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A DEFENCE OF FREEMASONRY BY THE D.G.M. OF SOUTH AFRICA (W.D.).

The proceedings of the brethren in Cape Town on the 24th June last were of a more than usually interesting character. In the first place, the lodges under the several Constitutions met for the purpose of installing the new Worshipful Masters for the year. In the next, an address of congratulation was presented to Bro. Sir ROBERT SOUTHEY, Past D.G.M. of the Western Division of South Africa, on the occasion of his appointment by her MAJESTY to the dignity of a Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of St Michael and St George. Lastly, an address was delivered in the Cathedral by Bro. the Very Rev. Dean C. BARNETT CLARKE, Bro. Sir ROBERT SOUTHEY'S successor as District Grand Master of the Division, in the course of which he vindicated Freemasonry from the attacks which have been made upon it at different times and by different classes of people; extolled its merits as a powerful aid to religion; and appealed to his Masonic audience to render still further and more valuable support to the Masonic Educational Institution which our Cape brethren have established for the benefit of the children of their poor and deceased members. At the commencement of his eloquent address our very reverend brother referred to the fact of the foundation-stone of the cathedral in which he and his brother Masons were assembled having 60 years previously been laid "with Masonic ritual and Christian ceremony in happy combination," and he expressed his belief that "none of the weaker brethren were thereby offended any more than when the foundation-stone of the new Graham's Town Cathedral was well and truly laid with Masonic ceremonies in the presence and with the cordial approval of the Bishop of the diocese." He next proceeded to combat the objections to Freemasonry which have been repeatedly brought forward. "Christian Ministers," he said, "have Christlessly assailed myself and others of the Clergy for being active Masonic members and officials in the Craft. I say Christlessly, for I mean uncharitably and untruly and not in the spirit of meekness, do these virulent slanderers condemn us." And so far from regretting or being ashamed that he was a Freemason, he said "I am proud frankly to proclaim that being one of this benign Brotherhood is not a hindrance to one's position and influence for good, but a powerful agent and aid to a clergyman to promote the everlasting welfare of one's fellowmen. Full well," he added, "we all know that princes, prelates, presbytery, and premiers have done their uttermost to crush out Masonry, but in vain. It is far too mighty for malicious men to destroy or dethrone it. Again, history of olden time chronicles the stubborn unassailable fact that princes, prelates, presbytery, and premiers were enrolled on the register of the Masonic archives of olden records," and have rendered incalculable service in promoting the welfare of the Order. He then proceeded: "I am fully persuaded that Freemasonry does tend to make us dutiful and consistent brethren, better husbands, better sons, better brothers; in a word, better men. For Freemasonry is a grand system of morality, and does not make itself a substitute for practical religion, but supplements and supports true godliness. The Church may receive the help of other agencies to spread and deepen its work in temperance organisation, in White Cross work, and other associations for the promotion of purity of heart and life. They are auxiliary forces which add to the proficiency of the Church's work." The Very Rev. the D.G. Master then passed on to appeal in behalf of their "Masonic Education Fund, urging upon the brethren to contribute liberally and cheerfully. "Act up," said he, "to our binding principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Pay no heed to the fierce invectives and fabricated anathemas of excommunications and would-be persecuting Papists, or to the cynical sardonic shoutings and yelpings of blatant and bigoted Protestants. . . . Masonry is impregnable because God is with us."

We rejoice to find a brother occupying a high position in the Colonial Church delivering himself thus boldly in defence of our Society. Some, indeed, may consider perhaps he is somewhat too outspoken, but let them remember, in palliation of this by no means heinous sin, that if the defence of Bro. the Rev. Dean BARNETT CLARKE is strong, so also has been the provocation to outspokenness which he and all Masons who are clergymen have received. At all events, he deserves well of the members of our Order, not only in Cape Town from those to whom he is personally acquainted and over a considerable section of whom he presides as District Grand Master, but from the Craft in all parts of the world whose cause he has espoused so warmly.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

ANNUAL MEETING AT THORNHAM.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held on the 31st ult. at Thornham Hall, the seat, and under the banner, of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.S.G.W. England, Prov. G.M. The day was fine, and a large number of brethren embraced the opportunity to visit the Provincial Grand Master's picturesque domain, and for which the Great Eastern Railway Company offered, with their usual courtesy, every facility, making reduced fares and running a special train both morning and evening for the accommodation of the brethren from Ipswich to Mellis, where vehicles were provided for conveyance from the station to Thornham Hall. The large hall was improvised as a lodge room, and at one o'clock the brethren ranged themselves under their respective banners, and shortly afterwards the Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, entered the hall in procession and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge. The visitors included—

Bros. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex; A. H. Moyes, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Cambridge; Courtenay Boyle, P.P.S.G.W. Norfolk; C. T. Montgomerie, P.P.G.W. Norfolk; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B. England, Secretary R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derby, Secretary R.M.I.B.; and T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G. Sec. Essex. The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past, who signed the presence book were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.M.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. England, D.P.G.M.; W. I. Mason, P.M. 1224, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Hall, P.M. 935, P.J.G.W.; Rev. C. A. Sinclair, 555, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. E. Barnes, 1592, P.G. Chap.; R. K. Casley, P.M. 114, P.G. Treas.; C. G. Hayward, P.M. 516, P.G. Reg.; N. Tracy, P.M. 376, 2371, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec.; R. J. Symonds, P.M. 1008, P.S.G.D.; E. Sparke, P.M. 1592, P.J.G.D.; W. J. Wilton, P.M. 71, P.G.S. of W.; R. E. Younger, P.M. 376, P.G.S.B.; B. S. Bradbeer, P.M. 1452, and G. Read, P.M. 1631, P.G. Std. Brs.; H. J. Wright, P.M. 936, 376, 2371, P.P.G.P., Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; T. Stokoe, P.M. 1823, P.G.P.; and A. W. Cook, P.M. 225, P.A.G.P.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers and of the lodges were called, all the lodges being represented.

Bro. Geo. Jones, P.M. 555, was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the following officers:

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Chas. C. Cheston, W.M. 2371, P.G.D.	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. H. Scriven, P.M. 1663	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. E. Barnes, 1592	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. T. Corfield, 1224	
" Geo. Jones, P.M. 555	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. S. Ellen, P.M. 1452	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.P.J.G.W.	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. R. Scott, P.M. 305	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Cocks, P.M. 555	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. F. W. Bray, P.M. 1631	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. J. Wright, P.M. 936, P.P.A.G.S.	Prov. G.D.C.
" P. M. Canova, P.M. 388	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. M. U. Adnams, P.M. 1983	Prov. G.S.B.
" N. M. Simmonds, P.M. 516	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. P. Price, P.M. 225	
" B. Hurst, 1224	Prov. G. Org.
" Fred. C. Atkinson, I.P.M. 376	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" A. W. Cook, P.M. 225, P.P.A.G.P.	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. Booth, I.P.M. 81	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. B. Marchant, S.W. 1663	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. F. Page, J.W. 1663	
" C. H. Downes, J.W. 2371	
" Syer	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which congratulated the province on the great improvement in its prospects. There had been 70 initiations and 41 joinings during the year, against loss from deaths and resignations 44. The total membership of the province was now 960. The finances were also in a satisfactory state, showing a balance of £95 6s.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. J. M. HARVEY read the 10th Report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which showed that during the year a sum of £743 6s. 6d. had been subscribed to the three Masonic Charities from the province. All the candidates who were adopted by the province were duly elected.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then briefly addressed the brethren, expressing at the outset a hearty welcome to Thornham Hall, which it had always been his desire the Provincial Grand Lodge should visit. He considered that a Provincial Grand Master should be in the friendliest relation with all those who helped him to govern the province, and he hoped that that was his position at that moment. He alluded to the presence of the Prov. Grand Master of Essex, Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., and the other distinguished visitors, whom he also cordially welcomed, and then, turning to the position of the province, he said he had nothing to say, a fact which showed that it was in a prosperous state. The reports which they had heard read were matters for congratulation, both with regard to the active progress of Masonry in Suffolk and the Charities, and in respect to the latter, they ought to be very grateful to Bro. Harvey for all he had done. He also referred in congratulatory terms to the recently-consecrated lodge at Felixstowe, which had he said raised itself already to the position of one of the best lodges in the province. In conclusion, he spoke feelingly of the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Clarke, P.G.D. of C., to whose family, on the proposition of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. BOBY, a vote of condolence was passed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, on the invitation of Bro. H. G. Quilter, fixed Felixstowe for the next annual meeting.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren marched in procession, headed by the band of the Suffolk Artillery, under Bandmaster Harris, to St. Mary's Church, where Divine service was held. Bro. Rev. C. E. Barnes read the prayers, and Bro. Rev. W. T. Corfield preached appropriately from a text taken from Eccles. iv., part of the 12th verse—

One might almost be excused for wondering whether the writer of the book from which I have taken my text knew aught of the great body of which so many of us in this church this afternoon are members—for there is, my brothers—I say it with all reverence—a truly Masonic ring about the words. As we think of them we cannot but be struck by the marvellous way in which they apply themselves to every branch of our dear old Craft. No matter where you turn you find the threefold cord. In the charge to the newly initiated our duty to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves is clearly impressed upon us on the very threshold of our Masonic life. Figuratively, by the pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty our lodges are supported. Faith, Hope, and Charity are the strands of the threefold cord by which we hope to attain to the mansions above. The distinguishing characteristics of a good Freemason are *virtue, honour, and mercy*. No motive whatever must make us swerve from our duty, violate our vows, or betray our trust, and once more the threefold cord on which I wish for a few moments to dwell, a threefold cord consisting of the grand principles on which our Order is founded—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Love, an attribute of God himself, the greatest thing in the world, the chief corner-stone of our Order. Love, we often speak of it, we are often using the word, but what do we know of it? We know that it is the sunshine of our life here, we know that it is the one thing that really brightens and warms and quickens and satisfies. We know that it is the very bond of peace which links one another together, overleaping difficulties, outliving delays and disappointments, healing wounds, preventing and repairing quarrels, increasing joys, the parent of every virtue, the comfort under every ill. But, my brethren, do we think what it is, and whence it comes. Sometimes our thoughts rise upward as we hear the words "Love is of God," sometimes, thank God, we remember that there is a love far exceeding the greatest love which we can have for one another, the love of Him who said "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for his friends." But beyond even this there are thoughts of truth and wonder indicated to us by the words "God is love." We see love here on earth, as the holy bond between members, but we wonder how "God is love." And as we wonder there begins to open light upon us, and we see in creation a proof that God is love, love which would have an object, and found that object in all the beauty of the universe, and in man made after its own similitude. When you look into your own hearts and ask yourselves in some moment of sincerity, what there is in them which you would really wish to be eternal; what of you and in you you could really wish to be conscious of for ever and ever, surely there can be but one answer—that which you have of love, the love which is in you, which is Godlike, nay which is God in you, for God is love. Oh, if love be this noble, this grand, this Godlike thing, and if a man who love God *must* love his brother also, then we see the beauty and necessity of our chief corner-stone, then we see why the first of the three great principles of our Order is brotherly love. What would the world be without it? What more tends to sear and sadden this world of ours than the lack of it? Oh, see to it that your Masonry brings forth fruit, see that the first strand of your cord is well woven together, see that you love one another. Brotherly love, relief, or Charity is another strand of the threefold cord, a virtue forming one of the most marked characteristics of our Order. We as a body of men give liberally to the relief of our poor and distressed brothers. We each year provide an enormous sum of money for our Masonic Institutions. Outwardly, whatever the world may say of us, we are members of a Charitable Order. Outwardly, indeed, we seem to qualify ourselves for the reward of One who said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto me." But we are apt to degrade this glorious attribute of Charity. We are apt to look upon this giving of our means as a *duty* merely. Is there not great need for each one of us to bear in mind that, to exercise this virtue both in the character of Masons and in our common life, we must forget every *obligation* but love, or otherwise we shall confound Charity with duty. The feelings of the heart must direct the hand of Charity, and for this purpose we must be divested of every idea of superiority, and estimate ourselves as all equal in the scale of brotherhood. Compassion, remember, is of heavenly birth. It is one of the grandest characteristics of humanity, and that relief, that Charity, which the angels delight to see, which the Great Architect stamps with His approval, is the Charity which springs from an intense love for man as man. Oh, we have great need to bear this in mind. When we feel inclined to look with satisfaction on what our united efforts achieve, let us look individually into our hearts, and see whether we contribute our quota from a feeling of pride, from a feeling of duty, or from a heaven-born love and compassion for our poorer brothers. Brotherly love, relief, and truth. Truth is the grand foundation-stone of Freemasonry. At our initiation we were exhorted to be "good men and true." It is by the dictates of truth that we must endeavour to rule and govern our lives and actions. Truth is the central strand of our threefold cord round which the other two twine themselves. Time will not permit me to dwell as I should like to dwell on this great virtue. You all know full well the absolute necessity of truth; without it there can be no satisfactory intercourse between man and man; without it, as a foundation-stone, all the virtues inculcated by Masonry would lose their mainspring. What a power it has, what an influence it wields over our lives. Let us nourish, let us cultivate the virtue of truth; so that, being true to the Great Architect of the Universe, and moulding our lives on the advice given us by our Poet—"To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst be false to no man." We may when all is over here find ourselves, by the use of our threefold cord, drawn for ever into the mansions of eternal rest. *Brotherly love, relief, and truth* forms indeed a threefold cord, which, in the words of our text, is not quickly broken. Oh! let each one of us see that we cling to this cord; let each one of us be certain that it is guiding us over the sea of life. It is a safe cord; it will never fray, it will never break; we who cling to it shall gain virtue and help and guidance from it, but we shall in no wise strain or weaken it. Let us be practical—are we using this threefold cord, and so are we true to our Masonic vows—are we? What is the aim and end of our clinging to this cord, what is the aim and end of our Masonry? Not the exercise of so much liberality only, not the enjoyment of so much conviviality only, but—you will forgive my reminding you of this, for I know that I must be speaking to many here who have grown grey-headed in the service of the Craft they love so well—the aim and object of Masonry is to make us better men, truer workers, more obedient to the orders of the Great Architect, whose plans willingly, or unwillingly, we are each one of us working out. Oh, if our Craft is helping us towards the attainment of this end, may God bless it. Let us then in our lives show forth its reality. Let the world be obliged to

say—"There is something more in Masonry than we thought, for a Mason is only another name for a good man." There is the ideal you must set before you, my brothers, an ideal made possible by the use of that threefold cord which, in the words of our text, is not quickly broken.

