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## THE PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

More than the usual amount of interest was felt in the proceedings that were appointed to take place at the annual meeting at Hull, on the 24th ult., of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. In the first place, it was held under the auspices of the Humber Lodge, No. 57—the senior on the roll of the province, and at the same time one of the most numerous and influential of our country lodges—and upward of 20 years had elapsed since the Humber had played the part of entertaining lodge. In the next place, the year that was then closing had been distinguished by one or two events of more than ordinary importance, and, therefore, it is not surprising to find that the attendance of the brethren, and especially of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, was exceptionally large, the number of those present being about 300, of whom upwards of 60 held past or present Provincial rank. Bro. the Earl of ZETLAND, Provincial Grand Master, presided in person, and when the preliminary business and the various reports had been disposed of, an address of congratulation to the noble Earl on his recent appointment to the important post of Viceroy and Governor-General of Ireland was moved by Bro. the Hon. W. T. ORDE-POWLETT, P.G.W. of England, D.P.G.M., and carried by general acclamation. A vote of thanks was also unanimously passed to his lordship for having presided at the first anniversary festival of the newly-organised Educational Fund of the Province, held at York, on the 8th May last, when, by the hands of 113 Stewards, upwards of £1050 was raised for the purposes of the Fund. A resolution was also agreed to, on the motion of the P.G.M., in which the Province expressed its entire confidence in the Boys' School Provisional Committee, and its opinion that the recommendations of the Committee of Investigation into the management of that Institution should be adopted. The Prov. G. Master subsequently delivered a brief, but very effective address, in which he reviewed the events of the past year, referring to the ceremonies performed by his able Deputy and himself, in October last, in connection with the Masonic Halls which were dedicated in that month at Hull and York respectively, and also with that of which the foundation stone was laid at Howden. He spoke of the pleasure it had given him to act as head of a deputation, in January, which presented an address of welcome to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the occasion of his Royal Highness's visit to open the new Town Hall at Middlesborough; and last, but principally, he congratulated the Province on the splendid success which had attended the first Festival of their Educational Fund in May. He complimented the Humber Lodge on the excellence of the arrangements they had made for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the brethren of the Hull lodges generally, on the success of their management, and the state of prosperity to which, in consequence, they had attained. The address was frequently interrupted by the hearty applause of the brethren, and the enthusiasm of the meeting reached its highest point at the banquet which followed, when the compliments which had been uttered in Provincial Grand Lodge were renewed with additional fervour at the festive board. The meeting throughout was in all respects satisfactory, and we warmly congratulate Lord ZETLAND, his Prov. Officers, and our North and East Yorkshire brethren generally, on the success of their combined efforts during the past year to promote the welfare of the Craft, and enlarge its sphere of usefulness in the domain of Charity.

## THE PROV. G. LODGE OF ESSEX.

The brethren of Essex were exceptionally fortunate in the locality selected for the meeting on Tuesday of their P.G. Lodge. The Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, which is located in the quaint old town of Dunmow, was in charge of the arrangements, and, in ordinary circumstances, would have played the part of entertaining lodge, but, by the kindness of Bro. Lord BROOKE, M.P., Prov. G. Master, the brethren met at Easton Lodge, the residence of their chief, who had laid himself out to make the visit of the brethren as enjoyable as possible. There was, therefore, as may be imagined, a more than usually large attendance of Prov. G.

Officers, both Present and Past, and of the representatives of the various lodges in the Province. Indeed, the gathering was so numerous that only Prov. G. Officers were enabled to take part in the proceedings; but this was probably no loss, or rather, the disappointment of those who were perforce excluded by the comparative smallness of the library in which the meeting was held, was compensated by the pleasure they derived from wandering about in the ample domain in which Easton Lodge is situated. The proceedings, too, were of a most satisfactory character. The reports that were read showed that the Province, both numerically and as regards its funds, was in a prosperous condition. The Prov. Grand Master was also pleased to express his firm belief that the recently-consecrated Lennox Browne Lodge would be a great and permanent success, and he evinced his approval of the establishment of the lodge and his respect for the valuable services rendered by Bro. LENNOX BROWNE to Freemasonry, both in Essex and generally, by appointing that brother to the office of Prov. S.G.W. for the current year. We note also that the Mayor of Maldon, Bro. JOSEPH SADLER, was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer by a fair majority of votes over Bro. ACKWORTH, and a still greater majority over Bro. ANDREW DURRANT, who had held the post by annual re-election for some few years, the object in preferring Bro. SADLER being not to offer any slight to Bro. DURRANT, who had served the province so well, but to apply to this Provincial Grand Lodge the principle which for some years past has been adopted in the case of Grand Lodge—of conferring the solitary honour which it is in the power of the brethren to bestow upon as many worthy Masons as possible. In all other respects, the meeting passed off famously, and both Lord BROOKE and our Essex friends are to be congratulated on the unqualified success of the proceedings.

## THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

BRO. E. V. GREATBACH, P. Prov. Grand Supt. of Works Staffordshire, is to be commended for the outspoken manner in which, in the paper he read before the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, on the 14th May, on "Voting: White for, Black against," he has dealt with the unpleasant subject of black-balling. We do not go so far as to affirm that Bro. GREATBACH has imported anything of a very novel character into his address, but he has placed the most material points before the brethren in clear and concise fashion. He has dealt with the question in the first place generally, and then as regards (a) the Candidate, (b) his supporters, and (c) the lodge, and under none of these heads is there any gainsaying the perfect justice of his views. It is not new for instance, yet it is undeniably true, "that the black ball is put into our hands to be used, if circumstances demand it, but it is not to be used for private pique, or without calm deliberation." And again, "the vote is ours by right, and the power to use and abuse it rests with us, but when we have put the ball in the box our power over it has ceased." But "not so the result—that may make its mark in a manner totally beyond our ken or desire, and on it may possibly depend the prosperity or misfortune of our lodge, and whether or not in time to come the genuine tenets and principles of our Order shall be transmitted pure and unsullied through the medium of our lodge." As regards the Candidate, Bro. GREATBACH considers "it is utterly unfair for us to declare that a man is unfit to join our Craft except upon the most powerful reasons." Indeed, he goes still further, for he says "I am of opinion that my personal likes or dislikes ought not to be allowed to influence my decision in voting. Individually, I feel that all that ought to weigh with me is whether or not the Candidate is an honourable, upright man, likely to become an honour to the Craft and an advantageous member of the lodge." There are probably not many who take so extreme a view as this, but there is undoubtedly much to be said in its behalf, and perhaps if brethren inclined more frequently in this direction when the duty devolved upon them of deciding the fate of a candidate, we should have less of those unfortunate differences which so often lead to a lodge being divided against itself. As regards the effect on the lodge itself, we recognise clearly enough the force of what Bro. GREATBACH says. The power of the black ball is

of course relatively greater than the white, and the very fact of this power being so much greater should compel us to exercise it with the utmost care. *Everyone must also admit that the use of the black ball creates distrust amongst the members, and that not unfrequently suspicion falls unmeritedly on some brother who is scrupulously honourable in the fulfilment of his duties and responsibilities.* But, unfortunately, he has not laid down any plan by which the use of the black ball can be avoided, except it be the plan which he refers to in approving terms, and which we know is adopted in many lodges, of first submitting the name of a candidate to the members in a kind of informal manner, so that the sponsors may be able to gather from the opinions expressed what is likely to be the result of the formal ballot. Under any circumstances, however, and whether the reader is likely to accept or reject the views of Bro. GREATBACH, we can strongly recommend his paper, which has been issued in pamphlet form, to the attention of our readers.

### THE GRAND LODGE MOVEMENT IN NEW ZEALAND.

WE are in possession of the circular which was compiled and issued by order of the Executive Committee appointed to consider as to the propriety of establishing a United Grand Lodge in New Zealand, at its meeting on the 23rd May last, and we know, therefore, the reasons which actuate the promoters of this movement in the steps they are taking to effect their purpose. As regards some of these reasons we are prepared to admit the fairness with which they are stated, and that they exhibit a certain degree of cogency, but there are others which, from our point of view, are scarcely worth noticing, and yet others to which strong exception may justly be taken. Viewing them as a whole, we are inclined to think the balance of argument is against rather than in favour of the proposed change. For instance, we attach very little weight to the assertion that "the existence of three Constitutions working side by side," is "contrary to and subversive of the principles of Unity, which should control all Masonic concerns." The statement might easily be carried further and applied to the United Kingdom, in which there are three distinct Grand Lodges which are on terms of the most intimate friendship and yet work independently of each other; or to the Dominion of Canada, in which there are some seven, or, to the United States, in which there are nearly 50 Grand Lodges which are similarly circumstanced. Yet it has never been seriously proposed that the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, or the seven Grand Lodges of the Dominion, should be amalgamated; while the proposal which has been more than once made to establish a general Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States has been invariably treated with supreme indifference, if not with contempt. We are well aware that in these three cases the G. Lodges do not work "side by side" in the sense in which they so work in the British Colonies and Dependencies. The territorial limits of their several jurisdictions are strictly defined, while in the Colonies and Dependencies they occupy the same territory. But, in the case of the latter, the nationalities from which the lodges are recruited are all mingled together in the same district, and when Colonials are desirous of being made Masons they seek affiliation with lodges of their respective nationalities, so that as a rule Scotch Colonials are initiated in Scotch lodges, Irish Colonials in Irish lodges, and English Colonials in English lodges, and it is only when they visit lodges of other systems than their own that they discover there is any difference in the mode of working. But though the methods may be different, the principles which underlie all these Constitutions are the same.

Again, the Charity of the Craft as it is exemplified by the establishment of Benevolent and Educational Institutions is not rendered impossible by the co-existence of three jurisdictions in one locality. Charity is one of the guiding principles of Freemasonry, whether its local surroundings happen to be English, Irish, or Scotch, or a compound of all three. In other Colonies and Dependencies, the different systems have their different local Charity Funds, and if anything further in the way of Charitable Association existed than what the several local Funds of Benevolence afford, there is no insuperable obstacle to the establishment of one which would be open to the members of all three jurisdictions.

Then, as to the "disadvantages of being governed from a distance," these are practically nil. In the matter of government, the District and Provincial Grand Lodges in the Colonies and Dependencies are virtually independent of the Grand Lodges to which they severally belong, nor would the authorities here for a moment dream of interfering in the local administration. It is true there is an appeal from the decisions of the District Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge at home, but this is an advantage rather than otherwise, as the decisions

of local authorities are sometimes unintentionally influenced by local feeling, while the Grand Lodge is strictly impartial, knowing nothing whatever of the opposing parties in any dispute which may be referred to them.

As regards the "Evils of Concurrent Jurisdiction"—as they are described in the circular—the "Rivalry of Constitutions," and the question of "New Lodges and Small Lodges," we admit there is some force in these objections to the present system, but they are very far from being insuperable. There is, indeed, as regards the first, no reason why they should not continue to exist under a single Constitution to almost, if not quite, the same extent as now, unless very stringent laws were passed against one lodge accepting the rejected candidates of other lodges. With reference to the saving that would be effected by substituting one Grand Lodge for the Dist. G. Lodges under the three systems, it is possible that much in this direction might be done at the outset; but we question if the reduced scale of expenditure would be maintained for long. Our experience inclines to think that the return to the present rate, which is by no means heavy, would be speedy, while the benefits which exist under the present arrangements would have disappeared entirely. Bro. FENWICK, Dist. G. Secretary of Queensland, in the able paper we published the other day, has fully explained the nature of these benefits, and we doubt if their loss would be compensated by the small saving of expenditure which would undoubtedly follow for a time after the establishment of a United G. Lodge. But our chief objection to any change, at all events in the present immature state of feeling on the subject, is that New Zealand, unlike South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, under the old system, is both geographically and Masonically broken up into districts, and though it may have been easy to combine three Dist. G. Lodges working in a compact territory, it will not be easy to combine nine such D.G. Lodges in a territory which is not compact.

### BRIEF ESSAYS ON CURIOUS SUBJECTS.

#### 3. THE APRON.

This essential article of our attire seems to have assumed its present shape a few months after the "Union" of 1813, prior to which the flap was semi-circular, as the Scottish pattern still is. Let us consider it as if the pad were turned up, in which position we should see an equilateral triangle, supported on a square base, for, strictly speaking, we must view it as an absolute square rather than as the rectangle we wear of lambskin.

The *Triad* has always been held in the very highest esteem, and by the Pythagoreans especially was venerated as divine, even more so than the Septenary or any of the other odd numbers. Virgil has embalmed the old feeling in recording that the Gods love uneven numbers. We need not here speak of the three greater or lesser lights, or other ternaries which must readily occur to every brother. All the old Theosophies inculcated the existence of Trinity, and so do many of our present faiths; but space forbids more than a simple reference.

Our purpose in these papers is to hint at the more than probability that our ceremonies have come down to us from the remote past, for either our Order is, roughly speaking, barely two centuries old, or it is the descendant, no matter by what tortuous paths, of the Osirian and similar mysteries. If the former be true then we have assumed ancient symbols which may mean whatever the innovators understood thereby—if we can learn, as may be expected at so recent a date, what these implied to our founders—but, on the other hand, if our Institution possesses legitimately the heritage from our early or pre-historic ancestors, then we are morally bound to accept the symbols we have heired from them at their original value, so far as we can attain to this knowledge.

Now-a-days some of our instructors are prone to tell us that the Triangle typifies the Christian Trinity, forgetting that Masonry is UNIVERSAL, and that we enrol in our ranks Unitarians, Parsees, Mahommedans, and any who can take a binding O.B. in the name of the Great Architect. That the Equilateral Triangle represents Trinity, goes without saying, but the Kabbalist reads it for the first three Sephiroth, the earliest emanations of the Ain Soph., while the Hindu understands it in a wide sense, as Creation, Preservation, and Renewal.—When apex upwards, we may take it as emblematic of Spirit, or Fire, the sign of Siva, and masculine—with the base above it, signifies Matter, Water, Vishnu, and is feminine.

A *Cube* has six faces, or, as some say, the four cardinal points, with height and depth. If we unfold a die made of pasteboard, we get a Latin Cross (known also to the older Egyptians), four squares for the upright, and one square on each side of the third block, counting from the first. If we include the central space in the total of both the horizontal and vertical lines, we obtain the mystical number *seven*. In the top square let us

insert a face or head, and we then have a representation of the entranced figure of an Osirian neophyte, in a tau-shaped couch, waiting the expiry of his three days' intercourse with spirits to waken to the final consummation of human knowledge as then understood.

