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## THE PROVINCE OF SUFFOLK.

The circumstances attending the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk were of a more than usually agreeable character. In the first place, Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Thornham Hall, the seat of Bro. Lord HENNIKER, the respected Grand Master of the Province, whose hospitable reception of the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and brethren was generally and most fully appreciated. In the second place, his lordship was in a position not only to welcome those who attended under his own roof, but likewise to congratulate them on the very prosperous condition of the lodges both collectively and severally under his charge. The statistical returns showed a fair increase in the number of subscribing members, who now muster close on a thousand strong, while the statement of account gave a balance in hand of £95. But most encouraging of all was the Report presented by Bro. J. M. HARVEY, of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, from which it appeared that during the past year the Province had subscribed to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions no less a sum than £743. We have again and again had occasion to congratulate our Suffolk brethren on the very great services they have rendered for many years past to our Institutions, and this Report of Bro. HARVEY'S demonstrates the fact that, though on more than one occasion—and more especially in 1889, when Lord HENNIKER occupied the chair at the Girls' School Festival—it must have been hard work for an agricultural Province to contribute so regularly, and at the same time so generously, our Suffolk brethren are as zealous as ever they were in the cause of Masonic Charity. They have, indeed, every reason to be proud of their achievements in this particular sphere of duty, and though, in the ordinary course of things it is to be expected that the high figures of one year will now and again be surpassed by the figures of another year, we are confident the Province will never wittingly vacate the high position to which it has attained among the Provincial supporters of our Charities. Appropriately too, it happened that Bro. the Rev. W. T. CORFIELD, Prov. G. Chap., in his very eloquent sermon, which formed part of the supplemental proceedings of the meeting, very justly laid stress on the motives which prompt men to do acts of Charity. "We as a body of men," said he, "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." We have already admitted the justice of our reverend brother's exposition of Charity, and doubtless, therefore, he will forgive us if we suggest that our Suffolk brethren,

whether they have been prompted by Charity in its sense of love or by a sense of the duty they owe to their fellow Masons, or by the two senses combined, to do what they have done in support of our Institutions, are practical exemplars of the chiefest of the Masonic virtues, whom it will discredit none to imitate. We commend them for what they have done, and congratulate them on the prosperous condition of the Craft in their Province.

## "ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM." VOL. IV., PART 2, 1891.

The current issue of the Transactions of our lodge is, Masonically speaking, one of the most interesting and valuable of the important series, inaugurated in 1887, and edited from that year to the present time by our esteemed Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth; in fact, in some respects it has few equals and no superiors amongst its predecessors.

It will not do to particularise at any length all the attractive features of this part, though for the benefit of those brethren who have not yet joined the "Correspondence Circle" (which costs but *half-a-guinea per annum*, so as to obtain the portions of each volume as published), many reasons may be urged for my presenting a general sketch of the chief articles printed in this important division of the "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum."

Many of us have been longing to peruse the biography of our lamented friend, General Albert Pike, who has been wisely placed in the "pen and ink portraits" of Masonic celebrities, so ably written by Bro. R. F. Gould, *the* Masonic historian. This, the third of the group, is by far the most valuable, and will be most heartily welcomed by the American as well as the British Craft, for it is much more than an ordinary biography, dealing as it does with many questions of the greatest interest in relation to the origin of certain Masonic Degrees. Albert Pike had no equal in the particular departments he so thoroughly made his own, and hence a glance at his life would be incomplete without reference to his views Masonically, his convictions being usually well considered, and so firmly based as to be unassailable.

As a rule, the General was a warm defender of the "Historic School," in Freemasonry but here and there he went on his own way, hence some of his deliverances would be questioned by a few of us in this country, as evidenced in portions of the correspondence quoted by Bro. Gould. My long correspondence with the beloved Grand Commander of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," S.J. of the U.S.A., has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life, and all that his fond biographer has said in his praise finds a deep-seated counterpart in my own heart. He was devoted to the Rite over which he so long and so wisely ruled, and his services to the Craft universal have been so many and so valuable, that they are not likely ever to be adequately estimated or appreciated.

Bro. C. C. Howard's paper, or treatise, entitled "A Critical Examination of the Alban and Athelstan Legends," will, I hope, be carefully studied by many members of our widely-spread organisation, as such critiques revivify these Old Charges, and suggest how much might be done by several competent and enthusiastic workers, on similar lines to popularise what until recently has been *terra incognita* even to the majority of Masonic students.

It would be premature just now to criticise this excellent paper, especially as an opportunity will be afforded us all at one of the meetings of our lodge. In justice to the author, however,

it is but fair to state that I agree generally with his treatment of the subject, believing as he does that these grand old documents are "essentially English," and are, as they profess to be, *old*, reflecting alike the ignorance and the actual circumstances of the time of their origin. His claim that they are of "secular origin" does not appear to me proved or probable, though possible, but that the "Athelstan-Edwin legend is a fairly correct statement of the *fact* that English Masonry was re-organised in the reign of King Athelstan at a meeting held at York" may be taken as virtually established.

It is also clear to my mind that Bro. Howard is fully justified in believing and maintaining that the original copies (now lost, unfortunately), were made within a reasonable time of "Athelstan's" patronage, the prototypes of those rolls preserved being doubtless much briefer than their successors. "The building operations carried on so actively from the tenth to the thirteenth centuries would afford such facilities for the extension of the Craft and for the transmission of its ancient traditions, that numerous copies of the Old Charges would soon be required," as Bro. Howard states, "these copies being probably the immediate precursors of those we now possess." I should like to have Dr. Begemann's opinion of the ingenious suggestion of the author, that in process of time, by various moulding circumstances, "the two legends of S. Alban, the convert of S. Adhabelle and S. Alban, the King's foreman of works and first great organiser of Masonry," were gradually shaped about A.D. 926 from the original names or readings of St. Æthelbert or Ethelbert (the famous King of East Anglia, murdered in Offa's palace A.D. 792), and St. Alban's, the first fruits of Offa's active Christianity. No doubt the point will be well considered by Bros. Gould, Speth, Macbean, and others who have a predilection for unearthing ancient worthies and making them live again in the light of present research and theory.

My esteemed friend, Dr. Begemann, in his "Remarks on the William Watson MS," has furnished abundant evidence in proof of my contention that this document is of great interest and importance. Indeed, our diligent German brother goes still further, for his opinion is that "the William Watson MS. is more valuable even than the *Regius MS.* as regards its important character, in explaining a good deal of the historical development of Masonic traditions, and that the real value of the *Cooke MS.* has only been revealed by the manuscript in question."

The learned doctor long ago felt convinced that the "Cooke MS." had served as a prototype for the ordinary versions of the old Constitutions which came down to us from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and agrees with our indefatigable Secretary that the celebrated "Cooke MS." (reproduced in *facsimile* in Vol. 2 of our reprints, with Bro. Speth's invaluable "Commentary,") may now take a higher place than formerly.

It delights me much to find these old documents receiving more attention of late years than hitherto, for prior to the publication of my "Old Charges of British Freemasons" in 1872, and even for some years subsequently, few paid any regard to them, save dear Bro. Woodford and myself. Since Bro. Gould's History, however, and the well-directed researches of Bros. Begemann, Speth, and other students, we are now well on the road towards understanding their true position in relation to the history of the Craft, and their great value during a period when else little but darkness remains.

The boldness of Dr. Begemann's criticism is quite refreshing, as well as its conspicuous originality, for he constructs some *nine* copies of the "Cooke" and "Plot" families out of the sparse material available, making the two fragments of what I considered belonged to the same scroll into Crane MSS., Nos. 1 and 2; for reasons which appear to be satisfactory, but which did not occur to me when the "William Watson MS." was unknown.

The capital paper by Bro. William Dixon on "The Old Lodge at Lincoln" is just the sort of thing we much need in our Transactions, and will prove a boon to brethren anxious to study the oldest lodge minutes preserved in England from 1701, these commencing in the year 1732. Dr. Oliver referred to them in 1847, but was in error in connecting this lodge of 1732 with one formed in 1792. In my "Origin of the English Rite" will be found particulars on the same subject, transcripts of several of the earlier minutes having been kindly supplied me by Bro. Watson, of Lincoln. Bro. Lane has also noted their character in his "Masters' Lodges\*," but not until now have these records been printed continuously and *verbatim et literatim*, thus enabling us all to do just as well as if we had the original volume before us.

These extracts are valuable for many reasons, especially in relation to the "Third Degree," first referred to in what may be called a lodge record, A.D. 1724-5 (then possibly of the age of some seven years), and for the identification of Martin Clare,

D.G.M., as the author of the extremely able "Defence" of 1730-8, referred to by Bros. Gould and Sadler.

Bro. Dr. Barrett's "Masonic Musicians" is a most readable and pleasant article, which cannot fail to interest a large number of brethren, and fully merited the vote of thanks so cordially passed at the lodge held in May last. It is to be hoped that his desires may soon be realised, and that "the rulers of the Craft may think the matter sufficiently worthy of their attention and support," so that we may advance in the direction of Bro. Mozart, by providing suitable music during portions of our ceremonies.

