight of the best years of his life, and to face them upon that great and auspicious occasion. It was a great occasion in the annals of Freemasonry, and particularly in the annals of the Albany Lodge, about which he had intended to say something, but which he would be very brief about, because they would be able to read for themselves in the admirably prepared pamphlet which he had seen, the history of the Albany Lodge.

It was a very old Lodge indeed, and it came from Salisbury, in Wiltshire, its Charter bearing the date of the 9th of July 1777, and therefore it went back further than a century. It was quite one of the ancient Lodges. They would probably recollect that in 1799 an Act of Parliament was passed for the suppression of secret societies, and the Freemasons evaded, should he say, that Act by determining to create no new Lodges in the sense of granting new Charters, but applied for the old Charters of Lodges which for one cause or another became defunct and used them for other Lodges, and so the Charter of the Albany Lodge was the old Charter of the Salisbury Lodge. They were dealing with the history of 100 years, of the nineteenth century, and to those who might be detractors of Freemasonry—and there were many—he would say "Be careful what you do or say."

If they believed, and if they were Christian men they did believe, that the Almighty ruled all things, did they suppose for one solitary second that the Almighty, who was all powerful, would have permitted to continue and flourish in the midst of that mighty Empire to which He had entrusted so much of the surface of the globe and so much of the civilisation of the world, an organisation which was iniquitous and wrong? Oh, no! They must remember they had to deal with one, "Di hou ta panta, Kai di ou ta panta," on whose account and by whose means all things exist, and He had blessed that organisation of Freemasonry. Their presence in that church that day was a direct proof of it. So he would say to the detractors of Freemasonry outside the walls of the church: Let them beware. This thing is of God, or else how is it it has not fallen long ago!"

What a glorious thing it was to be a Mason. Masonry was not religion, nor was it a substitute for religion; but it was, or should be, a handmaid to religion, to lead them on step by step to higher things, upward and onward. Excelsior should be their motto. Had the Albany Lodge, No. 151, done any good work in the past? Right heartily and gladly they said "Yes." Then let "Excelsior" be their motto still. Let it go on—that Lodge at Newport, which he knew had done so much good—let it flourish and abound more and more. Masons, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as men see. God looketh at the heart, and did all Masons thus know God and act accordingly? Did they ever so far forget themselves as to take God's holy name in vain? Did they always remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy? That was true Masonry. Did they ever act like those who said "Tush, how doth God know?" Well, he ventured to leave those questions with them.

It was a fearful thing to be celebrating that Centenary unless that true Masonry, that true building and edifying, was going on in that and every Lodge, from the Grand Lodge, which he represented, down to the humblest little Lodge now starting. An unworthy Mason was a man devoid of principle. The tongue of good report was demanded on behalf of the humblest of their Brothers, or how would it be with them when they stood before the Great Architect of the Universe and demanded admission into the Grand Lodge above? Faith, hope, and charity—that was true Masonry. The Masons of England, they were proud to know, had done much which

might meet the eye of the outside world, in building and restoring the Houses of the Great Architect of the Universe. He need only mention that in connection with the reredos of Gloucester Cathedral and that great work done upon that national monument of beauty and antiquity, Tewkesbury Abbey. Then there were the large contributions made for the relief of the suffering in connection with the Indian Famine and the contribution to the National Lifeboat Institution in 1875 as a thank-offering for the safe return from his Indian tour of their Gracious King and Patron, whom might God long preserve and protect.

The excellencies of Freemasonry they knew better than he did, and he hoped practiced them more. Theirs was one of the most evangelical societies he knew, and guided by the Volume of Sacred Laws, the Bible, it inculcated duty towards God and their neighbour. It also came close home to the man and reminded him he was not a true Mason unless he did his duty to himself by doing all he could to preserve his faculties, his mind, body, and soul in the most efficient condition to serve God always and his neighbour as himself. To the citizen it said "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King," and the individual it helped to practice every domestic virtue as well as public virtue—to be a good father, good brother, good son, and also to practice such virtues as prudence, temperance, fortitude, justice, and fidelity in ways some of which he could not mention; but others were public and patent in the lives of his Brethren before him. It taught obedience. Disobedience was the root sin of all—

"... man's first disobedience and the fruit
Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste
Brought death into the world and all our woe,
With loss of Eden, till one greater Man
Restore us and regain the blissful seat."

Freemasonry practiced Charity, which had the approbation of Heaven above and, like its sister Mercy, blessed him who gave as well as him who received. For instance, at the Boys Centenary in 1898, under the presidency of their most noble and august Grand Master the Prince of Wales, £141,000 was brought together for educating the youth of this country. They were a great savings bank, so to speak, and they helped the nation to educate the youth of the nation and to care for it and train it. He believed that taking the average, when there was no Centenary and no unusual event, £50,000 a year was raised and spent in education and what might be called old-age pensions by that mighty body of which they were members. In conclusion he exhorted them to remember that

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend.
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

A collection taken in church by Past Masters of the Albany Lodge on behalf of the Masonic Charities amounted to £10 1s.

As the accommodation was insufficient at the Masonic Hall for the numbers attending, permission was obtained for the holding of the Lodge in the large room at the Star Hotel, where the Brethren assembled on their return from church, the Provincial Officers entering in procession, and being received in due form.

The opening business having been disposed of, the W.M. again expressed the pleasure the members of Albany Lodge felt at the presence and support that day of so many visiting Brethren. They had felt that the most appropriate thing they could do themselves in celebration of the Centenary was to raise a special fund for the reduction of the debt remaining on their Lodge building, and he had much pleasure in announcing that £205 had already been raised in this way. This amount was likely to be considerably increased, as several had not yet decided how much they would give. Having thanked the members for their liberality, the W.M. called upon Bro. Frank King to read a brief historical sketch of the Lodge, which that Brother had compiled from the records. A copy of this interesting historical sketch, reference to which appears elsewhere, was presented to each Brother in attendance.

The W.M. heartily thanked Bro. F. King for his admirable sketch and for the pains which he had devoted to its production in such an attractive and entertaining form. Alluding to the statement in the sketch that Sandown and Chine Lodges were off-shoots from Albany, he said the old Lodge was proud of its connection with such eminently capable Lodges, and they looked forward with equal pleasure and hope to the success of the Needles Lodge, now about to be formed in the same way, at Freshwater.

The D.P.G.M. then rose to present the Centenary Warrant to the Lodge, and after complimenting Bro. F. King on his historical sketch said there were two events of special importance in the Masonic career of a Provincial Grand Master—the Consecration of a new Lodge and the celebration of the Centenary of a Lodge which had come to that distinction. They could understand how greatly their Prov.G.M. regretted that he could not attend that day. He would expect from him, his Deputy, a very particular account of the proceedings, and he was glad to tell them he should have to give him a very complimentary report of the excellent arrangements made and of the admirable manner in which the work was carried out there, and he could assure them the Prov.G.M. would very much appreciate it, as he did all good Masonic work in the Province. In the course of a brief sketch of Masonry in this country, touching on the formation of Grand Lodge in 1717, the temporary separation of "Antients," and the re-formation of Grand Lodge on its present basis in 1813, the D.P.G.M. said Albany was one of the few existing Lodges formed under the "Atholl" Warrant. There was a great source of satisfaction for them to look back upon in the benefits which had accrued during the last 100 years to the numerous Brethren who must have been connected with it in the course of that period. The Centenary Warrant which he had the pleasure to bestow on them on behalf of the Prov.G.M. would entitle the members to wear a Centenary jewel so long as they were connected with the Lodge, and he sincerely trusted it would inaugurate a further long period of good work faithfully done.