The *Square*, like the Nilotic hieroglyph for M, signifies matter, foundation, earth, house, and with ourselves is frequently used as a contraction for the word "Lodge." Although the body of our Apron is practically a superficies, we must bear in mind that it represents a *Cube*, which considerations of personal convenience preclude our wearing with comfort. The hexahedron connects with the Hexalpha, and is contained in the Triangle. If we divide an equilateral triangle by two equidistant lines, parallel to the base, and sub-divide the two lower portions so that each space is the same capacity as the uppermost triangle, we shall have at the top *One*, in the middle *Three*, and below *Five* smaller equilaterals, *Nine* in all, and with the enclosing figure added in we obtain the *Denary* or *Ten*, which reminds us again that the total of our first four numerals is *Ten*, equivalent in value to the Hebrew Yod, which is often placed inside a Triangle, and the figure itself can be made by placing the Yods as a Pyramid for the greater or lesser Tetractys. If our intersected Triangle is correctly divided, we have the six sides of a cube visible, and if the smaller lines are continued till they cross we get the Hexalpha. Of this symbol, variously known as the Seal of Solomon, Shield of David, or Sign of Vishnu, very wonderful stories are told in the Orient, and the thousand and one readers of the "Arabian Nights" must be acquainted with its alleged potency. It is generally found over the entrance to a Synagogue.

To render our star complete, we must read into it the central or Kosmic point, yielding the Venerable *Seven*. The arrangements in R.A. chapters remind us of this, and the exhortations often addressed to the members will, no doubt, have familiarised all with the persistent recurrence in Holy Writ of this mysterious number. In reciting the seven ages of man, Shakspeare merely echoed the old philosophers. The Trine of *Spirit* plus the Quaternary of *Matter* result in the Septenary of the Macrocosm, and with the Microcosmic Pentalpha are main characteristics of our Rituals.

C. A. M.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Easton Lodge, the residence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., under the banner of the Rosslyn Lodge. The occasion was one which will be memorable in the annals of Essex Freemasonry. The facilities generously afforded by the Great Eastern Railway Company enabled large numbers of the brethren from all parts of the province to take part in the proceedings, which were altogether of a most interesting character. Special trains were run from Bishop Stortford and Witham, and these were met at Dunmow Station by an ample supply of brakes, in which the brethren were conveyed through the quaint Essex town to the palatial residence of the Prov. Grand Master. The library was set apart for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and a charming little lodge room it made. Unfortunately, it was not large enough to accommodate all the brethren who desired to be present, and admission was necessarily confined to the members of Provincial Grand Lodge. For the other brethren Bro. Lord Brooke had thoughtfully provided entertainment in the beautifully wooded park and charming gardens which surrounded the house, where the splendid band of the Northumberland Fusiliers, under Mr. W. H. Dencer, performed selections of operatic and classical music, which were very much enjoyed.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Brooke, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, acting as D.P.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C. The display of purple was said to be one of the largest ever seen at the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren present included the following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. George Harrison, P.S.G.W.; John C. Quennell, P.J.G.W.; Thos. Cochrane, P.G.C.; Andrew Durrant, P.G. Treas.; Thos. Ralling, P.G. Sec., P.A.G.D. of C.; Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256; Scoresby-Jackson, M.D., W.M. 2318; J. W. Whitlock, P.G.S. of W.; A. Lucking, P.G.P., P.G.D. of C.; D. Roberts, P.G.O.; C. T. Lewis, P.G.S.B.; A. Martin, P.G.T.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, 1543, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D.; Vero W. Taylor, P.M. 1312, P.P.S.G.W.; F. B. Shepherd, P.G. Chap., P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Snell, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.R.; A. Welsh, P.M. 51, P.P.J.G.W.; John Hutley, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.S.B.; G. R. Dawson, P.M. 1000, P.P.S.G.D.; W. R. Willcocks, I.P.M. 136, P.A.G.P.; Thos. Humphreys, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. F. Barrett, P.M. 1000, P.P.G. Reg.; Thomas Lloyd, P.P.G.C. Staff.; F. R. Hales, P.M. 650, P.P.J.G.W.; Robert Martin, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Gosling, P.M. 697, P.P.S.G.D.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; Joseph Grimes, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S. of W.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Org.; E. Hennemeyer, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.; Edmund Gowers, P.M. 1024, P.P.G. Org.; F. G. Green, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; W. V. Willson, P.M. 160, P.P.G.S.B.; A. F. Ginn, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Wood, P.M. and Treas. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Shedd, P.M. 276, P.P.G.R.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. 433, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Downes, P.P.G.P.; H. Finn, P.M. 1799, P.A.G.P.; C. Cobb, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Sowman, P.M. 51, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Haward Ives, P.M. 51, P.P.A.G.S.; Thomas P. Mills, P.M. 697, P.P.G.P.; R. G. Kellett, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Motum, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Salmon, P.M. 2077, P.P.G.R.; J. E. Horn, P.M. 1457, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Mead, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. H. Inman, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.R.; T. Malyn, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Fuller, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.P.; E. H. Horwood, P.P.G. Chap.; J. E. White, P.M. 1437, P.P.G.R.; H. T. S. Burney, P.P.S.G.D.; Alf. Buck, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; Andrew C. Durrant, P.M. 276, P.P.J.G.W.; W. D. Merritt, P.M. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; and others.

There was also a very large attendance of the Masters and Past Masters of the various lodges in the province. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Col. S. Burney, Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C. Eng.; William Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; G. Cooper, P.G.D. Eng.; W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; W. H. Saunders, P.G.D.C.; Geo. Abbott, P.M. 225, P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; Rev. George Nugee, P.G.C. Middlesex; and Fred. C. Atkinson, S.W. 376.

Letters of apology were announced from Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Alg. Lennox, Lord Henniker, Sir Francis Burdett, Sir Reginald Hanson, Sir Whittaker Ellis, Sir Geo. Harris, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke (Grand Secretary), and other distinguished brethren.

From the report read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, it appeared that the total number of brethren in the province was 1300, an increase of 36 as compared with last year. The Auditors reported that there was a balance of £93 18s. 8d. in the hands of the Prov. Grand Treasurer. The report of the Charity Committee was read by the Prov. G. Secretary, and adopted.

On the suggestion of the P.G.M., it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. DEHANE, seconded by Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, that the names of brethren sending in votes to the Charity Committee be published.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. He gave them a very cordial welcome to Easton Lodge, and expressed the hope that by the arrangements which had been made the inconvenience of holding the meeting there had been minimised. He felt that a very great honour had been conferred upon him by holding the Prov. Grand Lodge under his roof, and he thanked the brethren for attending in such large numbers, and took that opportunity of thanking them for the cordial support they had given him on that as well as on many previous occasions. With regard to the state of Freemasonry in the Province, he thought they had every reason for congratulation. When he was first appointed to rule over the province, the number of members was 866. Since then several new lodges had been consecrated, and at the present moment there were 1300 members in the province. Referring to the recent consecration of the Lennox Browne Lodge, his lordship predicted for it a most successful career. The brother after whom the lodge was named, and whom he was glad to see amongst them that day, had taken the greatest interest in everything connected with Freemasonry. He was glad to see that the financial position of the province had improved, and that, notwithstanding the agricultural depression which so seriously affected the district, the contributions to the Masonic Charities showed an increase on previous years, £291 had been sent up to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, towards which Bro. Lennox Browne contributed the magnificent sum of £234, £23 had been sent up to the Girls' School, and £331 to the Boys', making a total of £645, which he thought was a very satisfactory amount for a not very rich province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then announced, amidst applause, that Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., had consented to act as his Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing year. He then called upon the brethren to elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bro. VERO W. TAYLOR proposed the re-election of Bro. Andrew Durrant. He knew there was a feeling that there should be a more frequent change, but he did not share that feeling, and he thought it better to retain the services of so good an officer as Bro. Durrant.

Bro. G. T. CLAPHAM seconded.

Bro. J. J. C. TURNER nominated Bro. Sadler, W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Maldon. He endorsed everything that had been said in favour of Bro. Andrew Durrant, but it was impossible to confer upon him any greater honour than he already possessed, and it would not detract from the honour if another brother was elected to the office he had filled with so much credit to himself for so many years. Bro. Sadler was the present Mayor of Maldon, and in every way a most suitable brother for the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. F. R. HALES seconded the nomination of Bro. Sadler.

Bro. SALMON nominated Bro. Ackworth, who was a P.M. of three lodges, was Treasurer of his mother lodge, and Past Treasurer of the Epping Lodge.

Bro. JOHN GLASS seconded the nomination of Bro. Ackworth.

The voting was taken by ballot, the result being declared as under: Bro. Sadler, 77; Bro. Ackworth, 61; and Bro. Durrant, 39.

Bro. Sadler, amidst applause, was declared duly elected, and Lord Brooke proceeded to invest the Prov. Grand Officers as under:

Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. H. Baily, I.P.M. 2006	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. Quennell, 214	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Joseph Sadler, W.M. St. Peter's Lodge	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. J. H. Ward, W.M. 650	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 51 (13th year)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Van Essen, I.P.M. 2005	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Frank Sackett, P.M. 1343	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. Copus, I.P.M. 1312	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 1000 (16th year)	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Burroughs, P.M. 1437	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. J. Westfield, I.P.M. 2184	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Metcalfe, I.P.M. 276	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. Thomas, I.P.M. 1817	...	...	...	
" Egbert Roberts, W.M. 917, Org. 2255	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Arthur Barritt, I.P.M. 1024	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" John Ayling, I.P.M. 160	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Wm. Strutt, Treas. 2077	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. G. Renshaw, W.M. 697	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Heagerty, W.M. 1343	...	...	...	
" R. C. Lyle, S.W. 1543	...	...	...	
" D. Milbank, S.D. 1543	...	...	...	
" J. M. Welch, D.C. 1543	...	...	...	
" C. Bint, 1543	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" A. W. Martin	...	...	...	

Bro. ANDREW DURRANT said during the 10 years he had filled the office of P.G. Treasurer he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and if in the future he could give any assistance to the newly-elected Treasurer he should be only too pleased to do so.

Bro. Bailey was unanimously elected a member of the Charity Committee, in the place of Bro. Lewin, who retired by rotation; and on the proposition of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, the remuneration of the Prov. Grand Secretary was increased from ten guineas to 20 guineas per annum, an additional honorarium of 10 guineas being granted to Bro. Ralling for his services during the past year.

On the proposition of Bro. SALMON, seconded by Bro. CORBELL, and supported by Bro. SADLER, it was resolved that a jewel be presented to Bro. Durrant, and that the thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge be recorded on the minutes for his past services as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

On the proposition of Bro. SADLER, the sum of ten guineas was voted to each of the Masonic Charities, and on the proposition of Bro. SNELL, a like sum was voted to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, the votes to be vested in the Master of Rosslyn Lodge for the time being.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that he intended to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge at Walton-on-the-Naze.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Great Eastern Railway for the facilities afforded to the brethren attending the meeting, and on the proposition of Bro. MERRITT, seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, a similar compliment was accorded to the Prov. Grand Master for the hospitable manner in which he had received the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER briefly responded, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in a large marquee, erected in the park. The interior was lined with broad strips of Masonic blue and white, and presented quite an imposing appearance. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and over 300 brethren were present. The dinner was admirably served by Messrs. Wright and Son.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER proposed "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He referred in felicitous terms to the recent marriage of the Princess Louise of Wales. He said he should be very sorry to say anything disparaging to any foreigner, but he was sure it was a matter of satisfaction to every Englishman that her Royal Highness had become affianced and married to one of their own flesh and blood. He did not want to enter into politics, but he was quite sure the nation would not begrudge the Prince of Wales any sum of money within reason to enable him to carry out those duties which he discharged so ably, and to the satisfaction of every member of the community.

The P.G.M. next proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Lord Lathom kindly promised some months ago that he would be with them on that occasion, but since then he had met with a sad bereavement, in which he was sure he would receive the earnest sympathy of every member of the province. Lord Henniker had also recently suffered a family bereavement, and Lord Hertford and other officers who had promised to come had been prevented by the postponement of the naval review. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. of Suffolk.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN responded, and expressed his pleasure at meeting Bro. Pickard, who passed and raised him, and also, he believed, passed and raised the Prov. G.M., Lord Brooke. They had assembled that day under the hospitable roof of one who had endeared himself to the whole Province of Essex, and they had among them many distinguished Masons, one of whom, Bro. Col. Burney, was the founder of the Unity Lodge at Colchester. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked them very heartily for the reception they had given to the toast, and before sitting down he asked them to drink what was emphatically the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master of Essex, Lord Brooke." A good many years ago he had the honour of being asked to consecrate the Rosslyn Lodge, and he was proud and happy to see the progress the lodge had made, but little did he anticipate then that he should ever see under the auspices of the Rosslyn Lodge such a magnificent gathering as they had seen that day.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. LORD BROOKE, in response, thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast, and said he felt that they had done him a great honour by meeting under his roof. He was glad to feel that the proceedings had passed off without one note of discord, but he need not say that harmony was one of the first principles of Freemasonry. With regard to the election of P.G. Treasurer, he said he thought it was perfectly right that the office should be open to election, and he felt sure that Bro. Durrant, who had filled the office for some time with pleasure to himself and with great benefit to the province, would be glad to see the honour conferred upon such a worthy Mason as Bro. Sadler. He was glad to know that although they were not a rich province—for agriculture, which was their mainstay in Essex, had been sorely hit of late—the brethren had come forward when necessity arose and generously supported the Charities which the Freemasons had founded and maintained. It was satisfactory to think that not only in our own country but in every part of the world Freemasonry was increasing. There were now about 600 lodges abroad connected with English Freemasonry, and when he was in India and in Egypt he received the greatest hospitality and good fellowship from brethren in those countries. In conclusion his lordship expressed the hope that the principles of Freemasonry would continue to spread throughout the country, that every Freemason would ever be loyal to the Queen and the Craft, and that he might for many years have the honour to occupy the proud position of Prov. Grand Master of Essex.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Lennox Browne, who was a most excellent Mason, and had evinced a deep interest in the Masonic Charities as well as in the work of the Craft generally.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE said he was exceedingly sorry that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was not present to respond for the toast, because he was sure if he had been there he would have given them some ideas which they could have carried away with them, and which would have been of great value to them in their future Masonic life. He expressed himself as very proud that the brethren of the Province of Essex had done him the honour of consecrating a lodge which bore his name. Freemasons, if they acted up to their professions, were loyal and charitable; he did not say that all loyal men were Masons, but he never knew a Mason who was not loyal, and with regard to the Charities, he challenged anyone to point to any body of men who had done more for the support of charitable institutions than the Freemasons had done for the three great Masonic Charities. As long as he was connected with the Province of Essex, he should endeavour to carry out the principles of Freemasonry.