There are other papers that should be noted, but how can that be done in this article when several require two or three columns to do them justice! Take the "Masonic Built City," by Bro. S. Russell Forbes (with all its suggestive theories); "The Legend of Sethos," by Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S. (which led to such an interesting discussion, because of the respected Doctor's original theory); the numerous "Notes and Queries" (with many really valuable hints and suggestions from Bro. John Yarker, which ought to bear fruit); the timely and ably written review of Bro. H. Sadler's "Life of Thomas Dunckerley," which is having a large circulation at home and abroad, and is one of the most important and valuable Masonic works in our library (from the pen of Bro. Gould); and Colonel Pratt's "Note on the Svastica," to properly digest and explain which would qualify me for the distinction of a "knight of the moon" (or the pen) referred to by Dr. Barrett in his "List of London Clubs," for assuredly with so much else in hand it would have to be night work to accomplish it all; and finally the friendly review of the transactions of the "Newcastle College of Rosicrucians" by Bro. Speth, which have made such an excellent start, and appear in such imposing surroundings.

Bro. Gould's portrait is well done, and will be gladly preserved in our Transactions by all the members of our ever enlarging "Circle." Another artistic feature is the reproduction of the "Curious Hand-painted Masonic Apron" submitted by Bro. J. E. Green, who considers it to be "a very interesting and instructive memento of the eighteenth century," but does not state his opinion more definitely.

Bro. Vaillant's "Freemasonry in Holland" is opportune and accurate, my only regret being its provoking brevity. The distinguished Grand Secretary supports my friend Crowe's article on the same subject, and does not accept Bro. Dieperink's corrections in relation to the Society in that truly Masonic country.

I can only conclude this notice of the magnificent number by resolutely determining to write *Finis*.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## BURNS AND THE POET LAUREATESHIP OF CANONGATE KILWINNING.

I observed in a notice which recently appeared in the *Scotsman* that it was there again stated that Robert Burns was Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning in 1787.

This is a statement that has been repeatedly made and contradicted, and the question has quite recently been exhaustively discussed in the columns of the *Freemason* in a correspondence between the historian of the lodge, Bro. Allan Mackenzie, and Bro. William Officer, S.S.C., and in which correspondence it has been conclusively shown that Burns never held such an office.

The Poet's connection with Canongate Kilwinning lay in his having been "assumed a member" while on his visit to Edinburgh in 1787. His admission is thus referred to in the minute of the lodge dated 1st February, 1787, and is attested by the Master, Alexander Fergusson; the Depute Master, Charles Moir; and the Junior Warden, John Millar; ". . . The Right Worshipful Master having observed that Brother Burns was at present in the lodge, who is well known as a great poetic writer, and for a late publication of his works, which have been universally commended, and submitted that he should be assumed a member of this lodge, which was unanimously agreed to, and he was assumed accordingly."

Beyond this, Burns had no connection with Canongate Kilwinning. The statement that he was Poet Laureate was first made in 1815, 19 years after his death. The beautiful story of his inauguration appears to have been concocted in 1845-46 to supply Mr. Stewart Watson (a well known Edinburgh artist), a member of the lodge, with a subject for a beautiful picture. Mr. Stewart Watson also, it may be here remarked, executed

\* "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," Vol. I., 1889.

two other similar paintings—that of the Knight Templars and Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland in conclave, both of which, except as regards the features of the members portrayed, are purely imaginative.

In a notice in the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" of December 31, 1845, the artist is reported as being engaged on a "painting of the Poet Burns in the act of being received into membership with the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge." When the picture was finished it was reviewed in the columns of the *Scotsman* on the 25th March, 1846, and the Reviewer then seems to have been imposed upon by interested parties, for under the heading, "The Inauguration of Burns," he then described the occurrence as "one of the few occasions on which, during his lifetime, his poetical genius was publicly acknowledged and proclaimed."

While preparing my "History of Freemasonry" in 1873 it became known that I discredited the story of the inauguration. Statements were then made to me by the office-bearers of the lodge, which I unfortunately believed—assertions which subsequent investigation showed had no foundation in fact.

Attached to the original Painting presented by the family of the late Chevalier James Burnes to the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1863 is the inscription: "The Inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, 1st March, 1787." This date is accepted by the lodge as correct.

In all statements and discussions in support of the story of the inauguration the minute of the meeting at which the event is alleged to have happened has been studiously kept out of sight. It had better be published, and here it is:

"St. John's Chapel, 1 March, 1787.

"The lodge being duly constituted it was reported that since last meeting R. Dalrymple, Esq., F. T. Hammond, Esq., R. A. Maitland, Esq., were entered apprentices, and the following brethren passed and raised: R. Sinclair, Esq., A. McDonald, Esq., C. B. Clive, Esq., Capt. Dalrymple, R. A. Maitland, Esq., F. T. Hammond, Esq., Mr. Clavering, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Millar, Mr. Sime; and Mr. Gray, who all paid their dues to the Treasurer.

"No other business being before the meeting, the lodge adjourned.

"Entries ... £3 13 6	"ALEXR. FERGUSSON, M.
"P. & R. ... 6 6 6	"CHAS. MORE, D.
"Collected ... 1 1 0	"JO. MILLAR, J.W.

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The concluding sentence of the foregoing minute proves beyond question that no such event as the inauguration of Burns as Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning took place at the meeting of 1st March, 1787.

Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, was the first of its Poets Laureate, and he was made so in 1835.

D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Scotland.

### CONSECRATION OF THE UNITY CHAPTER, No. 1247.

A special Provincial Grand Chapter of Devon was held on the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, to constitute a new chapter, entitled the Unity, to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247. Comp. W. G. Rogers, P.G.H., officiated as the Grand Superintendent, supported by—

Comps. J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T., as P.G.H.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.G.J. and P.P.G.P.S., as P.G.J.; Major G. C. Davie, P.G.S.E.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg., as P.G.S.N.; F. C. Frost, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Gover, as P.G.P.S.; W. L. Lavers, as P.G. 1st A.S.; D. Banks, P.G. 2nd A.S.; R. Hambly, as P.G.S.B.; J. Hammond, P.G.D.C.; J. Gidley, as P.A.G.D.C.; A. Andrews, P.G.O.; H. Shooter, P.G. Janitor; V. Bird, P.P.G.S.N.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; W. Gregory, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Miller, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Ailsford, P.P.G.P.S.; R. Pike, P.P.G.O.; J. Wallis, P.Z. 1255; A. W. Spinney, Z. 105; J. Parkhouse, P.Z. 156; N. Radmore, Z. 159; C. A. Nicholson, P.Z. 159; W. H. Williams, P.Z. 159; A. S. Hendry, Z. 189; F. R. Thomas, P.Z. 189; R. Pengelley, P.Z. 70; J. Leonard, Z. 202; A. Trout, Z. 223; E. H. Littleton, P.Z. 230; C. G. Withell, Z. 2025; T. E. Peek, P.Z. 1205; G. Horswill, P.Z. 105; H. J. Kitt, P.Z. 105; R. W. Pitcher, P.Z. 230; F. Hooper, H. 2025; W. J. Sweet, J. 105; W. F. Westcott, J. 70; J. Maton, P.Z. 70; G. Dunsterville, S.N. 189; W. Wallis, S.N. 1255; W. H. Phillips, Janitor 1255; and W. Coath, 2nd A.S. 230.

Comp. Major Davie, P.G.S.E., reported the petition for the constitution of the new Unity Chapter, which was signed by Comps. J. R. Lord, J. G. Kevern, G. H. Selleck, J. Kinton-Bond, P.P.G.T.; and J. Maton, Past First Principals of 70; T. Goodall, P.Z. 954, P.P.G.O.; and J. H. Page, G. J. Firks, A. Davis, W. H. Mayne, G. Helson, T. S. Eyre, and A. Roberts, all of 70.

The warrant for the constitution of the chapter, signed by the Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, was also read by P.G.S.E. The Principals named in the warrant—Comps. J. R. Lord, Z.; G. J. Firks, H.; and T. S. Eyre, J.—were then examined,

and they having expressed their approbation of the constitution of the chapter and their willingness to undertake the offices for which they were named, the acting P.G. Principals proceeded to constitute the chapter with the usual ceremonies.

This having been completed, Comp. J. R. Lord, being a P.Z., was obligated to the duties of Z. of the new chapter. Comp. Lord next installed Comps. G. J. Firks, as H., and T. S. Eyre, as J.

The Prov. Grand Principals then closed the chapter.

Comp. W. G. ROGERS, in so doing, congratulated the members of the new chapter on their very satisfactory prospects, and the ability displayed by their first Z., Comp. Lord, in conducting the duties of the chapter.

The officers of the new chapter will be chosen and instituted at its next meeting.