Special hymns were used. The collection was in aid of the Waifs and Strays Institution and Home Missions.

The brethren, to the number of about 200, afterwards sat down to a banquet, served in a large marquee in front of the hall, the catering for which was placed in the hands of Bro. J. Hardwick, and a duty which he excellently carried out. During dinner the band of the Suffolk Artillery Militia played some pretty music, especially selected for the occasion by Mr. Harris.

At the conclusion of the repast, the PROV. GRAND MASTER gave the toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," observing in regard to the latter that he had invited his Royal Highness's son, the Duke of Clarence, to be present with them, but he was unable to accept the invitation in consequence of his military duties, having marched the previous day for Ireland.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, in doing so, remarked that there was no more popular Grand Officer than Lord Brooke, whom he was sure they were very glad to see amongst them, and he coupled his name with the toast.

The Prov. G.M. of Essex, Lord BROOKE, in responding, assured the brethren of the honour he felt upon having the response of the toast allotted to him. He, with Lord Henniker, would not give way to anyone in his desire for the good of Freemasonry. Lord Henniker was quite right in alluding to the friendly feeling that existed between his province and that of Essex. He strongly advocated Masons keeping in touch with one another, which was as necessary to their success as that of the soldier in the field. He trusted that these cordial relations would always exist.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, and Bro. BOBY also briefly responded.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, D.P.G.M., in proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker," said they all knew what an excellent Grand Master his lordship made. He (the speaker) had been associated with his lordship for so many years that he was able to speak with rather more authority than most round that table of the admirable way in which he discharged the duties of his position.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in responding, again spoke of the pleasure with which he met the brethren in his home. He hoped that it would be his good fortune to fill the position of Provincial Grand Master for many years to come, and by their indulgence, to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the province. He concluded by submitting the toast of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," the D.P.G.M. and Bro. N. TRACY responding.

The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities" and "The Visitors."

Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. the Rev. W. T. Corfield for his excellent sermon, and to the rector for the use of the church.

The brethren were then entertained on the lawn to an exceedingly amusing exhibition on the part of a professional ventriloquist, and the gathering separated with the shades of evening, all highly delighted with the hospitable reception accorded them by the Prov. Grand Master.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday last, the 11th inst., the entertaining chapters being the Brooke Chapter, No. 2005, the Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, and the Warner Chapter, No. 2256. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent of the province, presided.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The roll of chapters was called over, each chapter being fairly represented by its officers.

The report for the past year was of a very satisfactory nature, showing an increase in the number of chapters and corresponding increase of membership and contributions. It was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated throughout the province.

An admirable and very impressive address was delivered by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in the course of which he directed the attention of his hearers to the advanced status of Royal Arch Masonry in the present day, and the excellence of the teachings conveyed in its expressive ritual and ceremonies, which really formed the full complement of the Master Masons' Degree, and should conduce towards an even greater advance, if possible, of its members in respect of their moral character and fidelity to Freemasonry.

Comps. Rowland Plumbe, P.Z., Treas. 2005, and Comp. F. A. White, P.Z. 1437, were respectively appointed Prov. Grand H. and J., and were duly obligated and invested. Comp. A. Durrant was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Comp. Thos. J. Ralling, P.G.S.B., was appointed Prov. Grand Scribe E. for the ninth year in succession. The Prov. Grand Officers appointed and invested were—

Comp. Rowland Plumbe, P.Z., Treas. 2005	...	Prov. G.H.
" F. A. White, P.Z. 1437	...	Prov. G.J.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.Z. and S.E. 51, P.G.S.B.	...	Prov. G.S.E.
England (ninth year)	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. G. Hobson, M.E.Z. 214	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Durrant	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. J. Cavill, I.P.Z. 276	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. G. Kellett, M.E.Z. 276	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Millner Jutsum, H. 2154	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" D. P. Holness, H. 2256	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Barritt, M.E.Z. 1024	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. S. B. Sparling, M.E.Z. elect 51	...	

Comp. A. Lucking, P.Z. and Treas. 1000, P.A.	...	Prov. G.D.C.
G.D.C. England (ninth year)	...	Prov. G. Org.
Dr. Haskins, Org. 2256	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
A. E. Albert, J. 1437...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
A. W. Martin	...	

A Committee was appointed to amend and report on the by-laws; the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, who purposes acting as Steward for the ensuing Jubilee Festival of that Institution; six guineas and the thanks of Provincial Grand Chapter were voted to the entertaining chapters; and an announcement was made that the next annual meeting would be held at Halstead. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

A very excellent banquet was provided under the management of Comp. J. Sadler Wood, and gave general satisfaction, the entertaining chapters being most liberal in their desire to welcome their many guests.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT presided, and his introductions of the several loyal and Masonic toasts were brief and effective. In proposing that of "The Grand Officers" he pointed out that those companions as a rule were at all times ready to be of service to their several chapters and never weary of performing their duty to the Order. As an exemplar he could not do other than name Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the Grand Superintendent for Suffolk, then present, and who on occasions when priest, prophet, or king might be wanted for chapter work could, and readily did, supply the want. The longer we live, and the more often we meet such men the more we learn their use to the Order in their several capacities.

Comp. MARTYN responded in a most humorous speech which was much appreciated.

Comp. ROWLAND PLUMBE, Prov. G.H., proposed "The Health of the Grand Superintendent for Essex, Comp. F. A. Philbrick," remarking that he was certainly one of the best of his class, and that members of both Craft and Royal Arch thoroughly appreciated his most valuable work in Freemasonry generally, and more particularly that which he had performed in the interests of the Royal Arch Degree.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT expressed his gratitude for the manifestation of feeling with which the toast had been received, and pointed to the progress made by the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex as justifying the satisfaction felt by its members. He considered the Royal Arch Degree an active power for good in this country. It had achieved a position which is great and powerful, and which will so continue so long as its members are true to its teachings. He considered that Essex was, and is a united province in both Craft and Arch, and being so united, helped forward the best interests of the Order.

"The Provincial Grand H. and J." and "The Provincial Grand Officers" were next toasted, the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT making a pathetic reference to the loss sustained by the Order in the recent decease of Comp. the Rev. T. Cochrane, a Past Grand Chaplain of the Craft, and Prov. G.H. of Essex.

To this toast Comps. ROWLAND PLUMBE and WHITE respectively responded.

For "The Visitors" Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Scribe E., returned thanks for the kind and cordial reception they had experienced, and, rejoicing in the present prosperity of the province, expressed the hope for further progress in the near future.

The remaining toast was that of "The Principals of the Chapters of the Province," with warmest thanks for the support they had rendered to those who had undertaken the pleasant duty of entertainment.

This toast was received with acclamation.

With a word in praise of the excellent catering and management, we close our notice of one of the most pleasant gatherings of Essex companions which has been held in the province for many years.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Edinburgh on the afternoon of the 6th inst. Bro. Lord Saltoun acted as Grand Master; there being also present Bros. Dr. Middleton, acting Depute Grand Master; J. T. S. Elliot of Wolfelee, Substitute Grand Master; J. Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.D.; Col. Campbell, J.G.D.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Reid, G. Cashier; Rev. John Glasse, G. Chaplain; Jas. Crichton, G. Jeweller; and G. Christie, G. Marshal.

A vidimus of the accounts for the quarter ending 25th July showed that the income had been £1266, or £648 in excess of the expenditure. There had been 1319 entrants to the Order; £133 had been distributed by the Committee of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence.

From the annuity branch it was reported that one new annuity of £20 and three of £10 each had been granted to a Mason and a widow and the families of others. It was reported that the Grand Master had arranged to install early in the month of October the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Masters of Banff and Elgin and Moray respectively.

Grand Lodge postponed consideration of the resolution as to the issuing of circulars relating to its proceedings. A resolution was adopted for the alteration of the constitution by the substitution of 21 years of age for 18 as the age at which candidates may be entered to the Order, with a reservation in favour of the sons of Masons.

The other business was routine, but Glasgow brethren gave notice of important resolutions as to the working of Provincial Grand Lodges and the present proxy system in Grand Lodge.

EZRA.—The famous Scribe who re-arranged the Canon of the Old Testament after the return from Babylon. It would almost seem as if Calmet was right, that Ezra went originally with Zerubbabel and his father Seraiah to Jerusalem, and then returned to Babylon. We may observe that Bishop Patrick also leans to the idea that Ezra was twice at Babylon. An Ezra went up with Zerubbabel, but whether the Ezra is uncertain. Dr. Oliver's solution of two Ezras may be correct after all. Ezra's account of his subsequent going up to Jerusalem does not exclude the possibility of a previous presence. But whether it be so or not, matters little. Ezra was the Scribe "par excellence," and as such attendant on the Jewish Sanhedrim, and his name and that of Nehemiah probably only point to that fact, and need not be supposed necessarily to be treated as chronologically correct.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY AND CONCORDANT ORDERS.*

We doubted that a new History of Freemasonry could be issued at this time that was not made up largely from Gould's admirable work, but are agreeably surprised to find that the new history published by Lee C. Hascall, of Boston, of the Fraternity Publishing Company, is largely original, and at the same time comprehensive. He has accomplished this by assigning the different topics to the ablest Masonic writers in England and America, and paying them liberally for their work, and the task is well done. Thus William James Hughan, of England, furnishes 20 pages of introduction, treating of the old lodges and kindred topics, on which he is the acknowledged authority. Then William R. Singleton, of Washington, follows with 80 pages on the Ancient Mysteries. William Stevens Perry, Bishop of Iowa, gives 38 pages to the Ancient Templars and Orders of Chivalry. Henry Leonard Stillson, of Vermont, the editor-in-chief, treats of the Documentary Early History of the Fraternity in 40 pages. John Lane, of England, gives a list of American lodges chartered by British Grand Lodges, 18 pages. Charles E. Meyer, of Pennsylvania, furnishes a history of American Grand Lodges for the First Meridian, 80 pages, a part of the Second Meridian, 34 pages; Charles E. Gillett, of Oakland, California, for the remainder of the Second Meridian, in 44 pages; Edwin A. Sherman (assisted by Gillett) for the Third Meridian, 52 pages; Sereno D. Nickerson, of Massachusetts, gives the First Glimpses of Freemasonry in North America, 16 pages; J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, treats of British America in 15 pages; John H. Graham, of Richmond, Quebec, follows with 17 pages on the same subject; Alfred A. Hall, of Vermont, gives 10 pages on European Grand Lodges; Hughan gives five pages to Australasia and New Zealand; and Graham four to New South Wales. Jesse B. Anthony, of New York, give an exhaustive account of the Morgan Excitement in 30 pages. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, devotes 16 pages to a history of Masonic jurisprudence, on which he has heretofore shown himself to be the ablest authority. Alfred F. Chapman, of Massachusetts (now deceased), devoted 88 pages to an excellent account of the chapter Degrees, Edward T. Schultz, of Maryland, supplementing it with three pages on the Order of High Priesthood. Eugene Grissom, of North Carolina, gives a history of the Cryptic Rite in 28 pages; supplemented by two pages on the Cryptic Rite in England by Hughan. Charles T. McClenachan, of New York, writes a "Eulogium of the Ancient Craft," in 19 pages. John H. Graham another on Symbolic Masonry, seven pages. Frederic Speed, of Mississippi, treats of the Chivalric Degrees in his usual forceful style, 40 pages. Grand Master Wm. J. McL. Moore (now deceased) follows with 54 pages on British Templary, including many other subjects. Josiah H. Drummond gives a history of the Scottish Rite, 34 pages. Hughan treats of the Royal Order of Scotland in 22 pages; this is new and very valuable. Edward T. Schultz follows with four pages on the Royal Order of Heredom of Kilwinning as it existed in Baltimore early in the century. Willis D. Engle gives a history of the Order of the Eastern Star, in 12 pages. Charles T. McClenachan, a history of the Rosicrucians in five pages. Twenty-two pages of statistics furnished by Grand Secretaries and others complete the 904 imperial octavo pages of the work.

We have given this long list of authors to show exactly the amount of skilled labour which has been put into the book. The labour has evidently been conscientious and earnest. Some of the theories will doubtless be controverted, especially those of Grand Master Moore, who repeats some of his statements which have been repeatedly disapproved, such as that American Templars can claim no title to the name because they have departed so far from the British ritual, when he has himself shown that the British ritual has been revised two or three times while the American is so close to the old Dunckerly ritual as to show a common origin. In many others of his statements he fits the facts to his theories, but still his paper is interesting as showing the summing up of his long study of Freemasonry.

The book answers most of the questions which the reader will ask. There are certain mooted questions which must be left to future students because they cannot be answered with our present knowledge. Some of these are:—

- I. Where did the Craftsmen of the operative lodges of the Middle Ages get their Masonry?
- II. Where did the Druses of Palestine get theirs?
- III. Who invented the Third Degree?
- IV. Who invented the Royal Arch, and where was it practised before 1753?
- V. Where did the British regiments who brought the Templar Orders to Boston in 1769 get them?
- VI. Where did the Red Cross Order come from?

Able men are studying these subjects, and no doubt we shall get some light on them in time, and meanwhile this book may be accepted as an able history up to the present time, valuable and interesting. It has many good illustrations, including quite a number of Doré's pictures of the Crusades, and the printing is excellent.—*Masonic Token*, Portland, Maine.

AN EXTRAORDINARY RECORD.

