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## UNWIELDY LODGES.

During the last 15 or 20 years there is hardly an instance of a new lodge having been constituted in the Provinces or in London but the Consecrating Officer has conceived it his duty to advise the founders to exercise the most extreme caution in the election of members. You cannot, he has told them, be too particular as to whom you admit to the rights and privileges of membership, and the same care should be taken in the case of the candidate who is the most intimate friend of your most respected member as in that of one of whom it is only known that he is a good class of man, who has the reputation of possessing the qualities which go to make a good Mason. Sometimes, as at the recent constitution of the Woodgrange Lodge, the sound advice thus tendered by the Consecrating Officer has been emphasised by the brother who has delivered the oration, and Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWN-RIGG, P.G. Chaplain, in supporting the Grand Secretary, drew a lofty ideal of the character of the man who seeks admission into our ranks, which we are greatly afraid is only approximately realised. The three requisites which he insisted upon in every candidate for Freemasonry were that he should be a man of honour, a man of Charity, and a man of industry, and we hardly think it possible that any one could have summed up the requirements more correctly or more tersely. But the very excellent advice which is thus tendered by our ablest and most experienced Craftsmen on all proper occasions runs a very fair chance of being rendered to a greater or less extent valueless by the increasing tendency of brethren in the present day to enlarge the borders of their lodges. A new test of quality has been added, and the lodge which is numerically strong is being looked upon with a degree of favour which we do not understand and cannot appreciate. In the United States of North America, where size is one of the chief elements of consideration, we realise that a lodge of Freemasons will be judged by its strength of membership, just as a railway collision, a steamboat explosion, or a tornado attracts public notice in proportion to the amount of damage it causes to life and property. We trust, however, that our lodges will make a determined stand against the further introduction of this standard of merit. We concede that there are many cases in which a lodge may be numerous without being unwieldy, and where strength of membership may be looked upon with favour. There is a lodge in one of the Home Counties in which the majority of the members are operatives in the government factories hard by. This lodge is not far short of a hundred strong, and we should say there would not be the slightest danger to its reputation as a well-ordered lodge if its membership were doubled to-morrow. Those who offer themselves as candidates are for the most part known to each other in the factory before they meet in lodge. So, too, with our University lodges, it can matter little as to the number of members, seeing that University men only are admitted, that is to say, men of the same stamp and about the same social standing. The same remarks will apply to other lodges which are not so generally known, but which, nevertheless, are favourably regarded for the high character of their members. But as a rule the moderate-sized lodge with from 30 to 50 members is the most manageable, and till lately has commended itself most to English Masons. In the case of lodges of this strength it is possible to act upon the advice of Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, and our leading experts to be cautious as to whom we accept as candidates. The members who fully realise the immense responsibility which rests upon those who propose candidates will take care not to recommend any for whose reputability they are not able to vouch. They will also take care their candidates are genial and kindly as well as men of character, so that the harmony of the lodge may run as little chance as possible of being disturbed by personal bickerings and petty jealousies. We repeat, this care is possible in the case of manageable lodges of about 40 or 50 members, because in such a body every member very soon becomes known to everybody else. All are equally concerned in having members

with whom it will not be derogatory for them to associate outside the lodge, and they will prefer the lofty ideal which was pictured the other day by Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWN-RIGG to one that is less exacting. But in lodges which are unwieldy by reason of their numbers this caution is well nigh impossible, except under conditions which have not yet commended themselves to the acceptance of English Masons. The inquisitorial work of the Private Inquiry Office is not generally popular in this country, and it is only by the employment of some such agency that a proper inquiry could be instituted in behalf of a lodge of 200 or 300 members. Therefore, to the advice so properly tendered by our Grand Secretary and others to be cautious whom you admit into the membership of your lodge, we respectfully add that which is hardly less valuable in its way. Let us take care that our lodges are not unwieldy in respect of numbers, for if they are, the standard of qualification will be proportionately lower.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at Tavistock. The lodge of that town, the Bedford, No. 282, was instituted in 1790, and was thus visited in connection with the celebration of its centenary. There was a very large attendance of brethren. The Committee of Petitions met at noon. Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., the Chairman of the Committee, was absent through having been detained by business at Exeter.

Bro. Major G. C. Davie, P.G. Sec., presided, and the members present included:

Bros. John Stocker, P.J.G.W.; S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G. Sec., Sec.; W. Powell, P.G.T.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; W. Locke, P.G.R.; J. Templeton, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; E. T. Fulford, P.P.G.T.; G. Merrifield, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Hambly, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. S. Kevern, P.G.D.C.; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C.; A. P. Reece, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Cawsey, P.P.J.G.D.; M. Emdon, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Pengelly, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. Gregory, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. B. Avant, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Major J. S. Swann, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Watson, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Sanders, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. A. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas.; E. M. Ellis, P.M., Sec.; T. W. Atherton, S. B. Harvey, W. Allsford, J. B. Crabb, N. Radmore, M. Whittle, P.M.; F. G. Knight, J. Trant, J. J. Leonard, W.M.; and H. W. Duncombe, P.D.

The SECRETARY reported that during the year he had received 1166 boys', 667 girls', 575 men's, and 719 women's votes, an increase on the previous year of 61 boys', 32 girls', 24 men's, and 110 women's votes.

The Committee reported that during the year five Devon candidates had been elected to the great London Charities—three girls and two men. There were now 40 Devon candidates supported by the great Charities, viz., 11 men, 12 women, 7 boys, and 10 girls. The Committee felt they owed a debt of gratitude to Bro. Rev. W. Whittle for his admirable management of the votes, for thanks to his exertions the position of the province had been much improved. The members and the lodges should, however, make further efforts to increase their donations and subscriptions, the province being much indebted to the liberality of the London Charities. There were five applications for relief. Twenty pounds were recommended to be granted to the widow of a brother of Lodge 112; £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 282; £5 was voted and £20 recommended to a brother of Lodge 1550 who had become blind in the prime of life; £5 voted and £10 recommended to the widow of a brother of Lodge 156; and £5 voted and £5 recommended to the widow of a brother of Lodge 954.

Bro. DAVIE announced that this year there were 12 lodges who had sent in their ten guineas each, moieties towards their obtaining Life-Governorships of the Benevolent Institutions in London, asking to be granted the other ten guineas each. That was very satisfactory, but from the state of the Treasurer's balance only ten of those lodges could be given those grants. He recommended that the grants should be made to those lodges who had received as yet the least number of grants. That course was adopted and the grants made to Friendship Lodge, No. 202; Charity Lodge, No. 223; Bedford Lodge, No. 282; Union Lodge, 444; St. Maurice Lodge, No. 1855; St. John Lodge, No. 70; St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125; St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39; Brent Lodge, No. 1284; and Jordan Lodge, No. 1402.

At Provincial Grand Lodge Bro. Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M., presided, supported by Bros Major N. Tracy, P.P.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; S. Jones, as P.S.G.W.; Jno. Stocker, P.J.G.W.; and the following brethren, in addition to those who had been present at the Committee of Petitions:

Bros. Rev. A. Newman, P.G.C.; T. C. Lewarn, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Mathews, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Capt. W. H. Ivimy, P.P.J.G.W.; C. G. Barnet, P.P.G.R.; J. Moysey, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Chapman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. L. Friend, P.P.G.D.C.; J. J. Daw, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Gidley and J. Osborn, P.G. Stwds.; W. R. Northway, P.P.J.G.D.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; B. Richards, P.P.S.G.D.; W. F. Westcott, P.J.G.D.; R. B. Towser, P.P.G.T.; Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G.C. of England; Dr. W. Langley Pope, P.P.G.C.; J. Stapleton, P.G.S.B.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Marley, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Sampson, P.J.G.D.; W. H. G. Churchill, P.G. Stwd.; F. Pollard, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Ford, P.P.S.G.D.; John Olver, P.P.S.G.D.; R. W. Pitcher, P.P.G.P.; B. S. Johns, P.G.S.B.; R. Pike, P.P.G.O. (who officiated as Organist); P. G. L. Pearce, P.S.G.D.; H. J. Kitt, P.A.G.P.; J. Kinton Bond, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bassett, P.S.G.D.; P. B. Clement, P.P.G.O.; W. Bond, P.G. Stwd.; H. Down, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Cornwall; Capt. G. S. Stroude-Lowe, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Lavers, P.P.G.P.; and others.

The P.G. Sec., Bro. Major G. C. DAVIE, reported that at the close of 1890 there were 3062 members in the province, an increase of 132 over the previous year; 219 candidates had been initiated, a decrease of 26; 477 were returned in arrears, an increase of 95; 12 lodges were desirous of obtaining Life-Governorships this year—202, 223, 282, 444, 1855; in the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons; 39, 70, 1125, 1254, 1284, 1402 in the Institution for Boys; 39 also in the Institution for Girls.

The Treasurer, Bro. W. POWELL, reported a balance in hand of £249. On that amount there would be the following claims: £105 to meet the moieties to the ten lodges whose applications were recommended to be granted, £80 to meet the grants recommended by the Committee of Petitions, 31 guineas due to the Devon Educational Fund, and about £27 due on other claims.

The Secretary of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, Bro. F. POLLARD, reported that there were now six annuitants on that Charity.

The TREASURER of that fund reported an increased investment of £38 in the Devon and Exeter Bank, £44 in hand, and all the annuitants and other liabilities paid; total funds invested, £2634. Whenever a single vacancy arose there are always many duly qualified applicants for the annuity. An increase, therefore, in the number of annuitants is advisable, which is not practicable with the income at present available. As each lodge has now a direct voting power *pro rata* with its contributions to the fund, it is hoped that in apportioning lodge funds to charitable purposes more consideration will be given to the requirements of this local Charity.

These reports and that of the Committee of Petitions were adopted.

Bro. J. B. Crabb, 1125, was elected P.G. Treasurer.

Bros. J. Templeton, 1332, and J. Stocker, 39, were elected Auditors.

The officers invested for the ensuing year were—

Bro. W. G. Rogers	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" Rev. H. G. Morse, 489...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Major J. S. Swann, 847	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. A. Newman, 494	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. M. Hare, 1358...	...	...	
" J. B. Crabb, 1125	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. W. W. Mathew, 112...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major G. C. Davie	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. H. J. Edwards, 251	...	...	} Prov. S.G.D's.
" Dr. W. S. Jervis, 2189...	...	...	
" J. Gaydon, 1135	...	...	} Prov. J.G.D's.
" W. Bond, 1486	...	...	
" I. Roskelly, 282	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Osborn, 954	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Martin, 1138	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" A. Marley, 1138	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. R. Langmead, 202	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Churchill, 106	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Gidley, 2025	...	...	
" F. J. W. Crowe, 2187	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. B. W. C. James, 248	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" H. S. Kitt, 105	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" S. Panter, 1099	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Parkhouse, 156	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" R. Blight, 223	...	...	
" E. H. Littleton, 230	...	...	
" W. B. Berry, 1332	...	...	
" W. Southwood, 1443	...	...	
" T. J. R. Challice, 1855	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. Shooter, 112	...	...	

On the motion of Bro. Major N. TRACY, hearty congratulations on the restoration of the P.G.M. to health were voted, and wishes expressed that he would long continue to preside over the Province of Devonshire.

Bro. Viscount EBRINGTON expressed his thanks.

In the evening nearly 100 of the brethren dined together at Bro. Squire's Bedford Hotel.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who presided, expressed his great gratification at the progress which was being made by Masonry throughout the country. When he assumed his present office the junior lodge was numbered about 1700, now the numbers were over 2200.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was mentioned in toasting the Grand Lodge Officers, and wishes for the happiness of the marriage about to be celebrated in his family were heartily expressed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 17th ult., a meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Ludlow, convened by Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M., and Bro. Rowland Geo. Venables, P.A.G.D. of C., Dep. Prov. G.M. A Committee of the Charity Association was held at twelve o'clock. The members of Prov. Grand Lodge met at 2.30 p.m. for the following business: to read and confirm the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Shrewsbury, to read letters of apology for absence, to call over names of officers, to read roll-call of lodges, to appoint and invest officers for the ensuing year, and to read reports of children in the Royal Masonic Institutions, &c. The following lodges were represented, viz.: Salopian, Salopian Charity, St. John, The Marches, St. Milburga, St. Oswald, Fitzalan, Clive, Castle, Audley, Brownlow, and St. Alkmund. The stage and windows were

adorned with cypress, fuchsia, cyclamens, crotons, geraniums, maidenhair ferns, and fancy grasses in pots, the whole being tastefully arranged by Mr. F. Calver, florist, Bull Ring. The council chamber was arranged as a robing room for the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers, the ante-room being the Provincial Grand Tyler's room. The large room was arranged for the holding of the various meetings in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge.

There were present:

Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M.; Rowland George Venables, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Salter, 2131, P.S.G.W.; Thos. Whitefoot, jun., P.J.G.W.; V. C. L. Crump, 117, 2311, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; Tom Machin, P.G.D. of C.; T. J. Barnett, P.G. Std. Br.; Alfred S. Trevor, 1621, P.G. Std. Br.; P. M. Berkeley, 1120, P.A.G. Sec.; W. E. Sharp, 611, P.P.G. Purst.; A. E. Lloyd Oswell, P.M. 262, P.A.G.P.; Rev. A. Burd, William Adams, Arthur Exham, H. R. Giles, and Robert McBean, P.G. Stwds.; William Belton, P.P.G.D.; Alfred Spaul, P.P.G. Reg.; Frederick Cox, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Parsons, P.P.A.G.S.; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.P.S.G.W.; Roff King, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Jewell, J. E. Brooks, A. S. Townsend, J. H. Cooksey, R. Brayne, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. L. Southwell, 1621, P.P.G.W.; G. Williams Freeman, P.S.G.W. of National Grand Lodge of Egypt; J. M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derby, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; John D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; K. G. Salter, P.S.G.W.; T. J. Salway, J.W.; S. H. Valentine; C. W. Wicksted, W.M.; Thomas Allen, W.M.; Thomas Bromwich, W.M.; William T. Smith, S.W.; C. E. Baddeley, W.M.; R. Williams, J.W.; Thomas Everall, J. P. Cranstoun, Charles R. Valentine, H. de Courcy Peele, R. K. E. Roberts, F. Salisbury, Alexander Graham, Sidney Smith, C. B. Cranstoun, E. Stanley Lloyd, G. A. Shackel, E. H. Rickards, A. Lacey, Edward J. Robinson, F. W. Smith, J. Henry Lockhart, W. Chirm, C. F. Keysell, T. O. Horton, Charles Edwards, Robert Cross, John Prince, George W. Roberts, Henry Edwards, Godfrey E. Cooper, and John Valentine, 454.

The following officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. C. W. Wicksted	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Sir Charles Soame, Bart.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. B. Ashdown	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. H. Dunkin	...	...	
" V. C. L. Crump	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. R. Giles...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. H. Spaul	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Berkeley...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. H. Parsons	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Lloyd Oswald	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Tom Machin	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Adams	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. Bird	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. Lewis	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Exham	...	...	
" Dr. Bratton...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. McBean	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. Nelson	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" B. Blower	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Deedes	...	...	
" V. Allen	...	...	
" Bromwich	...	...	
" T. R. Badderley	...	...	

After the conclusion of the ceremonial work of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the basement of the building, where a banquet took place, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, in the chair.

The following toasts were proposed and duly honoured: "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.;" "The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. G. Venables, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges of the Province," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast.

The day's proceedings fitly concluded with a Masonic ball, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Charities, and was held in the New Town Hall, which was decorated with flags suspended from the gaseliers, the windows having in each a stand of choice plants, and the stage being profusely adorned with evergreens and flowers.

Dancing, which was announced to commence at nine, began about half-past, and was kept up with great spirit until the programme was exhausted, and about four a.m. the last of the guests departed.

The ball itself was admitted to be most enjoyable, and, as is always the case with Masonic festivities of this kind, it attracted a very large and fashionable company.

The room at all times, and especially by gaslight, presents an attractive appearance, but filled as it was on this occasion with a large assembly of handsomely-dressed ladies and the Masons in full Masonic dress, the scene was brilliant in the extreme.

The arrangements, which were entrusted to a special Ball Committee, were admirably carried out in every detail.

The Shropshire Yeomanry Band was engaged for the occasion, and maintained its well-known reputation under the leadership of Mr. Hudson Davies.

The supper, which as well as the luncheon was provided by H. Carter, of the Castle Restaurant, was served in good style, and gave general satisfaction.