### A FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

The Grand Master of Canada, M.W. Bro. JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON, in his address to the Grand Lodge, at its recent Communication in Toronto, alluded to the subject of "A Fraternal Congress" in these words:

"The general good of the Craft in every jurisdiction concerns all who desire to see Masonry retain its place in the front rank of fraternal associations. Perfection in government is the ambition of all who have a part in guiding the affairs of governing bodies, and yet none assume the position that they have attained, the summit towards which they strive. Differences of opinion exist in all jurisdictions. There are varying views concerning Masonic jurisprudence. There are differences in the ritualistic work. The forms of the government of the Craft are diverse. The drink question agitates some jurisdictions; the colour question others. The recognition of the higher rites is in the arena of debate. The powers and prerogatives of a Grand Master have led to animated discussion, and the question of territorial jurisdiction might be argued to advantage. Many other points as well occupy attention in at least our English-speaking jurisdictions. With so much food for reflection, will it be considered beyond the line of diffidence if I advance the thought that a representative gathering of delegates, composed of leading men in all jurisdictions, should meet in fraternal congress—if you like at Toronto, next year when we celebrate our Centennial—or at any other centre on this continent, and deliberate on the questions alluded to, arriving, if possible, at results which would serve as guide marks—as suggestions—offerings of advice, which should be accepted in the true spirit of fraternity by the jurisdictions of this continent. Conventions and congresses seem to be the peculiar feature of this age. Societies of all kinds, religious, political, and literary, are organising such gatherings, both on this continent and in Europe. Why Masons should not follow their example is a natural question to ask.

"There is nothing improper or un-Masonic in their doing so, provided the true objects of a Masonic convention be constantly kept in view and steadfastly pursued. Those objects are: to enquire and determine as to what the ancient landmarks of the Order really are, in what respects we have departed from them, and what course we must take to return to them.

"Whenever a discussion comes up for discussion, the only point for such a congress to decide will be, what has been the established usage and custom of the Craft, operative and speculative, in this particular? When it is found that the practice prevailing in some jurisdictions is different to that followed in others, then the aim of that congress must be to discover whether the founders of our Order did or did not lay down any rules or laws for our guidance in the matter. If they did, all that remains for us is to receive and obey them. If they did not, then the next inquiry will be, what course was pursued and what regulations were prescribed by our operative predecessors, before the establishment of speculative Masonry as a distinct and separate science? The landmarks are the standard by which the work of the Craft must be tried. In no other way can uniformity be prescribed. Supposing that bands of workmen in different and distant localities were engaged in building a number of distinct structures, and that it was required that those structures should, when completed, resemble each other exactly. How could this be accomplished unless each and every band copied the same model and made no deviation from it in any particular? And so it is with Freemasonry. If lodges, either Grand or subordinate, were permitted, under the pretext of making improvements, to make alterations and innovations in the laws and customs of the Order, then its grand and boasted universality would disappear, and a different kind of Masonry would be met with in every country, State, and province. The legacy our fathers have bequeathed to us we must preserve pure and entire. Nothing must be added to it, nothing must be taken away from it. If we are to have a congress—and I hope that we may—then the great business of its members will be to discuss, revise, and restore the ancient usages and customs of the Craft, not to put forward their own individual ideas of what is to be considered proper or desirable. Reverence for antiquity is the feeling which should pervade every Masonic assembly. All talk of live issues and of keeping pace with the progress of the age is entirely out of place there. All talk of relegating some of the ancient landmarks to the ancients, and of retaining only such as are suited to the times, must of all things be avoided, for it is not in harmony with the spirit which should there prevail. If those who sometimes discourse in this strain were to study Masonry more thoroughly, they would soon see how false and how untenable is the position they take. The landmarks and principles of our Order are among the things that do not wax old or decay. Like the sun in the heavens, theirs is the gift of eternal youth. They are as new and as living to-day, as dear and as precious to the human heart, as ever they were in those far-off days when the patriarchs of our race raised their first altar to their God, and learned those great lessons of reverence for the Creator and love for His creatures which have been the food and the solace of the soul through so many successive generations, and whose pristine freshness and beauty time hath never been able to dim or efface."

BOAZ.—The name of one of the well-known pillars at the entrance or porch of the first temple at Jerusalem, erected by King Solomon, and which were cast, we are told, by Hiram Abiv or Abif. The German Steinmetzen are said to have erected such pillars as early as the 13th century at any rate, as at Wurtzburg Cathedral in Bavaria, where they still are to be seen. Some have thought these pillars to be of later work, but of this there is no evidence whatever. Indeed we think it may fairly be asserted that the Operative Masons were in the habit of erecting these pillars in churches at an early period. Boaz was on the left hand.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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**To Correspondents.**

The following communication unavoidably stand over:  
Summer Outing of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

The arrangements for the Masonic ceremony—which is to be held on 12th September on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the new hospital for the sick poor in Dundee—have now been completed. Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, Grand Master of Scotland, will perform the ceremony, which will be taken part in by all the Masonic lodges in the country.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex, like the Provincial Grand Lodge, is in a highly prosperous condition. As was shown at its recent annual meeting at Chingford, the number of its chapters, and proportionately the number of its subscribing members, has increased, and the feeling existing among both chapters and members is most harmonious. This is no doubt in a great measure due to their being presided over by so genial and at the same time so able a companion as Comp. F. A. Philbrick, but the members themselves must be excellent "companions every one" or the harmony and good feeling which prevails amongst them would not be so conspicuous.

It is a praiseworthy act on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to have adopted, as it did at its Quarterly Communication on the 6th inst., a resolution which raises the minimum age for the admission of candidates from 18 years to 21 years, except in the case of Lewises, and thus assimilating its rule in this respect to the rule of the Grand Lodge of England. The return for the quarter to the 25th July last, during which the number of intrants—i.e., initiates—was 1319, shows clearly enough that there is no lack of fresh material awaiting to be received into the Order, while there is no need for any one to hurry into our ranks. By all means let the Lewises have their privilege of earlier entrance, nor do we see any objection to young men such as are being educated at our Universities being admitted while *in statu pupillari*; but for the general body of candidates, who cannot be so well informed as to the character of Masonry as are the sons of Masons or not so "clubbable" as are the majority of University men, we think it is better they should wait till they are of full age before being admitted.

We quoted last week from the columns of our worthy contemporary, the *Keystone* of Philadelphia, an article entitled "What's in a lodge name?" and if lodge nomenclature were confined to such titles as the *Keystone* selected for the purpose of illustration, no one could reasonably object to such names as "Universal," "Antiquity," "Shakespeare," "Abbey," "Montefiore," &c., which are all of them appropriate enough. So, too, are the "Affability," "Temperance," "Unity," "Fortitude," which figure so numerous in lodge rolls, as well as those which memorialise brethren of high distinction, such as the "Moirs," "Carnarvon," "Skelmersdale," "Yarborough," "Zetland," and the like. But nearly every Grand Lodge has under its authority private lodges whose titles have or suggest nothing in common with Freemasonry, and there are many among those which have selected the names of brethren for their titles, which would be hard put to it for an answer if they were asked to explain why they had so designated themselves.

This is more especially the case with lodges which have named themselves after brethren who are considered by their friends and admirers to have proved themselves to be bulwarks of our Order, but who are scarcely known outside the limits of their own Masonic circles. We shall not be guilty of the bad taste of selecting examples of this class of lodge titles, but let anyone of our readers glance through the roll of our English lodges, and he will have no difficulty in spotting scores of titles which to him and the bulk of the English Fraternity are meaningless, because the Masons whose names they bear were brethren of little or no distinction. By all means let the fame of our rulers and men of distinction be perpetuated in this fashion, but let the practice be limited to those who have distinguished themselves, so that if anyone asks "What's in a lodge name?" there may be always a decent answer awaiting them.

We have received a series of communications from Melbourne relating to a case recently tried in the First Civil Court in that city, in which two members of the Masonic Order figure as plaintiff and defendant respectively. It is needless to say that the action has caused a very considerable amount of interest, it being, happily for the reputation of Freemasonry, of very rare occurrence that a civil action is brought by one brother against another in respect of circumstances which had taken place, or which arose out of what had taken place, within a tyled lodge. In this instance, Bro. Blashki, a Past J.G.W., and formerly President of the Board of Benevolence of Victoria, brought an action against a Bro. Smith for an alleged libel contained in a letter written by the latter, and published in the *Australasian Keystone*. Bro. Smith pleaded that the meaning attached by the plaintiff to the statements in the letter were not libellous or intended to be libellous, and in the result the jury returned a verdict in his favour.

Since the action Bro. Blashki, notwithstanding that he had resigned his membership and thus severed his connection with the Order, has been expelled from Freemasonry, by vote of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria at its Quarterly Communication in June, the majority for his expulsion being 196 to 5.

It is to be regretted that such a case as this should have occurred so soon after this United Grand Lodge has been established. At any time and under any circumstances disputes between Masons in a Court of Law are to be deprecated, but in this dispute we see nothing which might not have been adjusted. We shall refer to the matter in greater detail next week.

We can hardly believe the correspondent who sends the following enquiry to *Notes and Queries* can be a Mason: "In the churchyard of All Saints', Hastings, is a tombstone erected (A.L. 5843) by a local Masonic lodge to the memory of a brother. The following word occurs among the usual Masonic symbols, 'ITNOTGAOTU,' which, being unknown to me, may I ask some brother Mason to explain it?" We fancy the merest tyro in Masonry would have little difficulty in enlightening a "brother Mason" as to its meaning. The local stone-cutter has evidently omitted the full-points after each letter to indicate initials, and this has led to the writer reading it as a word. "In the name of the Great Architect of the Universe" is not unfamiliar to the Masonic ear.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

948] ANOTHER OLD MASONIC JUG.