The W.M. thanked the D.P.G.M. on behalf of the Lodge for the presentation and for his admirable address. That was a red-letter day in the annals of the Lodge and a landmark in their history. It was a time to recall the blessings of the past, to take stock of the present, and from which to go forward with encouragement, with satisfaction, and with hope for the future. Referring to the service at the Parish Church that day the W.M. said no one could fail to be deeply impressed with the exceptional sermon it had been their privilege to listen to, the words of which would continue in their minds long after that function had passed away. In the course of a complimentary reference to Bro. F. King's historical work, the W.M. dwelt on the indebtedness of the Lodge to the three names therein singled out for the good work they had done—the late Bro. Wyatt, whose name was still dearly cherished; Bro. Allée, the father of the Lodge, who could boast a Masonic record of forty years faithful and zealous discharge of duties; and Bro. Pring, who had succeeded Bro. Wyatt as Treasurer, and had carried out the duties for the last twenty-two years in such a manner as to win the regard and affection of every member. He concluded by again thanking the D.P.G.M. for his presentation of the Warrant, which would have a far-reaching influence on the Lodge and be cherished as a priceless heritage.

Bro. Pring moved that the best thanks of Albany Lodge be given to the D.P.G.M. Bro. E. Goble and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for their presence on the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of the Lodge, the proposer remarking that it gave them all much pleasure to see Bro. Goble in such good health again. Bro. Dr. Coombs seconded, saying that in the absence of the Prov.G.M. no Brother could be more welcome for the duty he had so well discharged than one who had devoted himself to Masonic work with such self-denying zeal as Bro. Goble had done.

In proposing "that the warmest thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Bro. Rev. F. M. Burton P.G.Chap. Eng., for the honour of his presence and for his able discourse in St. Thomas's Church," Bro. G. A. Brannon spoke of the particular pleasure it had been to those to whom Bro. Dr. Burton had become endeared by association in the past to watch his rise to the high Masonic rank he had attained,

and of the great gratification it was to the whole of the Lodge that one of their own former members so distinguished and so esteemed should have been willing at considerable inconvenience to take the part he had done in the day's proceedings. He also desired to thank their Brother the Vicar and Bros. the Rev. P. G. U. Pickering and the Rev. A. T. Richardson for the help they had given. Bro. F. King briefly seconded, reminding the Brethren that Bro. Dr. Burton was initiated into Masonry in Albany Lodge. Both propositions were carried with acclamation.

A "high tea" was afterwards held at the Masonic Hall, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, the pleasure of which was much enhanced by excellent glees and solos, kindly given by the Vectis Glee Singers, consisting of Messrs. Brummell, Denham, Osborn, Orchard, and D'Anna, who were warmly thanked by the W.M. for their much appreciated efforts.—"Isle of Wight County Press."

The annual ball of the Smyth Lodge, No. 2284, of which Bro. G. W. Goddard is the present Master, came off on Friday, 3rd ult., at the Town Hall, Grimsby. Like the majority of the annual social functions this event had been postponed on account of the lamented death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and although postponed balls are looked upon as a rule as shorn of success, this can scarcely apply to that of the Smyth, for the details were carried out with all the elaboration characteristic of this ball, the dancing and the supper were as enjoyable as heretofore, and the guests were as numerous as could possibly have been anticipated, over one hundred being present. Undoubtedly this measure of success was due to the individual efforts of the Officers and Committee.

At the last meeting for the present Masonic year of the Æsculapius Lodge, No. 2410, held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, Bro. Ernest Clarke, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. G. Danford Thomas, M.D. Brux., Coroner for London and Middlesex, was re-elected Treasurer.

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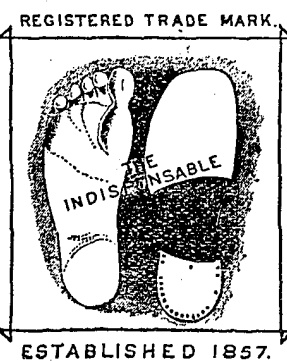
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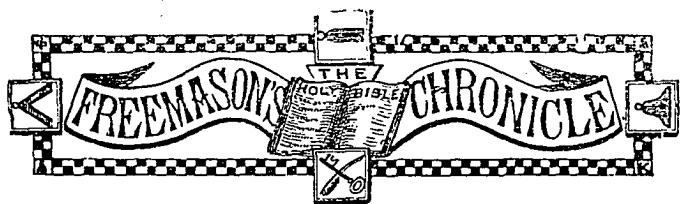
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SATURDAY, 1ST JUNE 1901.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE.

BRETHREN of the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, Newton Abbot, lately held a most enjoyable conversazione in the Masonic Hall. It was under the patronage of the Acting Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire Bro. Major G. C. Davie P.G.D. Eng., Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, P.G. Warden Eng., and the best known West-country Masons. The arrangements were in every way admirable, as they always are at Newton Abbot, and the programme was carried through with much spirit. There was a large attendance of Brethren and lady friends from the town and district. The proceeds were to go to the provision of curtains for the W.M.'s chair, the surplus to be applied to the Devon Aged Widow Fund. Proceedings commenced as early as 6.30, with a lecture on the "Old Charges" of the Cathedral builders in relation to the Free and Accepted Masons of Great Britain and Ireland from 1300 to 1900. It was delivered by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, P.S.G.D. of England P.S.G.W. of Egypt P.Prov.G. Secretary and P.P.S.G.W. of Cornwall. The lecture had special reference to the continuity of Freemasonry during the last five centuries, and was illustrated by a number of facsimiles of old charges dating from the fourteenth century. Some of these were in book form, while others were in rolls, as originally used by the building Fraternity. Bro. Hughan stated that when he began the study of these curious MSS., nearly forty years ago, there were only about a dozen copies known to be in existence. Since then, with the aid of other diligent students, he had traced something like seventy of them. All of them

had been reproduced, and more than half he had copied. The oldest minutes known were dated 1599. From that date to the present time there was abundant evidence of the activity of Lodges, either under Grand Lodges or working separately. The Grand Lodge of England, which was the oldest, largest, and most charitable under the sun, had been in existence nearly 200 years. Until recently it was presided over by his Majesty the King, who, since his accession to the throne, had graciously consented to become Protector. His Majesty had been succeeded by his brother, the Duke of Connaught, who was to be installed in the third week in July in the Royal Albert Hall, London. Brother Hughan mentioned that that morning he received information that his Majesty had accepted a copy of the latest reproduction of one of the old charges recently discovered. In an ante-room there was an interesting exhibition of Masonic curios, lent by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, of Torquay. The exhibits included a collection of jewels, aprons, and diplomas. Some of the aprons were extremely elaborate and curious, having been collected from all parts of the world. The collection of diplomas was also very fine, this branch of research being one in which Bro. Crowe holds a unique position, no other collection in the world being so complete. A concert followed the lecture, and dancing succeeded.

CHURCH SERVICE.

A SPECIAL Masonic Service was held on the 12th ult., in Clontarf Parish Church, and was largely attended by members of the various local Lodges. Full regalia was worn.