### SIR WALTER SCOTT AND FREEMASONRY.

It is difficult to imagine that if Sir Walter Scott had, like his great contemporary Robert Burns, been a Freemason, such a fact would not have been known in the Masonic world, and yet there is intrinsic evidence scattered through the Waverley novels that Scott was not altogether ignorant of Masonic customs and traditions. It is just possible that such a lover of books and antiquities of all kinds may have stumbled across some old books bearing more or less upon Freemasonry, and if so, judging by the frequent allusions to the customs of the Masonic body, a profound impression must have been made upon his mind. Some of the references are such as might easily occur in the writings of the uninitiated, but there are others which seem to imply a deeper knowledge than the outside world is usually supposed to possess.

Amongst the more commonplace allusions to the Craft are the following :

There prevailed amongst the highlanders who pretended to the second sight a sort of Freemasonry, etc.—*Legend of Montrose.*

In youth, however, there is a sort of Freemasonry which, without much conversation, teaches young persons to estimate each others character.—*The Monastery.*

If they see a person in company, though a perfect stranger, who is by nature fond of children, the little imps seem to discover it by a sort of Freemasonry.—*The Abbot.*

It is I believe a piece of Freemasonry amongst the Scottish lower orders, etc.—*Antiquary.*

Instinctive Freemasonry of love.—*Talisman.*

But there are other allusions less general and more specific. In the preface to "Rob Roy" the following passage occurs: "As it may be necessary in the present edition (1829) to speak upon the square."

In "Quentin Durward," Lord Crawford, addressing his company of Scottish archers, is made to say, "Well, lads, we must live within compass."

There are many other passages worthy of notice. For instance:

The Latin reply had upon the schoolmaster the effect which the Masons sign is said to produce upon the brethren of the trowel.—*Kenilworth.*

It was followed by a solemn and peculiar tap, such as a kind of Freemasonry had introduced among Royalists, and by which they were accustomed to make themselves and their principles known to each other when they met by accident.—*Woodstock.*

The parties met in the Masons' lodge, at Kippletringan.—*Guy Mannering.*

They recognised each other with a single word, sometimes only with a grip of the hand, exchanged some private sign, doubtless.—*Redgauntlet.*

And when he had exchanged some of those words and signals by which, as surely as by those of Freemasonry, young people recognise a mutual wish, etc.—*The Fortunes of Nigel.*

Her body was burnt at the stake, and her ashes were scattered to the four winds.—*Ivanhoe.*

In "Anne of Gierstien," a work which introduces the Vehmic tribunals, there are numerous passages which have a smack of Masonry—to quote one only:

Measurers of good and evil,  
Bring the square, the line, the level.

In the "Antiquary," the following passage will be found:

Ay, ay, rejoined Oldbuck, you mean, I suppose, Mair and Boece, the Zachin and Boaz, not of history, but of falsification and forgery.

The following passages are not uninteresting to Royal Arch Masons:

The destroying angel hath stood still, as of old, by the threshing floor of Araunah, the Jebusite.—*Talisman.*

An almost identical passage to the above is to be found in "Peveril of the Peak."

Put off thy shoes, he said to his attendant, the ground on which thou standest is holy.—*Talisman.*

We find copstones mentioned in "Ivanhoe," and in "Kenilworth" "a Treatise on the letter Tau" is spoken of.

To members of the less recognised Degrees the subjoined passages will convey a hidden meaning:

By which Temple, said the Marquis of Montserrat, swearest thou by that on the Hill of Sion, which was built by King Solomon, or by that symbolical emblematical edifice which is said to be spoken of in the councils held in the vaults of your preceptorates, as something which infers the aggrandisement of thy valiant and venerable order.—*Talisman.*

Certain it is that he professed to be a brother of the mystical rosy cross.—*Kenilworth.*

No one but thyself could have gulled thee, and thou hast gulled the whole brotherhood of the Rosy Cross besides.—*Ibid.*

Description and illustration of the Arch of Steel.—*Pirate.*

The war cry of the Templars "Beaséant."—*Talisman.*

While the challenger rode round the lists in the course of the sun—that is from right to left—the defender made the same circuit *widdersins*—that is from left to right—which is in most countries held ominous.—*Talisman.*

In the "Monastery" there occurs a foot-note explanatory of expressions used by the Euphuist, Sir Piercie Shafton, as follows:

I think there is some remnant of the foppery preserved in Masonic lodges, where each brother is distinguished by a name in the lodge, signifying some abstract quality as discretion or the like.

There may be other passages which have a bearing upon Freemasonry scattered through the writings of Scotland's great novelist, but the specimens given are sufficient for the writer's purpose, which is to show that Sir Walter Scott (taking it for granted that he was never actually admitted into Freemasonry) was not altogether ignorant of the traditions and symbolism of the Craft. He was of that peculiar temperament which loves to live in the past, whose active brain was stored with tradition, whose power of acquiring knowledge of *out-of-the-way* facts was almost unique, that had Sir Walter thought fit to join our Order, Masonry would have delighted him, and he would have honoured Masonry.

### THE DANGERS OF SUCCESS.

During the past few years, all over the State of New York, the lodges have been busy with candidates. Freemasonry has been exceedingly popular, and men from outside have been seeking admission by scores. Nor has this state of prosperity been confined to this jurisdiction; the same thing is true, to a greater or less degree, all over the world. From Scotland comes the statement that they crowd so at the portals of the lodge room that 40 or more are brought to light at a single communication. In England new lodges are formed, and numbers are travelling toward the light.

However pleasant prosperity may be, it is sometimes dangerous. When everything is going well with us, and the skies clear and our spirits free from care, we are apt to forget the days of darkness or the hours of despondency. We go with an open hand and feel at peace with all mankind when we are flushed with success. As long as the sun shines brightly we do not fear the storm. What a pleasant condition! It is right and proper to enjoy to the fullest extent the blessings of success, but there is no time perhaps when there is a greater need for a signal light of warning. There is danger ahead.

There is danger that we may over estimate our ability and strain our powers. We may imagine that we will always be prosperous. In the affairs of life we are depressed or sanguine according to the outlook of crops or business. The reports from the world's great storehouses are carefully

studied, and we see nothing but good times ahead. We are elevated in spirits, and proud of our good judgment in the conduct of our affairs. Suddenly we wake up some morning with a chill sensation. We look out and a nipping frost has cut down the flowers and killed the fruit. Dead, dying, withering beneath the touch of destroying cold, the face of Nature assumes a gloomy appearance. Our hearts are chilled. Our calculations are gone over, and we find in our former studies this element of danger had been forgotten. It does not mean bankruptcy, but it means a necessity for a more careful watching of our business, lest a greater calamity overtake us, when this nipping frost has ruined our neighbour's prospects.

The same is true in our lodge work. This success too often leads us to think that it will always be so. Storms can never destroy the work we do. If the lodge treasury is full, we feel that we can afford the luxuries of lodge life, and a hundred dollars is expended here, another hundred there, new robes, new jewels, banquets, presentations and all such things—good and necessary, but sometimes too lavishly indulged in. Better be satisfied with the old paraphernalia, fix up the old jewels, than deplete the treasury, relying upon past success for future prosperity. Success often leads us to live beyond our income and draw upon our capital. As soon as a man begins to draw upon his capital, so soon does he start on the road to debt and ruin.

Success in numbers is dangerous. The lodge last year raised 20; it must raise 25 this year. In order to "break the record," which seems to be the effort in everything now-a-days, we violate one of the fundamental principles of our Institution, and urge men to join the lodge. Instead of having the "profane," as we call him, seek us, we seek the "profane," and urge him to come in with us. He does not come of "his own free will and accord," but from our will and persistency. In no other way can the large number of propositions be presented that we sometimes see coming into our lodges.

The evil is two-fold. The man who joins Masonry because he is urged to will make but an indifferent member. He will take but little interest in the Institution, and in a few years he will be found in the army, every year growing larger, of unaffiliates. He has come, not of his own will, not from a desire really to participate in our works of Charity, or to improve himself in morality, but out of curiosity, and because his friend Brown wanted him to join. As soon as his curiosity is satisfied, and Brown has accomplished his purpose, that of keeping up the record, away he goes back to his old haunts. And then this urging men to join the lodge, just to perpetuate its prosperity, often leads to the admission of unworthy material, and the very prosperity is turned to a frost that chills the ardour of the faithful and leads to depressing circumstances. Trials for un-Masonic conduct, always to be regretted in a lodge (but there ought to be more of them), causes much trouble and many heart burnings, and before we are aware of it the work ceases, and we are no longer prosperous.

There are many other dangers of success that space does not permit us even to mention, but the suggestion of the subject we hope will lead to thought, and a shutting off of the throttle before we run away to ruinous practices.—*New York Dispatch.*

### THE ILLUMINATING POWER OF FREEMASONRY.

Freemasonry illumines the understanding. Of itself it is a liberal education to him who pursues its study with diligence. It inspires nobility of mind. It introduces to the company of the learned, the proficient, the thoughtful. It inculcates wisdom—the wisdom of Solomon, traditionally; the wisdom of the "First Great Light," in thought, word, and deed actually. And then, whoever pursues the history of the Craft—as every Freemason should—in these days when such Masonic histories as those of Gould, Fort, Lyon, Findel, Steinbrenner, and Stillson are so easily to be obtained, and almost every Masonic jurisdiction has its Masonic journal, another light dawns upon the mind. The investigator basks in perpetual sunshine. The student of Freemasonry finds a fourth great light shining upon him, the light of past history to explain the present, and enable him to enjoy all of its usages and customs. Freemasonry came out of the past, and no Freemason who lives merely in the present secures all of the instruction and enjoyment to which, as a Craftsman, he is entitled. He should have among his intimates William of Sens, the architect of Canterbury Cathedral; William of Wykeham, that of Winchester; Elias Ashmole, the earliest known English speculative Freemason; Benjamin Franklin, the early and all-round Freemason, who served the Craft in all of its stations, from Secretary of his lodge to Grand Master of his Grand Lodge. By familiarising ourselves with the Masonic records of such great men and Masons we may make them our associates, receive inspiration from their words and works, and rejoice in their active connection with our Fraternity.

The sun rises and sets upon Freemasons; who that is one of them should not rejoice in his heritage of glory? The sun brightens our morning hours, and gilds our evening labour and refreshment. The three Great Lights of the Craft illuminate the life of every brother who is a true "son of Light," and make him a brighter, happier, holier man, a man who is a thinking, speaking, acting embodiment of "sweetness and light."—*Keystone.*

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.—Born in 1632, died in 1723; and though one of the most distinguished architects, was, at the advanced age of 86, after 50 years of useful, active, and laborious self-devotion to the services of the public, dismissed from the office of Surveyor-General. We state this on the authority of Sir William Chambers, in his "Civil Architecture." London, 1862, who characterises the circumstance as an "eternal disgrace of the reign of George the First." Wren was a great genius, and though not actually educated as an architect, he has left as his monument the Cathedral of St. Paul's—one of the grandest edifices the world has ever seen, which was commenced in 1675, and completed in 1710. He was knighted in 1672, but never seems to have received the notice due to his great genius. In Freemasonry it has been general for many years to credit Sir Christopher Wren with everything great and good before the "Revival," but on very slender evidence. He is said to have been a member of the "Lodge of Antiquity" for many years; "and the maul and trowel used at the laying of the stone of St. Paul's, with a pair of carved mahogany candlesticks, were presented" by him, and are in possession of the lodge. Dr. Anderson chronicles him as Grand Master in 1685; but according to a manuscript of Aubrey's in the Royal Society, he was not admitted a brother Freemason until 1691. Unfortunately, the early records of the celebrated "Lodge of Antiquity" have been lost or destroyed, so there is literally nothing certain as to Wren's Masonic career, and what little has been circulated is contradictory. It is, of course, more than likely he took an active part in Freemasonry, though he was not a member of the Masons' Company; but as the records are wanting, it is idle to speculate, and absurd to credit to his labours on behalf of our Society what there is not a tittle of evidence to prove.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on THURSDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1891, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, and to elect 18 Girls into the School from a list of 25\* approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall,  
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October 1st, 1891.

\* The name of Mary Louisa Raggatt, No. 23 on the list of Candidates, has been withdrawn, and Mary Beatrice Woodroffe Scholes, No. 2 on the list, has been admitted into the Institution by presentation.

The One Hundred and Fourth Anniversary Festival will take place in May, 1892, under the most distinguished presidency of H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., M.W.P.G.M., Prov. G.M. of Sussex. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this very important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient.

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To elect 19 Boys from an approved list of 37 Candidates. The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The ballot for the Election of Boys will be open at One o'clock, or so soon as the general business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,

J. MORRISON McLEOD,

Secretary.

London, September 26th, 1891.

N.B.—The revised Laws are now in print, and may be had on application to the Secretary.

The Ninety-Fourth Anniversary Festival will be held on the 29th June, 1892, under the distinguished presidency of the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire. The services of brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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Masonic Notes.

We must remind our readers that the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School will be held in the great hall at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday next, the 8th inst., for the transaction of ordinary business, and the election of 18 children from an approved list of 26 candidates, the polling being opened at 1 p.m., or as soon as the other business has been disposed of, and closed at 3 p.m. precisely. The Boys' School Quarterly General Court will be held in the same hall on the following day during the same hours for the transaction of general business and the election of 19 boys from an approved list of 37.

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We also take this opportunity of impressing upon our readers that in the case of the Girls' School five children, who rank on the list as Nos. 1, 2, 10, 13, and 19, and in the case of the Boys' School six children, who rank as Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 17, and 32, will have their names removed if they are unsuccessful in obtaining vacancies next week, as after these elections they will be over 11 years of age. We therefore appeal most earnestly to all those Governors and Subscribers who have not as yet promised their support to any particular candidates to exercise their votes and influence on behalf of these children, who have been all of them adjudged worthy of being elected to the benefits of our Schools, and in whose behalf therefore a special appeal of this kind is perfectly justifiable. As the proportion of candidates to vacancies is in the case of neither School excessive, other candidates can wait till the elections in April, 1892, but for these unfortunate "last cases" there is no waiting; they must succeed next week or fail altogether. Hence this appeal.

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It is with very deep regret that we announce the death of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Methuen. The sad event occurred at his residence, Corsham Court, on Saturday night last, after a long-protracted illness. His lordship was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire as far back as March, 1853, his one senior colleague being Bro. Lord Leigh, who was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire the preceding year. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having occupied the chair of Z. in the Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, Swindon, in 1875, and also that of Past Provincial Grand H. Wiltshire. He had been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and was a supporter of all our three Charitable Institutions, as well as a trustee of the Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund of his Province. His lordship was highly respected by the brethren he had presided over for so many years with such conspicuous success.

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The publication of Bro. John Durell's letter on the subject of Article 213 and Lodge La Cæsaree, No. 590, is satisfactory—to this extent at all events—that, assuming his version of the facts to be correct, the lodge, or some of its members at all events, were fully acquainted with the contents of the letter in which his son authorized him to apply for his clearance certificate. On laying the facts before the Provincial Grand Secretary he tells us that that brother asked him if he would allow him to lay the letter before some of the Past Masters so as to show that he "was duly authorised" by his son to procure his clearance certificate. To this course Bro. Durell immediately assented, and the letter was shown to the I.P.M., but it was of no avail, and therefore he laid his complaint before the Provincial Grand Master. This removes the one shadow of an excuse which the lodge had for not granting the certificate.

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We have very great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart, M.W.G. Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, has appointed Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as the representative of his Grand Lodge near the United Grand Lodge of England, and has still further accentuated the honour which pertains to such an office by conferring on Bro. Richardson the Past Grand rank of Senior Warden of the same Grand

Lodge. Bro. Richardson's services to Freemasonry have been so numerous and considerable that this present announcement will be received on all sides with the greatest satisfaction. We heartily congratulate him on his selection by Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke for this important post.

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We mentioned last week that Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, Pro Grand Master of South Australia, had been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Adoniram Chapter, No. 101. We should have added that the ceremony was performed, by special request, by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Correspondence.

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

BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD'S LETTER ON THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

That a letter with so important a bearing upon the character and reputation of Freemasonry as that which Bro. Whytehead addressed to your columns some few weeks ago should remain I may almost say unnoticed so long has filled me with surprise.

That letter, with the exception of one or two points, to which I will shortly advert, commends itself so strongly to me, that, with your permission, I will give expression to a few remarks upon it, which, if I judge the Craft rightly, will find an echo in the hearts of many thinking Masons.

Bro. Whytehead says, and says truly, that we are admitting numbers of persons who are unfitted (for reasons which he gives) to be received into our Society. Perhaps he and I may not quite agree as to the reasons, but let that pass for the moment. That we are increasing our numbers much too rapidly, and without the necessary caution and inquiry, is a fact about which there is admittedly a consensus of opinion.