If any of your readers who may be members of *Lodge 271* read the following it may interest them. An old Masonic jug is now exposed for sale in the collection of a dealer in Curios in the city of Londonderry, Ireland. It is exact in shape, size, and engraving as my jug, of which a report was made in "Masonic Notes and Queries," No. 871, March 29, 1890, with the difference that instead of G in a triangle on the front, the number 271 appears in a triangle.

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PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge** (No. 2321).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. S. A. Auty, P.M., W.M.; Alfred Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Thos. Jowett, S.W.; John Niven, J.W.; Chas. H. Ellis, Treas.; John Thos. Last, Sec.; John Thornton, S.D.; Samuel Robinson, as J.D.; Goodman Root, as I.C.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; John Hill, Tyler; George Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. P. Peterson, John Morton, Robt. S. Hird, and Wm. Sangwine. Visitors: Bros. Joseph Matthewmann, P.M. 1019, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Tudor Trevor, P.M. 2069; and Tom E. Greenhough, S.D. 1545.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A resolution of sympathy with the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., in his recent illness, and sincerely hoping that the G.A.O.T.U. would speedily restore his health was passed, and directed to be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Master. A resolution for the sanction of the lodge to be given to the formation of a lodge of instruction, pursuant to the Book of Constitutions and under the warrant of the lodge, was discussed, and the debate

adjourned to the next lodge. An interesting and instructive lecture was then given by Bro. Peterson on "Masonic Triads," after which a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Peterson for his able and interesting lecture, the same to be recorded on the minutes. The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the current year was appointed. Apologies were tendered for the absence of a number of the brethren who were away on their holidays. Nothing further having been advanced for the good of Freemasonry, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from Lodges 1019, 1545, and 2069, and from Prov. Grand Lodge. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After the usual Masonic toasts Bros. Matthewmann and Trevor responded for "The Visitors," and stated the great pleasure it had afforded them to visit the lodge, and that the very able lecture they had listened to had amply repaid them for journeying from Leeds and Wakefield respectively.

The toast of "The W.M." was ably proposed by Bro. Matthewmann, and in responding the W.M. expressed the pleasure it had afforded the lodge to receive the unexpected but nevertheless very welcome visitors.

EATON.

**George Gardner Lodge** (No. 2309).—A regular meeting, by dispensation, was held at the Christopher Hotel, on Saturday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Skinner, W.M.; Laundry, S.W.; E. B. Cox, Prov. G. Std. Br., Treas., acting J.W.; C. P. Bellerby, Sec.; Geo. Gardner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; Hannum, S.D.; C. Corp, J.D.; J. Broderick, I.G.; Pullman, D.C.; H. Squire, Kirkham, Pritchard, Manlove, Manning, and others. Visitors: Bros. May, 771; Payne Curtis, P.P.G.D.C. Gloucester; and Briggs, acting Org. 771.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. H. Squire and Bro. R. J. Manlove, 177, were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Mr. Mark Laval was duly initiated. The business connected with the future destination of the lodge was discussed, and a resolution proposed by the W.M. that in future the lodge meet at the above hotel.

The brethren then sat down to a most excellent banquet, and the usual toasts were given and received in an enthusiastic manner. The coming annual launch party of the 5th of September brought forward promises of large support, and so ended a very useful and most enjoyable meeting. Bro. Briggs officiated at the piano, while Bros. May, Pullman, and others gave, as usual, a choice selection of songs.

FELTHAM.

**Lebanon Lodge** (No. 1326).—The 142nd regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Railway Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Jas. Clark Goslin, W.M. Among those present, many of whom came specially from distant parts of the country to do honour to the new W.M., were Bros. S. Wheeler, S.W.; F. Dunstan, J.W.; Samuel Page, Treas.; Harry Davey, Sec.; E. J. Wheeler, S.D.; Alex. Robertson, J.D.; W. H. Davey, I.G.; W. Kite, D.C.; D. Moss and S. Platten, Stwds.; J. A. Wilson, I.P.M.; J. J. Marsh, P.M.; W. R. Vassila, P.M.; J. Laurence, P.M.; Amey, Harvey, James, Norris, Russell, and Ruthven. Visitors: Bros. Blake, Dean, Hamblin, Hart, and Pasco.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. in a very able and impressive manner initiated Mr. Donald James Ruthven, and later, in an equally perfect manner raised Bros. Harvie and James to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Other formal business was done, and two candidates proposed for admission. Among many others, apologies were received from Bros. Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M., and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B. The incidental music during the initiation and raisings was most kindly given by Bro. H. J. Dean.

After the lodge was closed, the usual banquet followed, and the customary toasts proposed and honoured.

Bro. J. Laurence, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., in responding for "The Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," alluded to the kindly way in which the Provincial Grand Master had rewarded the efforts of the Lebanon Lodge, and said there could be no doubt that the working of each lodge in the province, its influence in the Masonic world, and its efforts to further the cause of Charity were most keenly watched by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the lodge which sedulously and conscientiously attended to these points received its proper reward in the shape of Provincial Grand honours. He therefore exhorted all those who had not yet attained the chair to diligently and carefully prepare themselves for every office in the lodge, and to interest themselves to the utmost in furthering the good work of Masonry and its Charities.

Bros. Marsh and Vassila also replied.

Bro. J. A. Wilson, I.P.M., in submitting the toast of "The Worshipful Master," congratulated him upon the very efficient way in which he had worked the ceremonies. They were simply perfect, not only were they letter-perfect, but they were worked in such an impressive manner that the candidates would not readily be able to efface from their memory what they had heard and seen that afternoon. From what he knew of Bro. Goslin he had expected something beyond the average. The lodge had now the advantage of a W.M. who had exerted himself to become thoroughly efficient, and it was reaping the benefit of his industry and hard work. What Bro. Goslin had done that night was not only a credit to himself, but it increased the prestige of the lodge. As far as he could see, his office of I.P.M. would be a sinecure in the matter of prompting. In conclusion, Bro. Wilson called upon the brethren to give their W.M. a bumper.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the way in which the toast had been received, said he could find no words sufficient to thank the brethren for their kindness. He had resolved that if ever he occupied the chair he would endeavour to fill it in a way befitting so important a lodge, and to merit all the kind things that were said of him. He would spare no pains to further the interests of the lodge, for he knew how kindly all were disposed to him, and how very ably he was supported by each individual member of the lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. said every lodge needed repairing at some time or other. Members, or bricks, as he might say, were constantly dropping away from different causes, and, consequently, to keep the structure in a substantial condition, new bricks were required. Freemasonry at the present

time was so popular that there was no difficulty in supplying this want, and yet in this facility lay their great danger. They wanted bricks, but good sound ones that would add to the stability of their lodge, and not those faulty ones which might on some future occasion necessitate their considering how they be disposed of. In their initiate he was certain they had a brother who would become a Mason in its truest sense—a credit to himself and to the lodge of which he was now a member.

Bro. Ruthven suitably replied.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. said he did so with very great pleasure. The Lebanon Lodge was always most pleased when members of other lodges honoured them with their presence. He looked upon visitors as providing a kind of connecting link, joining as it were one lodge to another, and so forming that continuity of fraternal friendship which is the distinguishing feature of Masonry.

Bros. Dean, Blake, Hamblin, Hart, and Pasco severally replied.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was received in a most hearty manner. The W.M., in submitting it, said he need not dilate upon the good qualities of their Treasurer. Bro. Page had been so long among them, and had performed his duties so faithfully, that every brother knew his worth. He could not, however, but help once again to place on record his appreciation of the worth of their Secretary, who was ready at all times to do what he could for the good of the lodge. It had been a matter of surprise to him how one who was so young a Mason had so quickly settled down in his harness, and obtained such a clear and accurate grasp of the duties pertaining to his office. He had consulted Bro. Davey on many points, and out of mere curiosity submitted his opinions and replies to old Masons who knew the technicalities of the Craft as well as they knew their A B C, and he was pleased to say in every case the opinion of their Secretary had been confirmed.

Bro. Page said he had no very difficult task. In such a lodge as theirs a Treasurer's work was merely play. He had always a balance on the right side, and he was pleased to say that in no previous period of its history was the lodge so flourishing as at present.

The Secretary, in replying, thanked the brethren for their very great kindness in so heartily receiving the toast. In what he did he always tried to deserve and merit the great honour they conferred upon him, and to do his best to still further increase the popularity of the Lebanon Lodge. That was no very difficult task under such a Master as they had—one could not help being affected by his own enthusiasm.