In the *Freemason* for June 27th, 1891, I alluded to a lodge minute of December 22nd, 1753, which refers to the *Royal Arch Degree* being then conferred, and that I had written Bro. Quinn, the Historian of the lodge in question, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, for more particulars.

He has promptly responded, and favoured me with a photographic reproduction of the record of that lodge meeting, which will be duly facsimiled in Part III. of the *Transactions of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge*, No. 2076, London, the editor, Bro. G. W. Speth, having expressed his desire to make such an important minute known to the Craft through the medium of that excellent publication. There will also be an article by me to accompany such reproduction, for the subject is one of the utmost consequence to all who desire the latest facts respecting the early history of Royal Arch Masonry.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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WHAT'S IN A LODGE NAME?

There may be much, or nothing, or worse than nothing, in a lodge name. It may be profitably suggestive, or simply meaningless, or absolutely ridiculous. It may be Masonic, or profane. It may be a word which will instantly flash a volume of meaning upon the mind, or its sound may fall on the ear like a drop of water in the sea, or startle the ear like thunder out of a clear sky:

We will not specify any absurd lodge names, lest they should be copied

St. John's Lodge is found, numerous and deservedly, in every Masonic jurisdiction. There is no better name given among Masons for a lodge. It is typical of love—brotherly love, which is the essence of Freemasonry. Ancient Craft Masonry has sometimes been styled "St. John's Masonry."

We do not know that either of the St. Johns was a Mason, but we do know that both of their characters were Masonic, and that their names have been long imbedded in Craft nomenclature. In the United States of America the earliest lodge organised in the oldest jurisdictions was generally styled as St. John's Lodge. This was so in Pennsylvania (A.D. 1731), Massachusetts (A.D. 1733), and other senior jurisdictions.

Universal Lodge, No. 181, of London, England, suggests that most pleasing and profitable feature of Freemasonry, its *universality*. In other words, the tourist, the scientist, the merchant, the adventurer, may find in every land a home and in every clime a brother. Other associations may be lacking, but this one will remain, the first, last, and best of all. Had Freemasonry no other feature than its universality, that would justify its existence.

The Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, of London, monuments a Masonic quality which is of as deep significance as the universality of Freemasonry—its *antiquity*. As a rule, whatever is old is respectable. We venerate the venerable. In some systems the Worshipful Master is himself officially styled "Venerable." The sun is old, the earth is old, man is old, the Bible is old, Freemasonry is old. Whatever links the aforesaid with the now; whatever manifests its power by its long continuance, whatever is immortal among mortals, is respected, honoured, and credited with possessing a reason for its being. Pretence may win a short-lived success, but only substantial merit can command ceaseless homage. Freemasonry has lived through the ages, it has a noble and ancient lineage, and it towers like a century plant among mushrooms in the world of secret societies.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, London, is not only a nominal, but a real tribute to the benevolence of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore as a man and a Mason, and also to that of the noble army of munificently charitable Freemasons around the globe. Pennsylvania has had its full share of these—we need only mention three—Bros. Stephen Girard, Thomas R. Patton, and George W. Childs. Each of them, and all who share in their spirits, have drunk deeply at the fountain of *Masonic Charity*, which is one of the Craft's noblest characteristics. It is love in action. It is the God in man manifesting itself towards his fellows. It is the chiefest of the triune Masonic virtues, faith in God, hope in immortality, and Charity towards all mankind, and especially towards the members of the Masonic brotherhood.

Noah's Ark Lodge, No. 347, Tipton, England, carries us "way back." No doubt if there were Masons then, they were found worthy to be "taken in out of the wet." Operative Masons who then built the noblest structures, who symbolised morality by their working tools, who cared for their worthy, distressed brethren, we may be sure would not be allowed to perish from the earth. Unfortunately, no flood of historic light is shed on that flood of waters, and we cannot Masonise Noah and his sons. But then we may fall back, with Canon Farrar, on the doctrine of "eternal hope." We hope they were Masons, and the brethren of Tipton, England, have monumented this hope in the name of their lodge.

Paradise Lodge, No. 312, Kentucky, overtops every other lodge in a way of a nominal suggestion of hoary antiquity, unstained virtue and primeval Masonry. Who would not boast of his privileges had he been a member of a lodge in Paradise. There were no impostors there, until the Devil appeared, no Masons suspended for non-payment of dues, no brethren expelled for un-Masonic conduct—until Cain was driven out into the land of Nod. We know that Adam wore an apron, but he seems to have been, later on, led astray by some malign influence, and opened a species of Eastern Star Lodge, and clothed Eve with an apron; and thus with a "female" Mason and a devilish impostor to disturb the Masonic harmony of Paradise Lodge. Of course it lost its warrant and came to naught. The less said about Paradise Lodge, all things considered, the better.

Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, No. 898, Poplar, England, furnishes the key to unlock a storehouse of Masonic principles which should control every Worshipful Master and every individual Freemason. If there be not temperance in the east, there will not be temperance in the west, or south, or anywhere else. The Master rules the lodge. If he is intemperate in any respect the entire lodge suffers. And in how many ways it is possible for him to be intemperate—in speech, in spending money too lavishly, in permitting too much liquid refreshment. Brethren, let temperance always prevail in the east, and it will prevail everywhere.

Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426, Lincolnshire, England.—Shakespeare a Freemason! Why not? We are told he was a lawyer, a doctor, a merchant, an actor. He was everything, he knew everything. Some tell us he not only knew Bacon, but was Bacon. He certainly knew enough to be a Freemason. We cannot prove that he was, but of course he must have been. Shakespeare Lodge, at all events, venerates his name, and has incorporated it with the Craft.

Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, of Battle, England, and Friars' Lodge, No. 1349, of Crutched Friars, London, indicate two important facts in the history of the Craft, to wit, that the monasteries and abbeys were the homes and centres of operation for Freemasons for a number of centuries, and that ecclesiastics were often not only patrons of the Fraternity, but often members of it, Masters of lodges and architects of abbeys. Bro. Fort has abundantly proved this in his "Critical Inquiry Concerning the Mediæval Conventual Builders," a scholarly monograph upon this interesting topic.

But we must pause, nay, conclude.

Does any one still ask, "What is in a Lodge Name?"—*Keystone*.

A WORK OF ART.

The Masonic ritual is a work of art, and like all works of art is valuable not merely for what it represents, but mainly for what it suggests to the mind. This is true, whether the work be a poem, a painting, a piece of music, or statuary. The material representation may be good, and the technique beyond criticism, but if no thought or feeling is suggested, but little value attaches, and we soon tire of them; but a little picture of two poor peasants in a rough field, pausing in their work, with bowed heads, at the call of the bell in the little church beyond, tells the whole story of a life of toil, hardship, and devotion. Men do not tire of such pictures and the grand lessons taught by them.

So of our ritual. It suggests to our minds great thoughts, in simple, homely words. To the humblest mind there is a lesson that it can understand, and to the noblest of men grander truths, yet to be learned, are clearly taught. Do not change it by a word. No matter if some of our phrases are quaint, and perhaps passing out of current use; hold to them, fix them in the memory. Let our Entered Apprentices and Craftsmen hear them again and again, until they find them fixed indelibly in the mind, and so ever after to influence their daily life and conduct. Allow no novelties to intrude themselves in any part of the ritual. They may seem at first harmless and even attractive, but in the end they tend to lessen the force of the more important truths we wish to teach. To this end I am ready to approve any plan that will promote among the officers of our lodges a laudable emulation to acquire perfection in the work, and so transmit it to their successors. I deprecate the custom of inviting visiting brethren from other jurisdictions to assist in rendering the work. Their work, in its essentials, is the same as ours, but not identical, and by all means let our initiates hear and see, for the first time in their lives, the pure Standard Work of Illinois.—*Grand Master Bro. John M. Pearson, of Illinois.*

AN OLD STORY RETOLD.

During 1778 the Masonic lodge at Aachen (Aix la Chappelle), which, through not working, had forfeited its original warrant, was reconstructed by, and opened under, warrant from the Grand Lodge of Wetzlar, Germany. The occasion was seized upon by the Primate of the Dominican Monastery at Aachen, Greinemame, and the Friar Schuff to harangue the people in the cathedral against the Masons in general, and this newly re-opened lodge in particular.

When Frederick the Great heard of these fanatics, who, through their preaching, endangered the public peace, he wrote, on the 7th February, 1778, to these inciters of the people the following letter:—

"My Very Reverend Fathers,—Different records, verified by the public prints, have acquainted me with what zeal you are endeavouring to sharpen the sword of fanaticism against quiet, virtuous, and honourable people, to wit, the Freemasons of Aachen. As a former office-bearer of this most honourable Order, I must, as much as lay in my power, repudiate the calumnies with which you have aspersed it, and I will endeavour to remove the veil which hides from you the temple which the Masons have erected to all the virtues, but which you have proclaimed to be the meeting place of all the vices. What, my very reverend fathers, will you bring back to us the centuries of ignorance and cruelty which were a disgrace to the human race? Those times of fanaticism upon which the eye of reason cannot gaze without horror. Those times when hypocrisy sat upon the throne of despotism between superstition and humility, chained the world, and burned without mercy all those who could read and write. You not only call Freemasons masters of witchcraft, but you accuse them of theft and murder, and of being the forerunners of the anti Christ, and you incite a whole people to annihilate this damned race. Thieves, my very reverend sirs, do not consider it their duty to assist the poor and the orphan. Robbers, on the contrary, deprive them of their heritage, and grow fat on the proceeds of their iniquities in the lap of laziness and hypocrisy—those swindle the people, but the Freemasons enlighten them. A Freemason who returns from his lodge, where he received nothing but precepts calculated to benefit his fellow man, should, when he returns home, be a better husband and father. Forerunners of anti Christ would most likely turn their attention to the destruction of God's laws, but the Freemason could not so act without destroying his own building, his temple. And how can these people be a damned race, who are never tired of disseminating all virtues which make and mould a true citizen, and to do this is their only aim and reward.—FREDERICK.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

CIPHER WRITING.—Some like to call it cryptography. It is the art of concealing the meaning of writing from all but a limited number who possess the keys. It is of very early use in the history of the world, and seems to have been practised by the teachers and priests of various religions, the Egyptians and Druids, &c.; for example, it is still used in diplomacy. In Freemasonry it has been in use, though it is now going out, and never, as far as we know, has had any authority from Freemasonry itself. Some writers aver that what is called the square Masonic cipher, may still be seen and read on the walls of Herculaneum, and that it was very early in use by the operative Guilds. Some say that the Runic alphabet was also early employed by the Christian operative Masonic Guilds. All present known systems of cipher are comparatively modern. It is true that Cornelius Agrippa mentions a cabalistic cipher, and there is an old magical or Hermetic cipher. But all the so-called Masonic ciphers have no official authority, and several have been invented by charlatans like Finch. A very common cipher is that which substitutes *e* for *a*, and commencing from *e*, as the initial letter of the alphabet, makes *z* terminate in *d*. Then there is the also common form, especially abroad, and once used in the United States, of drawing two horizontal parallel lines, intersected by two parallel and vertical lines, as Mackey puts it. This system makes up nine divisions, and each division contains three letters; the second letter is distinguished from the first by one dot, the third by two. By abbreviating the lines the alphabet assumes the appearance of a square alphabet, and some say this form of cipher is very old indeed. This is the one perhaps most in use with some modification, in so far as a cipher is now used at all, anywhere, though each grade professes to have a cipher of its own, and many are very peculiar, and not a little intricate, especially among the High Grades. There is also a cipher which consists of reading words from right to left instead of left to right, or rather perhaps from the reverse, which is, however, nearly obsolete. We repeat that there is after all no authorised Masonic cipher for Craft Masonry.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF THE KLIP RIVER COUNTY LODGE, No. 2401 (E.C.).

On the 10th ult. a new Masonic lodge was consecrated in the thriving township of Ladismith, in the county of Klip River, colony of Natal, under the name of the Klip River County Lodge, No. 2401 (E.C.), making now 15 lodges in the District of Natal, as compared with nine lodges when in the year 1882 Bro. R. I. Finnemore, F.R.A.S., now Collector of Customs, was appointed District Grand Master. The following officers were duly installed: Bros. W. Warren, W.M.; L. Brereton, S.W.; W. Adams, J.W.; R. A. Ryley, Sec.; S. B. Jones, S.D.; J. F. Bartlett, J.D.; A. Coulson, D.C.; G. O. Read, I.G.; R. A. Ridgway, Org.; G. W. Willis and J. R. Davis, Stwds.; and T. G. Strong, Tyler. Bro. W. Francis, D.D.G.M., acted as Consecrating and Installing Officer under instructions from the District Grand Master. An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. R. D. Clark, M.A.

The whole proceedings passed off most successfully, and terminated with a sumptuous banquet at the Railway Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm.

A special session of District Grand Lodge was held in Ladismith on the same day, and was well attended by brethren from different parts of the colony, some of whom had travelled long distances in order to be present on the interesting occasion.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND, E.C.

The annual communication of the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., was held in the Masonic Hall on the 20th May, the D.G.M., Bro. Thos. Sherlock Graham, in the chair. There was a large attendance of the Craft, among those present being members of the Scottish and Irish Constitutions. The District Grand Lodge was opened by the D.G.M.