The question then is—Why is this done? and the answer in most cases, I fear, is that the financial affairs of the lodges are in so unsatisfactory a condition, that without a stated number of initiation fees each year some of them cannot exist. I have known in my own experience a Treasurer in making his annual statement declare that unless there were, at least, three new members yearly the lodge could not carry on satisfactorily. A W.M. only the other day assured me that in their case six were essential. That being so, it is very easy to see how many a doubtful character may be admitted, how inquiry may be stifled, how shortcomings may be glossed over, for the very existence of the lodge depends upon the admission or otherwise of the proposed initiate. It is not necessary to go into details as to how or why a lodge should be in such condition. Every one knows that there are many such cases. Hence the eager inquiry for candidates; the baits held out; the actual "touting" which Bro. Whytehead mentions.

Again that our present organised Charitable Institutions are outgrowths from Freemasonry, never originally contemplated, I freely admit—though I should prefer not to style them "parasitical," for that implies something damaging or harmful—and that the working out of those Charity schemes has developed, I will also acknowledge, to an extent that has become let us say irksome.

But there they are—What can you do? You have sunk thousands upon thousands upon buildings, you have enlarged your borders to an extent which has been described as unwieldy, you have lost no opportunity of expending where any decent pretext could be advanced, and now, like the unfinancial lodges, you must depend for your existence on increased yearly subscriptions, accompanied from time to time by what I consider doubtful justice in the shape of double voting power when extraordinary demands are made or when any extra spurt is put on.

This, some one may say, is a big question—and so it is; it is a question, however, which we must face and make something of if we wish to check the rapidly growing opinion that Freemasonry is simply a superior kind of Benevolent Society. With many only too willing to accept our benefits and with eager pressure from those already in the fold, can we wonder that our numbers increase with such rapidity?

Bro. Whytehead, I take it, does not dissociate Freemasonry and Charity—would not wish to do so—but is appalled at the vast organised system which has grown up in our midst, and is strongly of opinion that many now-a-days enter the Craft because of the benefit, present and prospective, held out to them. I dare say he is right. But with whom is the remedy? If each brother honestly did nothing more than his plain duty such admissions could not be made. The past is gone, but the future is before us, and if Bro. Whytehead's letter, or anything else following from it, can rouse the Masonic mind or stimulate the Masonic conscience to put a check to proceedings so damaging to the Craft, then I say he deserves all the honour which his courage in tackling an awkward subject, and his

outspoken, fearless treatment of a difficult matter, would of themselves alone entitle him to receive.

And now for the points upon which we differ. "Reputable circumstances" is a debatable expression, and in considering it we must also remember that it does not exist except in our Constitutions, which, though most useful, valuable, nay, I may say, indispensable, do not, however, constitute Freemasonry. Who, then, are fit and proper men to be made Freemasons? The answer which at once rises to the lips of every brother does not contain one word about "reputable circumstances." Do not let Bro. Whytehead or any other brother misunderstand me? I would have every inquiry made, and have assurance that candidates should be in such condition that they were not reasonably likely to come upon our Charities either on behalf of themselves, their wives, or their families, but I would not draw the hard and fast line laid down by Bro. Whytehead. We all of us give hostages to Fortune, we are obliged; and to youth, hope, energy, and conscious ability what is there not open? If Freemasonry comprised only those whose future is financially assured, if there were not the vigour of youth, combined with the caution, the prudence, and the wisdom of the sage, I fear the Institution would not long survive.

One word more. Bro. Whytehead says: "Freemasonry was founded for purposes of good fellowship, and for the promotion of brotherly love and mutual intercourse among all classes of society." Again, he says: "It (Freemasonry) is a medium for linking temporarily together persons of respectability and good means, drawn from all social grades, for the propagation of good fellowship and the interchange of kindly feelings, and especially for the purpose of breaking down for the time being the barbed-wire barriers of religious and political creeds."

And is this all? If the objects and aims of Freemasonry are herein contained, if there is nothing higher, nobler, brighter than this, then surely the need for a lodge room ceases to exist; Masonic ceremonial is an empty pageant, and the refreshment room, with its accessories, is all that is left or is required to carry out our much vaunted system of morality!—I am, yours fraternally,

JOSEPH MATTHEWMAN,

Wakefield, September 29th.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should esteem it a great favour if any Provincial Grand Secretary would kindly send to me on loan a copy of his Provincial Grand Lodge Calendar. The Province of Shropshire has at present no such record.—Yours fraternally,

R. G. VENABLES,

The Lodge, Ludlow, D.P.G.M. Shropshire.  
September 30.

LODGE LA CÆSAREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have duly noted the leading articles and correspondence which have recently appeared in your valuable paper with reference to the suspension of La Cæsaree Lodge, No. 590, by the Grand Lodge of England.

I have abstained from any comment thereon, as the officers of the lodge are preparing a statement of their case—which thus far has unfortunately been sadly misrepresented—for the consideration of the brethren who are members of Grand Lodge. But it appears to me that the mis-statements of fact which have been circulated through your columns by Bro. John Durell, P.M., call for immediate refutation. I think that it is all the more necessary to do this, as I gather from your leading article in the *Freemason* of the 26th October that you concede the general validity of the construction put on Article 213 by La Cæsaree Lodge, but that you conceive that the special circumstances of the Durell case are sufficient to create an exception to that construction.

Allow me to submit the following facts to you and to your readers:

- 1.—Bro. John Durell, P.M., is no longer a member of La Cæsaree Lodge. He resigned in 1881, and in 1885, when he asked to be re-admitted, his request, after discussion, was withdrawn.
- 2.—Immediately that it was represented that any inconvenience would be caused to Bro. Walter Durell by requiring direct communication with the lodge, I wrote to Bro. John Durell, P.M., asking him to send the letter authorising him to demand a clearance certificate, and stating that on receipt thereof the certificate would be forthwith granted by the lodge. The whole controversy has arisen out of the refusal of Bro. John Durell to comply with this modest request.
- 3.—No prejudice whatever has been caused to Bro. Walter Durell by the non-delivery of a clearance certificate, inasmuch as he has obtained one from the Royal Alfred Lodge, Jersey, to which lodge he last belonged.
- 4.—It is not a fact that the letter or postscript from Bro. Walter Durell authorising his father to ask for his clearance certificate was read either in open lodge or at any interview with the Prov. Grand Master of Jersey.

5.—Bro. John Durell, P.M., gave his word to the Prov. Grand Master that he would send his son's request for a clearance certificate to the February (1891) meeting of La Cæsarée Lodge. On February 9th he presented a sealed envelope to the Secretary of the lodge, and told him that it contained the necessary paper for obtaining the clearance certificate for his son. A few days afterwards he made a similar statement to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Jersey. At the meeting of the lodge on February 26th the envelope presented to the Secretary was found to contain nothing but a letter from Bro. John Durell, neither the request for a certificate nor a copy thereof was enclosed.

6.—No representative member of the lodge, nor any other member to my knowledge, ever stated, or caused to be stated, to Bro. John Durell, P.M., that he would be refused admission to the lodge on February 26th.

7.—On no occasion whatever has the slightest proof been offered to myself or to the lodge that Bro. John Durell is authorised to ask for a clearance certificate on behalf of his son. The complete text of the postscript from Bro. Walter Durell was first known to me from the letter of Bro. John Durell which appeared in your columns.

8.—The lodge has not desired at any stage of the proceedings to push the matter to its extreme point, viz., to question the credibility of Bro. John Durell; the only wish of the lodge has been to meet Bro. John Durell on the ground which he himself has chosen, the letter of the Book of Constitutions.

La Cæsarée Lodge has, of course, exhausted its rights of appeal, so far as recognised Masonic tribunals are concerned, but I feel certain that the more the true facts of this case are known, the more will La Cæsarée Lodge obtain the sympathy of brethren who think that Masonic law—like all other law—is to be interpreted in accordance with its grammatical meaning and not according to feelings of expediency which false sympathy may for the moment suggest.—Yours fraternally,

H. BECKER, W.M. 590.

Jersey, September 28th.

#### ARTICLE 213.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read, and re-read, with some surprise your leader of to-day and my letter of the 12th, and I fail entirely to see where I have attempted to "establish a case" against the Grand Registrar and Bro. Prinsep. I do not think my letter will fairly bear any such construction, and in fact you seem entirely to have misread the letter.

You say that I "maintain the Lodge (La Cæsarée) was justified," &c. I expressed *no opinion whatever* on the merits of the unfortunate dispute between Lodge La Cæsarée and Bro. John Durell—nor do I now. I wrote simply on the general law.

You say I "appear to have ignored the dictum that there are exceptional cases to every rule, and that this was just one of those exceptional cases." But the very point of my letter was to *accentuate* the fact that *this was an exceptional case* and must be so considered, and your present article fully admits all that I contended for, viz., that the decision was under such exceptional circumstances that it must not in any way be considered to abrogate the general rule, which general rule you now practically admit to be that I quoted.

I repeat my position that before granting a brother's clearance certificate to a third party a lodge is bound in the interest of the brother to demand sufficient evidence that he has authorised the application being made, and that it must, indeed, be an exceptional case when the lodge can be justified in granting it on any evidence less than the brother's own handwriting.

With this you now seem to agree, and this is all I contended for.—Yours fraternally,

September 26th.

LEX SCRIPTA.

#### EAST LANCASHIRE CHARITY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been called to a paragraph in the report in your journal of Saturday last of the meeting of the East Lancashire Charity Committee, which says—"After some discussion and comments as to the refusal of the Province of Derbyshire (in which province the deceased brother was also a subscriber) to assist in the election, the petition was unanimously adopted."

Permit me to say that *refusal* should read *inability*, as this province is still heavily in debt, owing to its recent successful exertions.

I may add that the case in question was placed upon the list unknown to, and entirely independently of, the Derbyshire Charity Committee.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

PERCY WALLIS, P.M.,  
September 28th. P.P.S.G.W., V. Pat. R.M.I.B.

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, in his speech at the Altrincham Agricultural Society on the 24th ult., expressed the hope that under the County Council scheme of technical education in farming attention would be directed to the revival of the Cheshire cheese manufacture, so that it might secure the prestige it enjoyed some 30 years ago, when it was to be found in nearly every hotel on the Continent.

### Reviews.

DEVON MASONIC REGISTER, 1891-2.

This nicely got-up guide for the county of Devon, concerning all matters Masonic in that large province, is edited, printed, and published by Bro. W. Frank Westcott, P.M. 70, P.P.J.G.D., of the Frankfort Press, Plymouth. It seems a pity that this very useful annual is always issued so late in the year, though it is most valuable whenever it is ready for consultation by the brethren, and the delay in publication has some advantages, because of including lists of officers of lodges, &c., not appointed until after June in each year. Still, its issue does not begin until the Provincial Grand Lodge is to be held, and hence the rank inserted of the members is exactly one year behind date. The "Register" for the current term is one of the best of the series, and so far as we have tested it its accuracy cannot be impugned. Some of the new features introduced by Bro. Westcott will prove most useful, especially the index, the list of brethren officially connected with the province, with their addresses, and the roll of lodges with centenary jewel warrants (which we recommended to be inserted on reviewing the edition for 1890-1). These are all welcome additions. The full particulars afforded of 52 lodges, 29 chapters, 23 Mark lodges, six preceptories, three Rose Croix chapters, &c., &c., occupy over 100 closely printed pages, though everything is done to condense the information without omitting any facts of local interest to the Craft. The names of the subscribers to the Central Masonic Charities are all carefully arranged and tabulated, the total amounting to 2663 votes. The number is not favourable to the province, as there are some 3000 members, the benefits accruing to Devon apparently being in excess of their donations. The vigorous and well-managed "Devon Masonic Educational Fund" is to the fore as usual, and its long list of Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life-Governors testify to the esteem in which that excellent Society is held. The "Fortescue Annuity Fund" is also doing good work, and is duly represented in this very handy and useful guide, copies of which may be obtained from the publisher for 13 stamps. It is to be hoped that its sale will correspond with its real worth and value as the "Masonic Register" for one of the largest provinces in England.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### 952.] HISTORY OF THE SKINNERS' COMPANY.

I have been much interested in reading the following work on one of the old Companies of the City of London, entitled "Some Account of the History and Antiquity of the Worshipful Company of Skinners, London," by J. F. Wadmore (1876). We are told, by way of introduction, and certainly indicative of antiquity, that "From the time that God clothed our first parents with coats of skins to the present time, skins, or furs as we now call them, have been used." Early in the 14th century the Skinners' trade-guild is mentioned, and by 1339 it had become a powerful Company. The rights and privileges of precedence, and the natural anxiety for some of the old Guilds or Companies seeking pre-eminence, led to a dispute between the Skinners and Merchant Tailors, and eventually to blows. At last the matter was referred to arbitration, and resulted in the two Companies concerned, enjoying the priority in civic processions *alternately!* which award has continued operative to this day from the 15th century. Many were the Royal and noble personages of both sexes who joined the Skinners, and, doubtless, subscribed to

"The othe of newe entres," &c.

"Ye shall swere that ye shall be good and trewe liege men unto oure liege lorde the Kyng, and to his heyres Kynges; \* \* \* \* the secretis and counsellis of the same, ye shall well and trulie kepe and hold; \* \* \* and all the poyntes and ordenaunces longing to the franchise of the said Citie; &c., &c. So god you helpe, and all scyntis" (A.D. 1366 *circa*). Apprentices had "to be free-born and not lame or disfigured of limbs, whereby the city nor craft take disworship in time coming" (A.D. 1486). Strangers and foreigners were not to work as skinners under penalty of 6s 8d., and members of the fellowship or Company were only to employ freemen of the City, the penalty being one pound (A.D. 1493).

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

At a meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held on the 24th ultimo, in Edinburgh—Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple in the chair—a letter was read from Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell intimating his desire not to be re-elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Bro. the Earl of Haddington was unanimously nominated as Grand Master. Among the other nominations were the following: Bro. Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.W.; Colonel Campbell, J.G.W.; Rev. White, G. Chap.; Colonel Stirling, S.G.D.; Collin Gellatley, J.G.D.; and G. C. H. M'Naught, G.B.B. We understand that the brethren intend to place a bust of Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell in the headquarters of the Grand Lodge, an honour which is done to every Past Grand Master.

\* J. B. Nichols and Sons, Parliament-street, London.



### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507).—The duties of this flourishing lodge were resumed on the 24th ult. at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, when there were present Bros. Ellson, W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; Stone, J.W.; Peters, P.M. and Sec.; Gilson, S.D.; Laing, J.D.; Beste, I.G.; Terry, P.M.; Levy, P.M.; Joyce, P.M.; Noakes, P.M.; Cockell, P.M.; Dixee, Lipscomb, Bowles, Davies, and Knowles. The visitors were Bros. Nutting, W.M. 231; Sanders, 1853; F. C. Atkinson, P.M. 1648; G. A. Pickering, W.M. 890; H. T. Bing, P.M. 1912; F. Ainsworth, 569; Lancaster, P.M. 1668; W. Bacon, 2024; W. Davies, I.P.M. 1901; J. W. Moorman, P.M. 1951; H. B. May, S.W. 1237; J. D. E. Tarr, 1293, P.P.G.D. Middx.; R. Temple, 1319; and A. K. Sternberg, 64, Quebec.

The minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of passing was performed in an excellent and most impressive manner. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Levy, P.M., who raised a very old friend in Bro. Davies. The W.M. having resumed the chair, the ballot was taken for two gentlemen to be initiated. The J.W., Bro. Stone, thanked the brethren for the most hearty and generous support given him on the occasion of his Stewardship to the Girls' Institution at the last Festival, when he was enabled to take up a list worthy of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, which was highly appreciated.

The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in an excellent manner by the W.M., and responded to with enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and their valuable services having been commented on, the toast was well received.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was very ably put by Bro. Cockell, I.P.M., who remarked the high esteem he was held in by all the brethren; in fact, the more he was known the greater was their love for him. The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

In reply the Worshipful Master stated he was delighted to have the confidence of the brethren, and he could assure them the welfare of the lodge was very dear to him, and he trusted to do his duty always by the lodge.

"The Visitors" was next given by the Worshipful Master in a few very appropriate terms, giving them all a most hearty welcome, for which the United Pilgrims Lodge is noted.

This was responded to very ably by Bros. Pickering, Nutting, and Temple, who one and all congratulated the lodge on the working, and thanked the brethren for the excellent repast they had partaken of and the hearty welcome which had been extended to them.