The P.G.M. proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Pickard, who deservedly occupied a most prominent place in Masonry.

Bro. PICKARD, in response, referred in complimentary terms to the manner in which the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge had been conducted, and expressed a hope that in some of the smaller towns in his own Province of Oxfordshire Freemasonry would be more widely appreciated than it was at the present time.

The P.G.M. proposed "The W.M.'s of the lodges of the Province of Essex," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Clapham, of the Rosslyn Lodge, a lodge named after a nobleman who was well-known as a distinguished Mason both in Scotland and in England.

The other toasts were "The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Ralling," and "P.G.D. of C., Bro. Lucking," both of whom responded.

Finally, Bro. LENNOX BROWNE proposed "The Health of Lady Brooke," which was, of course, most cordially received.

After the banquet the gardens were beautifully illuminated with variegated lights and Chinese lanterns, and a short concert, which was graced with the presence of Lady Brooke, was given in front of the house by talented and well-known artistes. The whole of the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Chas. Clark. Bro. N. Howlett was the accompanist. At dusk there was a display of fireworks, culminating in an effective set piece of "Welcome to the Freemasons." Altogether, the meeting was a complete success. Everything passed off admirably, and the cheers which were given for Lord Brooke and his charming wife before the brethren left the park were of the heartiest description.

Special trains conveyed the visitors to Witham and Bishops Stortford, and a most enjoyable day was brought to a happy conclusion.

Bro. Spalding, photographer, of Chelmsford, was successful in taking one or two good groups of the brethren on the lawn.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

Friday, the 2nd inst., was an eventful occasion in the local annals of Freemasonry, the members of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222—Weston-super-Mare—having the honour of receiving the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset. There has not been so large and distinguished a gathering in Weston-super-Mare of the Craft since the laying of the foundation-stone of the West of England sanatorium by the P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon. Naturally proud of the honour of entertaining so august a body, the members of St. Kew Lodge determined to give their brethren in the Craft a truly fraternal welcome and a reception worthy of their Masonic dignity. The lodge room at the Masonic Hall

being too small, the Town Hall was engaged, the hall itself being fitted up for the lodge, and the various offices furnished for the reception of the P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers.

The hall was arranged in a most effective and comfortable manner for the business of the lodge. The throne was situated on the platform, surmounted by a canopy curtained with crimson drapery, with golden Masonic emblem in the centre. A flight of steps led from the floor of the hall to the foot of the throne, stove and greenhouse plants were effectively grouped on each side, and the steps and dais were covered with crimson carpet. The walls of the hall were also tastefully decorated, the portraits of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, being displayed and adorned with trophies of flags, and the beauty of the general effect was much enhanced by the banners of the various lodges, that belonging to St. Kew, representing the Saint in the act of imparting instruction, occupying a conspicuous position. A portion of the lower end of the hall was screened, and formed a convenient reception and clothing room for the general body of brethren.

The Prov. G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England, presided, and the following brethren recorded their names: Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M.; J. A. Lloyd, P.G.C. Eng.; C. L. F. Edwards, P.G. Treas.; T. G. Williams, P.G. Reg.; A. L. Wade, P.S.G.D.; John Hughes, P.G.S.B.; S. J. Lewis, P.G. Std. Br.; T. E. Willon, P.G. Stwd.; A. J. Salter, P.G. Tyler; S. Bigwood, P.A.G. Tyler; B. C. Board, P.G.S.B.; J. P. Green, R. Knight, P.G. Purst.; R. P. Floyd, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Pashley, P.P.S.G.W.; Edmund White, P.S.G.W.; John Rubie, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Cook, jun., P.P.J.G.W.; C. Symons, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert Knight, P.G.P.; F. T. Elworthy, P.P.S.G.W.; E. F. Wade, P.P.J.G.W.; R. J. Damon, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Cox, P.P.G.R.; John Tompsett, Past Prov. J.G.D.; James Knight, P.P.G. Standard Bearer; E. L. Hill, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Hayward, P.P.S.G.W.; Lawson Howes, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. G. Vincent, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Long, P.P.S.G.W.; A. de Courcy Lyons, P.P.G.D.; W. E. Perrett, P.P.G.D.C.; B. Cox, P.P.G.P.; E. E. Baker, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Cripps, P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. Harris, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Page, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Rice, P.P.G.D.; E. J. Grubb, P.P.G.P.; A. J. Gray, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Hughes, P.S.G.D.; W. T. Abbot, P.P.J.G.D.; R. R. Hutchings, P.P.G.O.; L. G. Derrick, P.P.G.D.C.; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession, and were received with the customary honours by the assembled brethren. The P.G.M. took his seat on the throne, supported by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers. His lordship arrived late owing to the train being delayed.

Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. W. H. F. Powell, P.G.M. Bristol; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Col. J. R. Bramble, D.P.G.M. Bristol; Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M. Gloucester; Culliford Hopkins, P.S.G.W.; J. B. Marwood, J. L. Stothert, W. Ransford, T. Ringer, Dr. Weatherley, and A. Steevens.

Bro. Major Long acted as P.S.G.W., in the absence of Bro. Culliford Hopkins, and Bro. E. F. Wade acted as P.J.G.W., in place of the late lamented Bro. Sumner Toms.

The P.G. SECRETARY read the roll of lodges, and it was found that all were represented.

The P.G. TREASURER read a statement of the accounts, from which it appeared that there was a balance of £93 11s. 11d. in favour of the province. The accounts were adopted.

Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. G. W. Rodway, seconded by Bro. E. White.

Bro. EDWARDS having returned thanks, the report of the Charity Organisation Committee was adopted, as also the revised by-laws of the province.

The various offices having been declared vacant, the appointment and investment of new officers was proceeded with, collars being bestowed upon the following:

Bro. G. E. Alford, P.M. 1222	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
A. Duckett, P.M. 291	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. F. A. Byrde	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
F. W. Macdonald, W.M. 379	...	...	...	
E. M. Fuller, P.M. 53	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
C. L. F. Edwards	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
J. C. Hunt	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
F. H. Warren, P.M. 1197 and 1953	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
L. Ashcroft, P.M. 1296	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
G. B. Laffon, P.M. 135	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
S. Spill, P.M. 973	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
S. W. Bewsey, P.M. 437	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Dr. F. S. Pearse, P.M. 261	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
W. P. Bennett, P.M. 2038	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
B. F. Wood, P.M. 1197	...	...	...	
W. E. Sparrow, P.M. 906	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
T. C. Manning, P.M. 285	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
T. E. Wilton, P.M. 41	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
A. J. Salter, Tyler 53	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
S. Bigwood, Tyler 41	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said: I find that the next business is one of those melancholy resolutions which it is one's pleasure and sorrow to agree to, and I am sure there will be no dissentient voice in this large—this unusually large—and representative gathering here to-day, but that we shall be actuated by the same feelings and desire to express those feelings in the same words. I have to ask you to agree with me in a resolution to this effect—"That this Prov. Grand Lodge desires to express its grief at the lamented death of the late Brigadier-General Adair, and its sympathy with the bereaved members of his family." We all knew our late brother well. He had our sincere regard and esteem, and I believe I may add Masonic affection. I can only say that during the many years it was my good fortune to know him I esteemed him as a friend, and I knew I had in him one of the most reliable of Masons. He was called away in the full strength of his life. No one anticipated his death was so near. When I last met him it seemed to me that his life was as good and as sound as any ordinary man of his age. He was called away almost at an hour's notice, and it has left one wide feeling of regret amongst his Masonic friends.

The D.P.G.M. seconded the motion, and said he had been associated with Bro. Adair for more than 20 years in several Masonic offices. He had received from him nothing but kindness, courtesy, and support on every possible occasion. They had lost a link from the Masonic chain in Somerset which he felt could not be replaced. The shortening of the chain, however, ought to bind those together who were left.

The proposition having been carried, a similar resolution was proposed by the P.G.M. with respect to Bro. S. Toms, on whom, he said, he had the honour 12 months ago of bestowing the collar of P.J.G.W.

The proposal was seconded by Bro. DUCKETT, and supported by Bro. C. L. F. EDWARDS, the latter referring to the fact that Bro. Toms was the first County Councillor who had been taken from them.

This was also carried.

On the proposition of Bro. C. L. F. EDWARDS, it was decided that the sum of £100, now on deposit with the Wilts and Dorset Banking Company, be invested in Consols.

On the proposition of Bro. S. R. BASKETT, the following resolution was agreed to: "That this Provincial Grand Lodge is of opinion that it is desirable to have

a Benevolent Fund for local charitable purposes for the Province of Somerset, and that the matter be referred to the Charity Organisation Committee, or to a Committee specially appointed by this P.G.L. to consider the question, and report at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge."

The alms, which amounted to over £7, were voted to the Weston-super-Mare Hospital.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Grand Atlantic Hotel, where the banquet took place. The menu was that of a high-class dinner served "à la Russe." The viands were of the choicest, the service was efficient and satisfactory, and the wines were of the best vintages. Great credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Drinkwater for the excellence of their entertainment.

During the dinner the Town Band played a selection of music in the corridor. The P.G.M. presided, and the usual toast list was submitted.

**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.**

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday evening. The companions present were Comps. Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Supt. Oxon, as M.E.Z.; James Glaisher, P.A.G.S., as H.; Col. Marmaduke Ramsey, G. Supt. Malta, as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Ralph Clutton, as G.S.N.; Robert Grey, President Committee of General Purposes; Sir Bruce M. Seton, G.P.S.; Chester Cheston, as 1st A.G.S.; Baron de Ferrieres, as 2nd A.G.S.; Charles Belton, 2nd G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.E.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.D.C.; John A. Lloyd, P.A.G.S.; Henry Maudslay, P.G.S.B., as G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C.; D. P. Cama, P.G.T.; W. M. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Letchworth, P.G.S.B.; Charles H. Driver, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Case, P.A.G.D.C.; J. A. Farnfield, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.G.S.B.; R. Eve, P.G.T.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; C. Harding, P.G. Std. Br.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; W. E. Steward, P.G.S.B.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623; S. Richardson, J. 720; George Gregory, P.Z. 1538; G. Mickley, M.D., P.Z. 63; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1748; W. H. Causton, P.Z. 907; T. Burne, Z. 907; J. Boulton, Z. 933, P.Z. 898; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, and 1928, and Z. 1928; G. L. Wingate, P.Z. 1423; Chas. E. Keyser, M.E.Z. 404; N. Green, P.Z. 1524; G. S. Recknell, P.Z. 73; M. Goodchild, P.Z. 704; H. Rose, H. 704; W. A. Scurrah, P.Z. 749; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z. 236, P.P.G.J. N. and E. Yorks; Charles Kempton, Z. 2021; George Coop, Z. 1604; and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor.

Grand Chapter having been formally opened, the minutes of the Quarterly Convocation of May last were read by Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., and confirmed.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said: Most Excellent, I have to report that Comp. Jabez Hogg, who was appointed Grand Sword Bearer at last Quarterly Convocation, but was unable to be present on that occasion, is now in attendance in order to be invested with the insignia of his office.

Comp. Dr. Jabez Hogg was then invested as Grand Sword Bearer by the acting M.E.Z.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on separate motions by Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th April to the 16th July, 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Grand Chapter	£123 13 7	By Disbursements during the Quarter	£304 14 0
" " Unappropriated Account	192 19 7	" Balance	175 3 7
" Subsequent Receipts	358 11 6	" " Unappropriated Account	195 7 1
	<u>£675 4 8</u>		<u>£675 4 8</u>

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Col. Henry Platt, as Z.; Donald Cameron, as H.; William Hugh Thomas, as J.; and eight others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, to be called the Star of Gwynedd Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, in the Province of North Wales.

2nd. From Comps. George Joseph Westbury, as Z.; Thomas Edward Lucy, as H.; Edward Arthur Hicks, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge Semper Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester, to be called the Semper Fidelis Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, High-street, in the City of Worcester.

3rd. From Comps. Alfred Rixon, as Z.; Walter Galt Gribbon, as H.; Thomas Blanco White, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, London, to be called the Moriah Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Comps. Jehanghir Kursetji Rustomji Cama, as Z.; Nathaniel John Goodchild, as H.; Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, London, to be called the Regent's Park Chapter, and to meet at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the following chapters, and, being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned, viz:—

(1). The Joppa Chapter, No. 188, from the Albion Tavern to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, London.

(2). The Westbourne Chapter, No. 733, from St. John's Wood to the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn.

(3). The Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann, No. 1235, from the Court House to the Town Hall, Buxton.

The Committee have further to report that in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of Victoria, there are, with the exception of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, and the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, which have not yet signified their intention of joining the Grand Lodge of Victoria, no longer English Craft lodges in that colony to which the chapters meeting in the District of Victoria can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Charters of the undermentioned chapters be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the chapters be erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter.

- No. 474, Australasian, Melbourne.
- " 530, Victorian, Melbourne.
- " 641, Royal Golden of Bendigo, Sandhurst.
- " 692, Eureka, Castlemain.
- " 713, Yarrowee, Ballarat.
- " 727, Collingwood, Melbourne.
- " 728, St. John, Beechworth.
- " 747, Melbourne, Melbourne.
- " 930, South Yarra, Melbourne.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., (Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.  
17th July, 1889.

The several recommendations contained in the above report were adopted, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON.