The preacher was the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor, who founded his sermon on some verses from the 133rd Psalm, commencing "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." At the end of an impressive sermon His Grace said he was addressing that evening a body of men who might be described by the very words of the text. They knew each other as Brothers. They were bound together in bonds of amity and love. The Confraternity exercised great gifts of charity. But it did not recommend itself so much to him on that account as that it took away prejudice; it took away the barriers which rose between man and man; it brought men together. The teaching of the Confraternity was that all mankind was one. It taught its members to do good in the world. Such a body was greatly to be admired and encouraged. Its members were not taught to cast aside any convictions that they held in their hearts as regarded religion or anything else. But they were all to be ready to hold forth a helping hand to a Brother, to assist him in his necessity, and at all times show him their goodwill and affection.

What he wished specially to refer to was the assistance given to distressed Brother Masons and to Widows and Orphans. In the year that our late beloved Queen celebrated the Jubilee of her reign, the Victoria Jubilee Fund was founded as a memorial of that happy circumstance, and it had been increasing in success year by year, till at present he believed its income was £750. There were twenty-seven annuitants on the roll, half being Brothers and the other half being Widows of deceased Brothers. He very earnestly appealed to the congregation to give their help on such an occasion. He prayed that the spirit of heavenly love might descend upon every heart, that everyone might exhibit that which was so precious and beautiful in the sight of God, that there might be amongst them all that Brotherly unity for which we were created by the Almighty hand of God.

The collection was taken up in aid of the fund mentioned by the preacher, his appeal being most generously responded to by those present.

"M.A.P.," referring to the proposed nomination of Bro. F. G. Ivey for the position of Grand Treasurer of the Mark Degree, says that Brother is well-known in mercantile circles as a recognised authority on all matters connected with the coffee industry—a branch of commerce with which he has been associated for upwards of thirty years. He will be remembered as having rendered a most important service to British importers some few years since by a visit of inspection to the chief coffee-growing centres of the world, a visit fraught with the most valuable results alike to buyers and consumers of "the aromatic berry," as reporters would say.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 16 Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole
 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall
 1563 City of Westminster, Cafe Royal
 2098 Harlesden, National Schools, Harles.
 113 Unanimity, Bull, Preston
 119 Sun, Square & Compasses, Whitehaven
 154 Unanimity, F.M.H., Wakefield
 156 Harmony, F.M.H., Plymouth
 199 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Dover
 251 Loyal, F.M.H., Barnstaple
 270 Royal Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
 302 Hope, F.M.H., Bradford
 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
 328 St. John, F.M.H., Torquay
 331 Phoenix of Honour & Prudence, Truro
 388 Prudence, F.M.H., Halesworth
 395 Guy, Victoria House, Leamington
 431 St. George, F.M.H., North Shields
 467 Tudor, F.M.H., Oldham
 478 Churchill, F.M.H., Oxford
 482 St. James, Wretham Rm., Handsworth
 622 St. Cuthberga, F.M.H., Wimborne
 699 Boscawen, F.M.H., Chacewater
 827 St. John, Masonic Tem., Dewsbury
 850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
 928 Friendship, F.M.H., Petersfield
 959 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Ipswich
 977 Fowey, F.M.H., Fowey
 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 1051 Rowley, F.M.H., Lancaster
 1071 Zetland, F.M.H., Saltash
 1077 Wilton, Red Lion, Blackley
 1180 Forward, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1211 Goderich, F.M.H., Leeds
 1239 Wentworth, F.M.H., Sheffield
 1254 Semper Fidelis, F.M.H., Exeter
 1264 Neptune, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1271 Friendship & Unity, Bradford-on-Avon
 1272 Tregenna, F.M.H., St. Ives, Cornwall
 1486 Duncombe, F.M.H., Kingsbridge
 1573 Caradoc, F.M.H., Swansea
 1748 Castlemartin, Assembly R., Pembroke
 1861 Claremont, Greyhound, Croydon
 1954 Molesworth, F.M.H., Wadebridge
 1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar, Maldon
 2039 Londonderry, F.M.H., Sunderland
 2078 St. Lawrence, F.M.H., Scunthorpe
 2166 Cotehele, F.M.H., Calstock
 2497 Carville, F.M.H., Wallsend-on-Tyne
 2520 Prince Wales, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-T.
 2533 Fitzwilliam, F.M.H., Peterborough
 2586 St. Nicholas, F.M.H., Scarborough

Tuesday.

- Mark Grand Lodge, 5 for 6.
 255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond
 2128 Un. North. Counties, Inns of Court
 2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall
 2738 Army and Navy, Anderton's
 47 Newstead, F.M.H., Nottingham
 70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
 103 Beaufort, F.M.H., Bristol
 124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Durham
 158 Adam, Britannia, Sheerness
 252 Harmonic, F.M.T., Dudley
 265 Royal Yorkshire, F.M.H., Keighley
 340 Alfred, F.M.H., Oxford
 364 Cambrian, F.M.H., Neath
 378 Loyal Welsh, F.M.H., Pembroke Dock
 386 Unity, Town Hall, Wareham
 393 St. David, F.M.H., Berwick
 421 Loyal Industry, F.M.H., Southmolton
 448 St. James, F.M.H., Halifax
 506 Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate
 510 St. Martin, F.M.H., Liskeard
 558 Temple, F.M.H., Folkestone
 615 St. John & St. Paul, F.M.H., Belvedere
 660 Camalodunum, F.M.H., New Malton
 673 St. John, F.M.H., Liverpool
 734 Londesborough, F.M.H., Bridlington
 779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 794 Warden, New Royal, Sutton Coldfield
 804 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Havant
 847 Fortescue, F.M.H., Honiton
 855 Sympathy, Swan, Wotton-under-Edge
 960 Bute, F.M.H., Cardiff
 967 Three G. Principles, F.M.H., Penryn
 974 Pentalpha, F.M.H., Bradford
 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulveston
 1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Rooms, Cockermouth
 1036 Bowyer, F.M.H., Chipping Norton
 1067 Ry. Forest of Dean, Newnham-on-S.
 1096 Lord Warden, Forester's H., Walmer
 1168 Benevolence, F.M.H., Sherborne
 1222 Saint Kew, F.M.H., Weston-super-Mare
 1244 Marwood, F.M.H., Redcar

- 1256 Fidelity, F.M.H., Poulton-le-Fylde
 1310 Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
 1509 Madoc, F.M.H., Portmadoc
 1533 Loyalty, F.M.H., Marlboro
 1587 St. Giles, Town Hall, Cheadle
 1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
 1780 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Southampton
 1785 St. Petroc, F.M.H., Padstow
 1807 Loyal Wye, F.M.H., Builth
 1970 Hadrian, F.M.H., South Shields
 1981 Arnold, Castle, East Molesey
 2120 Dorothy Vernon, Town Hall, Bakewell
 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
 2154 Joshua Nunn, George, Halstead
 2339 Mistley, White Hart, Manningtree
 2490 Amphill, White Hart, Ampthill
 2689 King's Court, F.M.H., Gillingham
 2815 Southport Temperance, Southport
 2826 Birkenhead, Park, Birkenhead

Wednesday.