The toast of "The Past Masters" the Worshipful Master gave in a capital manner, remarking their great assistance to the lodge and willingness at all times to undertake any duties most readily.

In reply, Bro. Cockell, I.P.M., said he was proud of the honour to respond as Past Master, and in the name of all he heartily thanked the brethren for so cordially receiving the toast.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Officers," eulogising their work, which enabled him to carry out his duties so well.

This was responded to by Bros. Thomas, S.W., and Stone, J.W., who stated they would all emulate the Worshipful Master and perform their duties to the utmost of their abilities.

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close.

The evening was enlivened by some excellent music by Bros. Cockell, Knowles, Beste, and Temple.

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1382).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th ult., at the George Tavern, Cubitt Town, under the presidency of Bro. R. J. Pitt, W.M., supported by Bros. R. Perry, I.P.M.; W. J. Millington, P.M.; J. Morrison, P.M.; G. A. Saunders, S.W.; J. Limn, J.W.; J. Carnaby, Treas.; A. H. Oakley, Sec.; W. Blois, J.D.; T. Bassett, I.G.; and E. Brindley, Stwd. Among the members present were Bros. A. H. Flint, H. Lane, H. A. Dunn, J. Higgs, A. J. Echevaria, A. G. Harper, R. Wild, R. Ralston, W. H. Freeman, G. Plant, J. G. Bonner, E. T. Selves, J. S. Inns, L. J. Prindcent, F. S. Hince, T. Gilvisley, G. Turton, H. Rogers, H. H. Welsh, G. Bartlett, and B. Boreham. Among the visitors were Bros. R. W. Dodridge, 202 and 381 (S.C.); W. T. Keddell; Lewis, 1185; and J. Mills, 1765.

As usual in this active lodge the agenda contained a good number of candidates for all the Degrees. The lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Messrs. W. J. Matthews, J. J. Harper, A. J. Morrison, and C. T. Davis were initiated. Bros. Inns and Selves were then passed. The brethren on the list for raising not being present, after other business the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a substantial and well-served repast, which, as usual, reflected credit on the purveyorship of the worthy host, Bro. Innocent and his son, who both looked well after the creature and other comforts of the brethren.

The W.M. having proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed, and duly honoured.

The remaining toasts, as the hour was advanced, were briefly proposed, and responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**City of Westminster Lodge (No. 1563).**

—A meeting of this large and important lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Temple, Café Royal, Regent-street, on Thursday, the 24th ult., under the presidency of Bro. W. G. Higgins, W.M., supported by the following Past Masters: Bros. Brander, I.P.M.; H. S. Lee, J. Eastgat, and E. B. Cox. Among the officers were the following: Bros. C. Filhon, S.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M. 1765; Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M. Sec.; Lewis Mark, I.G.; H. Fonseca, Stwd.; and R. F. Potter, Tyler. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Barry Callaghan, E. T. Grinder, A. W. Bacon, A. H. Fisher, F. Dennis, E. Rutherford, W. Dean, A. Bertrand, L. Chevreton, J. Cattell, A. H. Marks, J. W. Hollot, A. Georget, J. F. Hammond, W. Goldstein, H. J. Homer, F. H. Limozin, J. E. H. Chambers, J. Buret, W. Goldstein, G. E. Highland, J. Railton, J. D. Preece, J. N. Martell, R. Goldstein, R. Dennis, H. Hewitt, W. C. Grinder, and F. Rose. Among the visitors were Bros. T. R. V. Robinson, W.M. 704; H. Brock, W.M. 145; Geo. Lennox, 19; and Jno. Mills, 1765.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Bacon was passed, and Bros. Rutherford and A. Bertrand were raised. Messrs. E. C. Wiseman and T. M. Smith were afterwards initiated. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice fell on Bro. Filhon, the respected S.W. of the lodge. Bro. J. A. Hammond, who has for some years been Treasurer, was unanimously re-elected to that office, and Bro. R. F. Potter was re-elected as Tyler. The three Auditors chosen were Bros. Grinder, L. Goldstein, and F. Dennis. Various propositions for initiation, joining, &c., were made, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the large saloon below, where a sumptuous and admirably served banquet was provided. The wants of the inner-man being somewhat appeased, the W.M. proposed the loyal toasts, which were heartily responded to.

The I.P.M., Bro. Brander, then in laudatory terms proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was received with warmth, and Bro. Higgins briefly and fitly replied.

The remaining toasts were equally succinctly and happily proposed and responded to.

In the intervals several brethren contributed songs and recitations. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**Lodge La France (No. 2060).**

—This lodge met again on Monday, the 21st ult., after its summer holiday, at the Café Royal. The work to be done was the raising of Bro. Pannevin to the Third Degree, and this Bro. A. B. Lacoste, the W.M., did in a most complete manner. Most of the officers were conspicuous by their absence, those of them who were not in the sunny south being laid up with bad colds, &c. Fortunately the Past Masters came to the rescue, and with Bros. H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br., Treas., as J.W.; E. Monteuuis, P.G.S.B., Sec., as S.D.; and E. St. Clair, D.C., as support to the W.M. and general utility man, the ceremony was carried out with all due correctness and solemnity. Bro. L. Clerc was in his place as I.P.M., as also Bro. A. Sauvé, the S.W.; Bro. A. Areh acted as I.G. The other brethren present were Bros. Béranger, Stwd., Metzger, Mallet, Péguet, Lehmann, Ruffin, Pécriaux, Saillard, Chomette, Oppenheim, and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Hutchings, W.M. 1425; J. E. Laurence, P.M. 788; E. Miroy, P.M. 1599; E. Belhomme, I.G. 1743; A. Michel, 177; N. Nersiani, 1668; G. McCullough, 1745; C. Dargonne, 1107; W. C. Bradley, 1950; and L. Dauven, Lodge La Fidélité de Lille. Bro. A. Sauvé, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br., Treas., and Bro. F. G. Mitchell, Tyler.

After work the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and, as usual, Bro. Delacoste, the ever polite manager of the Café Royal, put before them a very select menu.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, and a very nice incident took place when the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Lacoste," was proposed. In the course of his speech Bro. L. Clerc, the I.P.M., mentioned that it had come to the ears of the brethren that the daughter of their W.M. was to be married the very next day, and they had subscribed a little present for her, which they begged the W.M. would hand to her with their very best wishes for her happiness. (The present consisted of a handsome gold bracelet set in diamonds and pearls.)

The Worshipful Master, who evidently was much moved by this mark of esteem and friendship on the part of the brethren, responded in a few appropriate and deeply felt words.

**Chough Lodge (No. 2264).**

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ult. at the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. G. J. Judge, W.M., presiding. The list of brethren who attended included the following names: Bros. C. Mussared, S.W.; E. Piggott, J.W.; W. B. Marcus, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; G. Scott Miller, D.C.; W. C. Smith, Stwd.; and E. T. Edwards, P.M.; besides whom there was a large assemblage of lay members of the lodge. The following were the visitors: Bros. C. H. Cox, I.P.M. 1839; Thos. Adamson, 1076; Geo. Hobbs, J.W. 453; T. M. Wright, 2272; W. H. Ashley, 1185; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Beveridge, 1962; R. Wood, 127; Frank Williams, W.M. 101; F. Dunn, P.M. 72; J. Irvine, P.M. 862; R. Scarlett, 1799; W. Martin, P.M. 879; A. Aubrey; W. Kirkland, 1949; H. Logan, P.G.W.; J. Newton, P.M. 174; H. Peck, 1287; O. Newman, 901; E. Davy, 188; J. W. Robinson, P.M. 1585; G. W. Hatley, P.M. 1538; A. Ball, 1287; D. Loebel, 185; F. Hurdle, 15; H. Scaluter, S.D. 1297; J. Morgan, P.M. 342; A. James, 1706; F. Corbett, 1612; and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.

The first business on the agenda paper after the opening of the lodge, the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reception of the very favourable report of the Audit Committee, was the installation of the new W.M., and as the Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. W. B. Marcus, P.M., and Bro. Mussared, the W.M. elect, were very old personal friends, and the lead of the former had been very closely followed by the latter in their mutual Masonic career, Bro. Judge, W.M., yielded to Bro. Marcus the duty of installing the Master. Bro. Marcus therefore assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Charles Mussared as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Judge was invested with the collar of I.P.M. The officers of the lodge for the year were Bros. E. Piggott, S.W.; George Scott Miller,

J.W.; W. B. Marcus, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M. 1839, Sec.; W. C. Smith, S.D.; J. F. Percival, J.D.; W. V. Jull, I.G.; H. Saqui, D.C.; Turle Lee, Org.; J. W. Breeze and A. Haynes, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses and the taking of the ballot for two candidates for initiation, the newly-installed Worshipful Master initiated Messrs. Albert Bromet and Frederick Link in the earliest mysteries of the Craft. A handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Judge, the lodge voted 12 guineas towards the expenses incurred when the lodge entertained ladies at its meeting. The W.M. undertook the office of Steward of the lodge for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next year, after which he, with the assistance of the brethren, closed the lodge, and presided over a choice banquet provided by Messrs. Ritter and Puzey.

The banquet was a most enjoyable one, and the brethren did full justice to it. Grace was beautifully rendered by Bros. Turle Lee, J. A. Brown, Albert James, Arthur Strugnell, and Fred. Bevan, and the usual complimentary speeches were delivered in proposing the toasts.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said it would be his endeavour during his year of office to carry out the traditions of the Chough Lodge in making the speeches brief, but it must be remembered that though brief they were none the less sincere. The toast of the Queen and the Craft was always loyally received by the Choughs, who loved and honoured their Queen. Her reign had brought peace, happiness, and prosperity to this country, and they hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare her for many years to rule over a happy and united people.

The other loyal toasts followed.

Bro. Judge, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said they were indeed proud in the Chough Lodge to find their good friend, one of its founders, in the chair, and to have been unanimously elected to it. He could truly say there was no W.M. more appreciated and more beloved than Bro. C. Mussared. The W.M. was one of the brethren from the first W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Edwards, to the present occupant of the chair who were most highly esteemed. He could assure Bro. Mussared that all the brethren would do their level best to promote the prosperity of the Chough Lodge during his presidency. They trusted that the Great Architect would give him health and strength to carry the work out completely that he had in hand. They hoped he would have plenty of initiates, and they were fully confident that whatever work he had to do would be done most completely. Being a very old friend of many years standing, he was greatly pleased to see Bro. Mussared in his present proud position, and also to witness the excellent manner in which he invested his officers and performed the initiation ceremony that evening. The work had been executed with credit to the W.M. and with satisfaction to the lodge. The perfect health and vigour in which they found the W.M. that night they hoped and trusted would continue not only till his year of office was ended but long afterwards, and he was sure none of the lustre of the Chough Lodge or of Masonry generally would fade in his hands.

The Worshipful Master, replying, said he felt very much in the position of the wife of a gentleman who, giving a testimonial the other day for a patent medicine for the voice, said that before she took it she could scarcely speak, and now she could not speak at all. Bro. Judge had spoken of him so kindly that, however defective his (the W.M.'s) speech was before, he felt he could now not speak at all. At the same time, for all the kind expressions which had been made use of, he must say that the brethren had placed him in the proud position of W.M., and he should endeavour to fulfil the duties of the office so as to conduce to the prosperity of the lodge and the honour of Freemasonry. If it should be his good fortune to end his year as well as the I.P.M. had ended his—with a good balance on the right side of the accounts, which they as City men delighted in—he should feel he had done his very best.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M." They had had Bro. Judge before them for the past 12 months, and had seen how ably he had carried out his duties. The brethren would not but say he had done so in a thoroughly efficient and proper manner. Bro. Judge had considered the well-being of the lodge; he had been favoured with a large number of initiates, and his performance of the ceremonies had been most able and impressive. Therefore, they must give him a most hearty reception that night to show him that they appreciated all he had done for the good of the Chough Lodge. Before going further, he had the great pleasure and satisfaction of investing Bro. Judge with a very handsome jewel of a Past Master, which he trusted Bro. Judge would consider beautiful. With the best wishes of the lodge that Bro. Judge might live long to wear the jewel, and have the best of health to meet the brethren, he pinned the jewel to his breast.

Bro. Judge, in acknowledging the gift, said that day would never be forgotten by him. His year of office had been a year of pleasantness, a year of concord and good feeling from one brother to the other, from the highest in office to the youngest member. They certainly had been happy themselves, and they had done their best to communicate happiness. He trusted that would always be the character and those the sentiments of members of the Chough Lodge. When he took the chair there was a deficit of £24, but when he left it there was a credit balance of about £18. That result was not all owing to him; the forbearance of the brethren and the action of the Treasurer and the Secretary, combined with his exertions, put the lodge on a firm basis. One or two of the brethren might have thought they should have, or were entitled to expect, a more ostentatious banquet; but their not having it was for the good of the lodge, and when they found out that the lodge had a credit balance instead of a balance on the wrong side, several of them came to him and shook him most heartily by the hand, and said they were glad to find a credit instead of a debit balance. That showed the kind feeling of the members of the lodge, and he hoped that would be so, and that during the present W.M.'s year of office there would be a larger credit balance, so that the Chough Lodge might be free and liberal in the cause of Charity. He should think that during Bro. Mussared's year they would be able to respond to the calls of Charity. They knew perfectly well that Bro. James Terry was very anxious that the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should meet with a good response to his call.

He (Bro. Judge) had always been a great lover himself of the Benevolent Institution, although he loved all the Masonic Institutions, but certainly they must not forget the aged, and he might inform the brethren that that Institution required the most liberal support they could give to it. Hoping they would rally round their W.M. who had undertaken the office of Steward of the lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and enable him to take up a good list on the occasion, he thanked them once more most heartily for their kindness to him during his year of office, and hoped they would extend the same kindness to his successor.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. W. B. Marcus, P.M.," on mentioning which he was received with loud cheers. He said he could quite understand that reception of the toast, which made it all the more difficult for him to propose it adequately. Bro. Marcus was a very old and highly esteemed friend of his outside Masonry. Many years ago they used to meet and chat over Masonry as to what they would do in certain circumstances. They were fortunate enough to join a lodge in which he was just behind Bro. Marcus, but unfortunately circumstances occurred which separated them or he would have been Bro. Marcus's immediate successor; but they were brought together in the Chough Lodge, in which Bro. Marcus beat him by two steps, and he was afraid that Bro. Marcus would not install him. By the kindness, however, of Bro. Judge, Bro. Marcus did install him, and he had performed the ceremony in as impressive a way as he had performed it before. He thanked Bro. Marcus most sincerely. He had had no idea that he had such deep eloquence in him.

Bro. Marcus replied, and expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in installing his old friend.

Bros. Bromet and Frederick Link responded to the toast of "The Initiates," in proposing which the W.M. informed those brethren that however much Freemasons enjoyed themselves at their social gatherings they never forgot the Charities of the Order.

Bros. Alderman Wood (Margate); Walter Martin, P.M. 879 (who had acted as D.C. during the installation ceremony); C. H. Cox, I.P.M. 1839; and J. Morrison McLeod, responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Edwards, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Marcus and Dewsnap responded to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

"The Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Piggott, S.W.

Bro. Thomas Bowler, Tyler, gave the Tyler's toast, which closed the proceedings.

Vocal music of a very high order was performed in the course of the evening, under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, Org., by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Rhoda Sutherland, and Bros. J. A. Brown, Albert James, A. Strugnell, and Fred. Bevan.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

**Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).**—The first meeting after the holidays took place at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 25th ult. Owing to a continuance of his indisposition, the W.M., Bro. John E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., was prevented from attending, and therefore the chair was occupied by Bro. Baxter, Prov. G. Reg., I.P.M., there being also present Bros. S. Tryon, S.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W.; C. Gray, P.M., Sec.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C.; J. Euerby, P.M.; John Brittain, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; Collingwood, J.D.; Oldfield, I.G.; Chifferiel and Anneveld, Stwds.; Goddard, Tyler; Tibbatts, Curnow, Mason, Marshall, Phillips, Spicer, and Rainsford. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Haskins, Whale, Brumell, Bury, Hull, and Blake, P.M.

The minutes of the last regular meeting in April and of the meetings of emergency in May and July having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. Cranston was proposed and elected a re-joining member. Messrs. Charles Ellis, Frank Hamilton Phillips, Edwin Bridgland, and H. F. P. Inglis having been balloted for and elected as candidates for initiation and membership, Messrs. Ellis and Bridgland, who were in attendance, were initiated, the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. F. Young, P.M.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together under the presidency of Bro. Baxter, short speeches and some excellent songs by Bros. Tibbatts, Mason, Brumell, Oldfield, and others contributing the after-dinner proceedings.