Comp. ROBERT GREY, in moving the recommendation with respect to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, said: I now move, following the precedent of our last Convocation, that the same course be adopted as in the case of the New South Wales Grand Lodge, and I move that the charters of the foregoing chapters be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the chapters be erased from the register of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded, and the motion was carried.  
Grand Chapter was then closed.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.**

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devon was held on the 30th ult. at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Comp. Major G. C. Davie, Prov. G.S.E., officiated as Grand Supt. (pro tem.), with the following officers: Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G.P.S., P.P.G.J., H. (pro tem.); J. S. Hersteman, J.; F. B. Westlake, 70, P.G.S.E. (pro tem.); W. S. Hearder, 105, P.G.S.N. (pro tem.); W. Taylor, 328, P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, 159, 1099, P.P.G.R., P.G. Reg. (pro tem.); G. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G.P.S., Prov. G.P.S. (pro tem.); G. R. Barrett, 189, P.P.G.P.S., P.G. 1st A.S. (pro tem.); J. J. O. Evans, 303, P.G. 2nd A.S.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T., P.G.S.B. (pro tem.); R. F. Kingdon, 106, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Gregory, 1284, P.G.D.C.; R. Pengelley, 70, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.A.G.D.C. (pro tem.); E. Murch, 202, P.P.G.O., P.G.O. (pro tem.); and F. Shooter, P.G. Janitor.

There was also a large attendance of the companions, and among those present were Comps. R. H. Rae, 189, P.P.G.J.; J. R. Lord, 70, P.P.G.T.; J. Kinton-Bond, 70, P.P.G.T.; W. K. Michell, 156, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Du Pre, 70, P.P.G.P.S.; Major J. S. Swan, 494, 847, P.P.G.S.B.; P. B. Clemens, 156, P.P.A.G.S.; C. Watson, 954, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Harris, 1138, P.P.A.G.S.; J. Allen, 1099, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. C. Hallett, 303, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Cawsey, 230, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Miller, 223, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.O.; E. Binding, 202, P.P.G.O.; and George Whittle, 156, P.P.G.O.

Comp. DAVIE officiated in the absence of Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the G. Superintendent. His lordship, he said, had made every arrangement to attend that convocation, and had arrived in the West for that purpose, when he was unexpectedly recalled to London to attend to his Parliamentary duties. Comp. W. G. Rogers, P.G.H., was also unavoidably absent through a meeting of the Exeter City Council being held that day, which he had to attend as city treasurer.

The acting P.G.S.E. reported that 27 chapters had forwarded their returns and dues.

The P.G. TREASURER reported that the receipts for the year had been £97 15s., and that the present balance in hand available for the votes of the P.G. Chapter was £42.

Comp. KERSTMAN proposed, and Comp. DU PRE seconded, that 20 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows, the sum to be placed on the Steward's list of Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon.

Comp. LORD proposed that £7 10s. each be voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund and the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

Comp. CORNISH seconded, and both propositions were unanimously adopted.

On the proposition of Comp. J. KINTON BOND, seconded by Comp. DU PRE, and supported by several other members, Comp. J. W. Cornish was elected P.G. Treasurer.

Comps. J. R. Lord and J. Kinton Bond were elected the Auditors.

The acting Grand Superintendent then invested the officers for the year as follows:

Comp. W. G. Rogers, 112...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Major J. S. Swan, 847	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Major G. C. Davie, 251	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. B. Westlake, 70...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. W. Cornish, 223...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Bradford, 1358 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Allsford, 202 ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. Moyses, 223 ...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" D. Cross, 1205 ...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" C. Croydon, 189 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Gifford, 2025 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. R. H. Harris, 230	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Pidsley, 106 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. S. Hearder, 105	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Shooter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF STAFFORDSHIRE.**

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Friday, the 2nd inst. The principal business was the installation of Bro. Col. Gough, LL.D., the P.G.M., as G. Supt. of the province. There was a large attendance of companions present. The ceremony was performed in his invariably able and impressive manner by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E. The following officers were appointed:

Comp. J. Bodenham, 726...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" A. G. Prince, 546 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. Kitson, 419 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. R. Kimpton, 482	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" C. A. Newham, 419	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Alfred Caddick, 482	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Brickel, 546 ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. S. Hildick, 539...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. Mottram, 726 ...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" H. Windle, 418 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. Jenkins, 482 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. H. Stanger, 419	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Taylor, 726 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. Willmore, 539 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. W. Walker, 419	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" D. Jones, 418 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. Vaughan, 419 ...	...	...	
" W. Twist	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT delivered an address, which he commenced by the expression of his profound gratitude to the M.E.G.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for that additional and growing proof of his confidence. He then, on behalf of himself and the other two P.G. Principals, heartily thanked the G.S.E. for his visit, and acknowledged the able and dignified manner in which the ceremony had been performed. He said the occasion marked a red-letter day in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Staffordshire, as it was not only the first time the Royal Arch province had been visited by an Officer of the Supreme Grand Chapter, but also the first occasion of a Grand Superintendent having ever been installed in the province. He was most grateful to the companions for the unprecedented muster, and the more especially so as it was the commencement of the North Staffordshire annual holidays—the day before the Brigade camp and the Stafford Assize time—but, of course, the convenience of the G.S.E. had been his sole consideration. He suggested that in future companions should hold themselves in readiness about the third week in the month of August for the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter. After thanking Comp. Sillitoe and other visitors, he assured the companions that he should at all times exercise the same care, concern, and interest in the R.A. as in the Craft. Steps would be taken to ensure uniformity of ritual, but in the meantime they might conclude that the opening and closing of P.G. Chapter that day was the same as they must observe in private chapters. As to visitors, he should adopt the same rule as in the Craft. They might expect him when they saw him, and the like might be expected with respect to the P.G.H., Comp. Bodenham, who, so far as practicable, must be considered as his Deputy, and who, as a Past Officer of the Supreme G. Chapter, had his best thanks for accepting his present office. The G. Supt. referred in grateful terms to Comp. Kitson, the P.G.S.E., as having been initiated by himself upwards of 30 years ago, and who had consented to withdraw his resignation, and to continue his valuable services to the province. He did not wish to utter any complaint upon so auspicious an occasion, but he wished a note made as to regular and punctual returns by each of the chapters, an invariable transmission of circulars to the P.G.S.E., the P.G.H., and to himself, and, with the exception of the Loughton Chapter, to increased activity generally. He congratulated the Burton-on-Trent companions upon the resuscitation of their chapter, and trusted that in due time the Newcastle companions would follow so excellent an example. Having recorded the thanks of the P.G. Chapter to Comp. Major Thorne, late P.G.H. in charge of the province, for his services; to the St. Peter's Chapter for the use of the room and furniture; and his hearty personal thanks to Comp. Col. Tudor, Past G. Supt., for his jewel, the P.G. Chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which all the usual toasts were duly honoured, the principal speakers being the G. Supt., with Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Thorne, Bodenham, Prince, Sillitoe, and the Rev. W. Randall, D.D.

The proceedings were enlivened by the musical performances of the Stafford Glee Party, to which performances the G. Supt. referred in very complimentary terms

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. VISCOUNT VALENTIA AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. THE EARL OF JERSEY, RETIRING PAST GRAND MASTER.

The Berks and Oxon Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 31st ult., under the banner of the Alfred Lodge, and the proceedings were more than usually interesting on account of the installation of Bro. Viscount Valentia as Provincial Grand Master, in the room of Bro. the Earl of Jersey, who recently retired from that office, which he had held with great advantage to the province from the date of its formation, 10 years ago. Another interesting feature in the day's programme was the presentation of an address to the retiring Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Lord Jersey opened the Provincial Grand Lodge shortly after mid-day, assisted by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Stephens, and the Prov. G. Officers.

Several distinguished Grand Lodge Officers honoured the gathering with their presence, including Bros. the Earl of Euston, President of the Board of General Purposes, and P.S.G.W.; Sir Lionel Darell, J.G.W.; C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary; Beridge, G.D. of C.; Leon, P.G.D.; Capt. Airey and S. Knight, G. Stwds.; Major Cook; Cousins, J.G.D.; the Rev. J. H. Jukes, P.G. Chap.; Baynes, P.G. M.O.; Tomkins, P.G. Stwd.; Ravenscroft, P.G. Sec.; Margrett, P.G.D.; Pulley, P.G.D.; and a number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and brethren.

The reports presented by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY as to the lodges in the province and the progress of Mark Masonry were of a satisfactory character.

Bro. Tomkins was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The patent, signed by the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having been read by the PROV. G. DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, appointing Bro. Viscount Valentia to the office of Prov. Grand Master, his lordship was introduced, and suitably addressed by Bro. Lord Jersey, who proceeded to install the noble viscount, whom he invested with the regalia of Prov. G. Master amidst the hearty applause of the brethren.

The newly-installed Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. C. Stephens	...	...	Deputy Prov. G.M.
" H. G. W. Drinkwater	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. Creed	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. Dunning	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. C. Hewitt	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. B. King	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. R. W. Pope	...	...	} Prov. G. Chap.
" J. M. Guilding	...	...	
" John Tomkins	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. A. Bevess	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" W. Ravenscroft	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. L. Lovett	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. E. Hewitt	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" R. Canning	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" R. Maples	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Fenton	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. G. Sherwin	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. C. Long	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. W. Messenger	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. W. Wyatt	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" S. C. Wakefield	...	...	
" A. E. Preston	...	...	} Prov. G. Tylers.
" A. J. Kersley	...	...	
" W. Hemmings	...	...	
" G. Norwood	...	...	

The P.G. SECRETARY then read the following address, which was presented to Lord Jersey:

"Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Berks and Oxon.  
"To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,  
"With most sincere regret this Provincial Grand Lodge has to record your resignation of its chief office, and, in so doing, the hearty wish of the brethren is that expression shall be given to the deep sense felt by all as to the able, efficient, and genial manner in which your lordship has carried out the duties devolving upon you during the past 10 years in the capacity of Grand Master, contributing thereby so largely to the prosperity enjoyed by the province from its formation in 1879 until the present time.

"We beg, therefore, respectfully that you will accept this address as testifying our grateful appreciation of your rule over us, and our hope and trust that it may please the G.O.O.T.U. long to spare your life, and if so it may be that we may long retain your interest and influence amongst us.

"On behalf of the province we beg to subscribe ourselves, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"VALENTIA, Prov. Grand Master.

"C. STEPHENS, Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

"W. RAVENSCROFT, Prov. Grand Secretary.

"July 31st, 1889."

Lord JERSEY, in a feeling speech, expressed his thanks to the brethren, and congratulated them upon the appointment of Bro. Viscount Valentia as his successor.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and a number of the brethren subsequently drove to Blenheim Palace, and inspected the principal apartments, by the kind permission of the Duke of Marlborough, and also visited the famous orchid houses, after which they returned to Oxford, and partook of a banquet, when the usual Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the above Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 1st inst. There was a fair attendance. In the absence of the Grand Master, the throne was occupied by Bro. Elliot of Wolfelee, S.G.W.; Bro. James Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.D., acted as S.G.W.; and Bro. Col. John Campbell, as J.G.W. There were also present: Bros. the Rev. R. Henderson, Grand Chap.; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; Major Allan, Proxy Prov. Grand Master of Gibraltar; James Caldwell, of Craigelea, Past Grand Deacon; ex-Provost Christie, Stirling; David Hume, Past Grand Bible Bearer; J. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards; and others. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., Grand Master; Lord Haddington, Lord Saltoun, John Graham of Broadstone, Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow; James Berry, Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire; D. Reid, Grand Bible Bearer; Rev. Thomas Somerville, Grand Chaplain; W. Officer, S.S.C., representative from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; James Crichton, Grand Jeweller; and Dr. James Middleton, Prov. Grand Master of Berwick and Roxburghshires.

On the motion of the ACTING GRAND MASTER, the Grand Secretary was instructed to prepare and forward a loyal and dutiful address to her Majesty the Queen in reference to the marriage of the Duke of Fife and the Princess Louise, and also to the Prince of Wales, and to the Duke of Fife and his Royal spouse.

Reports were submitted from which it appeared that the income of Grand Lodge during the quarter ending 20th July had been £1235, showing an excess of £672 over expenditure. The number of entrants to the Order had been 1300. The income for the first eight months of the year has been £3686, as compared with £3416 in the corresponding period last year. During the last quarter £90 has been granted from the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. The Annuity Fund now amounts to £3211.

A report by Bro. BRINGLOE, C.A., to the Board suggested that it was desirable to keep within safe limits, so as to avoid the necessity of withdrawing any annuity for want of funds, and the keeping in view the liability incurred on existing annuities and the expenses attendant upon the management and administration of the fund, that the total annuities should be restricted to £400 for the first two years until the capital accumulates and the working of the fund is more thoroughly tested.

Grand Lodge resolved to issue charters to the following new lodges: Taurus, Mersina, Syria; The Golden Light, Potchefstroom, South African Republic; St. Andrew, Kumara, New Zealand; and Sir William Wallace, Queensland.

On the recommendation of the GRAND MASTER, Lord Clanmorris was appointed as representative of Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Communications were submitted from the DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY showing that the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, under Scottish Constitution, had been dissolved, and that the lodges under its jurisdiction had transferred their allegiance to the newly-formed United Grand Lodge of Victoria. The Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge had announced its establishment, and asked for the grand body official and fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with an interchange of representatives, and that the lodges heretofore hailing from the Scottish Constitution be allowed to retain their original charters as memorials of their Masonic connection with Scotland.

Grand Lodge resolved to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and to accede to the request of the seceding Scottish lodges as to the retention of their charters.

A report was submitted from the Prov. Grand Master of Dumbartonshire, Bro. Martin of Auchendennan, stating the completion of another round of Provincial visitation of the 12 lodges of that province. Everywhere he found work being carried on energetically and enthusiastically, and in strict accordance with the constitution and laws, and in hardly an instance was it necessary to suggest improvement, even in subordinate details. The accession of numbers in some of the lodges had been astonishing, and in all substantial. He believed Masonry to be at present in a more satisfactory position in this province than at any time within the recollection of their oldest brethren.

In reference to the subject of issuing circulars, Grand Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution: "Grand Lodge fully recognises the inalienable right of all Master Masons to meet, discuss, and petition Grand Lodge on any matter connected with Masonry; but when a communication is to be addressed to the whole Craft, the sanction of Grand Committee must first be procured."

Bro. CALDWELL suggested that the finding should be more explicit, so as to guard brethren from unwittingly infringing the rule, and the matter was sent back to Grand Committee.

The other business was routine.

BERKELEY HOTEL (late St. James's), 1, Berkeley-street, and 77, Piccadilly, London, W. First-class accommodation for residents, with a restaurant newly-attached for high class luncheons and dinners, at fixed prices and à la carte.—C. DIETTE, Manager.—[ADVT.]