- United Grand Lodge, 5 for 6.
 2739 Verity, Cafe Monaco
 74 Athol, F.M.H., Birmingham
 94 Phoenix, F.M.H., Sunderland
 137 Amity, F.M.H., Poole
 159 Brunswick, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
 164 Perseverance, F.M.H., Sidmouth
 168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 279 St. John, F.M.H., Leicester
 282 Bedford, F.M.H., Tavistock
 287 Unanimity, White Lion, Stockport
 298 Harmony, Masonic Room, Rochdale
 301 Apollo, Town Hall, Alcester
 326 Moira of Honour, F.M.H., Bristol
 327 St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 372 Harmony, F.M.H., Budleigh Salterton
 387 Airedale, Saltire Inst., Shipley
 406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417 Faith & Unanimity, F.M.H., Dorchester
 429 Royal Navy, Royal, Ramsgate
 471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
 533 Eaton, F.M.H., Congleton
 555 Fidelity, Crown, Framlingham
 645 Humphrey Chetham, Manchester
 678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
 681 Scarsdale, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 946 Strawberry Hill, Albany, Twickenham
 970 St. Anne, F.M.H., East Looe
 992 St. Thomas, Griffin, L. Broughton
 1003 Prince of Wales, Mas. Tem., Jersey
 1010 Kingston, F.M.H., Hull
 1013 Royal Victoria, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1024 St. Peter, F.M.H., Maldon
 1063 Mallory Abbey, F.M.H., W. Mallory
 1085 Hartington, F.M.H., Derby
 1091 Erme, F.M.H., Ivybridge
 1167 Alnwick, F.M.H., Alnwick
 1205 Metham, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
 1206 Cinque Ports, Town Hall, Sandwich
 1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-St.
 1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone
 1354 Marquis of Lorne, F.M.H., Leigh
 1369 Bala, Plas Cock, Bala
 1431 St. Alphege, George, Solihull
 1461 Clausentum, F.M.H., Woolston
 1532 Bective, F.M.H., Carlisle
 1544 Mount-Edgcumbe, F.M.H., Camborne
 1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool
 1645 Colne Valley, F.M.H., Slaithwaite
 1660 Arlecdon, F.M.H., Frizington
 1736 St. John, F.M.H., Halifax
 1862 Stranton, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
 2024 Raymond Thrupp, Mitre, Hampton Ct.
 2193 Queen's Jubilee, Lord Nelson, Nelson
 2368 Alan, Queens, Alderly Edge
 2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesbrough
 2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head, Uckfield
 2464 Longsight, Club House, Longsight
 2556 Glyn Ebbw, F.M.H., Ebbw Vale
 2690 West Kirby, Tynwold Hall, W. Kirby

Thursday.

- 10 Westminster & Keystone, F.M.H.
 192 Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel
 742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel
 1361 United Service, Cafe Royal
 1950 Southgate, Beale's Restaurant
 2202 Regents Park, Frascati Restaurant
 2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, Leytonstone
 2580 Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate
 24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-on-T.
 31 United Industrious, Canterbury
 38 Union, Council Cham., Chichester
 57 Humber, F.M.H., Hull
 110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
 114 British Union, F.M.H., Ipswich

- 123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorks.
 195 Hengist, F.M.H., Bournemouth
 219 Prudence, F.M.H., Todmorden
 230 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devonport
 249 Mariners, F.M.H., Liverpool
 254 Trinity, Craven Arms, Coventry
 266 Naphtali, Freemasons' Arms, Heywood
 269 Fidelity, Volunteer Hd. Qts., Blackburn
 289 Fidelity, F.M.H., Leeds
 294 Constitutional, F.M.H., Beverley
 295 Combermere of Union, Macclesfield
 305 Apollo, Town Hall, Beccles
 317 Affability, F.M.H., Manchester
 419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves, Accrington
 509 Tees, F.M.H., Stockton
 531 St. Helen, F.M.H., Hartlepool
 539 St. Matthew, Dragon, Walsall
 637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
 703 Clifton, F.M.H., Blackpool
 792 Pelham Pillar, F.M.H., Grimsby
 856 Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel
 913 Pattison, F.M.H., Plumstead
 1231 Savile, Masonic Room, Elland
 1324 Okeover, Masonic Room, Ripley
 1379 Marquess of Ripon, M.H., Darlington
 1384 Equity, Central, Widnes
 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old Brompton
 1500 Walpole, 47 St. Giles St., Norwich
 1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padiham
 1513 Friendly, F.M.H., Barnsley
 1557 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Hexham
 1565 Earl of Chester, F.M.H., Lymm
 1790 Old England, Art Gallery, Croydon
 1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1899 Wellesley, Wellington, Croydon
 2169 Osborne, F.M.H., East Cowes
 2195 Military Jubilee, F.M.H., Dover
 2255 Philbrick, Royal Forest, Chingford
 2317 Bisley, F.M.H., Woking
 2321 Acacia, F.M.H., Bradford
 2342 Easterford, Mas. Temple, Kelvedon
 2350 Corinthian, Bird i' th' hand, Hindley
 2433 Minerva, Bank Bldgs., Connah's Quay
 2496 Wirral, Cloughton Hall, Birkenhead
 2512 Baring, Hotel Metropole, Cromer
 2651 Charity, F.M.H., Warrington
 2683 Addington, Bridge House, Eton
 2756 Hatchlands, New Farm, Addlestone
 2786 St. Albans, Red Lion, St. Albans

Friday.

- 1275 Star, Ship, Greenwich
 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Rest.
 2511 St. John at Hackney, Finsbury
 2772 Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall
 44 Friendship, Albion, Manchester
 242 St. George, F.M.H., Doncaster
 291 Rural Philanthropic, Highbridge
 306 Alfred, F.M.H., Leeds
 521 Truth, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal, Boston
 936 Adair, White Lion, Aldeburgh
 998 Welchpool, Board Rm., Welchpool
 1230 Barnard, F.M.H., Barnard Castle
 1375 Architect, F.M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1547 Liverpool, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1561 Morecambe, King's Arms, Morecambe
 1648 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Bradford
 1664 Gosforth, F.M.H., Gosforth
 1754 Windsor, F.M.H., Penarth
 1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton
 1993 Wolseley, Trevalyan, Manchester
 2200 Fairfield, Alexandra, Liverpool
 2491 White Rose of York, F.M.H., Sheffield
 2494 Humber Installed Masters, Hull
 2569 St. Trillo, Oxford Bldgs., Colwyn Bay
 2680 Swinburne, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne

Saturday.

- 1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Holborn Restaurant
 1685 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton
 2369 Cornish, Freemasons' Hall
 2579 Lewisham, Parish Hall, Lewisham
 2599 Engineer, 33 Golden Square
 869 Gresham, Great House, Cheshunt
 1415 Campbell, Mitre, Hampton Court
 1423 Era, Albany, Twickenham
 1637 Unity, King's Head, Harrow-on-the-Hill
 1755 Eldon, Royal, Portishead
 2006 Tilbury, Tilbury, Tilbury Docks
 2096 George Price, Public Hall, Croydon
 2105 Cama, Greyhound, Hampton Court
 2246 Cyclist, Castle, East Molesey
 2278 Kingswood, Crown, Broxbourne
 2442 St. Clement, Bell, Leigh
 2757 Charles Dickens, King's H., Chigwell

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Craft Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday next, 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., at 5 for 6 p.m. The following is the Agenda of Business:

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March for confirmation.
 2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 24th April for confirmation.
 3. Report by the Grand Secretary of the presentation of Address to His Majesty the King.
 4. Appointment and Investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
 5. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
 6. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
 7. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
- (Vide list of Names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees.)