BUCKHURST HILL.

**Lennox Browne Lodge (No. 2318).**—The installation meeting of this prosperous and distinguished lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Roebuck Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. Pfrench Bromhead, P.G.S. of W., W.M.; G. J. Westfield, P.M., P.P. G.S.B., S.W.; Dr. W. E. Dring, J.W.; J. Pinder, Treas.; S. Knighton, Sec.; H. Drane, S.D.; A. Schneider, J.D.; W. Butcher, I.G.; W. Ashton, D.C.; W. Jones, A. Love, and J. Snowden, Stewards; Harris, Gumprecht, Taylor, Dickinson, Beament, Gray, Spurgeon, Barnes, Walker, Nimkey, Jones, Hamblock, Schummer, Dr. Scoresby Jackson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Buck, P.P. S.G.W.; G. Martin, P.P.G.D.; W. Latter, P.G. Org.; A. Allen (S.C.); W. Short, A. Bateman, J. Carrall, A. Jay, Dr. Elmer, Dr. Müller, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Messrs. W. H. Gadsden, A. G. Wright, G. E. Egerton, C. T. Matthews, and A. Rowe were initiated, and Bro. C. Spurgeon was elected a joining member. The W.M., Bro. Bromhead, then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Dr. Dring, which he did with his accustomed ability, and in the most impressive manner. The newly-installed Master having appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and the business of the evening having been concluded, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet table, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, which was supplied by Bro. Smith, the proprietor of the hotel, with his accustomed liberality.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the remainder of the evening was enlivened by several excellent songs, &c., by the brethren.

## CHINGFORD.

**Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).**

The summer session of the above excellent lodge, the meetings of which are held at the Royal Forest Hotel, came to a close on Thursday, the 24th ult., and never in its history has a more pleasant and united spirit prevailed than that which animated the brethren as they partook of their modest yet elegantly-served banquet, and which at the after social board made the few hours at their disposal alive with brotherly love and harmony. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. T. Dale, P.M., P.G. Stwd., W.M., assisted by the following brethren of the lodge and visitors: Bros. C. H. Canning, P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Westfield, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; T. Ringrose, S.W.; F. Eedle, P.M., S.D.; J. Barnes, J.D.; C. Carlton, I.G.; F. Penny, A.D.C.; W. Barrett, Org.; T. Church, C. Mollik, G. Rutson, E. Hill, F. Campbell, F. Griffin, B. Lord, and J. Lord, all of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. H. Taplay, P.M. 1076; Reynolds, 106; Allen, I.G. 225; Short, 2374; Richardson, 1599; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bros. Rutson and Griffin were passed, and Bro. Campbell raised. Bro. Dale was appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and after other lodge business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Some excellent singing and reciting added a rare charm to the *post-prandial* proceedings.

## CLACTON-ON-SEA.

**St. Osyth's Priory Lodge (No. 2063).**

The session of this lodge was opened on Monday, the 21st ult., when a goodly number of the members and several visitors assembled at the Public Hall (by dispensation from the Prov. G.M.) to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Firmin Reed, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Fred. J. Nunn, Prov. G. Asst. Sec., who was assisted by Bro. Henry Finer, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., and at its close the new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Fred. J. Nunn, P.A.G.S., I.P.M.; John Starling, S.W.; M. H. Page, J.W.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.M. 607, P.P.G.C., Chap.; John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec., Treas.; D. Mackenzie, Sec.; S. J. Sparling, S.D.; W. G. Murray, J.D.; A. R. Chamberlayne, P.G. Stwd., D.C.; F. C. Noble, Org.; C. H. Mann, I.G.; J. R. Marilton and A. Swann, Stwds.; and R. Pollard, Tyler. Bro. F. J. Nunn, I.P.M., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master for the ability with which he had performed the ceremony of the day, and he was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, Bro. Henry Finer, in making the presentation, remarking that Bro. F. J. Nunn had been a hard worker during his year of office, and he trusted would continue such for some time to come. Bro. F. J. Nunn, in acknowledgment, said he had been much pleased to undertake the installation ceremony, as he considered that it was the duty of every Worshipful Master to install his successor. The presentation to him of so handsome a jewel was an act for which he should ever feel grateful to his brethren, and it would be an incentive to him to continue to devote himself to the best interests of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, of which he was proud to have been one of the founders. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, No. 2063, to Bro. F. J. Nunn, for his valuable services as W.M. 1890-1."

Between 40 and 50 brethren afterwards dined together at the Royal Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by the hostess, Mrs. Wallis. During dinner a congratulatory telegram was received from the brethren of the Blackwater Lodge, who were holding their installation meeting at the same hour at Maldon, and as hearty a reply was promptly returned, by wire, by the Worshipful Master. The after-dinner speeches were interspersed by a capital selection of music by various members of the lodge, under the direction of Bro. Noble, the Organist. Altogether the proceedings were of a most harmonious character, and were much enjoyed by all present.

## EAST MOLESEY.

**Arnold Lodge (No. 1981).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. J. Shelly, W.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M., S.W.; G. A. Ball, J.W.; Wright, S.D.; Neal, acting J.D.; and Ellis, I.G.

The lodge being opened, Bros. Deacon, Busbridge, and Allshorn were raised. Bros. Gaukie, George, and Gray were passed by Bro. Moorman, P.M., and Mr. George Sydney Comben, having been duly elected, was initiated by the W.M. The Secretary announced that his bag with the books of the lodge was taken out of the train by mistake by some other passenger, and he trusted by giving publicity to the loss the same might be returned.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After the loyal toasts, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Kipling, P.M.," who is about to go to Japan on an official appointment, and wishing him all success.

In replying, Bro. Kipling said that he would remain a member of the lodge, and had paid his dues three years in advance.

The remaining toasts having been honoured, the brethren afterwards separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

## HAMPTON COURT.

**Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).**—This prosperous provincial lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Greyhound Hotel on the 14th ult. Among those present were Bros. Henry Sapsworth, W.M.; T. Grant, S.W.; H. J. Bond, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Spooner, S.D.; W. T. Peat, P.G. Org., J.D.; Rice, D.C.; Simpson and Miles, Stewards; E. Dare, I.P.M.; R. Drummond, P.M., P.G.P.; Cooper, Crozier, Symon, Gedda, Jehu, Ross, Flack, Gaunt, and others. Bro. A. M. Levy, S.W. 889, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Symon, Gedda, Jehu, and Ross were impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, Sec.

1691, P.G.S.B., acknowledging receipt of congratulatory resolution passed at the last meeting of No. 1656. Bro. H. J. Bond, J.W., was elected to represent the lodge at the R.M.B.I. Festival, 1892, and the Secretary gave a notice of motion to vote a sum from the lodge funds to head the Steward's list. Apologies for non-attendance were received and read from Bros. F. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Suggett, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet ably catered for by Bro. Gedda. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts received full justice.

Bro. Peat, P.G. Org., responded in fluent terms on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The I.P.M. gave "The W.M.," and in the course of an able speech touched upon the good social and Masonic qualities of Bro. Sapsworth. The speaker said that he had watched the Masonic career of the W.M. with a very great deal of interest. They had seen how well he had performed the ceremony of raising that evening. In conclusion he trusted that the W.M.'s year of office would be in every way highly successful.

The Worshipful Master, having briefly acknowledged the compliment, then proposed "The Visitors," which toast received full justice at the hands of Bro. Levy, S.W. 889.

A few other toasts were given, and the proceedings, which were throughout most agreeable, then terminated.

## LICHFIELD.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 1039).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. G. Haynes, W.M.; T. Cox, S.W.; A. Smyrk, J.W.; J. Perkins, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; J. Gladman, P.M., Sec.; J. Lloyd, S.D.; J. Cowan, I.G.; A. D. Parker, Org.; G. Ashmall, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; C. Moore and J. Garmstone, Stwds.; G. Bullock, Tyler; J. Fowler, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Weston, P.M.; F. Harper, P.M.; J. J. King, J. Kingsworth, F. Buckley, W. H. Barnes, F. Brown, and A. Mantle.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. A. Entwistle was then initiated by the W.M., Bro. Cox giving the charge. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for having had the harmonium thoroughly restored, and after the dispatch of other business the lodge was closed.

## MALDON.

**Blackwater Lodge (No. 1977).**—On Monday, the 21st ult., the brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual festival at the Blue Boar Hotel, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The principal business of the day was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Davis, S.W., the ceremony appertaining to which was ably rendered by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Smith, P.M. 697, assisted by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Std. Br. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. R. Smith, I.P.M.; E. A. Basham, S.W.; G. Brown, J.W.; Rev. T. Lloyd, I.P.M. 2342, Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; W. Strutt, P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; T. J. Grant, S.D.; Taylor Shiers, J.D.; J. Hirsch, D.C.; E. H. Stevens, Org.; W. J. Butler, I.G.; W. G. Wood, W. Harrison, W. Morgan, and H. Hardy, Stwds.; and E. Pearman, Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Installing Master.

About 40 brethren subsequently dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel, a good dinner being well served by Mrs. Hickford, the hostess. The W.M. presided in his usual genial manner, and the pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by a capital selection of vocal music by brethren present.

## SWINTON.

**Egerton Lodge (No. 2216).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. It being the first meeting after the vacation, a large number of brethren were present. The lodge has been very successful since its consecration through the indefatigable exertions of Bro. J. Chadderton, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec., the first Worshipful Master.

The chair was taken by Bro. J. Lee-Wood, W.M., who opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a gentleman, which proved favourable, and he was subsequently initiated by Bro. R. Wardle, I.P.M. Bro. Hy. Bennet, S.W., delivered the charge with great effect. At the close of the ceremony, the W.M., Bro. J. Lee-Wood, said he had that evening a very pleasing duty to perform, and he was sure every member of the lodge would agree with him that the token he was going to present to Bro. J. Chadderton, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., and the first W.M. of the lodge, was well merited. Bro. Chadderton had since the commencement of the lodge done yeoman service. He had had many difficulties to contend with, but he had overcome them, and now they were on a firm basis and in a very prosperous state. Therefore the brethren wished to show their appreciation of those services, and, on their behalf, he asked him to accept a founder's jewel and hoped that he might live long to wear it. Bro. J. Chadderton thanked the brethren for the very handsome jewel, and assured them he should always continue to work as hard as he always had done for the benefit of the Egerton Lodge. It was a jewel of unique design—a gold circle with a large shield emblazoned with coloured enamels with the arms of the Egerton family and beautifully designed bars, and the emblem of the W.M. with a suitable inscription. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by numerous visitors present, and the lodge was closed.

At the festive board the brethren had a great treat afforded them by a song given by Bro. F. Ridsdale Bowley, S.D., who rendered the music with great expression and ability.

During the evening Bro. Dr. W. Y. Martin, P.P.G.D., displayed a parcel of antique Masonic clothing which had been presented to him from time to time by different friends, and gave the history of many of them, which proved highly interesting to everyone present.

Bro. F. Hewitt gave a capital song, accompanying himself upon the banjo, and Bro. Peter Jones ably presided at the organ.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Lee-Wood, W.M.; R. Wardle, I.P.M., D.C.; H. Bennett,

S.W.; J. Chadderton, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., Treas.; F. R. Bowley, S.D.; Peter Jones, Org.; F. Hewitt, Stwd.; W. W. Grady, S. J. Hampson, T. W. Doyle, John Knight, D. Grundy, and Thos. Hinkley. Visitors: Bros. C. Greenhalgh, 402; W. Corner, P.M., P.G.S.; J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W.; John McIntyre, 199; Wm. Smith, M.D., W.M. 1814; Arthur H. Kellitt, 992; Isaac Thompson, 1993; G. S. Smith, P.M., I.P.M. 2359; Walter Bowers, Org. 1730; John Cotton, 1213; W. Y. Martin, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Rev. Doughton, 148; and R. H. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.

## THORNE.

**St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Peace Hall, on the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. J. H. Bletcher, W.M.; A. L. Peace, I.P.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, S.W.; J. Constable, J.W.; Rev. J. G. Littlewood, Chap.; H. E. Fenton, D.C.; W. G. Winter, P.M., acting S.D.; W. Martin, J.D.; A. Goodhind, Org.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; W. Pickering, I.G.; R. N. Brunyee, Stwd.; F. T. Turner, Theo. Barber, and B. Maskill.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the election of W.M. took place, when Bro. Ashlin, S.W., was duly elected; Bro. A. L. Peace, I.P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, *vice* Bro. F. J. Forth, resigned; and Bro. F. Pine was re-elected Tyler. The balance-sheet for the past year was presented as audited, showing a balance in hand of £34 13s. 4d. Bro. Barley Maskill was next duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being effectively rendered by Bros. Bletcher, Peace, and Ashlin.

After the lodge was closed the brethren spent the remainder of the evening in friendly chat and congratulations.

## URMSTON.

**Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Victoria Hotel. The chair was taken by Bro. John Bowers, W.M. The ballot was taken for Mr. Dobbie, which proved favourable, and he was initiated by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The charge was beautifully delivered by Bro. J. H. Marsh, J.W., and the working tools were presented by Bro. R. Swindells, S.W. There were present the following brethren: Bros. John Bowers, W.M.; R. Swindells, S.W.; J. H. Marsh, J.W.; E. L. Littler, Treas.; Geo. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Jolliffe, S.D.; Fred. Stretch, D.C.; John Walton, A.D.C.; Walter Bowers, N. Jones, Tyler; G. A. Myers, I.P.M.; P. Heaton, P.M.; Thos. French, Hughes, G. H. Holding, and Fred Moles. Visitors: Bros. A. Shirley, W.M. 2231; R. W. Baker, P.M., P.G. Org.; N. E. King, 241; Wm. Sharples, 2359; and Geo. S. Smith, P.M., I.P.M. 2359.

## Royal Arch.

## CROYDON.

**Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 21st ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, when there were present, among others, Comps. H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.P.A.G.S., M.E.Z.; F. Weiss, H.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.Z., P.G. Org., acting J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Middx., S.E.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. E. J. Hoare, I.P.Z.; J. Castello, J.; Alliston, P.S.; and others. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, at which the M.E.Z. presided most genially, the usual toasts receiving full justice.

## STAFFORD.

**Royal Chartley of Fortitude Chapter**

(No. 726).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., in the Chapter Room, Swan Hotel. The following Principals were duly installed by the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. C. W. Watkins, Prov. G. 1st A.S.: Comps. Frederic Woolley, Z.; E. Mousley, H.; and Frederick Taylor, P.P.A.G.D.C., J. The following companions were then invested: Comps. J. Bodenham, Prov. G.H., P.A.G.D.C. England, Treas.; J. Blackshaw, Prov. G. Std. Br., Scribe E.; W. J. Massey, Scribe N.; G. J. Muirhead, P.S.; J. Williams, 1st A.S.; Ashmore, 2nd A.S.; D. Hollin, Stwd.; and J. Cartwright, Janitor. There were also two candidates exalted by Comp. Watkins, M.E.Z., before he performed the ceremony of installation. There were several members present.

The banquet which followed was presided over by the newly-installed M.E.Z., supported by the Principals, Comps. Mousley and Taylor.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

## Dark Masonry.

## CROWLE.

**St. Oswald Lodge (No. 387).**—On Thursday, the 24th ult., the brethren of this lodge held their annual festival at their rooms in the Masonic Hall. It was the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. G. Winter, Prov. G.S., S.W., to the chair. A number of visiting brethren were present from Doncaster, Gainsborough, Scunthorpe, &c. The Installing Master was Bro. T. Staniforth, P.P.S.G.W., who carried out his duties most efficiently. Bro. Wood, I.P.M., presented Bro. Winter for installation, and salutation by the brethren. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. T. C. Horobin, P.G.S.B., S.W. and Treas.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Chaplain and J.W.; C. Fox, M.O.; S. H. C. Ashlin, S.O.; J. Cheesman, J.O.; W. Chamberlain, R. of M.; R. Wood, P.J.G.O., Sec.; W. Pickering, S.D.; S. M. Peace, J.D.; R. N. Brunyee, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. L. Peace, Org.; W. A. Wressell and G. F. Petch, Stwds.; G. Robinson, I.G.; F. Mason, Asst. I.G.; G. Naylor, Tyler; and T. Staniforth, Almoner. Bro. Staniforth was elected Charity Steward.

A banquet was held subsequently at the Darby and Joan Hotel, excellently provided by Mrs. and Miss Chafor.