At intervals during the evening Bros. Dunstan and Pasco gave a selection of songs, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

#### GREAT STANMORE.

**Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst. at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. C. Veal, P.M. 889, P.P.G.D., W.M., by dispensation. Among the brethren present were Bros. Geo. Sturman, P.G.P. Herts, S.W.; H. B. Weatherall, J.W.; C. A. Woodbridge, Sec.; B. C. Gowan, S.D.; Mansfield, J.D.; J. Blackburn, I.G.; W. A. Rogers, P.M., Org.; S. Ellis, Tyler; W. Mumford, W. J. Overhead, J. J. Conway, F. S. Winkley, W. Taylor, W. C. Cooper, R. Jarvis, C. J. Veal, E. Winterbottom, and J. Best. Visitors: Bros. Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Hill, P.M. 1702; W. Large, P.M. 1984 and 2218; F. Honeywell, P.M. 889; C. A. Walter, P.M. 865; A. Findlater, 134; and C. J. Davison, S.W. 1897.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Rogers, P.M. and Treasurer, the candidate being Bro. George Sturman. Bro. Charles Veal, I.P.M., was invested as I.P.M. The other officers were Bros. H. B. Weatherall, S.W.; B. C. Gowan, J.W.; Rogers, P.M., Treas.; Charles Veal, I.P.M., Sec.; W. W. Mansfield, S.D.; J. Blackburn, J.D.; H. Bleaney, I.G.; and S. Ellis, Tyler. The addresses were splendidly delivered by Bro. Rogers, P.P.S.G.W. Bro. C. Veal, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing on it, by special resolution of the lodge, the word "Founder." The Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Rogers, had also the word "Founder" added to his Past Master's jewel. These two brethren are the only two founders of the lodge now left. The lodge was founded 16 years ago. One candidate for initiation was proposed, and the name of one candidate for joining was given in, after which the lodge was closed.

A superb banquet followed, and the floral decorations were not the least of the many attractions provided. But this it is hardly necessary to say, Bro. Veal's desire to please every one who visits Stanmore being known to be unbounded.

The usual toasts followed, and the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Room, responded to the toast which included the Provincial Grand Officers. In his speech he congratulated the lodge on its great success, a fact which was evidenced by nine initiates and one joining member having been credited to the past year, during which Bro. Veal was W.M.

Bro. F. J. Honeywell, P.P.G. Org., presided at the piano, and during the evening there was some excellent singing.

It is asserted that the new line of the London and North-Western Railway which is now open into Stanmore has contributed and will materially add to the prosperity of the Masonic lodges held at the famous Abercorn Hotel.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### LIVERPOOL.

**Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge, which took place on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, was attended by nearly 150 brethren, about 40 of whom were P.G. Officers, P.M.'s, and W.M.'s, clearly showing the progress and popularity of "The Duke," as it is familiarly called. Bro. W. Rawsthorne, W.M., presided at the commencement of the proceedings, his chief supporters being Bros. J. Williams, P.P.G.D.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treasurer; A. D. Hesketh, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Davis, P.P.G.P.; J. Edwards, P.M.; G. B. Kirkland, P.M.; and J. Pittaway, P.M. Bro. Andrew Morris was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bros. Hesketh, P.M., and Williams, P.M., and the ceremony was very effectively performed by Bro. Barclay, P.M. The

following were the official appointments: Bros. W. Rawsthorne, I.P.M.; W. F. Ferguson, S.W.; R. Tunnicliffe, J.W.; A. D. Hesketh, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; D. Lowthian, Sec.; A. H. Nicholls, S.D.; Dr. G. Johnston, J.D.; T. Holmes, I.G.; A. Barclay, P.M., D.C.; H. B. Wright, Org.; R. B. Robertson, Deputy Org.; and S. Jones, G. T. Mills, and J. N. Cliffe, Stwds.

After banquet, admirably served by Bro. Casey, a 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel set with diamonds, a massive silver collar jewel, and a Past Master's apron with silver ornaments were presented to Bro. Rawsthorne, and an excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Hollis, Edwards, Lewis, Lane, R. and A. Robertson, Antwiss, Latham, Nicholls, Wright, and Greenlees.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Strawberry Hill Lodge (No. 946).**—This prosperous lodge held its regular meeting at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.G.D.C. There were also present Bros. E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; W. Beard, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. H. Rohrs, P.M.; T. Inglis, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Lyons, S.W.; H. E. Gomme, J.W.; H. Barton, acting S.D.; F. De Groot, I.G.; J. Oliver, D.C.; and W. Holland.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bro. Holland was duly passed to the Second Degree, and subsequently invested as Steward of the lodge. The revised by-laws were again considered, and the alterations suggested by the Prov. Grand Secretary approved, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to banquet at the King's Head Hotel, where, after doing ample justice to the good things provided by Bro. Barton, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. Inglis, Beard, Barton, and others, contributing greatly to the harmony of the meeting.

#### YORK.

**York Lodge (No. 236).**—A regular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on the 17th inst., the W.M., Bro. Thos. S. Brogden, presiding, supported by his officers and other brethren. The lodge being opened, Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas., was unanimously re-elected Charity Representative, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Balmford, P.M. The Secretary, Bro. Hy. Foster, P.M., brought before the lodge the fact that the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was to be held in February next, and Bro. Todd, P.M., remarked that he hoped that lodge would send a Steward on that important occasion to represent No. 236, and he felt sure the brethren would heartily support their representative. The province had set a very good example in granting £150, and he felt that the lodges throughout the province would send up Stewards, which would ensure a successful result. An appeal was then considered which had been forwarded by the W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, on behalf of a distinguished but distressed brother, and it was resolved to contribute a certain sum from the lodge, the W.M., Bro. Brogden, making an individual donation. The lodge was then closed.

### Royal Arch.

#### COLCHESTER.

**Patriotic Chapter (No. 51).**—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Three Cups Hotel, when the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. A. S. B. Sparling, Z.; R. D. Poppleton, H.; Charles Osmond, J.; Alfred Welch, Treas.; T. J. Ralling, S.E.; J. G. Renshaw, S.N.; R. Howard Ives, P.S.; E. Gowers, 1st A.S.; A. J. H. Ward, 2nd A.S.; and S. Munson and A. Wright, Janitors.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Evans, W.M.; Ellison, S.W.; Windsor, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Folkard, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Ball, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Bate, and Nettleship.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Cochrane having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Cochrane duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Ellison was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. D. S. Long, Sec., W.M.; J. Banks, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, Treas.; J. Davies, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; R. Phillips, I.G.; Chalfont, P.M.; Dehane, P.M.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; Fox, P. Burton, R. Reid, T. Jobson, H. J. F. Williams, and W. Hillier.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Fox acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and, on the usual risings, was formally closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; E. F. Ginder, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; J. Kruse, I.G.; J. V. Woodman, Stwd.; S. Barrow, and M. Rosenberg. Visitor: Bro. Joseph Hatton, 901.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barrow being candidate. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rosenberg candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Foan was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; E. Clare, S.W.; Joseph Cox, J.W.; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865, I.P.M.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; E. E. Geflowski, S.D.; H. Wake, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; B. H. Dames, Stwd.; T. Haynes, J. H. Neville, W. G. Foster, C. G. Hatt, J. Spraggs, W. J. Rendall, W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; and A. Williams, P.M.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hatt acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed, and the candidate proved his proficiency in the former Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Clare was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Barber for his able conduct as W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. T. C. Dyer, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; C. E. Everett, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; B. H. Dames, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; C. E. Betts, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; T. W. Heath, R. Phillips, E. J. Green, W. J. Rendall, W. G. Foster, C. C. Barber, and P. J. Davies, W.M. 865.

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 able manner, Bro. Green acting as candidate. Bro. Dyer vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Williams. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Davies offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Williams vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Dyer, who resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Rendall was elected a joining member. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dyer for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time in any lodge of instruction, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. N. Baxter, W.M.; J. Davies, P.M., S.W.; W. G. Foster, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; W. Hide, S.D.; H. F. Williams, J.D.; Powell, I.G.; Fox, Stwd.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Sec.; M. Speigel, P.M.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; J. Brown, W.M. 2012; R. Reid, W. G. Medley, R. Bone, C. Woods, R. Phillips, and J. Harbord. Visitor: Bro. W. H. Tucker, 144.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Phillips offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies, P.M. 169. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. Bro. R. Phillips was elected a member. Bro. J. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting. That evening was a curious anniversary, viz., the birthday of three members of the lodge, Bros. J. Sims, W. Coplestone, and W. W. Williams, and the whole of the members congratulated those brethren.

**WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., W.M.; A. H. Wilson, S.W.; W. W. Cook, J.W.; G. J. Westfield, acting Preceptor; W. P. Allen, Sec.; P. Trickett, S.D.; T. H. Lloyd, J.D.; W. J. Short, I.G.; and many others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed and the ancient charge delivered, Bro. Lewis Young as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Bestow passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hales and D. McLane were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. A. H. Wilson was elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### Order of the Secret Monitor.

#### BRIGHTON.

**Royal Sussex Conclave (No. 10).**—A meeting was held on the 8th inst. at the Royal Pavilion, when there were present Bros. A. F. Lamette, P.G.C., P.S.R., as S.R.; H. Pearce, C.; J. A. Thilthorpe, G.; W. Wright, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; E. Tebbs and E. Mitchell, V.D's.; E. Mitchell, as Guarder; H. H. Hughes, Sentinel; Mugliston; Gill, Upton, Histed, Mennich, Isworth, and Sayers. Visitors: Bros. Zacharie, G.S.R.; G. Lemon, G. Treas.; Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R.; and J. J. Thomas, G.G.