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the months ending March, April, and May, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, London	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, Halifax	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121, Bishop Auckland	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Afan Lodge, No. 822, Aberavon	50	0	0
A Brother of the Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, London	75	0	0
A Brother of the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgnorth	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 1592, Bury St. Edmunds	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Percy Lodge, No. 1427, Newcastle-on-Tyne	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Avon Lodge, No. 1633, Manchester	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Ancholme Lodge, No. 1282, Brigg	75	0	0
A Brother of the Prudence Lodge, No. 1550, Plymouth	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, London	75	0	0
A Brother of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury	50	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board begs to report that it has received from Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), an application for the renewal of the lease of Freemasons' Tavern, which will expire Michaelmas, 1905.

The lessees would be willing to expend a sum of between twenty and thirty thousand pounds in alterations and improvements in order to bring the accommodation thoroughly up to modern requirements, in accordance with plans which have been fully considered by the Grand Superintendent of Works.

In order to enable the Board to advise Grand Lodge as to the best mode of dealing with the proposal, it has consulted an eminent firm of Surveyors of great experience in connection with Tavern property, and the Board hopes that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge it may be in a position to offer for its consideration, a well considered scheme for dealing with the matter.

In acknowledging the following presentations, the Board takes the opportunity to report that the capacious and handsome room for the reception of the Library and Curiosities belonging to Grand Lodge, is now completed, and the Board will be most happy to receive any additions thereto, which the generosity of members of the Craft may place at its disposal.

Title or Object. By whom Presented.

- Le Vrai Macon.—W. A. Dawson A.G.D.C.
 Lessons Taught in Freemasonry, Vol. 2.—T. R. Patton G.Treas. Pennsylvania.
 Some rare Certificates.—F. J. W. Crowe P.M. P.P.G. Organist.
 Historical Sketch of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 179 (S.C.).—James Smith P.M., &c.
 Prov. Grand Organist's Jewel, 1810.—George Kenning and Son.
 A Masonic Book.—Percy W. Farmborough, No. 1707.
 History of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.—G. W. Barnard G. Sec.
 Reproduction and Transcript of "H. F. Beaumont" MS.—William Watson P.P.G. Warden W. Yorks.
 Rules of the Masonic Benefit Society, 1799.—A Grandson of one of the Founders.
 Centenary Medal of the Minden Lodge.—Hugh E. Diamond P.P.G. Warden.
 "Concentration."—Arthur Lovell, No. 1425.
 Semi-Centennial Medal of G.C. of Illinois.—Gen. John C. Smith P.G.M.
 The Hicks-Beach Masonic Musical Service.—Harold Cadle W.M. 1005.
 Memorials of St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 539.—Dr. F. W. Willmore P.M.

Prov. G. Master's Jewel, Kent, 1794.—The Earl Amherst Pro Grand Master.

A Masonic Silk Handkerchief.—The Earl Amherst Pro Grand Master.

Masonic Papers, Part 1.—John T. Thorp P.P.G. Warden.

A Presentation Jewel, set with diamonds, and Masonic Clothing of the late Bro. Thomas Fenn, as President of the Board of General Purposes.—Frank Richardson P.G.D., as representing the late Bro. Fenn's executors.

A Masonic Goblet.—Ashton Godwin, M.D., P.M. and P.Z.

The Board also submits a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of May 1901, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £9,370 11s 10d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President.
 Freemasons' Hall, London,
 22nd May 1901.

This being the last meeting of the present Board, it was resolved unanimously:

"That a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the President, the V.W. Brother R. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., for the courteous and able manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year.

(Signed) ARTHUR G. SANDBERG, M.D., Vice-President.
 21st May 1901."

10. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated ...th May 1901, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION.

- (1) By the M.W. Pro Grand Master:

"That a sum of 500 Guineas be voted from Grand Lodge towards the fund being raised for a memorial to her late Majesty."

- (2) By V.W. Brother J. Strachan, K.C., Grand Registrar:

"That Rule 87, Book of Constitutions, be altered by inserting after the words 'Nor can he confer on any Brother the rank of a Past Provincial or District Grand Officer,' the words 'Unless specially empowered to do so by the Grand Master on an important commemorative occasion.'"

- (3) By W. Brother Col. George J. Parkyn P.G.S.B.:

"That Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, be amended by adding to the words 'attend and be heard,' in the 7th line, the words 'such notice shall be considered duly served if proved to have been sent by post and registered.'"

- (4) By Brother Thomas J. Hutchinson P.M., No. 1392:

"That it be a recommendation to the Board of General Purposes to take into consideration the present mode of electing the Grand Treasurer, and to report to Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication what alterations the Board would recommend whereby the members of Grand Lodge could more conveniently exercise their privileges."

- (5) By Brother John A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C.:

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes, and that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons to supply the inmates of this Institution at Croydon with coal during the winter season."

12. APPEALS.

- (1) By Brother R. H. Forman, of the Rangoon Lodge, No. 1268, and thirteen other Members, against a refusal by the District Grand Master of Burmah (R.W. Brother J. Copley Moyle) to order the re-hearing of a complaint.
- (2) By Brother F. J. Scard W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 247, Demerara, against decisions of the R.W. District Grand Master of British Guiana (Col. Daly) and his Deputy (Brother Bankart) concerning honorary membership.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, BRETHREN NOMINATED FOR ELECTION, 1901-1902.

Frank Adams	...	P.M.	2512
Arthur Blenkarn	...	P.M.	2381
William Furner Bates	...	P.M.	1507
William J. Batho	...	P.M.	1708
William H. Bale	...	P.M.	87
Thomas Bore	...	P.M.	1275
Wilfred A. Bowser	...	P.M.	2000
William Cleghorn	...	P.M.	1287
Arthur George Duck	...	P.M.	898
Bernard Groner	...	P.M.	1056
Henry Kemp	...	P.M.	862
William Farquharson Lamonby P.A.G.D.C.	...	P.M.	962
Robert Manuel	...	P.M.	1196
John M. Mitchell	...	P.M.	92
Charles Lucius Nelson	...	P.M.	781
Frederick Atkinson Powell	...	P.M.	471
George Parrett	...	P.M.	1259
Edward Wm. Pillinger	...	P.M.	902

John Robertson Reep	...	P.M.	1260
Thomas Henry Roberts	...	P.M.	2502
James Beresford Ryley, M.D.	...	P.M.	1423
Arthur G. Sandberg, M.D.	...	P.M.	3
James Speller	...	P.M.	1677
Edwin Styles	...	P.M.	704
William J. Songhurst	...	P.M.	227
John Sulley	...	P.M.	1804
J. D. Stuart Sim	...	W.M.	2716
Frank P. Telfer	...	P.M.	12
William H. Toye	...	P.M.	1278
Japheth Tickle	...	P.M.	1702
Charles J. Wilkinson-Pimbury	...	P.M.	1007
Arthur Williams	...	P.M.	834
James Willing, jun.	...	P.M.	1987