After the usual routine business had been transacted, Bro. Sydney James took the chair and acted as D.D.G.M. The District Grand Officers nominated for the ensuing 12 months were then invested by the D.G.M. as follows:

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| Bro. Sydney James | | | D.D.G.M. |
| " D. Leach | ... | ... | Dist. S.G.W. |
| " J. Stone | ... | ... | Dist. J.G.W. |
| " B. Lichenstein | ... | ... | Dist. G. Chap. |
| " F. A. Green | ... | ... | Dist. G. Reg. |
| " C. de L. Graham | ... | ... | Pres. B. of G.P. |
| " R. Waite | ... | ... | Dist. S.G.D. |
| " J. Spence | ... | ... | Dist. J.G.D. |
| " T. Smith | ... | ... | Dist. G.S. of W. |
| " John Capstick | ... | ... | Dist. G.D. of C. |
| " J. Cunningham, M.D. | ... | ... | Dist. G.S.B. |
| " J. A. N. Riedle | ... | ... | Dist. G. Org. |
| " R. W. M'Villey | ... | ... | Dist. G. Purst. |
| " M. C. G. Pascoe | ... | ... | } Dist. G. Stwds. |
| " E. R. Green | ... | ... | |
| " J. Kennedy | ... | ... | |
| " A. W. Tyndale | ... | ... | |
| " E. Dimont | ... | ... | |
| " J. H. Hancock | ... | ... | } Dist. G. Tyler. |
| " J. Evans | ... | ... | |
| " W. H. Meyer | ... | ... | |

The Board of General Purposes is composed of the following brethren: Bros. Charles de Longueville Graham, President; Rev. B. Lichenstein, R. Bamfield, D. Leach, R. Waite, J. Stone, J. Cunningham, J. Capstick, and R. M'Villey. The Board of Benevolence comprises: Bros. C. de Longueville Graham, B. Lichenstein, J. Stone, J. Capstick, and R. Waite.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER spoke in feeling terms of the death at Auckland of Bro. G. P. Pierce, Provincial Grand Master for New Zealand of the Irish Constitution, and stated that he had wired a message of condolence to Mrs. Pierce and the Provincial Grand Secretary, the latter of whom had forwarded a reply, which was read. It was resolved to forward a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Pierce, as also to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the D.G.M. intimated that the District Grand Lodge would be placed in mourning for three months as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY read the resignation, dated 22nd April, from Bro. Sir Robert Stout, of his office as D.D.G.M.—after which,

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER expressed his regret that any act of his late Worthy Deputy should have resulted in his complete severance from English Freemasonry (Bro. Sir Robert Stout having resigned in his private lodge as well), and spoke highly of the loyal support he had ever received at the hands of Bro. Sir R. Stout, and of the good feeling that always existed towards him in the Craft.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then read the correspondence that had taken place with the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in reference to this matter, and said: Before proceeding further I deem it right to explain to you what my position was when Bro. Sir Robert Stout acted as he did, and you will perceive that the remarks of the Grand Master and other illustrious brethren, as reported in the extracts, bear me out as having proceeded correctly under the circumstances. It was this, that as D.G.M. I had no authority to deal here with the case of Bro. Sir Robert Stout, he being a Grand Lodge Officer, that power, according to the Book of Constitutions, resting with Grand Lodge alone. That august body has now dealt

with him, and as regards our share in the unpleasant matter I have now to rule that Bro. Sir R. Stout is no longer a member of the English Constitution. There is nothing to proceed upon or place before either my District Grand Lodge or the Board of General Purposes for adjudication in the matter. This, my brethren, closes a subject painful indeed to me, both officially and privately, and one which, I am sure, you all, my brethren, deeply regret ever occurred.

Bro. C. DE LONGUEVILLE GRAHAM, President of Board of General Purposes, said: After hearing the opinion of the D.G.M. upon the matter remitted to him by the Grand Lodge of England regarding our late D.D.G.M., I consider the matter is out of our hands, and incapable of being discussed in District Grand Lodge. We can, however, express regret at the cause given by that worthy brother which has led up to his severing his connection with English Freemasonry, and thereby depriving us of his wise advice and friendly counsel, and I trust an expression of same may appear upon our minutes.

The D.D.G.M. of New Zealand South, S.C., Bro. W. Nees, with the officers of the District Grand Lodge, were present and saluted with due honour. Bro. D. A. M'Nicholl, G.S., I.C., with the P.M. and members, were also saluted, and District Grand Lodge resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. G. P. Pierce.

The usual congratulations were tendered to the D.G.M., and an adjournment was made to the lower hall, where a very pleasant hour was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

ADDRESS TO BRO. SIR ROBERT SOUTHEY, K.C.M.G., P.D.G.M. WESTERN DISTRICT, SOUTH AFRICA.

The following is a copy of the address of congratulation which was presented to Bro. Sir Robert Southey, K.C.M.G., P.D.G.M. Western District of South Africa, on the occasion of his promotion from C.M.G. to K.C.M.G. The ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Cape Town, on the 24th June last, at the joint installation meeting of the British and Carnarvon Lodges:—

"To the R.W. the Hon. Sir R. Southey, K.C.M.G., P.D.G. Master of South Africa (E.C.), in the Cape of Good Hope and the adjacent Colonies in South Africa.

"Cape Town, 11th June, 1891.

"Right Worshipful and Honourable Sir and Brother, "By a unanimous resolution, passed last evening in the District Grand Lodge at the annual meeting, I was requested, as D.G.M., to convey to you, R.W. Brother, the assurance that we, the D.G.M., officers, and BB. of the D.G. Lodge, W.D., S.A., have heard, with profound satisfaction, that her Majesty the Queen has been most graciously pleased to confer upon you a further mark of her favour by promoting you from the rank of C.M.G. to the higher dignity of K.C.M.G. We, as your Masonic BB., most heartily congratulate you on this well-merited, yet long-deferred, mark of high honour bestowed on one who for more than a generation has done the Queen and Craft, the Colony and Empire, good and faithful service. We, the D.G.M., Officers, and B.B. of this D.G. Lodge, do sincerely trust that the Most High may bless you abundantly, and, if He so will, that you may yet be spared to pass many more years of your useful and estimable career, honoured by all your brother Freemasons, and also by all other good and true men. On behalf of the D.G.L. Officers, I subscribe my name to this letter of cordial congratulation. —I have the honour to be, R.W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally and respectfully,

"C. BARNETT CLARKE, "D.G. Master Western District, S.A."

Bro. Sir R. Southey, after a few preliminary remarks, replied in the following terms:

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, and Most Respected Brethren of the District Grand Lodge, Western District, South Africa:

"I tender you, and beg you will accept, my very grateful thanks for the honour you have done me by the presentation of this most kind address, conveying to me your congratulations upon the honour which her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer on me. It is, I assure you, most gratifying to me to receive such an address from my Masonic brethren of this District Grand Lodge.

"Most heartily do I also thank you for the good wishes with which your address concludes.—Believe me, R.W. Sir and Brethren, Fraternally and faithfully yours, R. SOUTHEY."

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Monday, June 22nd, 1891, will long be remembered as a red-letter day by the citizens of Nanaimo, British Columbia. It came in cloudy and showery, but about an hour before the time set for the ceremonial the sun broke through clouds, the sky cleared, light fleecy clouds took the place of the dark vapours, and the sun shone out in all its midsummer splendour, auguring well for the future of the new Episcopal church, the corner-stone of which was about to be laid.

The site is a most beautiful one, overlooking the town on one side, and the placid waters of the Gulf of

Georgia on the other. In order to lend dignity and importance to the occasion, the congregation of the church decided to solicit the aid of Bro. M. Wolfe, G.M. of British Columbia, in making the ceremony of laying the corner-stone a success. In this they were successful, for although the G.M. had only the day before returned from the meeting of Grand Lodge at Kamloops, he accepted the invitation, and was on hand for the occasion. Headed by the Nanaimo Silver Cornet Band, the members of Grand Lodge, of Ashlar Lodge, and a host of visiting brethren marched to the site, where they were met by the clergy and wardens of the church. A large platform had been erected, where the Masonic fraternity, the clergy, and the choir were seated.

The proceedings commenced by a hymn being sung, then followed a selection by the band and the beautiful opening prayer of the Masonic ritual, after which the entire congregation sang the ode—

"Shall Masonry divine,
Glory of ages shine,
While time shall last."

An address by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven then followed, after which the Rev. Mr. Tovey, the rector, advanced to Bro. Wolfe, G.M. British Columbia, and, in the name of the Building Committee of St. Alban's Church, presented him with a beautifully engraved trowel, and requested him to lay the stone. The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the Grand Lodge Officers applied the implements of their offices to the stone after it had been swung into position, whereupon they pronounced that the Craftsmen had performed their duty. The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine, and oil, and pronounced it well and truly laid. Short speeches then followed by the rector, the Rev. D. McRae, H. Roberts, E. G. Miller, and last, but not least, the M.W.G.M. Another hymn followed, after which the brethren, accompanied by the band, returned to the Masonic Hall, where the lodge was closed.

All the members of Grand Lodge and the officers and Past Masters of the Ashlar Lodge then, at the invitation of the Ladies' Committee of St. Alban's Church, adjourned to the Foresters' Hall, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared.

The Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and the rector occupied the heads of the tables, and Bros. Dr. Praeger and W. H. S. Perkins the vice-chairs.

Appropriate congratulatory speeches were made by Archdeacon Scriven, Revs. McRae, Flinton, and G. H. Lovey, by the churchwardens, Bros. W. H. S. Perkins and E. A. Praeger, the M.W.G.M., and others.

Three hearty cheers for the M.W.G.M. and "God save the Queen" by the band then brought to a close what will long be remembered by the Fraternity and Church people of Nanaimo as one of the greatest days they have ever had.

The arrangements were most satisfactorily carried out by a Committee, consisting of Bros. J. Abrams, M. Bate, W. Stewart, A. Haslam, and W. H. S. Perkins.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The Grand Lodge of Canada met on the 15th ult. in the Masonic Hall, Toronto, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master, presiding. A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Among those present were Bros. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Deputy Grand Master, and J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary.

The opening routine business was proceeded with, and the minutes of the last annual Communication were confirmed.

The M.W. the GRAND MASTER said: Brethren of Grand Lodge,—This is the 36th annual Communication of Grand Lodge duly summoned in accordance with the Constitution, which provides that the annual Communication "shall be holden on the third Wednesday in July." This year, however, we found it necessary to make a change in connection with our Communication, from the fact that, owing to the assemblage of one of the largest gatherings ever held in this city—that of the National Educational Association of America—it has been found impossible to secure adequate and proper accommodation for the representatives who attend Grand Lodge. With the comfort and convenience of the delegates in view, and knowing that under the circumstances it would be impossible to carry on our proceedings as usual, I consulted the members of the Board of General Purposes and the W.M. of each lodge in the jurisdiction, and requested an opinion as to whether it would be advisable to call Grand Lodge for the transaction of business at the usual time or at an earlier or later date. The opinion of nearly all was in favour of the fourth week in July, and therefore I have summoned Grand Lodge formally on this the regular date, and when the opening routine business has been transacted, I will call off until Wednesday, the 22nd July, when we shall meet again for the dispatch of business. I thank you for your attendance, and trust that we all may be spared to meet as proposed, and discharge our duties with that zeal and earnestness which have always characterised the Craftsmen of this jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge was then called off.

The Duke of Rutland and Earl Cadogan visited Osborne last week, and were invested by her Majesty with the insignia of the Order of the Garter. Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King of Arms, was in attendance, while the Duke of Connaught and Prince Henry of Battenberg were present at the ceremony of investiture.

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The *Freemason* of May 16th, 1891, says—"Messrs. Gilliam Bros., Gold and Silversmiths, of 6, Serle Street, Lincoln's Inn, have been very fortunate in securing so fine a site for their new establishment as 146, Oxford Street (near Orchard Street), and we congratulate them on the beauty and artistic design displayed in their new premises; the stock is of the most rare and choice kind, and our brethren, who are fond of old and good things in precious metals, would do well to pay them a visit."

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. Grand Master of Essex, must be very proud of the advances which the Craft has made since his appointment some 10 years since to office, in succession to the late Bro. Lord Tenterden. His worthy Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, in proposing his lordship's health at the banquet which followed the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, noted that in 1881 the province had but 19 lodges on its roll, whereas there are now 32, and every prospect of a further increase. Moreover, the roll of subscribing members is 1570, while, as regards the manner in which the principles of our Order are upheld in this favoured province, we had an exemption only the other day, when Essex figured among the contributors to the Boys' School Festival at Brighton for a total subscription of about £1200.

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Our readers will be deeply grieved to hear of the death of Bro. Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. Our brethren in India especially will feel most acutely the loss which the Craft throughout our great Eastern dependency has sustained by this unlooked-for calamity. Our deceased brother was not only one of the ablest and most distinguished Masons who have presided over the destinies of our Order in that part of the world, but he was likewise most earnest and constant in his endeavours to maintain a true and perfect spirit of harmony between the members of the English and Scotch Constitutions. On this point we have had many opportunities of late years for commenting, and it has always been with the utmost satisfaction that we have done so. Bro. Sir Henry Morland was as well known and for his services in this respect to the Craft generally was as highly respected by his English as by his Scotch brethren, and we trust the good work which he so materially assisted to promote will be continued under his successor. We hope to refer at greater length to the Masonic career of our late brother in our next week's issue.

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Our brethren of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales have just had practical experience of what it is to "welcome the coming, speed the parting guest." Not so many months ago they bid a hearty God-speed to Bro. Lord Carrington, who had presided with such brilliant success over their Grand Lodge as its first M.W.G.M. His lordship's period of service as Governor of the Colony had come to an end, and on returning to England he carried with him the hearty good wishes

of those he had governed with so much ability and tact. On the 11th June, his successor as the representative of her Majesty in New South Wales—Bro. the Earl of Jersey, P.G. Warden of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, was installed as the second Grand Master of this young, but flourishing Grand Lodge, in the presence of some 3000 brethren assembled in the Centennial Hall, Sydney. We congratulate his lordship on his elevation to this exalted office, and our New South Wales brethren on their great good fortune in having secured the services of so experienced and distinguished a brother as successor to the ever-popular Lord Carrington.

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Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Barnett Clarke, District Grand Master for the Western Division of South Africa, in the very eloquent address he delivered to the brethren in the Cathedral, Cape Town, on the 24th June last, refers to certain men of high distinction who flourished in England "within the thousand years from 597 to 1515" as having been "Grand Masters in Freemasonry"—namely, St. Augustine, St. Swithin, Dunstan, William of Wykeham, Archbishop Chichely of Canterbury, Bishop Waynfleet, and Cardinal Wolsey. That these worthies, or the majority of them, were patrons of architecture, and in that respect must have done much to encourage the Craft of Masonry is an historical fact, and it is probably in this sense, and this sense only, that our rev. brother must intended to have described them, when he declared them to have been "Grand Masters in Freemasonry." Our rev. brother is doubtless aware that our roll of "Grand Masters" extends no further back than 1717. At all events there is nothing in the way of trustworthy evidence to show that our Order had anything like the organisation it has possessed since the beginning of the Gengian era.