After the loyal toasts, "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Jack Sutcliffe; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Anderson Bates; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was enthusiastically honoured, and then followed the toasts of "The W.M. of St. Oswald Lodge, No. 387," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Charities," "The Ladies," and the Tyler's toast. Several songs were given and speeches made, and a pleasant evening was the result.

**WHITEHAVEN.**

**Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 25th ult., when Bro. H. Burns, P.G.R. of M., W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. S. Broadbent, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Dr. Muir, P.G. Std. Br., J.W.; G. Starkey, P.A.G.D.C., M.O.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., S.O.; J. Casson, J.O.; J. Thompson, Sec.; G. Dalrymple, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., as S.D.; J. A. Fowler, J.D.; D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. P. Bennett, I.G.; Thomas Richardson, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler; Rev. J. Anderson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; and W. H. Brockbank. The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and one candidate was balloted for, and advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason by the W.M., ably assisted by Bro. Rev. James Anderson. Several brethren were presented with their provincial certificates, and there being nothing further, the lodge was closed.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Steele, W.M.; Folkard, S.W.; F. Reeves, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; King, S.D.; Cheese, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Russell, Balcombe, Barton, Harvey, and Windsor. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. Windsor having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Windsor was duly raised to the Degree of F.C. The ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Russell having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Russell duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Folkard was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. Frederick Bull, W.M.; F. Crohn, S.W.; M. Evans, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; F. Leighton, S.D.; H. H. Norman, J.D.; F. Purkess, I.G.; J. Rutgers, and J. Price. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Price having kindly volunteered to act as candidate, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a most able and effective manner. The charge was delivered by Bro. Kirby. Bro. Crohn, S.W., worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. Crohn, S.W., to preside over the next meeting, and he appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the first and second ceremonies. Bro. Kirby proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. Frederick Bull for the very admirable manner in which he had presided over the meeting on that occasion, and the highly commendable manner in which he had worked the ceremony on that, the first occasion of his occupying the Master's chair, and that this vote be noted on the minutes of the meeting. This was unanimously carried, and Bro. Bull responded in suitable terms. The lodge was then closed.

On and after the 8th inst. the meetings of this lodge will be held at No. 1A, Fitzroy-square (corner of Grafton-street).

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Banks, W.M.; H. J. F. Williams, S.W.; E. Fox, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; M. Spiegel, J.D.; R. Reid, I.G.; P. Burton, P.M.; and A. Williams, P.M. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Banks vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Long. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Banks offering himself as a candidate for raising, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. rendering the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The W.M. having risen, Bro. H. J. F. Williams was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Bartlett, W.M.; C. Coleman, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. W. Belsham, S.D.; E. Thos. Ginder, J.D.; M. Rosenberg, I.G.; J. Middleweek, Stwd.; W. Death, P.M. 511; A. Cadbury Jones, P.M. 1441; M. J. R. Dundas, J. T. Shapcott, R. W. Board, A. Clark, T. M. Lambie, J. V. Woodman, N. Snyer, G. H. Foan, G. Urquhart Milne, G. A. Boughton, A. Crossingham, and O. W. Battley. 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. Snyer being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third

Degrees. Bro. Foan, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Bartlett into the chair of K.S. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Coleman was elected W.M. for the 26th inst.—the officers to be in rotation, the W.M. having already been appointed for the 5th and 12th inst., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked and the 19th annual supper take place. A vote of thanks to Bro. Foan was unanimously passed for his able rendering of the installation ceremony, and acknowledged by him. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. G. Gray, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; R. W. Nicole, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; G. T. Chretien, J.D.; H. J. Kimbell, jun., I.G.; W. T. Crane, A. Giddings, R. J. Scarlett, J. Amand, and H. J. Kimbell. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Crane being the candidate. Bro. Giddings answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Giddings being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Two brethren were appointed to audit the accounts of the lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. T. W. Hambly, W.M.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor, S.W.; D. Samuels, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary; F. S. Jarvis, S.D.; R. E. Cursons, J.D.; J. R. Harnell, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. A. Burgess, W. Humphrey, W. Shore, S. Moss, J. W. Warwick, and H. J. Keen. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section, and Bro. R. E. Cursons the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. H. J. Keen having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. R. E. Cursons worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bros. W. Shore, 1987; D. Samuels, 765; W. Humphrey, 1305; and H. J. Keen, 1614. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. James Wiggins, W.M. 1767, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; H. Wake, J.W.; James Barker, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; E. Clare, S.D.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, P.J.G.D. Surrey, J.D.; W. B. Neville, I.G.; G. Swann, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; E. E. Geflowski, E. J. Green, and H. R. Elkin. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Elkin acting as candidate. Bro. Green offered himself as a candidate for passing, and proving proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Green answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Elkin was elected a joining member, and Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge ballot resulted in favour of Bro. W. C. Williams, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. G. Hatt, W.M.; B. H. Dames, S.W.; T. C. Dyer, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; C. E. Betts, S.D.; G. Swann, P.M.; J.D.; A. C. Brown, I.G.; Walter Dew, and Philip Howard. The lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dew acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Howard was elected a joining member. Bro. Dames was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).**—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. J. J. Briginshaw, P.G.S., W.M.; P. Trickett, S.W.; W. W. Cook, J.W.; W. Shurmer, P.P.G. Treas., Preceptor; N. Fortescue, Treas.; W. Smith, S.D.; J. Clark, J.D.; S. C. Bateman, I.G.; C. H. Bestow, Asst. Sec.; J. Collett, Stwd.; W. J. Short, Jno. Ives, P.M.; P. D. Parsons, J. Kempthorne, W. J. Bastick, F. R. Peck, J. King, R. Kershaw, C. MacColla, G. Hurley, G. Kirby, Lambert, G. W. Fry, Felsenshal, T. J. Day, J. Hamilton, and J. Schummer. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Felsenshal having offered himself as a candidate, was interrogated and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Felsenshal passed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, and the ancient charge delivered. Bro. Trickett was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Bro. Felsenshal was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Hurley and Bestow for gifts of some additional working tools for the use of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. John Davies, H. 733, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, H.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, J.; J. Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, M.E.Z. 733, S.N.; T. Woodbridge Biggs, 2nd A.S. 975, P.S.; and Thos. Jobson, 733.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jobson being candidate. A communication from Comp. W. H. Dean was read. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Chalfont as M.E.Z. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 25th ult., when there were present Comps. Benedetti, Z., M.E.Z.; Wilson, H.; North, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Vincent, P.Z., S.N.; Phillips, P.Z., P.S.; Hill, Lazenby, Plant, Scott Young, Grummant, H. Martin, and Addington.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation of Second Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Hill installing Comp. Phillips. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. C. Plant personating the candidate. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Benedetti for the very able manner he had worked the duties of First Principal, it being the first time in this chapter of instruction. Comp. Jackson, Z. 169, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be worked. The chapter was then closed.

**Allied Masonic Degrees.**

**Metropolitan Council (T.I.).**—This old council met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 18th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. G. Lemon, W.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; W. Vincent, J.W.; G. Powell, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Sweny, I.G.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., and others.

The minutes of the previous council were read and confirmed. Bro. H. J. Lardner was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. G. Powell, Treasurer; and Bro. E. Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. The by-laws as amended were unanimously approved. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; Major G. Lambert, P.M.; R. L. Loveland, P.M.; Alderman W. B. Williamson, P.M.; Major Dunbar, J. J. Pakes, and many others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dine at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the W.M. A few toasts followed.

**Cryptic Masonry.**

**Grand Masters' Council.**—This distinguished council held its first meeting of the season on the 25th ult. at Mark Masons' Hall. Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M., in the chair. Among those attending were Bros. R. B. Bryant, D.M.; George Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Captain Walls, P.G.D.M., &c., Recorder; E. Storr, P.C.W.; J. J. Thomas, B. Stewart, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The resignations of Bros. C. H. Driver, P.T.I.M., &c., and J. Faulkner were received with regret. The names of Comps. H. Higgins and Toye were proposed and seconded for admission at the next meeting. Among those who wrote regretting their inability to attend were Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, T.I.M.; Major G. Lambert, P.G.D.M.; T. Poore, P.G.C.W.; G. Powell; H. H. Shirley, M.A.; L. Steele; C. Slater; R. Roy, M.A.; Dr. W. Lemon, D.D., P.G. Chap.; W. B. Williamson, J.P.; and Major Dunbar.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

**MASONIC HISTORY.**

We extract the following from the *Philadelphia Keystone*:

"A correspondent writes and asks, can you give us any information about what is known as 'Mitchell's History of Freemasonry,' which is now being canvassed and sold in our section of the country without date of copyright or date of publication?"

"Past Grand Master the late Bro. J. W. S. Mitchell wrote a 'History of Freemasonry' from the time of Adam' about 40 years ago. In 1851 he published it in two volumes of 720 pages each. The book was valuable as a compendium of Masonic history as known at that time, but as an authority it was almost valueless. Bro. Mitchell was at one time Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, but afterwards removed to Griffin, Ga., where he was located with his family in 1871, and remained there until he died about 1873 or a year or two later.

"The History had a limited sale, and in 1871 he came to Philadelphia for the purpose of issuing his eleventh and twelfth editions, and to make it in one volume.

"In printing this new edition, Bro. Mitchell said in the title-page that it was thoroughly revised, yet he did not alter a single plate [of text] as far as we can see.

"In this book, Chapter xxxix, Vol. I., ends with 'We now close the first volume, and with it the history of Ancient Craft Masonry.' Then there follows Chapter vii, 'Why was Masonry Instituted?' Vol. II., without a single alteration, not even the number of the article, and Chapter vii. is not even in the Index or Table of Contents.

"The reading Mason of to-day, and they are increasing fast we are glad to say, wants his Masonic information drawn to the day in which he lives, not 30 or more years old. If he wants to enter into the

study of Freemasonry he can find rich reading in the researches of Bro. William J. Hughan, of Torquay, England, the pioneer in furnishing the Masonic student with the ancient Constitutions or Charges of Freemasons, and the discoveries in the antiquities of Freemasonry. Bro. Hughan wrote for the live Freemason. The editions of his works were limited and are now out of print, and most valuable.

"Then the student can find a rich treasure in that *Vade-mecum*, 'Lane's List of Lodges,' containing a list of all the English lodges, their places of meeting, together with their numbers and several changes of numbers. Then he must read and study that grand monumental work, 'The History of Freemasonry,' by Bro. Robert Freke Gould, of England (it is to Bro. Gould what St. Paul's is to Sir Christopher Wren).

"Then the last and most valuable for its conciseness, completeness, compactness, and reasonableness in price and cheapness, 'The History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders,' by the Fraternity Publishing Company, of Boston, Mass., Bro. Henry L. Stillson, Editor-in-chief; Bro. William J. Hughan, associate English Editor.

"It embraces every branch of Freemasonry, and the history of the several Jurisdictions; reliable and condensed, yet full as a nut of meat. A very library in itself, and everywhere it has received the endorsement of the leading Masons of the world. We have not heard one word of adverse criticism of its Masonic contents.

"These works—Hughan's, Lane's, Gould's, and the Fraternity Publishing Company's Histories—do not rival or compete with each other, each forms a separate study and make a complete whole. A Mason having these works in his library, with the Constitution and Ahiman Rezon of his own jurisdiction, the law that governs him directly, and the *Keystone*, has the Masonic world in his grasp."

#### A MASONIC TEMPLE FOR GLASGOW.

[COMMUNICATED.]

There is at present a scheme on foot to provide the wherewithal to erect a Masonic Temple in Glasgow, a building that shall not only be a credit to the Craft of the West of Scotland but also a credit to the "Second city of the Empire."

There is nothing particularly novel about the idea, as such a scheme was tried some 15 years ago, but it came to an ignominious end as the time was not ripe for the undertaking. At that time the brethren were struggling to place Grand Lodge on a surer basis by sweeping away the many abuses that had crept into the management of its affairs and which threatened to drag it down much beneath the dignity that should belong to a Grand Lodge of such an ancient constitution.

All this is now rectified, and the brethren have now leisure to see what improvements they can make in their condition nearer home. The want of a Masonic Temple in Glasgow has been scornfully reflected upon by brethren visiting our city, so there is every probability of the present scheme coming to a successful issue. The proprietor of the *Glasgow Evening News* has consented to allow "Mallet," the writer of the "Mems for Freemasons" that appear in its columns every Tuesday, to notify the names of brethren in its columns who would be willing to subscribe for shares, and at the end of each month these names will be published *in cumulo* in the *Scottish Masonic Record*.

A few brethren have already sent in their names, and since the first short list was published it is understood that the Prov. G.M. of the province, Bro. John Graham, C.A., has signified his intention to subscribe for 100 shares, and to immediately take steps to place the concern on a thoroughly legal basis as a Limited Liability Company. The Proprietor of the *Freemason* has also subscribed to 25 shares in the meantime, and promises to take up other 25 shares conditionally.

#### BRO. HENRY IRVING AT BRISTOL.

Bro. Henry Irving was entertained on Saturday last at a public luncheon at the Bristol Liberal Club. Mr. E. G. Clarke presided over the gathering, which was of a non-political character. Replying to the toast of his health, Bro. IRVING said: I am deeply sensible of the kindness and goodwill which have made me your guest to-day, and I appreciate it all the more because this seems like a gathering of old friends in a city which is associated with some of my earliest memories. My recollections of Bristol carry me back to the days—I will not say how long ago, for that is a point on which one grows a little sensitive as time slips on—but they were the days when I used to make many journeys in disagreeably small boats between Bristol and Hayle, on my way to the little village of Halestown, in Cornwall, and when my father told me stirring tales of the great Bristol riots, which had brought him the honours of a special constable. I think I wanted to grow up to be a special constable too, and I had great hopes that Bristol would kindly become sufficiently riotous to favour that ambition. But I also had a turn for natural history, and it is indelibly stamped upon my memory that on one occasion, when I was about four years old, I made a little excursion by myself from St. James's Barton to Redcliffe-street in order to study a stag's head which projected as a sign from a certain house, where I was found by my anxious mother peacefully contemplating

the head of the antlered beast, and wondering why on earth he smelt so strongly of tallow. It was soon after this incident that I witnessed a great event in the history of Bristol—the launching of the steamship Great Britain. There was a vast throng of people to see this mighty vessel, but the one thing which monopolised my attention was the moustache of Prince Albert, who presided over the ceremony. I was fired by an unquenchable longing to possess a similar ornament, and I consulted a friend of mine, a chemist, who kept a particular brand of acid drops, which I patronised at that time, and who consented to make a moustache for me. It was a long business, and when I impatiently inquired how it was getting on he used to explain that he was growing it somewhere at the back of his shop. Well, one day I demanded it with an imperious energy, which was not to be resisted, so he put me on a chair and adorned my upper lip with burnt cork, with which I went home feeling much elated, though a little disturbed by the demonstrations of the juvenile public on the way. "What great events from trivial causes spring!" And I have sometimes wondered whether it was that burnt cork—the earliest of the rights in honour of Thespiis—which gave my career the bent that has brought me among you to-day. After this chapter of autobiography you will understand why I claim a special interest in the welfare of your city. If my distinguished colleague, Miss Ellen Terry, were here she could tell you many stories of the Bristol Theatre, in which I may almost say that she was cradled. During our engagement we have been gratified to the full by the unflagging interest of Bristol playgoers in our work. Your theatre has one of the oldest reputations in the country. You have the means of sustaining its credit, and of making it a powerful instrument for the educational recreation of the people. I have long ceased to think it necessary to offer any vindication of the stage as a social institution. It plays too large a part in our national life to require any apology. But there is always a stimulus for well-directed zeal to make our theatres worthier homes of intelligent entertainment; and I cannot show my sense of your sympathy more strongly than by claiming your hearty support for every well-organised effort to render the drama worthy of the best traditions of Bristol.

#### INTER-MASONIC RIFLE MATCH.

The annual competition for the handsome gavel, given by Bro. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., to be competed for by members of Lodges 858, 1216, 1962, and 2021, took place on Saturday last at Ilford, and after a close contest was won by the Queen's Westminster Lodge, who have now won it for the fourth time. At the same time a second gavel, also presented by Bro. Lambert, was shot for by the lodges above-mentioned, and was also open to teams from lodges attached to the Victoria Rifles (No. 822), Honourable Artillery Company (No. 569), London Scottish (No. 2310), and the Bloomsbury Rifles (No. 2362). This second trophy was also won by Lodge 2021, Lodge 1962 coming in a close second. Only five teams competed, the Victorias and South Middlesex not entering an appearance, and only two of the members of the Macdonald turning up. The afternoon was fine but the wind very strong and variable, which accounts for the scores not being high. The conditions were teams of 10, the best eight scores to count; seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards; targets and marking as at Bisley, 1891.

##### QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 2021.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Tl.
* T. Sgt.-Maj. Mellings	30	31	24	85
Sergt. Hollon	29	22	29	80
Col.-Sergt. Vicars	27	30	21	78
Sergt. Hollis	30	27	20	77
Sergt.-Ins. Philip	28	28	19	75
Sergt. Rowe	29	23	21	73
Sergt. Treadwell	29	22	19	70
Sergt. Coop	28	19	22	69

Average 75.88    230    202    175    607

##### LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE, No. 1962.

* Colour-Sergt. Tayton	32	28	19	79
Staff-Sergt. Page	31	27	20	78
Private Lock	26	27	24	77
Sergt. Walker	28	22	26	76
Private Mardell	29	23	22	74
Private Gregory	26	21	26	73
Mr. N. Green	24	21	27	72
Private Ward	30	24	15	69

Average 74.75.    226    193    179    598

##### HON. ARTILLERY COMPANY (LODGE No. 569).

* Lieutenant Carpenter	32	31	26	89
Private Macmunn	28	30	23	81
Private Hawkins	27	25	27	79
Staff-Sergt. Brooking	26	26	24	76
Private Morford	26	21	26	73
Captain Birkett	27	22	14	63
Private Hodgkinson	28	14	20	62
Captain Pash	19	18	24	61

Average 73.    213    187    184    584

The score of the London Scottish was 471, and of the Bloomsbury 457.

After the match the teams had tea together at the Red Lion.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. HARRY S. FOSTER.

A meeting of the friends and supporters of Bro. Sheriff-elect Foster took place at the Guildhall on Friday last, for the purpose of presenting him with his chain and badge of office. Bro. Alderman Newton presided. Among those present were Bros. Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris, G. Lindo, C.C.; A. J. Altman, C.C.; Mr. T. W. Woodrow, C.C.; Bro. J. Lobb, C.C.; Bro. J. Salmon, C.C.; Mr. C. S. Houlder, C.C.; Mr. J. F. Hepburn, C.C.; and many others.

Bro. LINDO, who had undertaken the duties of Secretary in connection with the presentation, read the following letter from Mr. Alderman Hart, who was unable to be present: "I regret exceedingly that in consequence of my absence in Scotland I am unable to comply with this request, but I cannot help expressing a hope that you will have health and strength to fulfil the high and important duties belonging to this office. You have been for many years an inhabitant of Coleman-street Ward, with which as Common Councilman and Alderman I have been associated for 28 years, and for these reasons I presume I have been asked to present you, on behalf of the Ward and of your other friends, with the chain of office, which in a happy moment and by a felicitous and spontaneous thought your many friends conceived a fit thing to do, as giving them an opportunity of practically expressing their personal esteem of yourself. You have fulfilled, and are fulfilling, many public and important positions. Elected twice a member of the School Board for London you have shown your fitness for that public trust by being elected, from among many, as Chairman of one of the Finance Committees, and of the Educational Endowments Committee. Your administrative powers have been recognised, and you have been placed upon the Joint Committees of the School Board and the City and Guilds Institute on Technical Education. When her Majesty's Government passed the Act which constituted the London County Council you were elected one of the members.

"When, at the request of many citizens, you permitted yourself to be put in nomination for the office of Sheriff of London, there was formed one of the largest and most important Committees that ever supported a candidate for this office. It comprised many members of her Majesty's Government, several of the leading members of the Bar, gentlemen holding high legal and commercial positions, and no less than 38 Masters of the Livery Companies. This Committee was supported by about 3000 members of the Livery, or more than one-third of the total Livery of London. The result was you were practically unopposed, and were unanimously elected Sheriff of London. In a few days you will take upon yourself the duties of one of the most ancient offices of the City of London, existing before the present constitution of our country. Many men of great fame have held it; its occupants have many times had to stand side by side with the Corporation of London, between the citizens of London and the Crown to preserve the charters and rights of the citizens, and to maintain the civil and religious liberties of the people. You now take this office with its duties and responsibilities; may you hold it with honour and integrity, and at the end of your year hand it to your successor with all duties fulfilled and all rights maintained."

A letter was also read by Bro. Lindo from Mr. Cohen of the L.C.C., who had been asked as representing the City in the County Council to make the presentation, but who was prevented by another engagement.

The CHAIRMAN said they were assembled that day for the purpose of performing a very graceful act, and he could only regret that the Alderman of the Sheriff-elect's Ward was not able to preside. Being, however, the Alderman of the adjacent Ward and a personal friend and warm admirer of the Sheriff-elect, the honour had been conferred upon him, and a very agreeable duty he had to perform. The duties in connection with the office of Sheriff were onerous and heavy, and the occupant of the office required the warmest sympathy of the citizens, the Corporation, and the members of the Livery of the City of London, and he was certain that the manner in which the Sheriff-elect had stood for the office, and the way in which he had devoted himself in the interests of the citizens would secure him their cordial sympathy and unanimous support. Mr. Alderman Hart's letter was expressive of the warmest sympathy and the best wishes of the Ward, and he had now only to hand over to Mr. Sheriff-elect Foster the chain and badge of office. The list of subscribers included Members of Parliament, members of the Corporation, members of the London County Council, Aldermen, Justices of the Peace, members of the Ward of Coleman-street, and many others. He thought that was a truly cosmopolitan list, and he felt sure that during his year of office Mr. Foster would receive the continuous support of the citizens and the members of the Corporation. He was sure also that he would carry out the duties of the office with credit to himself, and would add additional lustre to the high position. He regretted that he could not say the Sheriff-elect of London and Middlesex, but the alteration in the Act relating to Middlesex had been loyally recognised and accepted by the City of London. It afforded him, therefore, the greatest pleasure to hand over to Mr. Sheriff-elect Foster a really beautiful chain and badge of office, and he trusted he would thoroughly enjoy his

year of office, and that the gift would be prized by him and handed down by him as one of his most beautiful heirlooms. In conclusion, he congratulated him on the assistance he would receive during his year of office at the hands of his wife. The Alderman then presented the chain and badge with the accompanying address:

"We, the undersigned members of the School Board for London, the members of the London County Council, the Ward of Coleman-street (where you have carried on business for upwards of 12 years), the several Livery Companies, Masonic lodges, and other societies to which you belong, beg to offer you our sincere congratulations on the honour conferred upon you by your fellow citizens in electing you to be one of the Sheriffs of the City of London for the ensuing year, which important office, we feel assured, will in your hands retain all its ancient prestige and dignity. We seize this opportunity of expressing our esteem and friendship for you, and our appreciation of the important services which you have rendered in the cause of education and local government, and we trust that you will accept, as a token of our regard, this accompanying chain and badge of office, which has been designed to identify your occupancy of the office and other public bodies, including the ancient Corporation of London, in which you have by your zeal, perseverance, and ability gained an honourable position and reputation. We cordially trust the Almighty will give you health to enable you to enjoy your year of office, and to give those services to the City of London which you are eminently qualified to render."

Bro. Sheriff-elect FOSTER, in returning thanks, said he felt that the honour which had been done him was one of which any man would be proud, partly for the beauty of the gift—which he would treasure, not only during his year of office, but would hand down to his family as a priceless heirloom—and partly for the unanimity, the kindly feeling, and the confidence with which the gift was associated. He was proud to feel that not only his own personal friends, not only the members of the Ward in which he had carried on business, but that the members of other bodies with which he had been connected had had some share in presenting that beautiful gift to him. He was glad to see among the number the London County Council, headed by the Chairman, that much beloved man, Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P.; Mr. Diggle, the equally loved Chairman of the London School Board; and his friend, Mr. Littler, Q.C., and many others, while others had shown their interest in this function in municipal life by giving their attendance. But he realised the fact that he would occupy the very high position in respect by the kindness and the confidence of his friends more than by his own efforts; and had he not been supported as he had been he could not have succeeded. He appreciated very much the presence that afternoon of Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris. He could only assure them that during his year of office he would, if God gave him the health and strength, endeavour to carry out his duties to the fullest extent with his esteemed colleague, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-elect Tyler, with whom he was sure he would work well, knowing him to be a kind, courteous, and estimable gentleman.

Bro. LOBB then moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Lindo for his kindness in having undertaken the Secretarial duties and those of Treasurer.

Bro. SALMON seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously, Mr. Lindo making a brief acknowledgment.

Bro. ALTMAN moved a vote of thanks to the Alderman for presiding, and this was seconded by Bro. Sir AUGUSTUS HARRIS, and adopted.

The badge presented to Bro. Sheriff-elect Foster is circular in form; in the centre are the arms of the Sheriff surmounted with a squire's helmet and crest, at the base is the motto "Sauviter in modo, fortiter in re." The arms, mantling, crest, and motto are beautifully enamelled in correct heraldic colours on a medallion of frosted gold and surrounded by a green enamelled wreath of laurel and oak leaves. On the outer circle of the badge are 12 shields bearing the arms of the following companies, each artistically enamelled in proper colours, viz.: The Worshipful Company of Fruiterers, the Worshipful Company of Playing Card Makers, the Worshipful Company of Bakers, the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, the Worshipful Company of Turners, the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers, the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers, the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, the Worshipful Company of Glaziers, the Worshipful Company of Clock Makers, the Worshipful Company of Loriners, and the Worshipful Company of Horners.

The badge has the civic cap of maintenance on the top, and a wreath of laurel and oak leaves at base.

In the centre of the chain are the arms and supporters of the City of London, flanked on either side with the Sheriff's monogram and shields bearing the arms of the Worshipful Companies of Frame Work Knitters, Patten Makers, and Wheelwrights, the latter being the Sheriff's mother Company; greater prominence is given to their arms in the formation of the chain. On the right section of the chain is an artistically painted medallion, being a *facsimile* of the seal of the London County Council, whilst on the left section of the chain is a similar medallion bearing the seal of the London School Board, of which bodies the Sheriff is a member.

The chain and badge are of 18-carat gold, hall-marked, and were designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, E.C.

A LITERARY CURIOSITY.

What is, perhaps, the most curious and interesting literary combination of modern times has just been announced by the editor of the *Gentlewoman*. It will be remembered that in the first 20 numbers of that journal there appeared week by week a "Novel" Novel, each chapter being by a different author—an amateur and reader of the journal. This very successful scheme suggested to the editor the idea of a novel written by many well-known novelists without consultation or any plan being prearranged. The result has been a remarkable work of fiction and literary curiosity called "The Fate of Fenella." The opening chapter is by Helen Mathers, the next by Justin H. McCarthy, a lady and a gentleman alternating chapter by chapter in the following order: Mrs. Trollope, Conan Doyle, May Crommelin, F. C. Phillips, "Rita," Joseph Hatton, Mrs. Lovett Cameron, Bram Stoker, Florence Marryatt, Frank Danby, Mrs. Edward Kennard, Richard Dowling, Mrs. Hungerford, Arthur A'Beckett, Mrs. Macquoid, G. Manville Fenn, &c. The novel will be specially illustrated, and the first chapter will be published in the Christmas Number of the *Gentlewoman*, the succeeding chapters appearing week by week.

MASONIC WORK.

So much of the true comprehension of the principles of Freemasonry lies in the rendering of its symbology that a more accurate study of the truths and their lessons embodied in Masonic symbols is imperative. Without the analysis of these symbols and the presentation of their teachings, thus only to be obtained, the full understanding of Freemasonry is not possible.

What is called the "Work" is inalienably connected with, dependent on, and consecrated by, the truths veiled in those wonderful mysteries. In the aforesaid, when language was too meagre to express the hidden meaning of the conceptions and the aspirations of the soul, as impressed on the consciousness of the mental faculties, symbols were the accepted form of teaching those who sought to know. These mysteries were necessarily communicated to but few. The method of imparting them was limited to such only as were initiated into the circle constituted of earnest, devoted seekers after knowledge.

From the period when "sun-worship" was the cult of tribes and peoples, till the Egyptian philosophies became recognised as a development of the mysteries of symbols, mankind sought light in this school of instruction. Out of this grew, in part, the origin of Freemasonry.—P.G. Master Vaux, in *Canadian Craftsman*.

Scotland.

ROYAL ARCH.  
GLASGOW.

Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—A large and representative gathering of Royal Arch companions was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Friday, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of electing and investing the officers of this, the premier chapter in the province for the ensuing year. The First Principal, Comp. Edwd. Macbean, 2nd Grand Sojourner, occupied the chair, and was supported by a full staff of officers. A large number of apologies from Grand and Prov. Grand dignitaries was read, including a kindly and characteristic note from Comp. Wm. Jas. Hughan, who never forgets the chapter in which he was exalted 26 years ago. After the transaction of some formal business, it was reported that Grand Scribes E. and N. were in attendance, and these distinguished companions were accordingly received as befitted their exalted position. Comp. R. S. Brown, G.S.E., assisted by Comp. C. Baxter, G.S.N., presided at the Board of Installed Principals, when the retiring Z. presented his successor, Comp. William Sutherland Hunter, for instruction in the secrets peculiar to the chair of Z. All the chapters of the province were represented at this function. After the re-admission of the companions, the I.P.Z. delivered an extempore address, directing the attention of the Principals, office-bearers, and members generally to the various duties they owed each other and the body, as well as the necessity of so ordering their daily walk and conversation that the neutral world might take note that they were Masons indeed, and had profited by the lessons conveyed in the beautiful ritual with which they were all familiar. Loud and sustained applause at the close of Comp. Macbean's remarks showed that the audience fully endorsed the sentiments expressed by him.

Refreshment followed labour, and song enlivened speech. Comp. Larter was the chief exponent of melody, while the eminent composer, Comp. Emile Berger, presided at the piano.

The M.E.Z., Comp. W. S. Hunter, by his conduct in the chair, proved that the chapter had made a wise selection, for his practical advice and logical arguments evinced a thorough grasp of the Royal Art. The G.S.E. narrated statistics which showed the continued solid progress the Order is making, and the G.S.N. insisted on the advisability of greater sympathy and closer personal connection between the high officials and the daughter chapters.

The Glasgow Chapter can point to good work since its inception in 1824, and under Comp. Hunter, M.E.Z., and the efficient staff which yields ready obedience to his sceptre, continued prosperity may be confidently predicted. The lectures which Comp. Paten, P.Z., inaugurated, and Comp. Macbean, P.Z., continued, are to be maintained by the present Chairman, and to such efforts we heartily bid God-speed.

The German Exhibition will be closed on Saturday, the 10th inst., the German National Anthem—"Die Wacht am Rhein"—being sung by 10,000 voices, accompanied by the massed bands.

Ireland.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. GEORGE  
ALEXANDER REID.

The many friends of this gentleman will be sorry to learn that he is about to leave Belfast, and take up his residence in London. Mr. Reid has for the past seven years conducted the local branch of the Fire Insurance Association, in which capacity he has displayed all the qualities essential to the progress and prosperity of such a business. He now takes up the European Secretaryship to the American Fire Insurance Company, and we have no doubt, by the exercise of the same ability as he has shown here, his new sphere of labour will be equally successful. Mr. Reid was generally popular, apart from the esteem in which he was held by the business portion of the community. The local Masonic brethren, among whom he was a great favourite, could not allow him to leave without an expression of their fraternal feeling. In the windows of Messrs. Rankin Bros. we observe a beautiful solid silver tea and coffee service and tray presented by this body, which it must be admitted does them credit. The whole of the articles bear the monogram G.A.R. neatly chased, and the largest the following inscription: "Presented to the Very Worshipful Brother George Alexander Reid, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden Antrim, P.K., R.A.C., P.C., and B., H.K.T., S.P.R.C., &c., by the members of 88 Lodge, Chapter, and Preceptory, as a token of their appreciation of his long valued services to Freemasonry in Ireland, and as a mark of their personal esteem and regard." Mr. Reid's successor is Mr. Sands, of this city.—*Belfast News Letter*.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. DR. FRANCIS E.  
CLARKE, 30°.