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. John Briggs W.M. 45, C. A. Cottebrune P.M. 733, W. D. Child W.M. 1437, J. Campbell W.M. 1266, W. H. Hubbert P.M. 1625, Leonard Potts P.M. 1716, J. S. Pointon P.M. 1901, J. R. Reep P.M. 1268, Jas. A. Shelton P.M. 2579, F. O. Tubby W.M. 907.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2845.—The London Hospital Lodge, London.
- 2846.—The Forest Hill Lodge, London.
- 2847.—The Polytechnic Lodge, London.
- 2848.—The Victoria Lodge, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.
- 2849.—The Beaconsfield Lodge, Beaconsfield, Bucks.
- 2850.—The Robertson Lodge, Robertson, Cape Colony.
- 2851.—The Rosemary Lodge, London.
- 2852.—The Norfolk Lodge, London.
- 2853.—The Chère Reine Lodge, London.
- 2854.—The Temperantia Lodge, Whitehaven, Cumberland.
- 2855.—The Far Cathay Lodge, Hankow, China.
- 2856.—The Regent Lodge, Barnsley, Yorkshire.
- 2857.—The Golden Square Lodge, London.
- 2858.—The Astolat Lodge, Guildford, Surrey.
- 2859.—The Chingford Lodge, Chingford, Essex.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly meeting of this Grand Lodge will be held on Tuesday next, 4th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., at 5 for 6 p.m. The following is the Agenda of Business:

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 5th March 1901.
2. Report of the General Board.
3. A motion will be made that the Report be taken as read.
4. A motion will be made that the Report be received and entered on the minutes.
5. Recommendations arising out of the Report:—
 - "That the following words, to be called Rule 153A, be added to the Book of Constitutions, immediately after Rule 153:
 - "Any matter not specifically dealt with in these Constitutions must be governed by the general rules of Masonry contained in the Book of Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, so far as such rules are not inconsistent with any of the regulations herein, and so far as they are applicable to the Mark Degree."
 - "That the sum of £50 be voted to Bro. J. F. D., of Egerton Lodge, No. 165."
 - "That the sum of £25 be voted to the Widow of the late Bro. E. P., of Lodge No. 110."
 - "That the sum of £20 be voted to the Widow of the late Bro. C. E. M. P.D.D.G.M. Bombay."
6. A motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.
7. Installation of the M.W. Grand Master.
8. Appointment and investiture of Grand Officers.
9. Nomination by the M.W.G.M. of six members to serve on the General Board.
10. Election, by Grand Lodge, of five members to serve on the General Board. (The following five only are nominated: Bros. Richard Clowes P.G. Overseer, Frederick West Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey, T. P. Dorman Dep. Prov. G.M. Norths, Hunts and Beds, Alfred F. Church P.G. Overseer, and J. C. F. Tower Asst.G.D.C.)

The Grand Festival will be held in Freemasons' Tavern, at 7 o'clock, and the M.W. Pro Grand Master will preside. Tickets, 21s each, may be obtained from the Grand Stewards.

There are others besides Virginia Masons who see no harm in dual membership. It is the custom in England, at least, and in the opinion of this writer, if a Brother wishes, and can afford, to belong to a dozen different Lodges, there is no good reason, Masonic or otherwise, why he should not.—W. A. De Wolf Smith, British Columbia.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

SOUTH WALES has lost a distinguished worker in Bro. Dr. John Williams, S.W. Prince Llewellyn Lodge, who died on the 21st ult., at Cardiff. At a meeting of the Duke of York Lodge the same evening Bro. A. H. Parker I.P.M., who presided in the absence of the W.M. Bro. Joseph Stanfield, made sympathetic reference, before the commencement of business, to the death of Bro. Williams, whose brilliant career and genial personality he warmly extolled. He moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the Prince Llewellyn Lodge, with a request that the Duke of York Lodge should be included in the Masonic expression of sympathy extended to the widow. Bro. James Radley P.Prov.G.J.W. seconded, and the motion of condolence was carried in silence, the Brethren upstanding.

THE funeral of Bro. Gilbert Hastings Macdermott, the well-known music-hall singer, took place on the 14th ult., at Norwood. Immediately following the car was the deceased's private carriage, which contained many wreaths. The wreaths sent by relatives and friends were disposed over the top and down the sides of the hearse, the whole being surmounted by a broken pillar composed of primroses and narcissus. On the top was a floral dove, in the mouth of which was placed a card bearing the words, "From mother and the children." Most of the members of the Pimlico Lodge, of which the deceased was a member, attended, and when the coffin had been lowered they performed the usual Masonic ceremony of dropping a sprig of acacia into the grave of their departed Brother.

THE funeral of Bro. Stanley Leighton, M.P., took place at Oswestry Parish Church on the 9th ultimo, amid every manifestation of sympathetic respect. The body arrived from London at 3 o'clock, and was met by a representative assembly, including the mayor and corporation of the town, representatives of the county council and magistracy, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and deputations from various philanthropic, archæological, and political societies. The service was taken by the Bishops of Bangor and Shrewsbury, with whom were Archdeacon Thomas, Canons W. H. Fletcher and Trevor Owen, and Prebendary Moss headmaster of Shrewsbury School. The vicar, the Rev. Norman Ogilvy, an intimate friend of Bro. Stanley Leighton, who was with him when he died, was unable to take part owing to indisposition.

THE death of Bro. Colonel J. Randle Ford, of Bath, occurred on the 22nd ult., in his 84th year. Our late Brother was a P.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53 and a Past S.G. Warden of the Province of Somersetshire, and had the distinction of being the first volunteer enrolled in that county. He entered the army in March 1835 as an Ensign in the 95th (Derbyshire) Regiment, of which he subsequently became Adjutant. He left the Army after only ten years service, through ill-health contracted in Ceylon, but he was to the day of his death always regarded by the present officers of the 95th—now known as the Sherwood Foresters—as the father of the regiment, and his wonderful memory was constantly applied to in matters concerning men who had belonged to it. One of the last public occasions at which Colonel Ford assisted was the proclamation of King Edward VII., and it is a remarkable fact that at the accession of Queen Victoria, as a subaltern, he carried the Queen's colours at the mounting of the guard at Dublin Castle.

IN MEMORIAM.

George William Speth.

BY BRO. ROBERT FREKE GOULD P.G.D.

THE passing away of such a notable Freemason as the late Secretary to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, it has been thought, should not be exclusively recorded in the journals of the Craft; and that, in justice to his memory, some kind of notice, however brief and imperfect, of his really wonderful services to the Society he loved so well, ought to appear in the columns of the paper circulating in the neighbourhood of his abode.

Bro. Speth was best known as the Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and editor of its "Transactions (Ars Quatuor Coronatorum)"; but there exists another Masonic Lodge with which he had even a longer connection,

the Unity, No. 183, his Mother Lodge, and the Secretaryship of which he held at the time of his decease. The Master of this Lodge, Brother J. Lloyd Bennett (who is a Bromley resident), has asked me to write a short memoir of our departed friend; and it is with a heavy heart and faltering pen that I apply myself to the task.

A really adequate literary memorial of the late Brother Speth will, I trust, one day see the light, but at the present time of writing I can only claim to figure as the most unpretending of biographers, and shall ask the indulgence of all those who were intimately acquainted with the deceased, for the manner in which I am necessarily compelled to pass over in comparative silence many striking features of his remarkable career.

Bro. Speth, the son of German parents, was born in England in 1847. He early engaged in mercantile pursuits, and was a resident for some time in Cuba. After this he retired into private life, and in the year 1872 was initiated in the Unity Lodge, No. 183, London, of which he became the Worshipful Master in 1876. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in the Sir Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, Twickenham, in 1883, and has since filled the three chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z.