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Our attention has been called by our respected Brother Dr. Wendt, to a proposal to celebrate the tercentenary of the birth of John Amos Comenius, who was born in Moravia on the 28th March, 1592, and who as "philosopher and divine" directed the whole energies of his life "towards restraining the wrangling peoples, churches, and classes from the violent utterance of their differences and leading them, on the ground of early Christian views, to mutual peace and forbearance." Moreover, as "an educationalist, inspired by Bacon, he successfully asserted the claims of experimental science in the grammar schools of his time; placed the mother-tongue on the list of subjects of instruction, and included in the conception of the school the idea of physical culture. By his demand of education of all children, including girls who till then had been neglected, he has become one of the fathers of modern elementary education."

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The form which the celebration shall take will be determined hereafter, but in the meantime it has been arranged to establish a "Comenius Society" as a lasting memorial of so worthy a man, and subscriptions are invited towards this and the tercentenary celebration, to be forwarded to Molenaar and Co., bankers, Berlin. We are satisfied from the beneficent nature of the work achieved by Comenius that many of our readers will gladly contribute towards so excellent a proposal, and we shall be happy to render any service in our power towards so desirable an object.

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A Brother inquires if there is any regular custom in the case of a W.M. occupying the chair for a second year, to whom a second testimonial is voted by his lodge, as to the form which such testimonial should take. We see no objection to a bar being placed on the ribbon of the Past Master's jewel he has already received for his first year's service; or a Life Subscribership or Life Governorship to one of the Charitable Institutions might be voted for the second year. There is no rule absolute in these cases, the plan, as far as we know, being for the lodge to consult the wishes of the brother who is immediately concerned.

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"Organist" propounds the following query at the instance of a friend who is member of a lodge in New Zealand: "Can a W.M. delegate his authority to a M.M. capable of doing the work, to initiate, pass, or raise a candidate, the W.M. or a P.M. to be in the chair while the brother is doing the work?" To this we reply that the late Bro. McIntyre, when Grand Registrar, decided that a W.M. could so delegate his authority, provided the chair was occupied by himself or a P.M. In such case the M.M. who does the work is merely the mouthpiece of the chair.

The report and financial statement of the "Old Masonians" for the year ended the 30th April, 1891, are on the whole satisfactory. The annual dinner, on the 23rd May, under the presidency of Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., was a great success, and the balance on deposit—which is kept as a "Benevolent and Grant Fund"—is now £45, while the balance in hand for working expenses is £20. More members, however, are needed, and greater interest should be taken in the social gatherings. We trust the efforts of the Committee to arrange with the authorities of the School for the establishment of an "Old Boys' Day" will prove successful. Bro. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., is President for the current year.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

"ANCIENT HEBREW" CEREMONY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. Jos. L. Carson's account of the above, the only references that can be traced to this is in Genesis (chap. xv., v. 10), that when God made a covenant with Abraham, He ordered him to take several beasts (a cow, a she goat, and a ram) to slaughter them, then divide them in the midst into two parts, and lay every half opposite to the other, and then to pass between these pieces.

Similar to that we read in Jeremiah (chap. xxxiv. v. 18)—"The calf which they cut in two and passed between its pieces." There it also refers to the covenant God made—or "cut" the Hebrew term runs—with Israel.

It is no doubt that this ancient fashion or ceremony of dividing the animal and passing between its pieces was also in practice when two or more persons entered into a contract or agreement. It signified that the same should happen to the party who breaks or violates the agreement; therefore the expression "to cut the covenant"

It cannot be found, however, that the observances described by Bro. Carson as "the breast was cut open and the heart plucked out," &c., took place. They seem to be rather more of a legendary character with regard to that ceremony, which, however, has long ago ceased to be in force among the Hebrews.—Yours fraternally,

I.P.M. 2068.

"THE CANCEAUX"—1768.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I send you for insertion the following transcript of the warrant of the "Lodge on board His Majesty's Ship the Canceaux at Quebec." As the last of the three "sea" warrants known to have been granted, it may be of general interest. It also contains several points which may be of special noteworthy to Bros. Hughan, Gould, Lane, Sadler, and others who have made a special study of "Sea and Field Lodges."

As I am preparing for early publication a "History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec" from the earliest times, I beg your kind permission fraternally to request any brother "at home" or abroad (to whose notice this may come), who may be in possession of aught hitherto unpublished—of particular interest concerning the Craft in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, or elsewhere in the old, or new Province of Quebec (or in "Lower Canada" during the Masonic régime of H.R.H. Prince Edward, &c., as "Grand Master" of the "Ancients"), during the last or early present century, courteously to favour me by forwarding transcript thereof or otherwise, and exceedingly oblige yours fraternally,

JNO. HAMILTON GRAHAM, P.G.M.

Richmond, Quebec, June 15th.

TRANSCRIPT.

"John Collins,

P.G.M:

"To all and every Our Worshipful and loving Brethren, We John Collins, Esqr., Provincial Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of Quebec in North America, Send Greeting.

"KNOW ye that we of the Great trust and Confidence Reposed in our Trusty and well beloved Brethren, William Hogg, John Hill, John Stone and several other Brethren on Board His Majesty's Ship the CANCAUX, Do hereby Constitute the Said Brethren into a Regular LODGE of Free and Accepted Masons to be held in the most Convenient place Adjacent to the said Ship CANCAUX. And do further at their request and of the Great Trust and Confidence Reposed in every of the said above named Brethren, Do hereby appoint William Hogg to be Master, John Hill Senior Warden and John Stone Junior Warden for opening the said lodge, and for such further Time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof, It being our will that this our appointment of the officers, shall in no wise affect any further Election of officers of the Lodge; But that such Elections shall be Regulated agreeable to such Bye Laws of the said Lodge as shall be Consistent with the General Laws of this Society

Contained in the Book of Constitutions, and we do hereby will and Require you the said William Hogg to take Special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that they do observe Perform and keep all the Rules and Orders Contained in the Book of Constitutions; And further that you do from time to time Cause to be entered in a Book for that purpose an account of your Proceeding in the Lodge together with such Rules, Orders, and Regulations as shall be made for the good Government of the same, That in no wise you omit once in Every year to send to us or to our Grand Secretary for the time being an account in Writing of your Said Proceedings and Copies of all such Rules, Orders, and Regulations as shall be made aforesaid with a List of the Members of the Lodge, and such a sum of Money as may suit the Circumstances of the Lodge and Reasonably be expected towards the Grand Charity in order for us to remit the same to the Grand Lodge in London.

"GIVEN at Quebec under our hands and Seal of Masonry this Twenty Seventh day of December A:D: 1768, A:L: 5768.

"Jacob Rowe S:G:W:

"Chr:r Carleton J:G:W:

"Jas: Thompson

"G: Secy.

"Registered this 30th Day of Decem:r 1768

"by Jas. Thompson

"G: Secy."



Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BELVIDERE.

Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Monday, the 20th ult. The W.M., Bro. Streton, opened the lodge, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, presented a handsome jewel to the Secretary, Bro. Heaps, on his retirement from that office, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, and engraved with the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Thomas Heaps, in recognition of six years' faithful and devoted service as Secretary, by the members of the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973." The recipient having expressed his appreciation of the compliment in a few well-chosen words, the W.M. called upon the D.C., Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M., to proceed with the ceremony of installation, and Bro. Walter Reeve, S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly presented and installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Heaps, S.W.; Greenway, J.W.; Thomas, P.M.; Treasurer; Elliott, P.M.; Secretary; Greig, S.D.; Colman, J.D.; Corbett, I.G.; Bateman, P.M., D.C.; Ruck, Org.; and Gale, Tyler.

The usual addresses having been eloquently delivered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to an elegantly served banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bros. Jamblin and Wood responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Visitors" was replied to by Bro. Ronaldson and others.

Bro. Heaps responded for "The Officers."

The proceedings were enlivened by some good music by Bros. Nichols, P.M.; Horton (violin), Corbett, and others.

Among the visitors, in addition to those already mentioned were Bros. Kingsford, P.M., P.G.S.; Lawson, P.M. 913; Fletcher, P.M. 33; and others.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Crown Hotel, the following brethren being present: Bros. J. G. Cobb, P.G.S., W.M.; John Petch, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M. and Treas.; C. M. Coxon, S.W.; H. T. Nell, P.M., J.W.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; R. W. Nicole, I.G.; G. T. Chretien, D.C.; T. Williams, Tyler; Wm. Ball, P.M.; W. C. Pheasant, W. Sammes, A. Ingram, A. J. Robinson, N. Pearce, W. Kennedy, J. Gravatt, and R. von Der Sahl. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Mason, P.M. 2246; J. W. Benningfield, P.M. 1589; C. H. Denny, 1671; F. Jones, 548; F. G. Mason, 1385; J. Pye, 529, Newfoundland; W. E. Gower, 361, Montreal; W. J. Morris, P.M. 403, P.P.G.P.; and F. Ricards, 1426.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, Bro. A. Ingram was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Robert Von Der Sahl, for whom a ballot had been taken at the previous meeting, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. This ceremony was performed by Bro. Ball, P.M., the candidate being an old friend of his. The sum of five guineas was voted by the lodge as a contribution to the list of Bro. C. M. Coxon, S.W., a Steward for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The following letter which had been received from some Canadian brethren who had visited the lodge on different occasions was then read:

"St. John, N.B.

"To Bro. J. G. Cobb, W.M. Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, Province of Hertfordshire, Eng.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"Some Masonic brethren on this side of the Atlantic who have had the pleasure of 'sitting in lodge' with you in England, take the opportunity of wishing you on your accession to the chair of the above lodge all health, happiness, success, and wisdom during your term of office and your future life. With very hearty and fraternal greetings, we remain, Worshipful Sir, yours most truly,

"Robt. L. Smith, P.M. Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, St. John, N.B.

"Wm. Ball, P.M. St. John, No. 2, Halifax, N.S.

"W. T. Lawson, Virgin, No. 3, Halifax, N.S.

"Chas. Dodd, Thos. R. Jolly, P.M., M. P. Cook, S.W., T. W. Stoneman, A. M. Payne, Scotia, No. 31, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

"J. D. Mathieson, Avalon Lodge, St. John's, Newfoundland.
"Robt. Wright, T. C. Kennedy, A. Rodger, Tasker Lodge, St. John's, Newfoundland."

The Worshipful Master expressed the pleasure he felt on receiving the communication. They greeted their brethren heartily when they visited them, and were pleased to find that though absent they had a thought for the brethren of the Kingswood Lodge. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors the lodge was closed.

After dinner the usual toasts were given and duly honoured, Bro. W. J. Morris, P.P.G.P., replying for the Prov. Grand Officers. "The Health of the W.M." was very cordially received, and briefly responded to.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," said he was not of our nationality, but Masonry recognised no differences of race. Bro. Ball had known him for a long time, and the character he had given him was good enough to pass him anywhere.

Bro. Von Der Sahl said that though not British born he was a British subject, and that by choice he had an English wife; in marrying her he had said good-bye to Germany, and become a naturalised subject. He thanked the lodge for the honour done him that day.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said they were very pleased to see them, and hoped to see them all again on a future occasion.

Bro. W. J. Mason, P.M. 2246, in reply, thanked the brethren for the reception the visitors had received, and assured them that it had been a very pleasant meeting. He was present at the consecration of the lodge, and of that meeting and the journey home he gave some amusing reminiscences. With such surroundings as they had, and with such kindly greetings for all, it was indeed a pleasure to be present. He wished the lodge continued prosperity.

Bro. Pye, 529, St. John's, Newfoundland, said that was his first visit to the Kingswood Lodge. He had met Bro. Ball on the other side. Their initiate of that evening he found was connected with a firm, the head of which was an old schoolfellow of his.

Bro. W. E. Gower, 361, St. Paul's, Montreal, said that after the manner in which he had been received that day, he thought he could not do less than come over to reside amongst them. He would give them the Canadian toast—"Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

Bro. F. G. Mason also replied. Replying for "The Officers of the Lodge," Bro. C. M. Coxon, S.W., thanked the brethren for the sum they had voted to his list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Jubilee. The Prov. Grand Master had made an appeal to the lodges to show what a small province could do on an occasion like this. He hoped to make his list worthy of the Kingswood Lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Wakefield, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. Robinson, S.W.; W. Shaw, J.W.; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Armstrong, S.D.; E. Jackson, J.D.; J. Singers, D.C.; R. Douglas, I.G.; W. Barwise and J. Jenkinson, Stwds.; C. Bland, Tyler; H. Hartley, P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. Craig, P.M.; W. Munro, J. Webb, S. Nicholls, and Dr. Routledge.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, one candidate was balloted for and initiated, and one joining member accepted. One candidate was proposed, and the W.M. moved that the lodge support the education scheme adopted by the province, which was seconded by Bro. Hartley, and agreed to. The lodge was then closed.

HAMPTON COURT.

Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Monday, the 10th inst. Bro. Geo. R. Langley, P.M. 183, W.M., was supported by Bros. W. W. Lee, S.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., Treas.; H. Wicks, P.M., S.D.; G. Castle, J.D.; C. Frucn, D.C.; J. Durno, M.D., Joel, and Scott. Visitors: Bros. E. A. Francis, P.M. 183; F. Pettigrew, and H. J. Orford, 657.

Lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Arthur Stowey Bailey as a candidate for initiation. Bro. John Durno, M.D., was raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who gave the traditional history. Mr. A. S. Bailey, who was shortly to proceed to India, was then initiated into Freemasonry in an impressive manner by the W.M., who also gave an effective rendering of the ancient charge, after which the lodge was closed.