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The General Committee of the subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. H. Webb, James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence, Gordon Smith, John Jones, H. Dickey, W. W. Morgan, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

As it was arranged at the July meeting that, on account of the Naval Review on Saturday and the August Bank Holiday on the following Monday, very few brethren being likely to attend this meeting, the business to be transacted should be postponed till (to-morrow) Saturday, the 10th inst., the only work done was to read and confirm the minutes of the July meeting, and this course having been pursued,

Bro. JOHN JONES suggested that the adjournment should be advertised in the newspapers. He did not think the brethren generally understood that there was to be an adjournment. The business to be transacted was very important. The Provisional Committee was to bring up its further report, and he desired that the action to be taken upon that report should not be adopted at a small meeting. He hoped that no one would be able to say that it was done at a hole-and-corner meeting. He, therefore, trusted the meeting would be advertised in the usual way.

Bro. BINCKES said it could not be in the usual way, because the meetings of the General Committees were not advertised. He thought the brethren knew of the adjourned meeting, and, although it had not been advertised, he had seen it noticed in some newspapers. However, there would be no difficulty about advertising. All that Bro. Jones had to do was to make a motion that the adjourned meeting for the 10th inst., at 4 p.m., be advertised, and if it was seconded and carried, he (Bro. Binckes) would send the advertisement out at once.

Bro. JONES then moved, and Bro. JAMES BRETT seconded, that the adjourned meeting be advertised.

The motion was carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

**REPORT OF THE DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND, 1887-8.**

"The time having come for the issue of the Fifth Report, and the Devon Masonic Educational Fund having been now some 10 years at work, a brief glance at the past will not be amiss.

"On December 31st, 1879, the sum of £400 was deposited at interest, four children had been elected in June, and another four in December of that year, which was an excellent beginning; and, notwithstanding unexpected difficulties in the formation of the Institution, tokens of prosperity have constantly sustained the founders and promoters from then to now.

"The Second Report, for the years 1881-2, was not so cheering as was anticipated by the most sanguine, but still the receipts were slightly in advance of the expenditure; but the Third, for 1883-4, indicated a growing interest in the movement, and the recommendation of the Committee, that a Charity Steward should be appointed annually by each lodge, has doubtless been the means of leading more brethren of late years to regularly subscribe.

"Our respected Bro. Vincent Bird, who had been Treasurer from the inaugural meeting to April, 1883, resigned, and was succeeded by the lamented Bro. Leonard D. Westcott, who had the pleasure of announcing that the invested funds to December 31st, 1884, amounted to £484 13s. 8d.

"The Fourth, for the years 1885-6, exhibited a most gratifying advance, the value of the Fund on December 31st of the latter year being £610 15s. 6d., and 11 children were enjoying the full benefits of the Society.

"Now the Fifth Report is published. Through the decease of Bro. Westcott, our indefatigable Bro. John R. Lord has become the third Treasurer, and has most efficiently discharged the duties of that important office, his accounts being made up to December 31st, 1887, and to the end of the same month for 1888. It will be seen that a remarkable increase in the Fund has taken place since the Fourth Report was issued, especially during the year 1887, when over £300 were received from subscriptions and donations, and cash in hand and at the bank, on deposit, &c., amounted to £730 11s. 11d.

"The 'Masonic Exhibition for Devon and Cornwall' held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, from June 27th to July 1st, 1887, considerably aided in this increase of prosperity. The Prov. Grand Masters of the two provinces were the Patrons, 44 brethren and lodges qualified as Vice-Patrons, and co-operated with the officers so heartily that the exhibition was a great success. The exhibits, for which a descriptive catalogue was published, numbered 1001, considerable interest being taken, not only by the Craft, but by non-Masons, who attended to examine the numerous objects of value, consisting of Masonic books, medals, engravings, &c., the like of which has never been collected or seen hitherto in the West of England. After payment of the necessary expenses, which were exceptionally light, owing to the rigid economy exercised, the substantial balance of 50 guineas remained, and was handed to the Treasurer on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

"An advance has again taken place in the total Funds,

the year ending December 31st, 1888, showing the sum of £785 os. 2d.; but the 'subscriptions and donations, have fallen down to £224 16s. 7d.

"On behalf of the mothers of numerous candidates who are seeking admission, or are desirous of so doing when sufficient vacancies occur, it is to be hoped that more brethren will become subscribers, and that old friends of the Institution will again aid the funds, and thus increase their qualifications. If each member in the province would give but five shillings annually and regularly, there would be a sufficient income, with the help of the lodges and chapters, to elect all eligible candidates, as well as permanently to raise the invested capital. More energetic means might surely be taken to secure the interest of the hundreds of new brethren admitted from year to year, and every lodge, chapter, and other Masonic body in Devon should make it a point of honour to be well represented on the list of subscribers.

"Be it remembered that our good friend and Bro. John B. Gover has freely given his invaluable services as Honorary Secretary from the foundation of the Society; that there is not a penny paid in salaries of any kind (the costs incurred being simply for 'incidentals'); that the whole of the money is raised and spent in the province for the 'education, clothing, and advancement in life of children of distressed or deceased Freemasons'; that 29 have been elected to its benefits from 1879 to 1888, that 11 are still on the Fund; and that if the help needed is forthcoming, two more will be elected in October, and the same number in April next.

"In view of these facts, may I not fairly conclude with the words, Brethren, do your duty!

W. J. HUGHAN.

"Torquay, June 27th, 1889."

**Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.**

**GRAND CONCLAVE OF KENT.**

The annual meeting of the Divisional Grand Conclave of Kent was held at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Friday, the 19th ult., under the banner of the Pentangle Conclave, No. 147.

The Pentangle Conclave having been opened and its business transacted, the Intendant General of Kent, Illustrious Sir Knight F. Wood, and his Deputy, Sir Knight Dr. Penfold, and the Divisional Grand Officers were received under the arch of steel. The Intendant General having assumed the throne, declared Divisional Grand Conclave duly opened. The muster roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting (held at East Greenwich, 2nd July, 1888) were read, and, on motion duly made and carried, were confirmed and signed. Letters of apology for absence were read from several Divisional Officers and members, including Sir Knights the Baron De Ferrieres, the Grand Recorder, Rev. Hayman Cummings, Lake, and others. A telegram arriving announcing the unavoidable detention of Grand Treasurer, the D.G. Recorder read his cash statement, and it was decided that Sir Knight Holmes be appointed Auditor, and that the accounts be submitted to the Intendant General and each Recorder in the division when duly audited.

The Divisional Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Dr. Burney, was then unanimously re-elected, no other name being brought forward.

The following officers were appointed and invested:

Sir Knight Dr. Penfold (re-appointed for 3 years)	Deputy I.G.
" C. V. Cotterell ...	Viceroy Eusebius.
" C. Jolly ...	Senior General.
" C. R. Cobham ...	Junior General.
" Rev. H. Cummings...	High Prelate.
" W. C. S. Burney ...	Treasurer.
" A. H. Bateman ...	Recorder.
" S. J. Brice ...	Chamberlain.
" A. Holmes ...	Marshal.
" J. Ovenden ...	Prefect.
" W. C. Weiss ...	Insp. of Reg.
" J. W. Nash ...	1st Std. Br.
" C. Kennedy ...	Swd. Br.
" W. Kippis ...	Organist.
" G. Church ...	1st Herald.
" J. S. Gibson-Sugars...	2nd Herald.
" A. H. Bateman ...	D.C.
" J. Orum ...	Sentinel.

The by-laws passed at last D.G.C. were presented in proof, and subject to certain trifling alterations. They were accepted and confirmed, and ordered to be printed when funds permit.

Nothing further offering for the good of Christian Masonry in general, or this D.G. Conclave in particular, the same was closed in the usual manner, and Pentangle Conclave was thereafter closed in imperial form, and the sir knights adjourned to refreshment, provided by Sir Knight Spurrier.

At the conclusion of the banquet the toasts usual to Christian Masonry were duly honoured, and the sir knights separated with entire fraternity and in perfect harmony.

It was understood that the next meeting would be held at Belvedere, July, 1890, under the banner of Saye and Sele Conclave; also that a meeting, or meetings, for "instruction" be held at Belvedere, as the most central position, at an early date.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. CAPTAIN MURRELL IN LEEDS.**

Bro. Captain Murrell, captain of the steamship Missouri, who saved 800 lives from the wreck of the emigrant steamship Danmark in mid-Atlantic last April, attended his lodge—Fidelity, Carlton Hill, Leeds—on the 1st inst., and was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. Richard Jackson. There was a very numerous gathering present, the proceedings being of special interest.

After the ceremony, an address was presented to Bro. Captain Murrell by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, on behalf of the lodge. Subsequently the brethren met for supper, when the usual toasts were honoured.

The address, which is handsomely illuminated on vellum and bound in scarlet morocco, runs as follows:

"To Bro. Hamilton Murrell, Captain of the SS. Missouri.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"We, the Worshipful Master, Officers, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge Fidelity, No. 289, desire to tender to you our hearty congratulations upon your recent act of great bravery in rescuing the passengers and crew of the ship Danmark in mid-ocean on the 5th day of April last. We feel that your action on that occasion was not only characteristic of a true British sailor, but was prompted by the highest instincts of humanity. Your noble exertions on behalf of those in distress practically illustrates one of the great fundamental principles of our ancient Institution. We are proud to number you among the members of our lodge, and gratified to find that your distinguished action has not only been recognised by the people of this country, but also by other nationalities. We wish you long life and health, and continued prosperity in all your undertakings."

**Obituary.**

**BRO. C. SPENCE BATE, F.R.S.**

Bro. C. Spence Bate, whose unexpected death on the 29th ult. we briefly noted last week, was a Mason of considerable distinction in the Province of Devonshire, and had been connected with the Fraternity for upwards of 30 years. He was a member and, with the exception of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, the senior Past Master of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 189, Stonehouse, having taken an active part in the revival of that now prosperous and distinguished lodge, and filled the chair of Master in 1863. In 1866 he was appointed Prov. G. Registrar. He was also a Past Z. of the Sincerity Chapter, having occupied the chair of First Principal in 1865, and was Prov. G.J. in 1866. In Mark Masonry he had been Dep. Prov. G.M.M.M. to the late Bro. Col. Tanner Davey from 1860 to the date of the latter's death, and had been recommended as his successor in the office of Prov. G. Master, though, through an accident, the recommendation had not been acted upon, and the annual meeting of Prov. G. Mark Lodge had been postponed in consequence, in order that attention might be called to the oversight. Bro. Bate had likewise taken a great interest in the local Masonic Charities, and was a Life-Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. His death will be a great loss to the Province of Devonshire, as well as to the various learned societies with which he had been connected for many years.

**THE "MASONIC POEM" OF A.D. 1390.**

The most ancient extended and undoubted record of Freemasonry extant is the well-known British Museum MS., "Bibl. Regius," or "Halliwell MS." By universal consent it is of great antiquity. Prior to the present year, however, this invaluable "Masonic Poem" has never been published in *fac simile*. This notable work has just been accomplished by the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London, the literary Masonic lodge of the world—which has issued it in the first volume of its "Masonic Reprints," under the title of "Quatuor Coronati Anti-Graphia." Of the beauty, the interest, and the value of this *fac simile*, and of the entire volume, we cannot speak in too laudatory terms. It reflects the highest credit on the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, its Secretary, our esteemed friend and Brother, Geo. Wm. Speth, the accomplished Secretary of the lodge, and editor of the volume, and on Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the historian of Freemasonry, who is the commentator on the Masonic Poem, and the other curious contents of this reprint.

We use only measured language when we say that this volume should be in the library of every Freemason who has any desire for culture. It is handsome, it is curious, it is valuable—to our mind one of the most valuable monographs ever issued on Freemasonry. We must commend, also, in the highest terms, Bro. Gould's thoughtful, able, and entirely satisfactory commentary on the poem.—*Keystone*.

The Emperor of Germany has conferred upon the Queen the proprietorship of the 1st Regiment of Dragoons of the Guard, and a deputation from the Regiment waited upon her Majesty at Osborne on Monday. The Emperor has also conferred upon the Duke of Cambridge the proprietorship of the 28th Regiment, of which the great Duke of Wellington was proprietor, and in this case also a deputation has waited upon his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief.

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6th August, 1889.

**TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

DEAR MADAM OR SIR,

The post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green being now vacant, I desire to offer myself as Candidate for the same. I have been residing within one minute's walk from the Institution for the last four years, and am intimately acquainted with the working of it. I shall have the honour to submit Testimonials of my professional life, and to state that if I am honoured by being appointed to the post I shall always make it my best endeavour to work in harmony with my brother Officials.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S. Eng., &c.

Wood Green, N., July, 1889.

**TO THE LIFE-GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The appointment of Medical Officer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys being vacant, I have the honour to announce that I am a Candidate for the office. My testimonials, which will be forwarded to the Committee, will show that I am duly qualified and registered, and that I have had considerable experience in the profession. To this may be added that I am resident within three minutes' walk from the Schools, where I have been practising for over two years. Should I have the honour to be elected, you may rely on my doing everything in my power to promote the health of the boys under my charge.

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To Correspondents.

F. E. R.—Strictly speaking, what our correspondent calls the Charity Festival jewels are only intended to be worn as favors at the Festivals, but they have lately been so artistically designed and manufactured that they may properly be described as jewels, and it is not a matter of surprise that the custom of wearing them at other Masonic meetings has become general. There appears to be no reason why they should not adorn the Stewards' breasts permanently, but the almost universal custom is to wear them for one year only.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Journal" (New York), "Keystone," "South African Freemason," and "The Tyler."



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Monmouth, on Thursday, the 1st inst. About 80 members of the Craft, representing the various lodges in the county, met at one o'clock for the transaction of the ordinary business of the meeting, and at four a grand banquet was held in the Rolls' Hall. The stage was reserved for lady visitors, who were admitted by ticket, whilst the gallery was occupied by a portion of the R.M.E.M. band, which, under Sergeant-Bugler Reneclé, played at intervals throughout the proceedings. Col. Lyne, P.G.M., presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M., with many members of the P.G. Lodge and visitors. We hope to give our usual report next week.

The first Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria is described in the *Evening Standard*, published in Melbourne, as "a protracted and inharmonious sitting." There was a very large attendance, but when midnight arrived, with a number of subjects undiscussed, the assembly had dwindled down to less than 100, and the Grand Lodge was finally closed at 2.15 a.m.!