Bros. J. Sayers, W. B. Isworth, and J. M. Mennich were regularly inducted by the acting S.R., Bro. Lamette. The con-

clave was opened in the Second Degree, and the following brethren admitted Princes of the Order: Bros. A. Upton, E. Histed, W. Gill, and G. T. W. Mugliston. Bro. Zacharie, G.S.R., in a few well chosen and eloquent words, presented to Bro. A. F. Lamette, P.G.C., P.S.R., a very handsome P.S. Ruler's jewel unanimously voted to him for his valuable services to this conclave and the Order.

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. DIVISIONAL CONCLAVE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the Divisional Conclave of Kent in this Order took place at the Masonic Rooms, William IV., East Greenwich, under the banner of the Invicta Conclave, No. 148, on Monday, the 17th inst. The Intendant-General of Kent, V.E. Sir Knight Wood, presided, assisted by Sir Knight Brice, Viceroy Eusebius, many of the Present and Past Divisional Officers, and members of the conclaves in the division. Divisional Grand Conclave having been opened, the RECORDER called the muster roll, and the sir knights present answered to their names.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and, on motion made, were approved and signed. Letters of apology for absence were read, and the Treasurer then presented his annual cash statement, which being considered satisfactory, was approved and adopted.

The Treasurer was then re-elected, and the INTENDANT-GENERAL, having referred in feeling terms to the lamented death of his Deputy, Sir Knight Dr. Penfold, expressed his intention of not filling up the post at present as a mark of respect, and then proceeded to appoint and invest his other officers as follows:

Sir Knight Thackwell	...	D.G. Viceroy Eusebius
Church	...	D.G. Senior General.
Cauldery	...	D.G. Junior General.
Rev. H. Cummings,		
P.G.H.P. Eng...		D.G. High Prelate.
Cobham, Asst. G.		
Rec. Eng.	...	D.G. Treasurer.
A. H. Bateman,		
G. Ex. Eng.	...	D.G. Recorder.
Nash	...	D.G. Chamberlain.
Weiss	...	D.G. Marshal.
Carter	...	D.G. Prefect.
G. Burney	...	D.G.I. of R.
Spurrier	...	D.G. 1st Std. Br.
J. G. Thomas	...	D.G. 2nd Std. Br.
H. George	...	D.G. Sword Bearer.
Kipps	...	D.G. Organist.
Kitson	...	D.G. 1st Herald.
Newton	...	D.G. 2nd Herald.
Bateman	...	D.G.D. of C.
Frater Orum	...	D.G. Sentinel.

The DEPUTY GRAND RECORDER, at the request of the Intendant-General, read the printed by-laws of the division and distributed copies, and also referred to the recent changes in the executive of Imperial Grand Conclave, urging all present to use their individual exertions to promote the good and well-being of the Order. The alms were then collected, and Divisional Grand Conclave was closed.

The sir knights subsequently partook of refreshment, under the presidency of the Intendant-General of Kent, the M.P.S. of Invicta Conclave occupying the vice-chair. The banquet was admirably served by Host Burney, and after a few toasts and short speeches the sir knights separated.

The next meeting was fixed to be held in October, 1892, at Chatham.

## ANTI-MASONIC LEAGUE IN HUNGARY.

We translate the following from the Swiss Masonic journal, *Alpina*, of July 31st, 1891:

"We find in the Hungarian non-Masonic papers the following notice: 'The Secretary of the Prince-Primate of Hungary, Dr. Jules Machovitz, organises a "Popular League against Free Masonry." This league has just commenced its propaganda in the towns of Upper Hungary. Jules Machovitz has already written numerous pamphlets against Free Masonry during the lifetime of Jean Simors. It would appear from this notice that there is arising in Hungary a strong feeling against our Institution. But on the following day, according to the *Orient*, the same papers printed the following short article of a nature to tranquillise the brethren: 'Popular League against Free Masonry.—The report has been spread that the Secretary of the deceased Prince-Primate of Hungary, the S. J. Machovitz, organised a league against Free Masonry. As a very competent person from Grau informs us, this report is without foundation.' In effect a league of this kind would have great difficulty to exist, for it is not without reason that Bro. F. W. Crowe terminates an important article appearing in the number of the *Freemason* for the 6th of June by the following perfectly justified remarks: 'If we consent to take into consideration the fact that Hungary is a Roman Catholic State, and in consequence of this fact the Brotherhood is there forbidden by the high dignitaries of Catholicism, the above numbers\* are the proof of an important success, and a mark on the part of the Hungarian brethren of a great love and respect for the great Masonic family. Let us not forget either that in this country Free

\*Referring to statistics of lodges and brethren.

Masonry is not become, as in other European States, a semi-political Institution, and that the Hungarian Masonry is worthy in all points of the warm sympathy and of the active support of all countries.' The judgment which Bro. Crowe pronounced upon the Hungarian Masonry corresponds to our own sentiments, which we have long held, and we express to him our gratitude for having done it so well."

## MASONIC AMENITY.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., the Past Masters and office bearers of the Fingal Lodge, Dingwall, were entertained to dinner in the Spa Hotel, at Strathpeffer, by Bro. William Payton, of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, London, private Secretary to Sir John Pender. Bro. Payton was elected an honorary or affiliated member of the lodge the other day, and he took this pleasing way of marking his sense of the event. The Masonic party, who drove to and from Strathpeffer, was composed of the following brethren: Bros. Naughty, R.W.M.; Joass, P.M.; Lemon, P.M.; Alex. Campbell, D.M.; Arthur Joass, Sec.; John Mackenzie, Treas.; Henderson, S.W.; John Ross, S.D.; Wm. Mackenzie, J.D.; D. Fraser, J.; John Cumming, I.G.; and Rodk. Mackenzie, Stwd.

After dinner, which was of the most fraternal character, the party attended a concert in the hotel, on the invitation of Sir John Pender.

## The Craft Abroad.

### CONSECRATION OF THE TRANSVAAL CHAPTER, No. 1747.

This chapter was duly consecrated and the Principals installed on Saturday afternoon, the 18th ult., in the Masonic Temple, St. Andries'-street, Pretoria. Comp. W. H. Miles, M.E.Z. Johannesburg Chapter, assisted by Comps. Green, H., and Aburrow, J., and other officers from Johannesburg, performed the ceremony in an exceedingly impressive and effective manner. In the evening a convocation was held in the same place, when a number of the members of the Transvaal Lodge were exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, Comp. Miles and his colleagues performing the ceremony in their accustomed careful and impressive manner. An excellent choir, under the conductorship of Comp. Malraison, added very materially to the beauty of the whole proceedings.

In the evening there was an excellent supper provided with his usual ability by Comp. Burger, to which about 40 members of the Order sat down, and to which ample justice was done.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, as well as some others appropriate to the occasion, which were responded to with genial warmth.

The following are the officers appointed for the ensuing year: Comps. John Keith, M.E.Z.; Carl Ueckermann, sen., H.; E. W. Sprawson, J.; Harold F. Strange, S.E.; R. J. Holloway, S.N.; F. W. Coles, P.S.; J. Ball, 1st A.S.; J. Dingwall, 2nd A.S.; F. Strange, Treas.; H. Burger, D.C.; T. Fox, Org.; and E. Maxted, Janitor.

## CAPE COLONY.

**Lodge St. Blaize (No. 1938).**—This lodge held its annual installation meeting at Mossel Bay, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist. The W.M. elect, Bro. Capel J. Hogg, was presented and installed in the chair of King Solomon with all the customary ceremonial. The installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. J. A. Cuff, P.M., who was assisted by Bro. Eustace, D.D.G.M., and Bros. J. Mudie, J. Foster, and E. S. Puckle. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Foster, I.P.M.; A. J. Kirkman, S.W.; J. Thomas, J.W.; E. S. Puckle, P.M., Sec.; T. E. Saunders, Treas.; J. T. Eustace, D.D.G.M., Chap.; J. Mackinlay, S.D.; J. T. Edgar, J.D.; H. A. Cuff, I.G.; and G. C. Waites, Tyler. The brethren then proceeded to St. Peter's Church, and on return to the lodge a highly finished banner was presented to the lodge and duly acknowledged, and an address delivered by Bro. Schierhout, W.M. elect of the Frere Lodge, Riversdale.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Masonic Hall, which was of a most successful character; the usual toasts were given and received with enthusiasm. At the banquet there were many expressions of thanks towards those ladies who had assisted in catering for the enjoyment of the brethren.

## Obituary.

### BRO. JAMES MACDONALD, W.M. 1910.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the sudden death of Bro. James MacDonald, the W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, which took place at Beckenham on Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst. Bro. MacDonald was a member of the well-known firm of John Walker and Co., wholesale manufacturing stationers, Farringdon House, Warwick-lane, E.C. His brother-in-law and partner, Mr. Walker, being away in Scotland, Bro. MacDonald was rather late in leaving the city owing to pressure of business, and when the train by which he was travelling home to Beckenham stopped at the bend of the line between Kent House and Beckenham Junction stations, near his own house, he evidently thought he had time to get out, to save some few minutes, and cross the line, as he had done several times before with other friends, and take a short cut across some allotment gardens to his residence. Whilst in

the act of leaving the carriage an empty train had come dashing round the bend, and, striking Bro. MacDonald on the head, killed him instantaneously. Our worthy brother was in vigorous health at the time, and several brethren who saw him on Saturday say he seemed in his usual jovial hearty spirits. He was an excellent Mason and a first-class worker in lodge; whilst in the harmony degree few could be a better chairman, and as Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, is Worshipful Master elect of the lodge, Bro. MacDonald was looking forward with keen pride to have the great honour of installing "the patron saint of the lodge," as Bro. MacDonald facetiously christened him, into the chair of No. 1910. Bro. MacDonald was born at Hopetown in Morayshire, N.B., and was a thoroughly representative Scotsman. He was J.W. of the Scots Mark Lodge, and intended joining the Scots Craft Lodge next October. He was in his 50th year, was married, and is survived by his widow, but leaves no family. His sudden death has come as a terrible shock to a very large circle of brethren and friends. He is to be buried to-day (Friday) in the Crystal Palace District Cemetery, Anerley, at three o'clock.