After a substantial repast the customary toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., replying for "The Provincial Grand Officers," said he regarded it as an honour to be privileged to respond for that important toast. He assured the brethren that the Provincial Grand Officers were at all times ready to support their respected Provincial Grand Master in any work tending to increase the prosperity of the province.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. Tarr, P.P.G.D., who, while regretting the absence of Bro. W. H. Lee, I.P.M., expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose the toast. They had all been impressed that evening with the excellent manner in which Bro. Langley, the W.M., had performed his duties, and the members were confident that in him they had one of the best Masters in the province.

Bro. Geo. R. Langley, W.M., thanked Bro. Tarr for his kindly proposition, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He was anxious to promote the prosperity of the lodge in every way, and trusted that at the end of the year the members would receive him as favourably as they had that evening.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Initiate," and cordially welcomed Bro. A. S. Bailey as a member of the lodge. The members regretted extremely that they were about to lose the company of Bro. Bailey for a time, he having arranged to leave England for India on the following Thursday. He (the W.M.) hoped that the initiate had been impressed with the ceremony, and that if at any time in the future he was tempted, as they all were, to take the wrong path in life, he would recall to his memory the ceremony of that evening, and remember that the principles inculcated in Masonry were those of truth, honour, and justice. He

hoped that Bro. Bailey would long continue a member of the lodge, and that he would soon return and renew his acquaintance with the members.

Bro. A. S. Bailey, in response, expressed his gratitude for the kindly reception accorded him that evening. He had been deeply impressed with the ceremony of initiation that evening, and would carry away with him pleasant recollections of his admission into Freemasonry. He trusted to continue a member of his mother lodge as long as he lived, and to return soon, as the W.M. had said, to renew his acquaintance with the brethren.

Bro. E. A. Francis, P.M. 183, returned thanks on behalf of "The Visitors," and expressed his appreciation of the admirable working he had witnessed. As the Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction he naturally took a great interest in the working, and he had no hesitation in saying that the ceremonies that evening had been performed in as perfect a manner as it was possible for them to be.

Bros. Pettigrew and Orford having also responded, the proceedings terminated.

LYME REGIS.

Montagu Lodge (No. 665).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Royal Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. J. Radford, W.M. and Installing Master; C. O. Snell, P.P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; R. C. Radford, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. H. Kerbey, P.M., P.P.G.D. Hereford, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J.W.; J. Martin, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Randall, Sec.; J. Beer, S.D.; W. H. Wilson, J.D.; W. H. B. Catford, P.M. 494, acting I.G.; S. S. Hasluck, P.M. 18; E. H. Wallis, J. H. Kerbey, H. D. Richards, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; and J. Legg. The following visitors were present: Bros. T. Giles, P.M. 35 and 707, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Frost, S.D. 707; R. Toleman, P.M. 1367, P.P.G. Purst.; C. Toleman, P.M. 1367; T. Mayers, 200; G. Pulsford, P.M. 1593; and J. Mansfield, J.D. 871.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Kerbey presented the Auditors' report, which was adopted. During the past year the lodge had contributed 25 guineas to the Boys' School, and there was now a balance in hand of £15 2s. By courteous consent of the W.M., the chair was given up to Bro. Kerbey, who passed his son, Bro. J. H. Kerbey, to the Second Degree in an efficient manner, and subsequently gave the charge. It might be noted that the candidate was highly complimented for the exceptionally able manner in which he underwent his examination prior to the ceremony. Bro. Radford next returned to the chair and installed his successor, Bro. R. C. Radford, in a very praiseworthy manner. Having invested his officers, the W.M. presented his predecessor with a Past Master's regulation collar, and Bro. Kerbey asked leave to continue that mark of appreciation of the W.M.'s sterling services during his two years of office in the chair, by presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel voluntarily subscribed for by the brethren. Bro. J. Radford, evidently taken by surprise, warmly thanked the brethren for the great honour they had done him, and trusted as long as ever he remained a member of the Craft he would do his conscientious duty therein.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to enjoy a *recherche* banquet served up by Bro. J. Grove. The W.M. presided, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Royal Arch.

PENZANCE.

Holy Mount Chapter (No. 121).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when the following were installed as Principals by Comps. W. K. Baker, P.Z.; Comps. Major Ross, Z.; Wellington Dale, H.; and G. R. Mockridge, J. Comp. Major Ross invested his officers as follows: Comps. J. S. C. Simpson, Scribe E.; R. Pearce Couch, Scribe N.; M. Sampson, P.Z., Treas.; P. T. Chirgwin, Principal Soj.; R. Colenso, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. M. Cornish, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. E. Rogers, Janitor.

Mark Masonry.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 332).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, William the Fourth, East Greenwich. The lodge being opened by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Thomas, and the minutes read and confirmed, the chair was assumed by Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M. (at the request of the W.M., who was suffering from the remains of a somewhat severe attack of influenza), and Bro. Reginald H. Brutton, 2332, previously elected, was duly advanced to the honourable Degree of a M.M.M.

The lodge being closed by the W.M., the brethren partook of refreshment, served by Host Burney in his usual genial and satisfactory manner. The usual speeches followed, interspersed with song and recitation, bringing a pleasant evening to a happy conclusion.

MARYPORT.

Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, to advance Bro. R. W. Pearson, Steward 371, to the Honourable Degree of a M.M. The following were present: Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. England; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., P.G.S. England; Thos. Swainson, S.W.; Jos. Abbott, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., J.W.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.J. G.W., D.C.; Robert Brown, T. Brown, Thos. Atkinson, P.S.G.D., I.P.M. 229; J. Messenger, P.P.G.T., Tyler; and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Jos. O. Scott, P.J.G.O., W.M., supported by his officers, when Bro. Pearson was advanced to the Degree by the W.M. in a very satisfactory manner, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife, with their infant daughter, the Lady Alexandra Duff, arrived at Braemar from Banff on Saturday last.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. F. Reeves, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; Ellson, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Windsor, S.D.; Cochrane, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Folkard, Bate, Steele, and Luckhurst.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. C. Reeves having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated, the W.M. giving the charge. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. Luckhurst having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Luckhurst duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Westley, and seconded by Bro. Cochrane, that a vote of thanks be given to the W.M. and recorded on the minutes for his excellent working of the ceremonies for the first time in this or any other lodge. Bro. Evans being elected W.M. for the next meeting, he returned thanks and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Bate complimented Bro. Windsor for his excellent work as Senior and Junior Deacon. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. H. H. Nuding, W.M.; J. W. Drysdale, S.W.; Leighton, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; D. G. Imlay, acting Sec.; H. Neville, S.D.; Hy. Sadler, J.D.; F. Oviedo, Berrington, and Seaborne.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Price, who was duly elected a member of the lodge. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed into the Second. Bro. Oviedo volunteered to act as candidate, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a most able and correct manner by Bro. H. H. Nuding, W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Sadler worked the 6th Section of the First Lecture. Bros. Berrington and Seaborne were proposed and seconded as joining members. Bro. D. G. Imlay was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of initiation, the charge, and the 3rd Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. J. H. Warwick, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; T. W. Hambly, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary; W. Martin, I.G.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony, Bro. W. Martin acting as J.D. Bro. T. E. Weeks having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C., Bro. T. W. Hambly acting as J.D. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Hoggins was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. Martin, P.M. 879 (Preceptor to the New Cross Lodge, No. 1539), was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. G. Danby, W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; E. Clare, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; E. E. Gellowski, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; T. W. Heath, J. H. Neville, W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; C. E. Betts, A. Williams, P.M.; and T. W. Lightfoot.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Neville having offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Barber was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Lightfoot was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; T. C. Dyer, S.W.; Joseph Cox, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; C. E. Everett, S.D.; B. H. Dames, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; D. Phillips, and T. W. Lightfoot.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in an excellent manner. Bro. Phillips offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Phillips was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; J. N. Baxter, S.W.; Joseph Cox, J.W.; John Davies, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. Hillier, S.D.; M. Speigel, P.M., J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; J. Brown, W.M. 2012; R. Reid, W. Hide, A. Williams, P.M.; and H. Dehane, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Reid offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history, in an exemplary manner. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Baxter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. G. March, M.E.Z. 733, M.E.Z.; John Davies, H. 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, J.; J. Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; T. Jobson, 733, S.N.; T. Woodbridge Biggs, A.S. 975, 1st A.S.; J. Cuff, P.Z. 862; H. F. Williams, 732, 834; W. Hillier, 834; and W. W. Williams, 834. Visitor: Comp. A. J. Taylor, 2nd A.S. 186.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Taylor candidate. Comp. Taylor was elected a member. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

INSTALLATION OF SIR R. N. HOWARD AS PROV. PRIOR OF DORSET.

In consequence of the continued ill-health of the V.E. the Prov. Prior of Dorset (J. M. P. Montagu), he was obliged some months since to place his resignation in the hands of the Grand Prior, who, however, was not long in designating a most suitable successor, Sir Richard N. Howard, a member of the 31^o, and who has devoted his attention more particularly to the higher branches of Freemasonry. It is an appointment which has met with the cordial approval of our late Provincial Prior, and of all the sir knights in the province.

On Friday V.E. Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by V.E. Sir Knights Hugh David Sandeman, Frank Richardson, and Col. Burney, members of the Supreme Council of the 33^o, attended to perform the ceremony of installation, which we need hardly say was most efficiently performed. The principal members of the Provincial Preceptory were present, and honour was done to the retiring Provincial Prior as well as the newly-installed.

The Provincial Prior appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:

Sir Knight Pelly Hooper ...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. W. C. Browne ...	Prov. Prelate.
" Col. Skene ...	Prov. Chancellor.
" G. B. Welsford ...	Prov. Constable.
" F. C. Compton ...	Prov. Marshal.
" Rev. W. M. Heath ...	Prov. Treasurer.
" H. T. George ...	Prov. Registrar.
" H. G. B. Frampton ...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
" Russell Patey ...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" W. B. Morgan ...	Prov. Capt. of Guard.
" Zillwood Milledge ...	Prov. Almoner.
" Jno. A. Sherren ...	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
" W. E. Brennand ...	Prov. 2nd Std. Br.
" W. Watts ...	Prov. Herald.

At the close of the preceptory, a Priory of the Order of Malta was held, and one sir knight was exalted by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who occupied the chair of E. Prior.

The duties of the day being ended, the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir R. N. Howard, invited all present to accompany him to his residence, Greenhill House, which is charmingly situated, facing the magnificent Weymouth Bay, to partake of a most *recherché* repast consisting of every delicacy of the season, and those only who have partaken of Sir Richard Howard's hospitality know how well and efficiently such a repast can be served. A most enjoyable time was spent, the splendid panorama of the bay, with yachts and boats sailing over its placid surface, with Portland rearing its head on the one side and the cliffs of old England stretching away in the distance on the other side with the companionship of so many distinguished sir knights, presided over by our genial host, will mark the installation of V.E. Sir Knight Sir Richard Howard as Prov. Prior for Dorset, a red-letter day long to be remembered by all who took part in it.

THE VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR AND SHERIFFS TO BRIGG.

We had prepared a full report of the meeting of the Ancholme Lodge, No. 1282, in connection with the above event, but under pressure of other Masonic news it was passed over. We ought, however, to briefly state that it was very successful. The Lord Mayor was accompanied by Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas., Lord Yarborough, and other distinguished Masons. A lodge of emergency had been called, and after the reception of the visitors with due honours, the W.M. read an address of welcome, after which the W.M.

proceeded to offer some remarks, congratulating both the Lord Mayor and Sir Augustus Harris on the honours that had just been conferred on them by her Majesty, and to the presence of Lord Yarborough, who, he remarked, that by his initiation into Masonry has kept up the Masonic tradition in his family.

The LORD MAYOR, Sir A. HARRIS, and Lord YARBOROUGH each replied, and before closing the lodge the WORSHIPFUL MASTER addressed the brethren as follows: Brethren,—I would now very shortly make a few remarks with reference to our lodge, and the visit of so distinguished a body of brethren as are here met. The members of the Ancholme and I were convinced that the arrival in this locality on a public visit of Masons of such note as we have received to-day ought not to pass without some Masonic recognition. We therefore decided, although with much fear as to our abilities and the capacity of our premises to receive so eminent a body, to call this lodge of emergency and to invite you to attend it. You all here honoured us by acceptance, and while fully conscious of our utter inability to do justice to such a Masonic gathering, we felt sure you would make all due allowances, and while some of you assist frequently at great functions and high ceremonials, we hope this lodge on these our own premises, opened to you with all heartiness, show that we wish to do all we can to uphold the Craft in our part of this province. We endeavour to maintain the best traditions of Freemasonry in their integrity, and in our humble way their dignity. To the best of its powers the Ancholme Lodge has always remembered the grand principle of relief, and with perhaps pardonable pride I can point to its position on the rolls of the Masonic Charities, for while our average number of subscribing members only averages about 30, the lodge and its brethren hold in the aggregate about 80 votes. In our working we follow mainly the noted Emulation Lodge, No. 21, of universal renown, and which is this year presided over by our Right Hon. guest the Lord Mayor as W.M. We shall feel encouraged by this visit of yours to hold well together as Masons, and while trying to admit none but just, upright, and worthy men, endeavour to prosper the cause of Freemasonry in this locality. And now I thank you all once more heartily, brethren, for your attendance here to-day.

The lodge was then closed, and refreshments were partaken of by invitation of the W.M.

THE STORY OF COOPER'S "MONARCH OF THE MEADOWS."