Nothing could exceed the hearty welcome extended to the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex and the visitors by the Prov. Grand Master, at Easton Hall, on Tuesday last. Lady Brooke contributed in no small degree by the thoughtful and generous way in which all the rooms were made available for the comfort of the visitors; the library formed an ideal lodge room, where, surrounded by the ancestral portraits, the business was expeditiously got through, the usual amounts voted to the Charities, and hearty thanks tendered to the host of the day.

We have been favoured with a list of the brethren who have been elected joining members of, or initiated, passed, and raised in the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, Limassol, Cyprus, since its consecration on the 21st November to the end of May last, and the returns show how necessary it was that a lodge should be consecrated in that island. The total number of brethren added to the roll of members in that brief period of little more than six months is 28, of whom five appear to have been joining members and 23 initiates; and in order to carry out the work there were held 13 regular and six emergent meetings. In other words, this St. Paul's Lodge has done in six months as much as three average English lodges get through in a year. This, at all events, shows that our Cyprus brethren are in earnest; and if the work is continued at anything like the same rate for a year or two longer there will be ample material available for the constitution of another lodge.

Bro. Col. North may fairly lay claim to that virtue which may justly be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—Charity. He is not satisfied to dilate only on its excellences, but, what is better, practises them. The poor of Eltham parish were the recipients of his bounty on Monday last, when he entertained all the needy in the parish. The bill of fare comprised all the good things that could be obtained, and for once in their lives they feasted to their heart's content. The colonel's respected wife and daughter, with Lady Kirby, wife of Bro. Col. Sir Alfred Kirby, waited upon the people.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn is one of the brightest of after dinner speakers. His response to the toast of "The Grand Officers" at Easton Lodge on Tuesday was in every way what such a speech should be. It will not be found in our report for the simple reason that the airy touches which make the model post-prandial oration are more or less of a sort that cannot be limned by the stenographer.

Bro. the Rev. Pickard, at the same meeting, thought that he might have some claim to the renowned Dunmow Flitch. For 40 years Freemasonry had been his wife and he had never, during that long period, had a quarrel with her.

The alterations, or what might almost be called the re-building, of the new Mark Masonic Hall are progressing rapidly, under the vigilant superintendence of Bros. Driver and Berridge, who are carrying out their duties with all the ardour of men who are in love with their work.

In a speech made by a brother at the Prov. G. Lodge of Essex, on Tuesday, in reference to the election of Prov. G. Treasurer, he urged that they were desirous of changing the holder of the office every year, so that the practice of Prov. G. Lodge might be brought into harmony with Grand Lodge. It may have its advantages on many grounds, but we doubt whether the harmony of Grand Lodge is promoted by the practice.

The Lodge of Felicity is honoured a second year by having one of its members elected to the Shrievalty of Middlesex and Surrey. This year it is Bro. Sheriff Harris.

Bro. Captain Hamilton Murrell, of the steamship Missouri, has again been feted by his brethren—this time by the Fidelity Lodge, Leeds. Nearly 80 brethren were present at the dinner, and a pleasant feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation to Bro. Captain Murrell of an illuminated address in recognition of the bravery of himself and crew in accomplishing the rescue of the passengers and crew of the Danmark.

Why is the sun like the letter G?—Because it is the centre of LIGHT! We must plead the dull season as our excuse for introducing a Masonic conundrum into the sober pages of the *Freemason*.

## Correspondence.

## RETIRING PENSIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Pending the final report of the Provisional Committee of the R.M.I.B., and its definite consideration by the Quarterly Court; I hope you will not consider it out of place to make a suggestion in reference to retiring pensions generally for the various paid officers of our Charitable Institutions. Except through the Masonic Press and reports, a provincial brother has little opportunity of learning anything of the details of the work of the various Courts and Committees; but it sometimes does reach our ears that these Courts are generally but thinly attended, and the work mere routine, and the labours of the Committees in a great measure apparently perfunctory. We may also learn that there is a strong feeling amongst a large section of subscribers against the payment of retiring grants, or annuities, or pensions out of funds primarily subscribed for the purposes of Charity.

Some of these objecting brethren seem to forget or overlook the fact that these Institutions cannot be carried on without paid officials, and surely every right thinking brother will readily grant, if it is legitimate to pay salaries out of funds subscribed for charitable purposes, it is equally legitimate to provide for the retirement of such officials, when past duty, or when the Committees or Courts consider it will be to the advantage of the Institutions to replace the existing officials or any of them. If such a course has not been acted on hitherto, there could not be a more opportune time than the present to take this question into consideration.

I do not consider it is desirable to retain men in active service, when, by reason of age, ill health, or other incapacity, they are unfitted for the duties of responsible office, neither do I consider it is fair or Masonic to discard them in their old age or infirmity without adequate provision for their future support, in a manner, at least, creditable to the Craft and its benevolence.

The Secretaries of our Institutions are in a more peculiar position than possibly any other paid official. They are not professional men, and, having for so many years devoted their entire attention to the welfare of their respective Institutions, have no aptitude for going late in life into commercial pursuits, even if retired before the days of actual feebleness came upon them. Yet from the peculiar position they have occupied, they have had the duty, as also the honour, to mingle with the noblest and wealthiest of our Order. Surely to discard such men after lengthened service without a retiring pension of respectable proportion to their late emoluments would be a lasting disgrace to our Masonic pretensions.—Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL L.G.

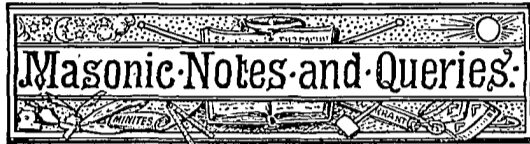


MASONIC ORATIONS. BY BRO. L. P. METHAM, P.G.D., &c. George Kenning: 16, Great Queen-street, London. Price 5s.

This interesting and very useful volume has been edited by Bro. John Chapman, author of the "Great Pyramid and Freemasonry," who tells us in his preface that the thought occurred to him that these excellent orations "would not only be appreciated by those who had the pleasure of listening to the gifted orator, but also that they would make a valuable contribution to Masonic literature, forming an important finger-post for brethren in guiding them safely along the ancient landmarks of the Order, and so conduce to the development of the spirit of true Freemasonry. We are entirely of the same opinion, and greet this timely volume with a whole-hearted welcome. As there is nothing like it published in the English language, we shall be much disappointed if a second edition is not soon called for, the present very limited issue not being sufficient to supply the fair demands of the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall, where the orations were delivered. The introduction, embracing the first comprehensive sketch of Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall, has been written by Bro. Hughan, P.G.D., his contribution alone being well worth the trifle asked for the work. Bro. Chapman styles it "a most important chapter in the Masonic history of the two counties," and so it is, for never before has it been possible to read even a condensed account of these two provinces. Bro. Hughan has been collecting material for a large history of the Devon and Cornish Craft, and has, in the kindest manner, presented this able contribution to his friend, Bro. Chapman, for publication with the Orations, thus adding considerably to the value of the work, and we hope also securing its ready sale, which is on behalf of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum. Devon, as a province, dates from 1775, but Cornwall began in 1752. The lodges in the former, however, run from 1732 to now, whereas in the latter the first was not formed until 1751. Many interesting particulars are afforded of these, as also of all the Prov. Grand Masters appointed. The lodges number 127 in all, out of which 82 are still on the roll in either Devon or Cornwall. We must not quote at length from Bro. Hughan's introduction; at all events, not just

now, but we may reproduce it in full ere long, with the author's permission, when this edition of the work is exhausted.

Fourteen lodges were "consecrated," and four chapters, at which suitable orations were delivered by Dr. Metham. Three Masonic Halls were also dedicated, and Prov. Masters installed, centenary festival held, and other special gatherings when the orator's services were called into requisition, and are all duly given in this volume. These orations are models of their kind, are truly Masonic in spirit, high in aim, and pre-eminently practical. Without hesitation we say that the circulation of Bro. Chapman's edition of Dr. Metham's orations cannot but be most beneficial, and we feel assured that if every W.M. on his installation had to pass an examination, Masonically, with this book as the standard, much benefit would follow. We commend it to all brethren who value and appreciate our Society, and anticipate for the volume a very fraternal reception. Bro. Winget, "Directory" Office, Torquay, has done his part well, so that in every sense the book is worthy of the Order.



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Some short time since I was looking over the "Western Antiquary" for June, 1889, when I met with the following extract from the "Flying Post," under date 1756: "One Mons. Barbier, a short man, somewhat pock-marked, and has a very dejected look, and wore a snuff coloured coat—the other, Mons. Beth, a middle sized man, very strong set, wore his own hair, and a blue coat. The former speaks no English, but the latter very well. They were both last seen near Exeter riding to that City." It states they were two poor French prisoners of war, on parole at Launceston—they having deserted from that place—and an offer was made of Two Guineas for their apprehension.

On reading this, I thought I remembered seeing the name of Mons. Barbier in the minutes of the Old "Druids" Lodge, Redruth, and on referring to my notes found I was correct. Thinking they may interest some of the brethren, I send you this copy so that the virtues of our forefathers may not be forgotten, who were not unmindful to entertain strangers, for in those days labour was always followed by refreshment. I should also be glad if any brother can give me any further information about these French prisoners of war.

"March 18, 5779. The following Brethering being prisoners of war, this evening favoured us with a visit. The Minute book was signed by these brethering—

Labrouche Garnier.  
Flume.  
Nicolar.  
J. Babien.  
Jn. Duhart.  
Vergnol.  
Gilbert.

April 22nd, 5779, 1779.

This evening Bro. Jean Labrouche Garnier, Bro. Jean Duhart, Bro. Jos. Vernol, Bro. Jos. Babien, Bro. Barbier, Bro. Crepin Nicolar, Bro. Charles Gilbert, and Bro. Sebastian Flume, being all French brothers proposed themselves to become Members of this lodge, which was Unanimously agreed to."

HUGH P. VIVIAN, P.M. 589.

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## A GROTESQUE MASONIC CEREMONY.

My remarks in the last *Freemason*, replying to "B. B." (Notes 849—851) should read: "In it, however, there is nothing inconsistent with the way the French brotherhoods (*not* brotherhood) undoubtedly have of casting out from among them an erring member with every manifestation of ridicule and contempt."

R. F. GOULD.



## Craft Masonry.

## Provincial Meetings.

FELTHAM.

**Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).**—The installation meeting was held on the 20th ult., at the Railway Hotel. Bro. E. A. Smith, W.M., opened the lodge, being supported by Bros. C. W. Baker, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. A. Wilson, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; J. C. Goslin, S.D.; S. Whoeler, J.D.; F. Dunstan, I.G.; E. J. Whelan and A. Robertson, Stwds.; J. Lawrence, P.M., P.G.D.C.; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Stevens, P.M.; D. Moss, W. Kite, B. G. Andrews, W. H. Davey, S. H. Platten, J. Exon, P. Bick, T. W. Kingston, J. Amey, G. J. Bailey, and many others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. W. A. Barrett, P.G.O.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M. 176; Vincent Larner, S.W. 157; John Blackburn, J. Tanner, P.M. 1457, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Henry Forse, P.M. 917; J. Osborn, P.M. 1897,

P.P.G.S.B.; E. H. Gilbert, 172; T. Boen, 15; A. Hamblin, 1637; S. Smithers, W.M. 193; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read. It showed a very good balance in favour of both lodge and Benevolent Fund, and was unanimously adopted. The W.M., Bro. E. A. Smith, in his usual impressive manner raised Bro. B. G. Andrews, and passed Bros. W. H. Davey, D. Moss, S. H. Platten, and J. Exon, and he wound up his most successful year of office by installing his successor, Bro. Charles William Baker, S.W., as W.M., who appointed as his officers: Bros. E. A. Smith, I.P.M.; John Alfred Wilson, S.W.; James Clark Goslin, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D., Sec.; S. Wheeler, S.D.; F. Dunstan, J.D.; E. J. Whelan, I.G.; A. Robertson, D.C.; John Amey, Org.; W. H. Davey, G. Henry Eaton, and William Kite, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

It was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be given, the same to be entered on the minute book, to Bro. E. A. Smith, I.P.M., for the admirable and efficient manner he had rendered the ceremony of installation. The 10 guinea P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds, and a P.M.'s collar and silver jewel, subscribed by voluntary contributions amongst members present, were presented to Bro. E. A. Smith, I.P.M., who acknowledged the kind presents. Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M., made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities. He succeeded in securing the services of Bro. A. Robertson, D.C., as another Steward for the Girls' School Festival 1890, bringing the number up to six Stewards representing the lodge. Through a sudden severe attack of illness, Bro. F. Walters was unable to attend the meeting. Four gentlemen having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed. A banquet afterwards took place.

HALLIFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).**—The last meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Ship Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Hugh Wm. Dewes, being unable to attend, Bro. John Proffitt, P.M. and Treas., took the chair. He was supported by Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A. G.D.C., D.P.G.M., as S.W.; W. A. Barrett, P.M., P.G.O., as J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Sec.; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M.; Howard Henry Room, P.G. Sec.; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Toombs was passed to the F.C. Degree. This being election night, the by-laws were read. All the elections were unanimous. Bro. B. D. Crofts, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. John Proffitt, P.M., P.P.G.R., re-elected Treas.; and Bro. John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

In the absence of Bro. Frederick Walters, caused by his serious illness, Bro. John Davies, P.M. and Sec., took up the notice of motion standing in his name. It was unanimously agreed that the usual P.M.'s jewel be voted from the lodge funds, and be presented to Bro. Hugh W. Dewes, W.M., for the services rendered to the lodge. Apologies were received from several members regretting their non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed. The usual banquet followed.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

**Howe and Charnwood Lodge (No. 1007).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 30th ult., at the Bull's Head Hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. W. G. Oliver W.M.; T. B. Laxton, S.W.; W. H. Silverthorne, J.W.; J. Raven, Sec.; Ernest A. Chapman, S.D.; J. J. W. Knowles, J.D.; J. Burn, I.G.; Wm. Armstrong, P.M.; C. Lowenstein, P.M.; R. L. Gibson, P.M.; W. Vial, P.M.; A. C. Foulds, C. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; B. Silver, W. E. Cooke, F. Amatt, P.M.; W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Geo. Oliver, P.M.; Chas. Oliver, P.M.; T. Wright, P.M. 1391; Hy. Deane, P.M.; J. Herbert Marshall, P.M.; W. Wilkinson, P.M.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; J. Anderson, W. Hamerton, J. W. Bromley, Edgar Horne, P.M. 731, P.P.G.R.; J. B. Waring, W.M. 523; G. Jackson, J. H. Cooper, W. W. Vincent, W.M. 1391; G. Jessop, W.M. 2081; S. Knight, P.M. 1391; R. K. Blackwell, Stwd. 1560; J. W. Rowlett, P.M. 523; W. H. Lead, P.M. 2081, D.C.; W. Bream, Stwd. 523; T. Spearpoint, T. Carter, W.M. 1560; J. A. Corah, G. J. B. Woolley, W. Neale, J.D. 523; Edward Wood (Mayor of Leicester); G. Scampton, W. J. Wallace, J. B. Fowler, P.M.; P. Birch, C. Pensotti, A. W. Cross, W. Beeson, G. Onion, J. Vaughan, P.M.; S. Cleaver, P.M.; J. Griggs (Mayor of Loughborough); Jesse Shuttlewood, J. Parr, G. Jackson, H. Walker, Tyler; T. Dunn, G. Bishop, Tyler; J. D. Horne, T. Coltham, P.M. 1265, P.G.R.; Edward Lester, J. Harrison, P.M. 1391; J. Waters, and Allan Wildsmith.