His first contribution to Masonic literature was a history of his Mother Lodge, which appeared in 1881; but the period was now approaching when he would enter upon the congenial career of a Craft "littérateur," which he pursued with such undeviating success, until his sudden and lamented death on the 19th inst.

The story of the formation of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge has been often told, but I must narrate it once more. Nearly twenty years ago the possibility of establishing a "Students Lodge" was seriously discussed by Bros. W. J. Hughan, G. W. Speth, W. H. Rylands, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and myself. Shortly afterwards the same idea occurred to Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Warren, K.C.B., and Bro. (now Sir) Walter Besant, and in the result the seven persons above named, with the additions of Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. Pratt and Bro. Paul Rylands, applied for a Warrant of Constitution, which was granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, on 20th November 1884.

The Consecration of the Lodge, owing to the departure of the Master-designate, Sir Charles Warren, for active service in South Africa, was unavoidably postponed until 12th January 1886, when Sir Charles Warren was duly placed in the chair, and Bros. Sir Walter Besant and G. W. Speth invested as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Sir Chas. Warren was elected for a second term, after which, as the laws of Masonry in this country do not allow the chair of a Lodge to be held for longer than two years in succession by the same Brother, the Office of Master passed to another member, who happened to be myself. But with regard to the Treasurer and Secretary, the duties they so happily undertook in 1886 were performed by them without intermission from that year, by Sir Walter Besant down to the present date, and by Bro. G. W. Speth until Friday last.

I must here pause to state that in the interval during which the Quatuor Coronati Lodge was in a state of "suspended animation," namely, between 1884 and 1886, Bro. Speth, besides being a constant contributor to the journals of the Craft, wrote a booklet of enduring value, called "Royal Freemasons," and rendered to myself great and never-to-be-forgotten services in successive volumes of my "History of Freemasonry," an assistance that only came to an end with the publication of the final volume in 1887.

Let me now return to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge which, as previously narrated, started on its mission—the association in Masonic fellowship of Craft students and the promotion of Masonic research—in January 1886. About a year afterwards it occurred to Bro. Speth that the "Transactions" of the Lodge would be comparatively useless unless they were printed and more widely read. This idea culminated in the formation of a Correspondence Circle, consisting of Lodges or Brethren who might care to each pay half-a-guinea yearly for the privilege of receiving the "Proceedings" of No. 2076 in printed form. The experiment was a bold one, but it has been crowned with the most signal success. The project was launched in February 1887, and at the present time close upon 3,000 "paying members" are actually enrolled in the Correspondence Circle. Nor does the number of new sub-

scribers show any sign of diminution. The cry still is "They come," and after making due allowance for deaths and withdrawals, the net increase of members per annum may be estimated at a good round figure. Thirteen volumes in all have been printed of the "Proceedings" or "Transactions," and a fourteenth is progressing, which will be published at the close of the year. There are also nine volumes of "Archæologia," consisting either of rare manuscripts printed for the first time, or of reprints of previously published books and pamphlets of which few or any copies, besides those used (in each case) by the Lodge, are known to be in existence. The work, therefore, performed by Bro. Speth, as Secretary of the Lodge, and editor of its "Transactions," has been throughout of a very onerous character. Upwards of "two thousand nine hundred correspondents" in the Outer Circle alone, not to speak of the extensive "book-keeping" involved by the applications for the various commodities of the Lodge, nor of his multifarious duties in other directions, must have left the "managing director" of the Quatuor Coronati with very little spare time on his hands.

Bro. Speth was also a very diligent contributor to the columns under his control. A bibliography of his writings, even in the restricted area of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," would indeed carry me too far, but it may be stated that no subject was ever discussed in the "Transactions" of the Lodge, without its evoking an intelligent and graceful criticism from the editorial pen. The Degrees of Masonry; the derivation of "Free" in relation to Freemasonry; the Manuscript Constitutions; and Cathedral (as distinguished from the other) Builders; were perhaps the topics dearest to his heart, and on all of them he wrote both learnedly and well, pouring out the treasures of his knowledge in a series of remarkable papers, the publication of which, in a collected form, is very greatly to be desired.

His latest pamphlet, a revised edition of "A Masonic Curriculum" for the use of Craft students, is characterised by a rare elegance of diction, and it affords me satisfaction to think that the very last letter I received from him was in acknowledgment of the compliment I had tendered in respect of the ability and power displayed in his most recent brochure, and of the beautiful language in which his remarks were expressed.

Bro. Speth was a Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the hierarchy of the Grand Lodge, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. In other and minor ways the honours of the Craft, as indicating the esteem in which he was held by the Brethren at large, fell thickly upon him. He was honorary member of many Lodges at home and abroad and of many Veteran Societies of Freemasons. On 17th November 1894 he was presented by his friends in the inner and outer circles of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge with a magnificent English chronometer, to which was appended a chain and jewel. The presentation was made by Sir Chas. Warren P.M., who after remarking that the work carried on by the Lodge was known far and near, went on to say, amid the approving cheers of the Brethren who were present, that the great structure of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge had been built up in a great measure by the admirable administrative skill and ability of Bro. Speth.

The subject of this memoir was not in robust health during a portion of 1900, but with the present year his friends were congratulating him on having been restored to his old form. Everything pointed to a protracted period of usefulness in the field of Masonic labour, which he had so thoroughly made his own. But it was not to be. On Friday last, with startling suddenness, the end came, and on Wednesday afternoon, the 24th inst., in the Bromley Cemetery, the remains of one of the best known and most widely-esteemed of English Freemasons, were laid at rest—"Bromley and District Times," 26th April 1901.

A STRIKING demonstration of respect for the memory of the late Bro. G. W. Speth was paid at a largely attended meeting of the "Correspondence Circle" of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall early last month. The wonderful industry and social virtues of the zealous Masonic antiquary were testified to from the Master's chair, the Secretary's table, and the lay Brethren's benches; and it added to the impressiveness of the various eulogisms delivered that one came from a Past Grand Master of Canada, and the historian of the Masonry of the Dominion.

This illustration of the universality of the Craft was added to by the fact that among the candidates for election to the Correspondence Circle, which was the special creation of Bro. Speth, were Brethren from Birmingham and Bengal, Warwickshire and Western Australia, Salop and New Zealand, North Wales and Natal, as well as from Manitoba and Michigan, New York and Victoria, Queensland and Fiji, Burma and the Argentine.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings. We do not sanction anyone attending Lodge meetings as our representative without a specific invitation.

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Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. SAMUEL TOYE.

THE ninetieth annual festival of this distinguished Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., and was attended with general success, a very pleasant Masonic evening being provided for those who were privileged to be present.

The convocation was opened by Comps. E. E. Redman M.E.Z., Samuel Toye H., and G. P. Gillard P.Z. as J., after which the members were admitted.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. Elihu Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., P.Z. of the Farrington Without Chapter, No. 1745, as a joining member, and he was unanimously elected. The Companions then balloted for Bros. William Chapman Barnes and John Walter Barnes, both of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, under whose banner the Chapter is held, who were also approved as candidates for Royal Arch Masonry.

The First Principal's chair was then taken by Comp. Gillard, who requested Comp. Orlton Cooper to act as P.S. The Brothers Barnes being in attendance were then introduced, and were regularly exalted as Companions of the Order. The Lectures were very admirably delivered by Comps. Gillard, Lane, and Read.