### BRO. JAMES R. LING.

Bro. James R. Ling, who died at his residence in Cambridge on Monday last, was for two years in succession W.M. of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, namely, in 1870 and 1871, and for many years subsequently he officiated as Organist of the lodge. He was also the senior subscribing P.M. Bro. Ling was appointed Provincial Grand Organist in 1864-5-6 and 1884, and P.J.G.W. in 1877. He was likewise an expert in Royal Arch Masonry, and was P.Z. and P.P.G.R.

### BRO. G. P. PIERCE.

The *New Zealand Herald* announces the death quite suddenly, at Auckland, of Bro. G. P. Pierce. He was a native of Devonshire, and born at Plymouth. He was a son of the late Captain Pierce, R.N. His mother only died 18 months ago at the age of 91, and last year Bro. Pierce placed a memorial window in St. Sepulchre's in remembrance of his honoured parents. While a lad he went to Ireland, to which his parents had removed. He was subsequently connected with the firm of Smith, Elder, and Co. About 35 years ago he arrived in Auckland, and became a member of the firm of Bain, Pierce, and Co., which traded in Auckland for some time. Subsequently he retired, and became first local manager and then general manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company—posts which he occupied with conspicuous ability and success. Bro. G. P. Pierce was not only an old Freemason, but one of the most distinguished members of the Craft in the colony. He was a member and subsequently Worshipful Master of the Ara Lodge, I.C., in the early days, and during the time the troops were in New Zealand, and has ever since up to the time of his death remained a member of that lodge. When Bro. De Burgh Adams, Assistant Commissary-General of the military forces in New Zealand, who was the first Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution of Freemasonry in the Province of New Zealand, was called home, the choice of a Prov. G.M. at once fell on Bro. Pierce, who even then held a distinguished place in Masonry, and he was unanimously recommended to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Irish Constitution, the Earl of Leinster, who promptly issued his patent to the deceased brother, and it was subsequently confirmed by the Earl of Abercorn. During his long Masonic career Bro. Pierce has been held in the highest esteem. He has opened a large number of new lodges in his large province, and by suavity and courtesy, combined with firmness and strict justice, and impartiality in the discharge of the duties of his high office, he gained for himself the respect, esteem, and sincere love of the brethren of all Constitutions with whom he was brought into contact, and it was in a great measure due to his tact that the relationship between the three Constitutions working side by side in New Zealand had been maintained. The recent establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has been to Bro. Pierce a source of great anxiety, but while maintaining in its fullest integrity his loyalty to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, he on all occasions urged on the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the sister lodges holding under it, that those members who seceded from the Constitution and joined the new Constitution were entitled to every consideration in regard to joint property as well as fraternal respect, and indeed he did a great deal towards pouring oil on the troubled waters which some of the more zealous and less thoughtful members of the Order had stirred up. A Mason he lived and a Mason he died, and there is not a brother throughout New Zealand but will learn with deep and sincere feelings of regret of the painfully sudden death of Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution in New Zealand.

## Death.

**BURGESS.**—On the 17th inst., at Highdown, Hendham-road, Trinity-road, Upper Tooting, S.W., John Burgess, of 9, Air-street, Regent-street, in his 53rd year.

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## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The Doric Lodge, No. 2350, will hold its next regular meeting on Saturday, September 12th, at Didsbury.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the chair of the 24th annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be held in July next, 1892, will be taken by Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., and ex-Lord Mayor.

By permission of the benchers, the gardens of Lincoln's Inn have been thrown open to the children dwelling in the surrounding streets from six p.m. till dusk, and will remain open during these hours until the 18th September.

The Duchess of Edinburgh, accompanied by Prince George of Wales and her daughters, visited the Royal Naval Exhibition on Friday, the 14th inst., and witnessed the drill of the blue jackets and the new manœuvres on the lake.

Harvest operations were commenced last week in Sussex and Hampshire, and oats and wheat are being cut and stacked in the neighbourhood of Chichester, Horsham, Arundel, and Portsmouth. The reports as to the condition of the crops are favourable.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, the Duchess of Albany, and Princess Henry of Prussia, crossed from Cowes to Portsmouth on board the Royal yacht *Alberta* on the 13th inst. for the purpose of paying a visit to the Duke of Connaught.

The Duke of Westminster opened his picture gallery at Grosvenor House on Sunday last from 2 to 6 p.m. to the members of the National Sunday League and their friends to the number of about 4000, and has given permission for it to be similarly opened on Sunday next.

Very many of the foreign delegates who had attended the International Congress on Hygiene were entertained as guests by the Savage Club on the 14th inst., prominent among those who helped to welcome the distinguished visitors being Bros. Sir Frederick Abel and Sir J. Somers Vine.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to grant the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom to Susan Agnes Lady Macdonald, widow of the late Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, G.C.B., Prime Minister of Canada, by the style and title of Baroness Macdonald of Earncliffe, Province of Ontario.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, concluded their visit to the Isle of Wight early this week, and returned to Marlborough House, whence they have since gone and re-embarked on board the Royal yacht *Osborne*, which will convey them to Copenhagen on a visit to the King and Queen of Denmark.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) will receive the members of the approaching International Congress of Orientalists at the rooms of the Royal Society of Literature, 20, Hanover-square, on Monday, the 31st inst., and the following morning the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, who is one of the honorary Presidents, will deliver the opening address.

On Monday Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Sheriff Sir W. and Lady Farmer, and Bro. Sheriff Sir Augustus and Lady Harris, left London for a week's sojourn in Scotland on the invitation of the Lord Provost and Corporation of Glasgow, and on the following day the latter gave a grand banquet in honour of their visitors.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M., held in Winnipeg, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. N. F. Davin, M.P., for delivering, in the interests of the Masonic Reading Room, an eloquent and instructive lecture, the proceeds from which have been more than sufficient to supply all papers and periodicals for the current year.—*Regina Leader*."

Somersetshire had the honour of defeating Surrey—which has carried all before it during the present cricket season—at Taunton on Saturday last and two preceding days. On the first innings the scores were Somersetshire 194 and Surrey 154; but on going to the wickets a second time the former declared their innings closed when the ninth wicket fell, after compiling a fine total of 331. This left Surrey 372 to win, but though they played pluckily, and almost succeeded in making a draw, their last wicket fell just one minute before time for 2.41, and they lost the match by no less than 130 runs.

The *Toronto Globe*, in referring to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, says: "Freemasons will read with interest the address of the Grand Master, Mr. J. Ross Robertson. It has been divested as far as possible of routine and statistical information, and contains much fresh and readable matter, well arranged. The field of Masonry is thoroughly surveyed, and the general result is encouraging. Sixty per cent. of the 350 lodges on the roll are reported as flourishing, and 30 per cent., while doing fairly, are showing signs of improvement. At the same time the drawbacks to prosperity, such as non-payment of dues and irregular attendance, are plainly stated."

A Masonic brother who has for two years been watching the moon and the weather, in order that he might discover the best time for the holding of evening meetings, says that he has found that rain or snow generally follows close upon the full moon. He continues: "out of 24 moons, four were the fairest in the new, eight in the first quarter, two in the full, and ten in the last quarter. This would make the last quarter the best for stated meeting, but the moon rises too late; we should, therefore, recommend that the day fixed be a day 'next before the full moon.' This would give the moon not less than seven hours high, which would last till after midnight, and sometimes almost full. If it be asked how the moon can effect the weather, we have only the suggestion to offer that the atmosphere may be affected exactly as the ocean is, and if so, the full and new moon would give us high tides in the atmosphere and thus more rain."—*Masonic Journal of N.Y.*

Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P., is entertaining for his uncle, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, a shooting party at Bolton Abbey, which includes Sir Henry James, the Hon. E. Lytton, and others.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, left London on Wednesday for Osborne, where he has since been in attendance on the Queen, and will accompany her Majesty at the inspection of the French Fleet at Spithead to-day (Friday).

A marriage has been arranged between the Lady Alberta Edgcumbe, second daughter of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Steward of her Majesty's Household, and Mr. Henry Yarde-Buller Lopes, only son of Bro. Sir Massey Lopes, Bart.

There was a musical Masonic service held at Marple on Sunday last, at which a large number of brethren assembled. For this occasion the lodge had been refurnished, the furniture being supplied by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

The Prince of Naples has concluded his visit to England and before taking his departure expressed to the English equerries who had been officially in attendance upon him his very sincere thanks for the manner in which they had fulfilled their duties, and by so doing had enhanced the pleasure of his visit.