The Marquis of Granby was initiated a member of the Craft, the ceremony being most impressively and effectively performed by Bro. G. C. Oliver, W.M., ably assisted by Bros. T. B. Laxton, S.W., and J. H. Marshall, P.M. In the course of the proceedings Bro. G. C. Oliver proposed, and the Marquis of Granby seconded, a vote of congratulation, unanimously adopted, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, upon the marriage of his daughter, the Princess Louise of Wales, with the Duke of Fife, P.G.M. of Banffshire.

Owing to the exceptionally large muster, the lunch had to be served by Host Widnall in the Town Hall, when Bro. George C. Oliver, W.M., presided, and was supported by the Marquis of Granby, Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; E. Wood (Mayor of Leicester); J. Griggs (Mayor of Loughborough); Alderman T. Wright (ex-Mayor of Leicester); Rev. J. Bird, Chap.; Dr. Corcoran, I.P.M.; George Oliver, J.P., P.M.; and a great number of other leading Masons of the province.

The entire proceedings passed off most satisfactorily.

We have just received a copy of "Murray's Penny Pocket Guide to London," which is the fourth of Mr. John Paul Murray's very popular and excellent series of guides, published at 4 and 5, Queen's Head-passage, Paternoster-row, E.C. The maps and illustrations are really excellent, and considering the price at which it is published the guide is simply a little marvel. As it contains, besides maps and views, all information required, and nothing not wanted by sightseers and visitors, we strongly recommend it to our readers.

**Royal Arch.**  
**Provincial Meetings.**

**PLYMOUTH.**

**Concord Chapter (No. 223).**—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held on the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions were installed as Principals: Comps. J. Hoyten, as Z.; P. H. Bridgman, H.; and A. Trout, J. Comps. J. M. Hifley, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and J. W. Cornish were the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Principals also included Comps. W. Browning, P.P.G.O.; J. Moysey, T. C. Lewarn, W. J. C. Hannaford, H. Miller, 223; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G.P.S., P.P.G.J.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; J. Lord, 70, P.P.G.T.; A. Aitken-Davies, 159, 1099, P.P.G. Reg.; J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Allsford, G. Bray, 202; R. Pike, 230; J. Wallis, 1255; J. Gidley, 105, 1205; and W. H. Williams, H. 159. The officers invested were Comps. J. M. Hifley, S.E.; C. B. Gale, S.N.; W. Browning, Treas.; J. Jermyn, P.S.; T. Lillicrap, 1st A.S.; G. W. Bell, 2nd A.S.; C. H. Tozer, D.C.; A. E. Bridgman, A.D.C.; P. Hannaford and T. A. Stephens, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor. Two guineas were voted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund towards entitling the chapter to a Governorship of that Institution. The day of convocation was changed to the first Thursday in October, January, April, and July, instead of the third Wednesday.

**STANMORE.**

**Stanmore Chapter (No. 1549).**—The installation meeting of this rapidly-increasing and prosperous chapter was held at the Abercorn Hotel on the 10th ult. From a combination of circumstances, the attendance was smaller than usual, but the report as presented by the Audit Committee was voted highly satisfactory, no less than six exaltations having been performed during the past year. The three Principals—Comps. E. B. Haynes, M.E.Z.; Dr. W. A. Rogers, H.; and R. H. Blatchford, J.—opened the chapter. The minutes of the previous meeting in May were confirmed. Two candidates were entered for exaltation, but being both unavoidably absent, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Comp. C. H. Webb, P.Z., very ably placing Comps. Dr. Rogers in the chair of First Principal; R. H. Blatchford, Second Principal; and C. B. Todd (by deputy), Third Principal. The M.E.Z. afterwards invested the following officers: Comps. C. Veal, S.E.; D. R. Soames, S.N.; W. Fraser, Treas.; J. Best, P.S.; W. R. Shutt, 1st A.S.; E. C. Kilsby, 2nd A.S.; J. S. Fraser, P.Z., Stwd.; and J. Middleton, Janitor. After making the usual inquiries, the M.E.Z., in the name of the chapter, presented Comp. Haynes with the usual handsome P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning), and highly complimented him on the very successful year he had passed through, and for the superior manner in which he had carried out his duties. A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Comp. Haynes, was also passed to those officers who had so energetically succeeded in procuring worthy candidates, and so placed the chapter financially in such a prosperous condition. The chapter was then closed. A choice banquet followed.

The usual toasts were given and responded to. Letters of regret for unavoidable absence were read from the Grand Supt., Sir Francis Burdett; Comp. Lord Halsbury, and many others, and the companions dispersed with every satisfaction.

**Mark Masonry.**

**Provincial Meetings.**

**PLYMOUTH.**

**Charity Lodge (No. 76).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, on the 26th ult., to instal Bro. W. Stenlake as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The Installing Officers were Bros. F. Crouch, 189, P.M. 16, P.G.D. Eng., and P.A.G. Sec.; and H. Langmead, 189, I.P.M. 16, P.P.G. Purs. Among the Board of Installed Masters present were Bros. J. M. Hifley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Browning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. Trout, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Holland, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 319, P.M. 35, P.G. Chap. Eng., P.J.G.W.; S. Jew, P.M. 66, P.P.G.T.; T. C. Lewarn, P.M. 76, P.P.G.D.; J. Lavers, P.M. 76, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Moysey, P.M. 76, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Millar, P.M. 91, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Ailsford, P.M. 16, P.P.G.M.O.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 50, P.P.G.M.O.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 50, P.P.G.T.; F. B. Westlake, P.M. 50, P.P.G.M.O.; H. Langmead, P.M. 16, P.P.G.P.; J. Gidley, P.M. 169, P.G.T.; and W. J. E. Hannaford, P.M. 76.

The officers invested were as follows: Bros. W. J. E. Hannaford, I.P.M.; J. A. Lavers, S.W.; A. Revill, J.W.; D. S. Stanbury, M.O.; P. Hannaford, S.O.; L. A. Court, J.O.; T. W. Lemon, P.M., Chap.; W. Browning, P.M., Treas.; S. Yeomans, R. of M.; J. M. Hifley, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Tozer, S.D.; G. B. Gale, J.D.; J. W. Cornish, I.G.; T. Lillicrap, D.C.; T. A. Stephens, A.D.C.; W. Biscombe, Std. Br.; C. H. Soper, Org.; T. Taylor, Stwd.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. H. Perdue, W.M.; W. J. Coplestone, S.W.; J. Davis, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; and T. Jobson, I.G. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Long having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony

rehearsed. The W.M. rendered the traditional history in a very able manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Coplestone, the W.M. of the mother lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; W. Groves, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; J. D. Graham, S.D.; W. Barringer, J.D.; W. Hoggins, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Victor Le Huray, E. L. Berry, W. Fowles, G. H. Reynolds, A. Clark, and Robert Kirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st, and Bro. J. Greenway the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. H. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Groves, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The usual weekly meeting of the lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 1st instant. Present: Bros. E. D. F. Rymer, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; W. Barringer, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Dep. Preceptor; E. L. Berry, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, J.D. and acting Secretary; G. A. Bergholz, I.G.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Greenway, Dep. Preceptor, worked the First Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the First Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. G. A. Bergholz having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the first time, Bro. G. A. Bergholz (2191) was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. and D.R.). It being Preceptor's night, Bro. Westley occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. Steele, S.W.; Poole, J.W.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Cochrane, S.D.; J. Wright, J.D.; Hudson, I.G.; Caink, Lyell, Hargrove, Ellsom, Evans, Windsor, W. Hill, Smith, Fenn, J. Mitchell, Langdon, Wightman, Russell, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Windsor as candidate. Bro. Langdon answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Langdon duly passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. Russell answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising worked, with Bro. Russell as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge was closed and adjourned to Monday, the 12th inst.

**Natal.**

**ADDRESS TO BRO. SIR CHARLES MITCHELL.**

So soon as it became known that Bro. Sir Charles Mitchell was returning to Natal to administer the Government, the local Freemasons prepared an address to be presented to his Excellency on arrival. The circumstances under which his Excellency assumed the Government prevented this intention being carried out in its entirety; but it was arranged that the presentation should take place on the occasion of Sir Charles's first visit to Durban. Pursuant to this arrangement, a number of leading members of the Fraternity assembled at the Masonic Hall, Smith-street on Thursday afternoon, the 27th June, at 5 p.m., shortly after which his Excellency, accompanied by the District Grand Master, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, arrived.

Amongst those present were Bros. G. Russell, Past D.S.G.W., now President of the Board of General Purposes; J. Fletcher, W.M. 1937, and acting as Dist. Grand Secretary; S. Marriott, Past D.S.G.W., D.G. Treasurer; T. Cook, Past D.S.G.W.; Dr. J. Schulz, P.M.; J. Parry, W.M. 738; J. Crowe, W. H. Nicholas, B.A.; Mason, C. Dacomb, and other representatives of the Fraternity.

The task of presenting the address had been delegated to Bro. FINNEMORE, who, after severally introducing the members of the deputation to his Excellency, made a brief impromptu speech, and concluded by reading and handing to his Excellency an illuminated address, which his Excellency cordially accepted and acknowledged.

The address and reply were as follows: "To His Excellency Sir Charles Bullen Hugh Mitchell, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Administrator of the Government of the Colony of Natal, Commander-in-Chief and Vice-Admiral of the same, and Supreme Chief over the native population, &c., &c., &c."

"May it please your Excellency—We, the members of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, desire to offer your Excellency a cordial and fraternal welcome upon the occasion of your return to the Colony of Natal to fill for a time the high office of Governor, the duties of which you have on previous occasions discharged with credit to yourself and advantage to the community,

"As colonists we recognise the skill and ability displayed in your Excellency's public career; but as Masons we are especially proud of your Excellency's connection with the Craft, and the exalted official position you occupy as her Majesty's representative in the Colony where you were first initiated into the mysteries of our Order. We, therefore, tender your Excellency our warmest wishes for your prosperous rule over us, and for the health and happiness of yourself and Lady Mitchell, and beg that you will be pleased to convey to her Majesty our Gracious Sovereign this expression of our loyal attachment to her Majesty's Throne and Person.

We beg to subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the District Grand Lodge, your Excellency's most obedient servants and brethren,

"ROBERT ISAAC FINNEMORE, Dist. G.M.

"GEORGE RUSSELL, Pres. Dist. G.B. of Gen. Pur.

"JOHN B. COTTAM, Dist. G. Sec."

The following is the reply of his Excellency:

"To R. I. Finnemore, Esq., District Grand Master, and the Office-bearers of District Grand Lodge of Natal.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Office-bearers of District Grand Lodge.

"I am much touched by the truly Masonic kindness that has dictated the address of welcome you have given me on behalf of the District Grand Lodge of Natal.

"I appreciate very highly the expressions of esteem and regard you convey to me from the Chief Council in the Colony, a body of which I am a very humble member, and I trust that nothing will ever occur to cause either my brother Masons or the community at large to withdraw from me that confidence which it is my happiness to believe I now possess."



The preparations for the production of "The Dead Heart" at the Lyceum proceed apace, and very satisfactorily. Miss Terry has not yet returned from Germany, but Bro. Irving has come back from Scotland, and, on his way to the seaside, looked in at Wellington-street to see how things were progressing. He is now within easy reach of the theatre.

Bro. Edward Terry writes us to caution our readers against a man who has been obtaining money for pretended admission tickets to Terry's Theatre, which are forgeries. The man is described as being tall, and with a fair moustache. He generally carries bills under his arm, which he asks permission to exhibit.

Miss Minnie Palmer, who is at present in London with her husband, Mr. John R. Rogers, starts her next tour through the English provinces on the 26th of this month, when she begins a fortnight's engagement at the Glasgow Royalty. Thence she goes in succession to Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, and Cardiff, returning to London at Christmas. It is just possible, we hear, that she may then appear here in pantomime, but on that point nothing is at present settled. If she does not figure at Drury Lane, she will almost certainly have a theatre of her own, where she will no doubt be seen in "My Brother's Sister," or "Behind the Scenes," or both.

Mr. Willie Edouin has in "Our Flat" got a farcical comedy which ought to last him for some time. He has surrounded himself with a good company, including Miss Fanny Brough, Miss Enid Leslie, Messrs. H. Eversfield, Rignold, and Fawcett, the latter of whom is a good mixture of Charles Wyndham and Arthur Williams. "Our Flat" is by a lady—Mrs. Musgrove—and the curtain raiser, "To the Rescue," is also by a lady—Mrs. Greet, wife of the genial manager of the Prince of Wales'. The play of the evening deals with a young couple who have eloped, and taken a flat in Bloomsbury, and furnished on the hire system. The husband is a literary man, but can't get any one to take his copy, or managers to produce his tragedies. Not being able to pay up the instalments the furniture is seized by its owners. The wife (Miss Brough) ingeniously turns boxes, casks, baths, &c., into impromptu furniture; for a fender a cornice turned upside down is used. The wife, unknown to her spouse, writes a play, and for plot elaborates their own domestic struggles. It is received by a manager (Mr. Edouin) and is the making of them. Owing to the cleverness of the authoress and the acting of Messrs. Edouin and Fawcett, and Misses Brough, Gowland, and Leslie there is not a dull moment from beginning to end. Mr. Edouin is more than usually ludicrous, and ought to do well even in August with "Our Flat."