Comp. George Read P.G.Std.Br., who had kindly consented to instal Comp. Toye as First Principal, then assumed the chair of Z., and performed the impressive ceremony with great dignity and solemnity. A dispensation having been granted for the installation of Comp. E. T. Pearce to the chair of H. without the usual qualification, he was summoned, together with Comp. Martin Pulvermann J.-elect, and both were installed as third Principals by Comp. Gillard, Comp. Pearce being subsequently invested as H. by Comp. Frederick Cambridge. Both these ceremonies were rendered in a most admirable manner by the Companions mentioned.

The following are the Officers elected to the subordinate positions of the Chapter: Comps. J. W. Heath P.Z. Treasurer, Fred Cambridge Scribe E., H. Blackburn Scribe N., J. Hewett P.S., F. Shipton 1st Asst., B. H. Springett 2nd Asst., and Ricd. Whiting Janitor.

The report of the Audit Committee was then considered, and certain suggestions were adopted.

Comp. Toye, in suitable terms, presented his predecessor with a P.Z. jewel, for which Comp. Redman returned thanks. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to dinner.

The customary loyal and complimentary toasts were given and acknowledged by those present, the speeches being agreeably interspersed with songs contributed by Miss Webster, Comps. Lane and Parsons, and some cornet solos by Comp. Heath.

In addition to those above mentioned there were present Comps. George Cowderoy P.Z., William Pound P.Z., S. H. Baker P.Z., M. C. Gossett P.Z., William Hyde Z.-elect 1685, and a large number of the members.

Sympathy Chapter, No. 483.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. WILLIAM HAWKER.

THE annual installation meeting of this successful Chapter was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Tuesday, 28th ult.

The convocation was opened by Comps. R. J. Beamish M.E.Z., William Hawker H., and Orlton Cooper J., after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which proved the Chapter to be in a flourishing financial condition, was received and adopted.

The ballot was taken for Comp. Thomas William Titley, of the Southwark Chapter, No. 879, as a joining member, and proved unanimous.

A dispensation from the Provincial Grand Superintendent Earl Amherst was read authorising the installation of Comp. Spencer Bowen as Second Principal of the Chapter, notwithstanding his not having served the full term in the third chair of J.

Comp. William Hawker M.E.Z.-elect was then presented and regularly installed as First Principal. Comp. Spencer Bowen was placed in the chair of H., and Comp. Thomas T. Hogg was inducted as third Principal. The first and last ceremonies were performed by Comp. Orlton Cooper, while the second was very admirably rendered by Comp. Henry Forss P.Z. P.Prov.G.D.C.

The following Officers for the year were then invested: Comps. Orlton Cooper Scribe E., John A. Gillett Scribe N., J. Percy White Prov.G.S.B. Treasurer, C. P. Bowen P.S., T. A. Mummery and George Masters Assistants, R. J. Beamish D.C., Robert Vivian A.D.C., Robert Matthews Organist, John Solomon and J. A. Axcell Stewards, and George Martin Janitor.

The resignation of a member was accepted with regret, but his place will be filled by a Brother who was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting.

In highly complimentary terms the M.E.Z. presented a P.Z. jewel to Comp. R. J. Beamish, and bore testimony to the admirable work he had accomplished in the Chapter. Comp. Beamish suitably responded, and there being no further business the Chapter was formally closed until November next.

The Companions subsequently dined together, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Among those present, in addition to those above mentioned, were Comps. William Russell P.P.D.C. Prov. Grand Treasurer, Frank Hitchens Prov.G.Registrar, Joseph Davis, Ernest Ingman, E. C. Paine, &c.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Alhambra.—Mr. Dundas Slater, always in search of novelties for his patrons, has induced the Parisian favourite "La Belle Tortajada" to appear at Leicester Square for a limited number of performances. She brings a capital little musical sketch "Los Contrabandistas," which portrays her singing, dancing, and acting capabilities to the best advantage. The little operetta is terribly dramatic, and is presented in three scenes, though the lady is really the only character. The piece was received with manifest approval. A new ballet is in preparation, so those who wish to see "The Gay City" should pay an early visit.

Wyndham's.—The talented proprietor of this handsome theatre has revived for a short season Mr. H. A. Jones's altogether delightful comedy "The Case of Rebellious Susan," which was so favourably received at its initial production. Miss Mary Moore is seen to special advantage as the rebellious one, who is taught so useful a lesson. Mr. Charles Wyndham also excels in such characters as Sir Richard Cato, and admirable assistance is rendered by Miss Violet Vanburgh. The great charm of the plays presented by Mr. Wyndham is the natural and easy manner of the actors, so that the interest is always sustained. The comedy is preceded by a short instrumental concert by the theatre orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Alick Maclean, which is very agreeable for the early visitors.

BRO. CHARLES COLLETTE is busy supplementing his performance of "What Happened to Jones" with revivals of "My Awful Dad," "Cool as a Cucumber," "Cryptoconchoidsyphonostomata," and other pieces with which his name has been so closely associated. It is also quite "on the cards" that he will reproduce "The Colonel," in which famous comedy he made his reputation throughout Great Britain and Ireland. Since the initial production at the old Prince of Wales Theatre, London, early in 1881, when the late Charles Coghlan played Colonel Woodd, several actors have attempted the part with indifferent success. Charles Collette however made the part his own, "put to bed" all his small rivals, succeeded in keeping the play well before the public for five years, and even eclipsed the fame of the original. "The Colonel," with Charles Collette in the title role, would be a treat to older playgoers, a revelation to the younger generation, and most remunerative to the treasury. Our worthy Bro. Charles Collette will appear all next week at the Crown Theatre, Peckham, as the Yankee Bagman in "What happened to Jones," and supported by a very strong company under the management of Mr. Lilford Arthur.

Messrs. Digby, Long and Co. have in the press the following new novels:—"The Maiden's Creed," by Alan St. Aubyn, author of "A Fellow of Trinity," "The Junior Dean," "The Loyal Hussar," "A Prick of Conscience," &c.; "A Black Vintage," by Morice Gerard, author of "Murray Murgatroyd, Journalist," "The Man of the Moment," "The Grip of the Wolf," "Queen Mate," &c.; "Whose was the Hand?" by J. E. Muddock, author of "Stripped of the Tinsel," "Without Faith or Fear," "In the King's Favour," "Kate Cameron of Brux," &c.; "A Deal with the King," by J. T. Findlay, author of "The Secession in the North," &c.; also a cheap edition (2s 6d) of Sarah Tytler's popular novel "A Crazy Moment."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons.

The Works of CHARLES DICKENS.

Vol. xi., **Hard Times** and **Christmas Books.**

Poetical Tributes to the memory of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. Edited by Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D. F.R.S.L. With a foreword by Mackenzie Bell, F.R.S.L.—Swan Sonnenschein and Co., Limited.

THE Great Western Railway Company announce that on Mondays, 10th, 17th and 24th June, an express day excursion to Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester and Weymouth will leave Paddington Station at 8.35 a.m. The day trip fare to Weymouth will be 7s 6d, and passengers will travel by the new direct route, and be due at Weymouth at 12.40 p.m. The return train will leave Weymouth at 6.20 p.m. and be due at Paddington at 10.35 p.m. The new route considerably shortens the distance between Paddington and Weymouth. Tickets at a higher fare will be issued available for 5, 8, 12 or 15 days.