At the last stated Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Meath, held at Cavan, a splendidly illuminated address and handsome gold repeater watch were presented to Bro. Dr. Francis E. Clarke, 30°, who lately retired from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary after a service of over 10 years. The address spoke in the most affectionate terms of the regard felt for Bro. Clarke and the appreciation entertained for his Masonic services rendered to the Province of Meath, and was signed by the Marquis of Headfort, Prov. Grand Master, and countersigned by Bro. G. H. Miller, who has succeeded Bro. Clarke as Prov. Grand Secretary. The watch is a massive one, in hunting-case, with crest and motto on one cover and monogram on reverse. Inside there is engraved a square and compasses, and the following: "Presented by the brethren of the Masonic Province of Meath to R.W. Francis E. Clarke, M.D., LL.D., 30°, on his resignation of the Provincial Grand Secretaryship, as a mark of fraternal esteem. June, 1891." Bro. Clarke has not by any means given up the active working of the Craft, as he is still Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North Connaught, and Registrar both of the Abbey Royal Arch Chapter, No. 242, Boyle, and the Abbey Preceptory of Knights Templar. In the unavoidable absence of the Marquis of Headfort the presentation was made by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Meath, Bro. George J. Norman de Arcy, 32°.

The Craft Abroad.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. D. MOSS, P.M. 1275.

At the regular meeting of the Golden Thistle Lodge of Instruction, held at the Masonic Temple, Johannesburg, South Africa, a very pleasing and deserving presentation took place. A Past Preceptor's jewel was presented to Bro. D. Moss, P.M. 1275 (London), by the brethren of the above lodge for his kindness and indefatigable exertions in promoting in Johannesburg the ritual of Freemasonry.

Bro. BLAKE, the W.M. elect, in presenting the jewel, said it gave him very great pleasure, on behalf of the brethren, to present that mark of appreciation of the good work Bro. Moss had done in drilling the brethren to fulfil their respective offices with such efficiency, and also for his kindness in instructing them in the beautiful ceremony and sections, which but for him would have remained at a distance and unknown. Bro. Blake, in a few more well-chosen words, spoke well of the Preceptor as a man and a Freemason.

After the presentation a vote of £10 10s. was given to the Transvaal Masonic School, on the proposition of Bro. Moss.

The above lodge was opened by Bro. D. Moss some two years ago, when first he went to South Africa, and it was continued for some months until Bro. Moss came to England last year, when it fell through for the want of a Preceptor. When Bro. Moss returned last December he resuscitated it again, since which time it has been going on very successfully, and the work done (although in a Scotch lodge) is the English working. Bro. D. Moss may be known as a most earnest worker in London for 14 years, having been Preceptor of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, for 10 years.

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## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at the hour of three p.m.

We are asked to state that the Langton Lodge of Instruction will resume work at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

The Pro Grand Master and the Countess of Lathom have arrived in England by the Teutonic, after a tour in Canada, where they have been on a visit to Lord Stanley of Preston.

Bro. Lord Wantage, after being absent in Germany for the purpose of witnessing the army manoeuvres at Erfurt, returned to England last week, and joined Lady Wantage at Overstone in Northamptonshire.

A very successful Chinese-lantern parade in aid of the West Ham Hospital was held in Stratford on Saturday evening last under the auspices of the committee of the local friendly, trade, and temperance societies.

The four large banners displayed at Stationers' Hall on the occasion of the inauguration breakfast given by the Sheriffs were painted at Bro. George Kenning's establishment, Little Britain, City.

The installation of Bro. H. Gordon Small, S.W. of the Alan Lodge, No. 2368, will take place at the Queen's Hotel, Alderley, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Bro. A. Lawley, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., will be installing Master on that occasion.

Bro. James Stevens will lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry" in the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Bro. Joseph Solomon, W.M., at the Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, the 19th inst. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m.

One thousand pounds has just been paid by Mr. Gilbert Dalziel, the proprietor of *Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday*, to Mr. George J. Hicks, Manor Lodge, 34, Highbury-grove, London, N., that gentleman being the writer of the best verse in "Ally Sloper's Competition."

The Emperor of Germany has forwarded a donation of 20,000 francs towards the relief of the sufferers by the recent terrible railway disaster in Spain, and the Queen-Regent Christina has sent a telegram to his Majesty thanking him for his generous consideration.

The damage caused by the tornado at Martinique in the month of August is described as having been very great. Over 50 vessels were driven ashore and wrecked, plantations and houses were swept away, and about 300 inhabitants were killed, while about 1000 sustained injuries more or less serious.

The Prince of Wales, who has been on a visit to the Queen at Balmoral, left for Mar Lodge, Braemar, on Saturday evening last on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife. His Royal Highness was accompanied by his son, Prince George, and Bro. Lord Suffield, and will remain over the present week.

The celebrated fasting man, Alexander Jacques, appears to have been so well pleased with the Gerolstein Natural Mineral Water during his 42 days' fast last year, that he laid in a good stock of it for his more formidable task of 50 days' fast recently accomplished.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington—the First Lecture on the 5th inst., and the Second and Third Lectures on the 12th inst., each commencing at eight p.m. The annual supper will take place on the 19th inst.

Bro. James Stevens asks us to notify that he is arranging with lodges in Norfolk and Suffolk for the delivery of his latest lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of Symbolic Freemasonry" during the ensuing few weeks, and that he would be pleased to correspond with the Worshipful Masters or Secretaries of other lodges in those provinces desirous of hearing him. His address is "Evelyn," Catford, S.E.

Bro. Lieutenant-General Sir Evelyn Wood has issued an order of the day to the troops engaged in the recent manoeuvres on the Hampshire Downs, in which he commends them highly for the interest they manifested in their duties and the cheerfulness with which they endured the discomforts caused by the weather. He congratulates them also on the excellence of their discipline and conduct.

At a convocation of the University of Durham, held on Saturday, the 26th ult.—the Rev. Professor R. J. Pearce, M.A., D.C.L., Sub-Warden, presiding—the Degree of Bachelor of Music was conferred on Bro. E. Burritt Lane, P.M. 1765, Organist of the parish church, Bromley, Kent, after examination by Sir John Stainer, M.A., Mus. Doc., Professor of Music in the University of Oxford; Dr. Philip Armes, Organist of Durham Cathedral; and Dr. John Naylor, Organist of York Minster.

After spending two days in inspecting the Belfast garrison his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge left for Baron's Court, Tyrone, the seat of Bro. the Duke of Abercorn. On the 24th ult., in company with Bro. General Lord Wolseley, he inspected Holywood Camp, County Down, where the Government have recently purchased ground for the erection of barracks. During the present week he has been in Dublin, and reviewed the troops garrisoned in and near the Irish capital.

The Master of a lodge should be a studious and thoughtful man, and above all a man fruitful in resources. Should the energy and zeal of the members of his lodge begin to slacken, and their attendance become more and more reluctant and infrequent, he should be able to devise some scheme to put into operation some plan by which he may win them back to their allegiance. The lodge room should be made, next to home, the most delightful and attractive place on earth; a pleasant retreat from the cares and dividing influences of every-day, active business life. Every Mason should regard his lodge as a perennial fountain to which he may come at all times, and have his own moral courage, and his confidence in his fellow-men increased and strengthened.—*American Tyler.*

Bro. Alderman David Evans was unanimously elected Lord Mayor of London on Tuesday last.

Bro. Alderman Joseph Renals has announced his intention of offering himself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff for 1892-3.

Bro. Charles G. L. Kipling, P.M. 1981, who served under Captain Shaw for 16 years, sailed on the 2nd inst. to take charge of the Fire Brigade at Yokohama, Japan.

Bro. General Sir Frederick Sleight Roberts, Bart., V.C., G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief in India, who was born at Cawnpore, entered upon his 60th year on Wednesday.

The Earl of Carnarvon has been entertaining his Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire tenants at dinner at Bretby Park, Burton-on-Trent. The guests numbered about 150.

Tuesday's *Gazette* contained a Royal proclamation further proroguing Parliament from the 20th October to Thursday, December 10th, the convocations of Canterbury and York being also prorogued.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, who has been visiting in Austria for the last six weeks, arrived in London on Monday morning, and left the same evening for Newmarket for a fortnight's stay.

Secretaries of lodges, chapters, &c., cannot do better than send their orders for India Rubber Stamps to J. Berkeley, 8, Livery-street, Birmingham. His work is always well turned out and moderate in price.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct the issue of letters patent under the Great Seal conferring the dignity of a baronetcy of the United Kingdom on the Right Hon. Peter O'Brien, of Merrion-square, Dublin, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

The Duke of Cambridge left Dublin by an early train for the Curragh, where he inspected the troops stationed at the camp. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. General Lord Wolseley and a large staff. The Duke returned to Dublin late the same day.

There is every reason to believe that the Folk-lore Congress, which was opened in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, on the 1st instant, will prove most interesting and very popular. The opening address was to be delivered by Mr. Andrew Lang.

The Grand Duchess Paul, daughter of the King and Queen of the Hellenes, and niece of the Prince and Princess of Wales, has not long withstood the very serious attack of illness, to which we referred last week, and died at the residence of her husband, the Grand Duke Paul, near Moscow, on the morning of the 24th ult.

The ceremony of swearing in the new Sheriffs of the City of London—Bros. Alderman Tyler and H. S. Foster—took place in a Court of Aldermen of the Outer Chamber at Guildhall on Monday, after which the new Civic functionaries entertained their friends in the Hall of the Stationers' Company. The customary procession was dispensed with.

Divine service was conducted in Bro. the Duke of Fife's private Chapel, at Mar Lodge, on Sunday last, by the Rev. Canon Sir James Phillips, among those present being the Prince of Wales and Prince George of Wales, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife, Bro. Lord Suffield, Lord Houghton, Sir Henry James, Bro. Sir Charles Hall, M.P., and others.

Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of this city, who had charge of the columns of the *Keystone* during the editor's absence abroad in the past summer, is entitled to the thanks of our readers, no less than to those of ourself. Bro. Meyer's knowledge of and experience in the Craft are so extended, that he adorns every position which he is called to fill. He is one of Pennsylvania's most useful Craftsmen.—*Keystone.*

The Metropolitan rifle ranges at Wraybury are nearly finished, and will be ready for practice by the end of next month. The short-range butt is 1207 feet long, and with the long-range butt forms a prominent feature in the landscape between the Staines and Wraybury stations of the London and South-Western Railway, by which, as well as by the West Drayton branch of the Great Western, the Metropolitan Volunteers will be conveyed to the spot.

The Duchess of Albany was present in the rooms of the City of London Young Men's Christian Association in Aldersgate-street on Monday evening for the purpose of presenting the prizes to the successful members in the Educational Classes and Athletic Clubs' Competition. A very glowing account was given by the Chairman, Mr. George Williams, of the rapid growth of this class of association, and at the close of the distribution a cordial vote of thanks was passed to her Royal Highness for attending.

The annual prize meeting of the Honourable Artillery Company took place at the Ilford ranges on Friday, the 25th ult., about 150 members being present. The shooting commenced at eight a.m., and lasted till five p.m., the number of competitions being three. In the first—five shots standing and five shots kneeling at 100 yards, five shots kneeling at 200 yards, and five shots prone at 300 yards—Staff-Sergeant Wace scored 75 points, and Sergeant Vasley and Privates Gillert and Reside 74 each. In the second—seven shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards—Private Gillert took the first prize with 97 points, and Private Rosenthal the second prize with 94 points. In the third competition, in which the aggregate of the two previous scores was reckoned, Private Gillert took Lord de Vesci's prize with a total of 171.

Masonic festivities occupy a prominent place in the records of the English Masonic papers just now. One issue of the *Freemason* reports five functions of a character more or less out of the routine. The W.M. of one lodge—the Alliance—entertained the whole of the brethren at a banquet at the Crystal Palace. The New Cross Lodge, which has a large Italian element in its membership, indulged in a summer outing to Hampton Court, a large number of ladies accompanying the Masons. The Gallery Lodge, composed entirely of reporters, had also, accompanied by their lady friends, a similar picnic in the neighbourhood of Guildford. A Liverpool lodge—the Devonshire—likewise took wives and sweethearts on a picnic to the Vale of Llangollen, and the British Union Lodge, of Ipswich, Suffolk, held what appears to be an annual institution, "a feast of roses," the hall being profusely decorated with England's national flower.—*South African Freemason.*

The number of visitors to the Royal Naval Exhibition last week was 92,677, of whom 26,581 attended on Saturday. This raises the total since the opening in May to 1,990,699.

The Princess Christian and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein arrived on Saturday morning last at Aberdeen, and proceeded thence by the Dundee Railway to Balmoral on a visit to her Majesty.

The Rugby Foot-ball team, after a very successful tour in South Africa, have returned to England. They won all the 19 matches they played, scoring 224 points to one try by their adversaries.

Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., paid a visit to Walmer Castle on Saturday last, and spent some time with the First Lord of the Treasury, who, though weak, is improving in health, and is able to take a short cruise on his yacht every day.

Bro. James Glaisher, F.R.S., President, and the members of the Council of the Photographic Society of Great Britain, received a numerous company at the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, 5A, Pall Mall, on the occasion of their annual soiree on Saturday last.

Five new bishops were consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury and 12 bishops as assistant consecrators in St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, in the presence of a congregation which was estimated to exceed 5000. The procession of choristers, clergy, and bishops, each of whom was attended by his chaplains, was very imposing, and a very able sermon was preached by Prebendary Gilson.

A large amount of grain was harvested last week. In East Anglia, Lincolnshire, and Yorkshire but little remains in the fields, and even in some parts of Scotland harvest homes have been sounded, but in the Highlands and mountainous districts of England a good deal remains to be done. The estimates from Ireland are declared to be very satisfactory.

The usual Michaelmas Day service was held at the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry on Tuesday, and was attended by Bro. the Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., the Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Corporation officers. Afterwards the civic procession returned to the Guildhall, where Bro. Alderman Evans was chosen Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance, and at the reception dinner at the Mansion House in the evening the Court of Aldermen was very numerously represented.

Nothing is more remarkable in the history of tobacco than the rapid spread during the last few years of cigarette smoking. Manufacturers have vied with each other in producing, by a skilful combination and blending of the fragrant weed, an article to satisfy the refined tastes of consumers. Amongst the manufacturers who have been eminently successful are the firm of Nicolaides and Co. Their cigarettes possess an aroma and flavour that must commend them to lovers of the fragrant weed in cigarette form.

Plumstead Common was quite gay and festive on Saturday evening last, on the occasion of the final performance of music. As the day happened to be the 34th anniversary of the relief of Lucknow by Havelock, the programme was essentially musical, and included the British Army Quadrilles. But the great novelty of the day was the illumination of the common by the inhabitants of the surrounding houses, the scene being most picturesquely lighted up by innumerable lamps and coloured fires. It is computed that some 50,000 persons were present on the occasion.

A federal court in Missouri recently ruled that "the assumption of a Masonic name does not make it (the defendant Knights Templar and Masons' Assessment Association) a Masonic institution. A popular or captivating name often performs a useful office as a business advertisement, but it goes for nothing in determining the legal character of the corporation adopting it. The law is not to be cheated by any gloss of words. It judges things by what they are in fact, and not by their names.—*The Trestle Board.*

Bro. Edward P. Day, the founder and Master of Day Star Lodge, No. 798, has decided, as a gift to the lodge, the property at Third-avenue and Fifty-first-street, Brooklyn, N.Y., where their hall stands. It is valued at about \$30,000. It was his intention to leave it to the trustees, in his will, but he concluded to avoid all possible complications, by transferring it now. Day Star Lodge was established over two years ago, and has had a prosperous career. Bro. Day furnished a hall and charged no rent for its use. When he concluded to make the transfer of the place he had the board of trustees incorporated, so as to receive it.—*New York Times.*

Freemasonry in Oxfordshire and its neighbourhood, after the usual summer vacation, is now about to resume its wonted vitality, the following meetings taking place during the present month in Oxford. On Tuesday, the 6th, the Alfred Lodge, Bro. S. J. Shipp, W.M.; Thursday, the 8th, the Bertie Lodge, Bro. Dan Symes, W.M.; Wednesday, the 21st, festival and installation of the Alfred Mark Lodge, Bro. W. R. Bowden, W.M.; Tuesday, the 27th, the Apollo University Lodge, Bro. P. C. Smith, W.M.; there will also be held, probably some time this month, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, at which the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia will be installed and invested as Deputy Prov. Grand Master in the room of Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., of Magdalen College, deceased, who had held the position for 16 years, having been installed in the Sheldonian Theatre in 1875 by the late Duke of Albany, Prov. G.M. The Churchill Lodge meets on the first Monday in November, and for the 10th the Prov. Grand Royal Arch Chapter is announced. During this month, also, the following lodges resume their meetings: Cherwell, at Banbury; Bowyer, at Chipping Norton; Windrush, at Witney; Thame, at Henley; Abbey, at Abingdon; and St. Hilda, at Wallingford. Most of these lodges continue to hold their meetings monthly from October to June.

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