The Shah has conferred on M. Carnot, President of the French Republic, the highest Persian Order, and has at the same time presented him with his portrait set in diamonds.

## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 14th instant, at the usual hour of 4 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, but the proceedings were only nominal, and the Committee adjourned till to-morrow (Saturday), when important business will be transacted.

The musical comedietta, "The Tiger," by Mr. F. C. Burnand and Mr. Edward Solomon, which has been performed at Canterbury by the Old Stagers, is, it appears, an adaptation of the old farce "The Bengal Tiger." The Old Stagers have also appeared in "Good Bye," a version by Mr. Arthur Boucher of that much adapted play, Theuriet's "Jean-Marie."

The Leigh Masons held their annual excursion on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. A large number put in an appearance, and journeyed in three saloons from Leigh and Bedford Station by the 8.15 a.m. train to Chester, that being the appointed place. During the day they visited Hawarden and Eaton. The weather was rather adverse, but a very pleasant day was spent.

On Tuesday evening the Shah paid a State visit to the Opera in Paris, the State box being erected on the amphitheatre in front of the stage and extending the whole width of the house. The President and Madame Carnot, the Ministers, the Prefect of the Seine, the Diplomatic Corps, and the great dignitaries were also present on the occasion to do honour to the Persian Monarch.

The holiday folk must have been greatly disappointed owing to the condition of the weather on Monday, when it rained more or less continuously till the afternoon was well advanced. Worse still, the railway and other excursions must have suffered very considerably, though not to the same extent as on Whit Monday, when it rained almost without intermission all day long.

The good news reached home early this week that on Saturday last General Grenfell, who commands in chief the Egyptian army, attacked and destroyed the invading force of Dervishes under the command of Wad-il-Njumi, Njumi himself and all his emirs but one being slain, as well as 1500 of his fighting men. The rest retreated in the utmost disorder, and for the moment all fear of Egypt being laid waste is at an end.

The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, has fixed Tuesday, the 27th instant, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which will be held at Liskeard, under the banner of Lodge St. Martin, No. 570, the brethren of which recently met and appointed various Committees to carry out all the arrangements necessary to give to the Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge a thoroughly cordial welcome. The Prov. Grand Lodge meeting will be held in the Town Hall, and at the conclusion of the business the brethren will dine together in the Market House. The usual service will be held in the parish church.

Bro. Ermilo G. Canton, director and proprietor of the *Boletin Masonico*, the "official" organ of the "Del. Sup. Gr. Or. de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos," has printed the complete text of the lecture on "The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry," delivered by Bro. John Chapman in Philadelphia and in several lodges in this country. The text has been carefully printed in Spanish from a translation by his son, Mr. John Henry Chapman. The circulation of the lecture through Spain by our Bro. E. Contreras, in the *El Taller*, and now in Mexico by Bro. E. G. Canton, will give it considerably more publicity.

On St. John's day, June 24th, Bro. Sidney Mendelssohn, son of the late Rev. M. Mendelssohn, Rabbi in Kimberley, South Africa, for some years, was duly installed the W. Master of the Cosmopolitan Lodge. Bro. W. F. Cranswick and the Ven. Archdeacon, Bro. W. T. Gaul, were appointed Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Among the large gathering of brethren assembled in the Cosmopolitan Temple were the W. Masters, Officers, and brethren of the following lodges: Richard Giddy, 1574 (E.C.); Charles Warren, 1832 (E.C.); Athole, 591 (S.C.); Union, 719 (S.C.); and Peace and Harmony (Netherlands). After the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren sat down to the banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly responded to. One and all joining in the toast of "Prosperity to the W. Master and members of the Cosmopolitan Lodge."

Owing to the dirty weather which prevailed at Portsmouth on Saturday last, the inspection of the Fleet by the Emperor of Germany was postponed till Monday. On Sunday, however, his Majesty was able to go over some of the ships, though, owing to the minuteness with which he examined what was to be seen, only a part of the programme that had been arranged was got through. On Monday, the Emperor, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, Prince Henry of Prussia, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and others, inspected the Fleet, his Majesty being on board the Royal Yacht Victoria and Albert, while the Queen went on board another of the Royal Yachts—the Alberta—and unofficially saw everything, but without taking any part in the pageant. On Wednesday his Majesty visited Aldershot, and there inspected the troops under the command of Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, expressing his satisfaction at the appearance, discipline, and precision of movement of the force. On Thursday his Imperial Majesty concluded his visit to the Queen, and left on board the Hohenzollern to return to Germany.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor) and Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Wednesday.

The Queen has been pleased to cause letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting a Charter of Incorporation to the Royal Historical Society, of which her Majesty is patron.

We are glad to announce that the Countess of Zetland, wife of the Prov. G. Master of North and East Yorkshire, who was lately prostrated by an attack of typhoid fever, is making fair progress towards recovery.

The Prince of Wales, as Commodore, presided at the banquet given by the Royal Yacht Squadron to the Emperor of Germany and his brother, Prince Henry, at Cowes, on Wednesday. His Royal Highness proposed the chief toasts of the evening, which were drunk with much enthusiasm.

The marriage arranged between Lord Skelmersdale, eldest son of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, and Lady Wilma Bouverie, only daughter of the Earl and Countess of Radnor, will take place very quietly at Longford Castle on Thursday next, the 15th instant.

The Board of the Annuity Branch of the Fund of Scottish Benevolence granted at the July meeting 12 annuities of £10 each, two of £15, and one of £20, making a total of £170, or, with the £155 granted in January, £325 of annuities. This leaves about £200 still to be disposed of.

The meeting of the High Court of Foresters was held at Bournemouth on Monday, when 658 delegates were present. When the Court was closed, there was a long and imposing procession through the town, the representatives of many affiliated friendly societies being present, as well as eight bands of music.

The annual election meeting of the Brunswick Chapter, No. 159, was held on the 31st ult., when the Principals elected were Comps. W. H. Williams, Z.; N. Radmore, H.; and C. Marshall, J. The officers also elected were Comps. F. J. Price, S.E.; J. E. Davis, S.N.; T. Stoner, P.S.; C. Sellick, 1st A.S.; and J. T. Rook, 2nd A.S. Comps. C. A. Nicholson and J. Bartlett were re-elected Treasurer and Janitor.

The weather was brilliant at Aldershot on Wednesday, when the Emperor of Germany, with Prince Henry of Prussia, and the suite in attendance were present at a grand review and sham fight of the force under the command of Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood, his Majesty being well satisfied with the appearance of the force. About 30,000 men of all arms were with the colours on the occasion. The Prince of Wales was unfortunately prevented from being present at the review, his medical adviser having strictly forbidden his Royal Highness from mounting a horse in the present state of his health.

The death is announced of Mr. W. R. S. Ralston, of the British Museum. Mr. Ralston has died at an age when many men are at the full vigour of their intellectual strength; for he was only 61. Mr. Ralston was one of the best of Russian scholars. Great numbers of Englishmen and Englishwomen owe to Mr. Ralston their first acquaintance and their enduring love of Russian literature, his admirable translations from which are recognised as standard works in their department of literature. Mr. Ralston was a man of most charming manners. He had an extraordinarily wide knowledge of folk-lore, and could "tell stories" as well before a big audience in St. James's Hall as before a few friends in his quiet lodgings.

The annual picnic of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, Garston, was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at Llangollen. The first place visited was Plas-Newydd, with its quaint surroundings, after which dinner was provided at the Royal, the chair being occupied by Bro. Lawton, W.M., who was supported by the I.P.M., Bros. T. F. Hill, P.G.S.B.; W. S. Vine, P.G.D.C., D.C.; H. Hatch, P.M.; and Wm. Oliver, P.M. The Vice-Chairmen were Bros. Fisher, S.W., and Billingsley, J.W. The party were afterwards photographed on the lawn of the hotel. They then drove in waggettes to Corwen, a drive which all thoroughly enjoyed. On returning, tea was served, after which several ladies and gentlemen ascended to Castle Dinas Bran, whilst others visited Berwyn and Valle Crucis Abbey. The return journey was commenced at 9.20, and on arriving at Allerton omnibuses were waiting to convey the party to their respective destinations, all having spent a very pleasant day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.—A regular quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was held on the 30th ult., in the St. Mark Hall, Buchanan-street. The quarterly communications in July occurring in the middle of the holiday season are proverbial for poor attendances, and the last meeting was no exception to the rule. Bro. Jas. Boyd, S.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Dalrymple Duncan, Thomas Halket, David Reid, Wm. Phillips, and others. Apologies for absence were received from Bros. John Graham, P.G.M., Richard Barnwell, J. M. Oliver, and others. Bro. Reid, P.G. Sec., reported that 152 brethren had intimated their intention of taking part in the annual bowling competition for the "Pearce" and "Jubilee" Cups on the succeeding week, and that in addition to the cups there would be prizes of £6, £3, and £2. The report submitted by Bro. Halket, Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, for the last quarter, showed that in response to four appeals from lodges in the province £18 had been granted, and for cases of casual relief £338, a total of £21 38s. disbursed during the quarter.

The Directors of Perry and Co., Limited, steel pen makers, have resolved to pay on the 1st September, out of profits, an interim dividend on the ordinary shares for the first six months of this year, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, free of income tax, being at the same rate as for the corresponding period last year. The half-yearly dividend on the preference shares will be paid as usual at the fixed rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

SCIENCE (EXTRAORDINARY).—TERREY'S "HOUSEHOLD PURIFIER" (Registered, for Universal Purposes.—Acts like magic. A strong and pleasant Disinfecting Fluid for Sanitary Use. Treble the Disinfecting Strength of Carbolic. A new and valuable Discovery has been made in the manufacture of this Fluid, there being no Sediment. Dissolves at once in Water, making a Milky appearance. Where this is used all Infectious Diseases are kept away. Sold by Chemists, Stores, Grocers, Oilmen, &c., in 6d. and 1s. bottles, or in gallons 4s., delivered free. 1s. charged for cans (returnable).—TERREY BROS., 55, Chester-street, Kennington.—ADVT.

Miss Harcome, Matron of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, has been elected Matron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of the late Matron.

Miss Margaret Walker Wordsworth, the second daughter of the Bishop of St. Andrew's, was, on Wednesday, married to Mr. Charles Macalister Macdonald, Kincoth House, Forres, N.B., at Rydal Church, Ambleside.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* announces the appointment of Rear-Admiral Fairfax, Commander-in-Chief on the Australian Station, as Second Naval Lord of the Admiralty. He will, it is added, leave for England in a month's time.

Sir Henry Brougham Loch, the new Governor of Cape Colony in succession to Sir Hercules Robinson, has left London for Victoria, to take leave of the authorities and settle other business affairs previous to assuming his new appointment.

The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society has just voted the sum of £1023, in special grants of extra relief, to the distressed widows and orphans of poor fishermen and mariners, embracing 371 widows, with, in all, 483 orphans. The society recently received £210 from the Corporation of the City of London.

At the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, last week, the mean temperature of the air was 64.9 deg., or 2.3 deg. above the average in the corresponding weeks of the 20 years ending 1868. Rain fell on two days of the week, to the aggregate amount of 0.20 of an inch. The duration of registered bright sunshine in the week was 36.5 hours, against 48.4 hours at Glynede Place, Lewes.

The vacant Archdeaconry of St. Asaph and the residentiary canonry annexed to it have been offered to, and accepted by, the Rev. Herbert Watkin Williams, M.A., Chancellor of the Cathedral, and vicar of Bodelwyddan. The new Archdeacon, who was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford, is a Welsh-speaking clergyman.

Professor Max Muller delivered his second lecture at Oxford, on Wednesday evening, on "The Science of Language." He said language, if carefully studied, disclosed a simplicity more wonderful even than its supposed complexity. The science of language, better than any other science, taught them their true position in the world. Take away language, and man was lower than the dumb animals of the field and of the forest.

Bro. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., entertained at dinner, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Wednesday night, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Lord Advocate, the Postmaster-General, Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., Sir Henry Edwards, Sir Charles Lewis, M.P., Bro. Sir John Puleston, M.P., Mr. Forbes, Captain Middleton, Colonel Malleon, and Mr. Johnstone. The party went down to Greenwich from the Speaker's Steps in Bro. Dixon-Hartland's launch, the Grace Darling.

Bro. the Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress on Wednesday attended the annual distribution of prizes at Appleby Grammar School, where Bro. Alderman Whitehead received his early education. The Lady Mayoress distributed the prizes, and his lordship, in reply to a vote of thanks, said he did not think the middle classes were as amply provided with education of a commercial character as they ought to be.

The first meeting of the Mansion House Committee on Railway Rates was held on Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of the Lord Mayor the chair was taken by Bro. Lord Henniker. It was decided to issue a circular letter to objectors asking for funds to carry out the objects of the association. Mr. Rowland Whitehead, barrister at law, was appointed Honorary Secretary. The Committee adjourned until the 24th of September.

An American newspaper declares that the fountain of eternal youth has been discovered in Nevada. An old negro with grizzled hair, weak sight, and halting limbs drank repeatedly of its waters a short time ago, and at the end of a month a black-wooled, bright eyed young nigger was dancing "wid de gals" again. Defaulting bank managers are expected in future to turn their steps to Nevada instead of Canada. In a month they will return so rejuvenated that their friends (and more particularly their enemies) won't know them.

Mr. Henry Bruce, one of the managing directors of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, and formerly manager of the Court Theatre, Liverpool, has had a gratifying compliment paid to him by his many friends in that city. They have just given him a testimonial benefit, promoted by a number of leading men, and having for its chief feature a performance of "Sweet Lavender" by Mr. T. W. Robertson's provincial company. Between the second and third acts Mr. Bruce addressed the crowded audience in very happy terms, alluding feelingly to his long association with and high esteem for the late Carl Rosa.

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company maintains its reputation this season for the facilities it affords to the general public to visit the seaside resorts and towns in the county of Kent to which it has access, that we need hardly point out to those of our readers who may be thinking of spending their holidays at, or making excursions to, the various popular pleasure resorts, either by the sea or on land, for which Kent is so famous, that in the matter of frequency, regularity, and punctuality, as well as in the cheapness of its tariff of charges, the L.C. and D. will compare very favourably with any other line of railway. Our readers, therefore, who have still their arrangements to make, will do well to avail themselves of the facilities placed at their disposal by the directors of this company.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In the common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.—ADVT.