The challenge Cup presented by Bro. General Sir Henry Roberts, Commander-in-Chief in India, to the 2nd City of London Rifle Volunteers, of which he is honorary Colonel, was shot for at the Rainham Ranges on Monday, seven shots at 200, 500, 600, 700, and 800 yards, the winner being Private White, who scored 131 points, while Corporal Hare was second with 129 points, and Sergeant Hore third with 126 points.

A large party of the members of the recent International Congress on Hygiene visited Cambridge on Saturday last, and were heartily welcomed by leading members of the University. After lunching in the hall of King's College they were conducted in groups to various places of interest, and were afterwards entertained at a garden party by the Master of Trinity, Dr. Butler.

Friday, the 14th instant, being the birthday of Prince Henry of Prussia, grandson of the Queen, H.M.S. *Invincible*, guardship at Cowes, fired a Royal salute in honour of the event, and in the evening the Queen gave a dinner party, which included the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne and the Marquis of Lorne, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, and others.

The Prince of Naples visited Palmer's shipbuilding works on the Tyne on Saturday, and had the opportunity of inspecting five war vessels building for the British Government, and six steamers in course of construction for the Italo-Britannica Royal Naval Steam Navigation Company. His Royal Highness subsequently visited the works of Sir W. Armstrong and Co. at Elswick, and expressed himself delighted with the welcome he had received.

The Prince of Wales left Cowes Roads on board the Royal yacht *Osborne* on the morning of Friday, the 14th instant, and travelled from Portsmouth to Victoria Station, accompanied by Prince George of Wales. In the evening their Royal Highnesses visited the Shaftesbury Theatre. The Prince has since left London for Homburg, whence, after a few weeks' stay, he will journey northwards on a visit to the King and Queen of Denmark, and will rejoin the Princess of Wales.

In the course of the excavations which have been proceeding for some time at the Eleanor Cross, Waltham, discovery has been made which shows that at one time a chapel stood in close proximity to, and even overshadowed the Cross, which some time ago was restored by public subscription and is one of the best preserved of the crosses erected to mark the resting places of Queen Eleanor's body on its way from the borders of Scotland to be entombed in Westminster Abbey.

The final meeting of the International Congress on Hygiene and Demography was held in the theatre of the London University, Burlington House, on Monday. Sir Douglas Galton presided, and congratulated those present on the success of the meeting. The next Congress will be held in 1894, at Budapest. Before the Congress broke up votes of thanks were passed by acclamation to the Queen for having acted as patron and for her hospitable reception of members at Osborne; to the Prince of Wales for the interest he had taken in the Congress; to the Indian authorities and native Indian Princes; and to foreign Governments for their support; and to Bro. the Lord Mayor, Baroness Burdett-Coutts, &c., &c., &c., for their hospitality.

The *Voice of Masonry* for August has a frontispiece representing the evolution of John W. Brown, its genial publisher, from a young man of 20 through the more mature years of 33 and 38 to the age of 58. The strong features, and open, frank countenance are preserved throughout the evolution. We have not had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Brown personally, but see the *Voice of Masonry* in the honest expression of his face. The locks in the last picture are thinner, the beard is streaked with gray, and time has marked the passing years upon his brow; but there is the same lustre in the eye and the same determination in the mouth, the same strength of character in the general features. May the years in the future be full of realised hopes and accomplished purposes.—*New York Dispatch*.

The annual summer outing of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., when a numerous party left Paddington Station at 10.35 a.m., Taplow being reached about an hour later. Here the party embarked on the Thames in two steam launches, yeleft respectively Mystery and Starlight. After a pleasant journey up the river, the weather being all that could be desired, Reading was reached, and here the party landed in preparation for the customary banquet, which was served at the Queen's Hotel, and gave unlimited satisfaction, the efforts of the hostess, Mrs. George, to provide for her guests being much appreciated. Bro. J. W. Curtis, W.M., presided, and Bros. J. W. Belsham and R. J. Rogers occupied the vice-chairs, among those present being Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P. for West Marylebone. The return journey was begun at 9.40 from Reading, the party arriving at Paddington shortly before 11 o'clock. Owing to the fine weather, the outing was much enjoyed.

Thursday last was the 72nd birthday of Admiral Sir Francis Leopold M<sup>c</sup>Clintock, the Arctic navigator, who ascertained the fate of Sir John Franklin and his companions.

It is characteristic of electrical storms that the rainfall on Wednesday was distributed very unequally in London. The quantity measured at Clapham was nearly one-third of an inch, while in Westminster it was only a tenth of an inch.

From the *Toronto Evening Telegram* we learn that "In Mississippi a person who sells lager beer and ginger ale is not eligible for the Degrees of Freemasonry." Why is the distributor of the harmless ginger ale and the almost equally inoffensive lager a sinner above other men?!

The second series of detachments chiefly from London and the home counties went into camp at Shoeburyness on Saturday last, and on Monday the competition for the Queen's and other prizes was begun and continued on the two following days. To-day (Friday) the prizes will be distributed, and to-morrow the meeting of the National Artillery Association for the current year will be brought to a close.

Colonel Menzies, of the Queen's Edinburgh Rifle Brigade, has been nominated to take charge of the team of Edinburgh Volunteers which is coming to London next month to shoot against the London Rifle Brigade and the London Scottish Rifles. Thirty men (including the Queen's prizeman) are to be brought to London, from whom the team of 20 will be selected.

The foundation-stone of the Memorial Church, to be built in the parish of Llanrhaidr-yn-Mochmant, to the memory of Bishop Morgan, who, while vicar of the parish three centuries ago, made the first translation of the Bible into the Welsh language, will be laid on Tuesday, the 25th inst., by the Dowager Lady Williams Wynn, on a site given by Colonel Bonnor, of Bryngwaha, situated half way between Llanrhaidr and Llanfyllin.

The subject of an increase in the initiation fee all over Scotland, which was introduced recently in the Province of Roxburgh and Selkirk, and afterwards dropped, has been taken up in Ayrshire, and will be discussed at the next Quarterly Communication in the latter province. Judging from the brief remarks on the subject made at the meeting last Tuesday, at which I had the privilege of being present, I foresee an interesting and intelligent discussion next November.—*Glasgow Evening News*.

The hope of increasing the supply of water to growing London by means of wells has met with a confirmation at Harefield Grove, in the Colne Valley. Five holes have been bored at depths varying from 108 to 182 feet, and in each of these the water rises to the surface. A reservoir has been made at a height which will allow of the water being distributed by gravitation. It is estimated that the yield can be depended on to the amount of about 10,000,000 gallons each 24 hours.

Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Beatrice will leave Osborne House shortly after six o'clock on Monday evening next for Scotland. The Royal party cross the *Solent* on the *Alberta* yacht to Clarence-yard, Gosport, and, quitting the coast at ten minutes to seven, will travel by special train over the South-Western, Great Western, North-Western, and the Scotch Railways to Ballater whence, on their arrival about half-past two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, they will drive to Balmoral.

The brethren of the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, Totnes, assembled last week to present their W. Master, Bro. James Willcocks, with a handsome marble clock, with Corinthian pillars and cathedral gong, on the occasion of his marriage. There was a very large gathering. The presentation was made in appropriate terms by Bro. Maye, P.M., and several of the brethren offered their hearty congratulations. The clock bore the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of Pleiades Lodge, 710, Totnes, to Bro. James Willcocks, W.M., on the occasion of his marriage during his year of office. July, 1891."

On Wednesday morning two painters, named Elkins and Crow, in the employ of Messrs. Jarvis and Son, builders, of Hackney-road, who are engaged in works of painting and repairs at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, met with a serious accident. While they were painting window frames on the roof of the building, between 30 and 40 feet from the ground, the ladder on which they were standing slipped, and they were hurled to the ground, coming in contact with an iron hurdle. Elkins had some of his ribs fractured, but Crow, strange to say, had no bones broken, but received a terrible shock to the system. After having been seen by a doctor, both men were conveyed to their homes.

The members of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, recently held their annual picnic. Mr. Shaw, of the Royal Hotel, Llangollen, catered for the party. The sports were ably carried out by Bros. Holland, Lindsay, Scott, and Mr. Williams, the results being as follow: Ladies' Race: 1, Miss Keighley, scratch; 2, Mrs. Gosling, 2 yards; won by a foot; 10 ran. 100 Yards (scratch): 1, Charles Lindsey; 2, Robert Odlin; won easily by 2 yards; 11 ran. Juveniles: 1, A. Rostock; 2, C. Higson; three ran. Brethren over 50 years of age: W. Stephenson; five ran. 120 Yards Handicap: 1, C. Lindsey; 2, J. A. Griffiths; 3, R. Odlin; won by 2 yards; half a yard between second and third; nine ran. 120 Yards Handicap (open): 1, A. J. Richmond; 2, A. Williams; 3, W. Masker; won by a foot; half a yard between second and third; seven ran. Married Ladies: Mrs. Gosling. Tug of War—20 ladies v. 10 men: Ladies won two out of three. After tea the prizes were given to the successful competitors by the wife of the W.M., and praise was given to Bro. Charles E. Holland for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the whole arrangements. After the party had been photographed by a Bootle photographer they returned home, after one of the most agreeable outings of the season.

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