Mr. T. S. Cooper, in his interesting autobiography, gives the following account of the purchase of his well known picture by Bro. J. D. Allcroft: "Cooper had a private view in his studio before sending it to the Academy, where he received several visitors, among whom were a number of dealers. Amongst them the Messrs. Agnew, who were so delighted that they at once offered the artist £2000 for it. I told them, writes Cooper, that I would let them have it for 2000 guineas. Two thousand pounds, they said, was the highest they could offer for it, and proposed that we should all dine together in the evening and decide the matter. Cooper agreed to that, on condition that he should be quite at liberty to sell the picture should he have a better offer. We now tell the rest of the story in his own words: 'Rather late in the day came Mr. J. D. Allcroft, of Lancaster-gate, and Mrs. Allcroft, who looked long and attentively at the picture, and praised it very much, but not a word was said about the price of it before the other people, who were still in the studio. Just as they were leaving I said that I had a small picture in the drawing room that I should like to show them, when Mr. Allcroft said to his wife "You go and look at that while I speak to Mr. Cooper. I wish to see him alone."

"So I took him into another room, when he at once began talking about the big picture, telling me how greatly they both admired it, and then saying that he wished to ask me if I had two prices for it. I told him exactly what had passed between Messrs. Agnew and myself, and that the question whether they should give me £2000 or guineas, was to be decided that evening, unless I sold it privately before meeting them. Then Mr. Allcroft immediately said he would buy the picture at 2000 guineas, and would send me a cheque for £500 on account the moment he got home. He called Mrs. Allcroft into the room and told her what he had done, at which she expressed her pleasure, and then they left.

"My own joy and gratification (which was shared by all members of my family) at such unexpected success, was indeed greater than I can describe; and this was increased twofold when, an hour or two later, I received a note by hand from Mr. Allcroft, containing the promised cheque, and a few words expressive of the pleasure that he and Mrs. Allcroft felt at being the fortunate possessors of the picture, and adding that upon consideration they had thought that they had done me injustice in their offer, and that they would give me the full amount, £2500, that I had originally asked for the work.' Mr. Cooper adds that he met Messrs. Agnew at dinner with a light heart, and told them that he had sold his picture, upon which they said, 'You are indeed a lucky fellow to be able to paint such a picture and then to get so good a price for it.' At the close of the exhibition it was of course removed by Mr. Allcroft, who placed it in the handsome dining room of his house at Lancaster-gate. A curious fate befell this picture. It mysteriously disappeared in September, 1881.

One morning a room in Mr. Allcroft's house, in which the picture was standing, was discovered to be in flames. The fire was got under, but the picture was gone. It had been cut from the frame. In 1882 it was discovered that the picture had been removed by a workman while he and others had been employed in painting and decorating Mr. Allcroft's house, and for this, a previous conviction having been proved against him, he was very properly sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. The charge of incendiarism was dropped, because it was said that he had no intention to set the house on fire, though he was found guilty of setting fire to the frame in order to conceal the theft of the picture. That was restored by Mr. Robinson, of Long-acre, in the most perfect manner. 'When I saw the painting,' writes Mr. Cooper, 'after its restoration and return to Lancaster-gate (where it is now, we must hope, in safety once again) I was greatly pleased with the success of Robinson's treatment, and thought the picture looked as well as ever. Indeed, the general tone of it, I considered, had decidedly improved during the years that had elapsed since it was first finished.'



Mr. Hawtrey is one of the most fortunate of theatrical lessees. Rarely have we to chronicle a failure under his management. His astuteness is again visible at the Comedy, where Mr. F. C. Philips and Mr. Fendall's "Husband and Wife," new and original farcical comedy in three acts, is being played nightly to large audiences. The only theatre the Prince of Naples was taken to was the Comedy, and his Royal Highness and suite seemed to heartily enjoy seeing this excellent and mirth-provoking piece. The father of the Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, with the Countess of Cork, were in the stalls, and we are sure only left the theatre to recommend their friends to witness "Husband and Wife." In the first act we make the acquaintance of two henpecked husbands, one feeds the baby and hems dusters and the other does the marketing for their respective spouses whilst the wives are engaged in the business of the Husbands' Moral Reformation Society. A lady calls on the President to learn the objects of the society and how to become a member, and goes away sorely disappointed that she is not eligible, for though she is not a spinster she is not a wife, but a widow, and as such is outside the pale of membership. She learns that the society has in its employ a number of female detectives who are termed ferrets. The widow encounters the husband of the President, and then learns that she has been carrying on a flirtation with a married man. When she sees the abject misery he and his friend are in at the hands of their respective wives she is moved to compassion, and as she may not join the society, she suggests to the men to organise a counter society and promises her aid. After a good deal of hesitation and fear the two men summon up sufficient courage to throw off the thraldom they are under. A supper party is arranged of several henpecked husbands, at which she is to be the only woman present. They take an office in the very next room of the Husbands' Reformation Society and a right merry party it is. The wives' committee is in session and the women who have been more or less personal to one another are outraged at the opposition, and when music and singing is heard they can no longer contain themselves, but bursting the door open which separates the two rooms, they make friends, and dancing winds up the evening, and is only stopped by the police making a raid on what they believe to be a mere gambling saloon. The couples all appear the next morning in awful plight before the magistrate, who censures them severely, and commends the police for their perspicuity. Husbands and wives assert their innocence, but it is not until the young widow who has fascinated the "beak" gives her evidence and is called up by him to sit beside his worship on the bench that the mistake is discovered, and they are ushered out of the dock without a stain on their character, and sent to their respective homes happy and loving as husbands and wives should be. Miss Lottie Venne, as the widow, leads the fun throughout the play, and is closely followed by Mr. George Giddens and Mr. W. F. Hawtrey. Miss Ethel Matthews looks charming, and Miss Ethel Norton renders her share most effectively, and so does pretty Miss Edith Kenward as the servant maid in a small part cleverly acted. Mr. Brookfield, as the magistrate, has nearly all the last act to himself. He is the main-spring of the fun. He parodies a certain judge both in make-up, utterance, and manner, who becomes enamoured of a witness, first asking her name, then her address, both of which he carefully takes down, and promises to call on her, and finally bids her sit by him and administer justice (?) for him. Mr. Brookfield never yields to the temptation to overact this part as many would do, but keeps himself within bounds. Mr. Milton deserves commendation as the usher of the Court. No funnier nor more harmless play has been produced this year than "Husband and Wife." "For Charity's Sake," by Mr. C. Fawcett, is so well acted by Miss Ethel Norton, Mr. W. F. Hawtrey, and Mr. Wyes, that it is quite worth while going early to the Comedy to see this pathetic domestic comedy-drama.

We are rejoiced to hear that Mr. Daly has again taken the Lyceum for ten weeks from the 1st of September and is bringing over his distinguished company of comedians to play their repertoire, commencing with "A Night Off," which has always, both here and in America, been so popular. We trust they will also give us "The Taming of the Shrew," "Needles and Pins," "Casting the Boomerang," "The Railroad of Love," and their other pieces which we have always witnessed with such pleasure since we made their acquaintance at Toole's Theatre some years ago, and renewed at the Strand, Gaiety, and last year at the Lyceum. It was announced that Mr. John Drew was leaving Mr. Daly, but we are glad to say he will at any rate be leading man again this season. Mr. Fisher, alas! is no more, having gone over to the great majority. Miss Ada Rehan will again win all hearts. At present she is resting in Naples; when she re-appears at the Lyceum may we be there to join in the hearty welcome she will have accorded to her.

The popular prices at the New Olympic Theatre, now known as "The People's Theatre of London," have hit the public taste, and crowded houses nightly have proved the wisdom of Mr. W. Kelly's bid for the favour of the masses. In consequence of the great success of its revival at a West-end theatre, "Theodora" will be played until the end of the present month, and on and after Saturday next will be preceded by a new farce written by Mr. Murray Carson, entitled "Two in the Bush."

Mr. David Christie Murray has altered the title of his play, to be produced at the Globe Theatre on the 27th inst., from "Chums" to "Mates." This change has been necessitated in consequence of Mr. T. G. Warren having a prior right to the former title.

THE CONGRESS OF HEALTH.

At the above Congress on Wednesday Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, M.R.C.S., read a paper on the "Sanitation of theatres," and as he has inspected 20 Metropolitan houses, besides a number in the provinces, he may be taken to speak with some authority, and the paper read, therefore, was listened to with much interest. He acknowledged the courtesy of lessees and managers in enabling him, in conjunction with his friend, Mr. Ernest Turner, Fellow of the Institute of British Architects, to visit the theatres under their control, only two in the Metropolis having met him by a peremptory refusal. In many of the 20 theatres which he had visited, the arrangements from a sanitary point of view were the reverse of satisfactory, due for the most part to structural causes, for which the blame should rest rather with the architect than with the proprietor. With hardly an exception, however, the theatrical managers have endeavoured to overcome the defects of the situation. Against the results of bad workmanship in the sanitary fittings no amount of supervision is of much avail. In many theatres, both in the provinces and in some of the largest London houses, heaps of dust and rubbish accumulations are found in many corners. Whilst theatrical managers are enjoined to afford protection from the risk or alarms of fire, the London County Council, in its elaborate requirements, seems to have completely ignored the far more important subject of the health not only of the actors and actresses, but also of the general public. Speaking as one whose professional work for the last quarter of a century has brought him into direct communication with members of the theatrical profession in all its branches, Bro. Lennox Browne is able to say that behind the scenes insanitary conditions are to be found in their most objectionable forms. The general health of the actor suffers to a marked extent when he is compelled to breathe constantly the vitiated air of hot, crowded, unventilated and ill-situated dressing rooms; the lowered state of vitality predisposes him in a marked degree to bronchitis, pneumonia, phthisis, and diseases of the respiratory and circulatory organs generally, to dyspepsia, to so-called acute rheumatism, and typhoid fever, deaths from which last are by no means uncommon amongst actors, especially amongst touring companies. The subject was illustrated by a number of diagrams drawn for the occasion by Mr. Ernest Turner, who is architect to the Royal Academy of Music, illustrating types of good and bad arrangements in the theatres visited. Finally, Bro. Lennox Browne, in regretting the necessity for representing the pessimistic view, said that the sanitation of theatres is not any worse than is that of music halls, conventicles, or institutions for the purposes of Christian association.

DAY STEAMER TRIPS.

The Victoria Steam-boat Association has exhibited a good deal of enterprise since its formation, and this year, in addition to the services previously organised, it has started the well-known saloon steamer, Glen Rosa, on a special trip to Herne Bay on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays during August and the first week in September, returning the same day, full particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns. This is the first time passenger steamers have been put on this line for nearly 30 years, prior to which there was a pier three-quarters of a mile in length, and a large passenger-steamer trade with London. Given favourable weather this ought to be one of the most attractive trips of the many organised by this company.

UNITED NATIONS CLUB.

Clubland is to have yet another addition to its already large territory, and the newcomer is to open its portals to all the world, with no restriction of class or country—an honourable record vouched for by responsible friends is the only claim to membership. The cosmopolitan character of this institution is unique in the history of clubs, and should in the hands of the influential Committee which has been formed to establish it be an unqualified success. In these days of easy travel, even such institutions as the London clubs need broadening, and we can see no reason why the United Nations Club should not rival the best of its fellows. The premises acquired are admirably adapted for the purpose, and are situated in Piccadilly Circus, forming the greater portion of the building known as "Piccadilly Buildings." Liberal arrangements have been made for the introduction of friends visiting London from the provinces or abroad, and the high social position of the promoters is a substantial guarantee that it will be carried on such lines as will ensure success. The opening is expected to take place next month.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Masonry claims to be a society universal in its recognition and sympathetic in its fellowship. Such a claim implies that an utter stranger from any part of the world would be admitted to any lodge as a visitor, provided that he could show that he was a Master Mason in good standing. The agency by which the lodge carries on its negotiations with the visitor is a Committee. Seeing it is a position of great responsibility, inasmuch as that Committee may reject a worthy man or admit into the lodge room an impostor, the members of an Examining Committee should consider their position one of great honour. The following points are given, showing how a Committee should approach a visitor:—

1. You have either to deal with a Mason or an impostor.
2. Be cautious, courteous, and firm.
3. Do not approach the visitor as a suspect.
4. You are not expected to do detective or prosecuting attorney work.
5. Put on no airs of superior knowledge.
6. Play no tricks by pretending answers are not correct when they are.
7. Don't indulge in catch questions. They are the slang of Masonry.
8. Give no hints. Correct no mistakes.
9. Don't be unnecessarily strict. Ideas are better than words.
10. Accept all you get without comment.
11. If you reject do not indicate why.
12. Judge by general results.
13. A very desirable visitor may answer poorly.
14. Answers correctly given may be a cause for suspicion and rejection.
15. Do not imagine your catechism of questions to be the only correct form, and all departures from it to be errors.
16. There is no set way of conducting an examination.
17. It is your business to get, and the visitor's to give information.—V.W. Bro. George Tait, in *Canadian Craftsman*.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE HENDERSON.

We regret to announce the death, on the 9th inst., of Bro. George Henderson, one of the founders, and the first Secretary of the Scots Lodge, No. 2319, London. Bro. Henderson was 54 years of age, and for the last ten years was the Secretary of the Scottish Corporation, one of the oldest charitable institutions in the Metropolis, and under Bro. Henderson's able management the charity has had an increasing and successful subscription list. Bro. Henderson may be said to have been one of the victims of the influenza epidemic. For a couple of years he has had ill-health, which caused him to resign office in the Scots Lodge, and he never recovered from an attack of the plague this spring, and ultimately succumbed to dropsy and congestion of the lungs. He was buried at Norwood Cemetery on Thursday, the funeral being largely attended by the Governors of the Scottish Corporation and by the brethren of the Scots Lodge.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale, in command of the first detachment of the 10th Hussars, numbering 150 officers and men, arrived in Dublin on board her Majesty's troopship Assistance, on Saturday last. The detachment landed at the North Wall and proceeded to the Portobello Barracks, headed by the band of the 5th Lancers.

The Canterbury cricket week was brought to a close on Saturday last, when the second match of the week—between Kent and Surrey—terminated in favour of the latter by 10 wickets, Kent which was 100 runs to the bad on the first innings and had to follow on, being unable to compile more than 104. This left Surrey only five runs to win, and the required number was hit off during the first over.

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The first volume of the memoirs of the late Field-Marshal Von Moltke will be published next week.

Her Majesty the Queen will inspect the French fleet after its arrival at Portsmouth next week, and shortly afterwards will leave for the North for her annual autumn sojourn at Balmoral.

Prince Alfred, eldest son of the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in London from Devonport on Saturday morning last, and in the course of the afternoon left for Coburg to resume his studies.

The report of Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood on the conduct of the Volunteers in the recent field day movements at Aldershot is on the whole very complimentary to our citizen soldiers.

Sir G. L. Molesworth, late Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways, distributed at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last the certificates awarded to the students of the School of Practical Engineering.

Thursday, the 6th inst., was the 47th anniversary of the birth of the Duke of Edinburgh, and the event was celebrated at Windsor by the ringing of the bells of St. George's Chapel and the parish church, and by the firing of a Royal salute.

The statue of the Queen, which was subscribed for by the inhabitants of Malta in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, has been unveiled by Lady Smyth, wife of Sir H. Smyth, Governor, a Royal salute being fired at the moment the covering was removed.

The Prince of Naples left Edinburgh, after visiting several places of interest in the morning, on Saturday last for Buchanan Castle, near Glasgow, on a visit to the Duke of Montrose. Last week her Majesty was pleased to confer on his Royal Highness the Order of the Garter.

Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, has received a letter from the German Ambassador, in which his Excellency, by command of the Emperor of Germany, congratulates his lordship on having been created a Baronet by the Queen in commemoration of the recent Imperial visit to this country.

The yacht racing at Cowes was brought to a conclusion last week, a couple of races being organised by the Royal Yacht Squadron on Friday morning, while the Royal Town Regatta took place in the afternoon, the whole concluding with the usual display of fireworks in the evening. The town was thronged with visitors during the whole of the day.

Our many readers and host of friends of Bro. Mark Richards Muckle, of the *Public Ledger* of Philadelphia, will learn with sincere sorrow of the death of his beloved wife, Caroline S., on Tuesday, July 21, 1891, at her husband's residence, No. 1722, Pine-street, Philadelphia. The funeral took place on Thursday, July 23.—*Keystone*.

This year's successful competitors for the Whitworth scholarships of £125 each, for three years, are R. W. Weekes, electrical engineer, of London; W. G. Rennie, engineering student, of Edinburgh; T. G. Jones, engineer, of Manchester; and W. H. Pretty, mechanical engineer, of Cardiff. Thirty exhibitions of £50 each, for one year, have also been awarded.

Sir William Hart-Dyke, M.P., on Tuesday laid the foundation-stone of Ruthin Grammar School, Ruthin. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large number of spectators, and amongst those present was Mr. Cornwallis West, M.P., Lord Lieutenant of the county. The new school is to cost £12,000, and has a foundation of three centuries old.

Preparations have been made for the commencement, on Monday next, of a series of military manoeuvres on the Kilworth Mountain, near Mitchelstown, where a magazine-rifle range, five square miles in size, has been recently acquired by the War Office. All branches of Irish military service will be represented at the manoeuvres. The new range is pronounced to be one of the finest in the United Kingdom.

Before leaving London for Edinburgh on Thursday, the 6th inst., the Prince of Naples visited Wellington Barracks and inspected the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards. His Royal Highness afterwards went to the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, and inspected the stables and Royal carriages, the cream-coloured Hanoverian horses used by the Queen on State occasions and the State coach which was originally built for George III. being special objects of attraction.

The Prince of Wales left Cowes for London on Monday, and at three p.m. presided at the opening of the International Congress of Hygiene and Dermography at the St. James's Hall. On Tuesday the delegates were entertained by Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., and the Sheriffs at a conversazione at the Guildhall, which was very numerously attended, among those present being several personages of distinction.

Sewardstone, a village in Essex, is about to take the lead in what is assuredly an interesting development in technical education. The scholars there are to be practically initiated into the mysteries of fruit culture. A local landowner has supplied the necessary fruit trees and bushes, and the local schoolmaster is to afford the necessary instruction. Indeed, if the Education Department approve, tuition in the principles of fruit culture will henceforth form part of the curriculum at the Sewardstone Board School.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont recently passed the following: "This Grand Lodge maintains now, as it ever has done, its supreme authority over the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, and will tolerate in no wise an invasion of its territory by so-called Masonic organisations, pretending to possess the power to confer these Degrees in this jurisdiction, or any other with which we hold fraternal relations. We do not propose to act as mediators or arbitrators between contesting bodies of professed Masonic organisations, or to establish their legitimacy, but do insist, that Grand Lodge sovereignty, Masonically speaking, shall be sustained and maintained."

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is fixed for the 25th inst. at St. Austell.

The number of people who visited the Royal Naval Exhibition at Chelsea last week was 126,256, raising the number since the opening in May to 1,315,802.

The number of Masons suspended for non-payment of dues, in 1890, in the United States, reached the wonderful number of 13,364.

Census returns show that the Bishop of Bedford has under his charge, in the East London district of the Metropolitan diocese, no fewer than 1,575,000 souls.

We understand that the Freemasons of Newcastle have purchased a block of buildings in Shakespeare-street for the purpose of erecting a Masonic hall and club on an extensive scale, and which will accommodate all lodges in the district.

The trustees of the British Museum have, it is said, finally decided to accept the unique collection of stamps left to the nation by the late Mr. Tapling, M.P. The trustees agree to accept the collection under the terms of his will.

We are glad to announce that Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, after having been under medical care for some time in consequence of having caught a chill, had so far recovered towards convalescence as to be able to leave town for Brighton last week.

Bro. Captain Shaw, C.B., has consented to remain in charge of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade for a further period of three months, but it is said that he has finally determined upon resigning. Already many applications for the appointment have been made in anticipation of the vacancy.

The annual regatta of the Royal Portsmouth Corinthian Yacht Club was held in Osborne Bay on Saturday last and proved a great success, notwithstanding that the south-westerly breeze that blew was somewhat too boisterous for the smaller craft. There were nine events on the programme, and many racing yachts entered.

At Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday the Bishop of Derry opened a bazaar and sale of work at Nevill Court, lent for the occasion by Mrs. Cory in aid of the funds for the distressed Irish ladies. The articles offered for sale were exquisite specimens of art needlework beautifully executed by members of Mrs. Dalison's Guild of Distressed Irish Ladies.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife visited Elgin on the 7th inst., when his Grace opened the Victoria School of Science and Art and a bazaar in connection with it. The visitors travelled from Duff House, Banff, by special train to Calcots, about three miles from Elgin, and thence drove to the city, a most enthusiastic reception awaiting them on their arrival.

The French naval division of about a dozen warships, which has recently been visiting Cronstadt, will arrive at Portsmouth on Wednesday or Thursday next, and will remain for about a week. A series of festivities has been organised in honour of the occasion, in which the visitors will receive all possible attention from the naval, military, and municipal authorities, as well as from the inhabitants of the port.

The report of the proceedings in connection with the opening of the Law Courts in Birmingham last month by the Prince of Wales was crowded out, but we ought to mention that the contractor for this magnificent pile of buildings was Bro. John Burrow, P.M. of No. 1031, Warwick, and the position of Clerk of the Works was held by another well known brother, G. W. Nightingale, W.M. of Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, &c.

The Athlone correspondent of the *Express* states that the funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Burke, Clerk of the Crown of Roscommon, was carried out without the usual religious ceremonies, as Mr. Burke having been a Freemason, the parish priest who was waited on by a deputation of relatives and influential friends of the deceased gentleman declined to attend the funeral without the sanction of the Bishop, Dr. Gillooly, and that a telegram was then sent to Dr. Gillooly requesting his sanction, but no reply was received.

Masonry is too popular in one sense, and not sacred enough in another. It has been bartered away too much as if an article of merchandise. The idle and curious, the passive and perverse, with an ease and readiness distasteful and repulsive to nobler manhood, have been permitted to purchase Masonic privileges as if they were no more than toys from a curiosity shop. There should be an end to this thing, then we may hope that many of the difficulties of non-affiliation and non-payment of dues will be solved and disappear.—*Bro. Thos. M. Reed*.

Saturday last was a red-letter day in the annals of the rapidly rising watering-place, Herne Bay. For the first time in 30 years (thanks to the enterprise of the Victoria Steam-boat Company) a system of excursions was established, upwards of 200 visitors being received on the arrival of the boat with the utmost amount of enthusiasm. There seems every possibility of these excursions becoming highly popular. The front of the town was gaily decorated on Saturday, and the club was especially to the fore with a fine display of bunting. Guns were fired and maroons discharged, a grand display of fireworks bringing the evening's festivity to a close.

Bro. Godwin, who has just been elected as a representative of the Ward of Lime-street in the Common Council, in the place of the late Mr. John Cox, is a native of Hampshire, having been born at Portsea in 1845. In regard to his association with the ward, whose representative he now is, it may be noted as a matter of some interest, that, in conjunction with a few kindred spirits, Bro. Godwin was instrumental in securing the present historic site of Leadenhall Market as a free market for ever for the people. "In accomplishing this," says a trade contemporary, "Mr. Godwin and his co-workers did a public service in affording increased facilities for the food supply of the Metropolis and the intercourse of buyer and seller." He has also served the various parochial offices that are open to inhabitants. Bro. Godwin is an old member of the Craft, being a P.M. of the Tyssen-Amherst Lodge, of which he was a founder. He is now the Treasurer, a position he has held for some considerable time. In connection with the various Charities, of all of which he is a Life Governor, he has served several Stewardships, a fact that evidences the keen and active interest he has taken in Masonic matters.

A resolution has been passed at a meeting of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, Lord Butler presiding, in favour of erecting a suitable monument over the grave of St. Patrick of Downpatrick.

The new organ presented by Lady Brooke to Little Easton Church, Essex, in memory of the late Earl of Rosslyn, was opened on Wednesday, in the presence of a large congregation.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited the Russian man-of-war, the *Korniloff*, at Spithead on Sunday afternoon, and were received with a Royal salute, the crew at the same time manning the yards.

The Victorian Committee of the Imperial Institute complain of the small amount of space allotted to Victoria, and intimate that fully 4000 feet will be required if the products of the Colony are to be adequately represented in London.

The Committee of St. George's Club, Hanover-square, have resolved that the members of the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography shall be admitted to the club as honorary visiting members during the sitting of the Congress.

Bro. Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris has opened at Drury Lane a dancing school for girls ranging in age from 16 to 20. Madame Phasey is the instructress. The pupils enter into a contract for three years at a salary of 10s. a week, and when they have attained the requisite skill in their calling they are to have engagements, with remuneration commensurate with their ability.

The Masonic Education Fund of South Africa was established in 1887 as a memorial of the Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen, the lodges subscribing to it being under the English, Scotch, and Dutch Constitutions, a subscription of \$25 per annum entitling a lodge to send one representative, and \$75 two representatives. The Committee consists of the representatives of subscribing lodges; and all applications for assistance are inquired into and reported on by a Sub-Committee of three, representing the three Constitutions working in South Africa. Twelve children (eight boys and four girls) are now receiving their education at the expense of the Fund.

Galvani's Messenger says that the French Masonic lodges are doing more damage to Freemasonry than the deadliest enemies of the Craft; and that the Freemasons of other countries ought once more to protest against the degradation of their world-wide Brotherhood by the transformation of the lodges into centres of political fanaticism.

Sheriffs Sir Augustus Harris and Sir William Farmer have received from the German Ambassador a letter stating that his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany "has heard with great pleasure" that her Majesty the Queen has most graciously conferred on them the title and rank of knight in consequence of the Imperial visit to the Guildhall in July. "His Majesty" adds Count Hatzfeldt, "has commanded me to express to you on this occasion his most sincere congratulations."

Khurum Lodge has appointed a Committee to present to the other Masonic lodges of the city a plan for the establishment of a home for disabled Masons and dependent widows and orphans of Masons in Minneapolis. After the lodges have given the matter consideration it will be presented to the State Grand Lodge, which meets in January. It will be a home for the Masons of the entire State, and its location is fixed for Minneapolis, so that it may be in the most desirable place in the entire State. Several offers of land have already been received.—*Minneapolis Journal*.

The corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple, east side of Monumental-square, Mount Vernon, Ohio, was laid by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, June 10th. Bro. W. F. Baldwin, Senior Grand Warden of Ohio, acted in place of the Grand Master, assisted by Masons of the city and Newark. An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. Dr. H. W. Jones, rector of St. Paul's Church, an enthusiastic Mason. Under the corner-stone was placed a box containing a number of documents suitable for the purpose.

The fourth annual National Festival of Co-operators will be held at the Crystal Palace to-morrow (Saturday). The Council, besides catering for the sightseers by providing an enormous flower show, an exhibition of co-operative productions, and several minor exhibitions, provides also a concert by six thousand trained singers upon the Handel orchestra. The *piece de resistance* is "The Song of the Sower," set to music by Mr. H. Elliot Button, for which a gold medal was awarded in a competition organised this year by the Festival Committee. The performers are drawn from all parts of the country—Leeds, Nottingham, Kettering, Bristol, Falmouth, Liverpool, Great Grimsby, Dover, Oxford, and Portsmouth being some of the towns providing contingents. The success of the Committee's work in promoting a taste for music amongst co-operative working people is clearly shown in the fact that there are over 9000 applicants for the 6000 seats upon the orchestra this year, whereas four years ago it was difficult to get together a third of that number. Another feature of the Festival which deserves particular mention is the programme of children's sports and games, drawn up by a special Committee, for the amusement of children attending the Festival. The sports commence at noon and are continued until dusk; many prizes are to be given, and the Committee undertakes to look after the children while the parents are enjoying themselves in a less boisterous fashion. Full grown athletes will compete on the bicycle track as in previous years. In the evening at six o'clock a monster demonstration will be held in the theatre upon co-operative subjects. Mr. Joseph Greenwood, the manager of the Hebden Bridge Fustian Society—a genuine co-operative concern in which the workers share in the profits and management—is President this year, and will deliver his inaugural address.

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