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## THE CRAFT IN CANADA (PROVINCE OF ONTARIO).

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the Province of Ontario was held in London on the 20th and 21st July. There was, as usual, a very full attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers, and there were only a small number of lodges on the roll which were not represented either directly or by proxy. Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, M.W.G.M., presided, and the proceedings on both days were of more than usual interest. On the first day, Bro. ROBERTSON delivered the customary address, in which he reviewed at length the events of the past year. A vote, too, was taken on the question whether the Grand Lodge should or should not contribute towards the centenary celebration of the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada in 1792, the result being that the resolution to make a grant was carried in the negative. On the second day, Bro. GIBSON, Deputy Grand Master, proposed that a sum of \$500 be granted towards the relief of the brethren in St. John's, Newfoundland, who have suffered by the recent conflagration, which practically destroyed that unfortunate city, and, though an amendment was submitted to contribute \$500 to the general relief fund in addition to the grant proposed to be made to the Masonic relief fund, the original motion was carried, Bro. GIBSON contending that, as the brethren in their capacity of citizens, were already contributing to the former, it was the duty of Grand Lodge to confine its sympathies to the latter. Grand Lodge then gave its attention to the business of electing the principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the result as regards the Grand Mastership, that Bro. J. M. GIBSON, who has served as Deputy Grand Master during the two years Bro. ROBERTSON has held that office, was elected. Bros. WHITE and Dr. CHURCH were candidates for the post of Deputy, and the ballot resulted in favour of the former, while Bros. BAKER and GEO. C. INGLIS were elected to the Warden's chairs. For the office of Grand Chaplain there were four competitors, of whom Bro. the Rev. J. H. FAIRLY secured the highest number of votes; Bro. MUGH MURRAY was unanimously confirmed in the office of Grand Treasurer, to which he had been appointed *pro tem.* on the death of Bro. EDWARD MITCHELL; Bro. F. F. MANLEY was preferred to Bro. COOKE for the post of Grand Registrar; and Bro. J. J. MASON retains the office of Grand Secretary. The elections and appointments having been completed and the new Grand Officers installed in their several posts, a resolution was unanimously carried for the appointment of a Committee to procure and present to the retiring Grand Master a suitable testimonial in recognition of the very great services he had rendered during his two years' tenure of office, and Bro. ROSS ROBERTSON, in acknowledging and consenting to accept the honour thus proposed to be conferred upon him, expressed a hope that any money that might be raised for the purpose might be devoted to the furnishing of cots for the sick children of worthy Masons in the Lakeside Home for Little Sick Children, on Toronto Island—an institution which he had built and endowed and presented to the country at large, his idea being that money so spent would be "productive of more good than if spent in any other way."

About a month previous to this annual meeting Bro. ROBERTSON had the opportunity of performing an important public Masonic act, which in the years to come will always be associated with his presidency over the Craft in Canada. On the 17th June he attended at Owen Sound with several of his Grand Officers for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of a new hospital, which is about to be erected in that locality at a cost of about \$9000. This institution, which when completed will be known as the Marine and General Hospital of Owen Sound, had its origin in a bequest of \$1000 made by a worthy citizen of the name of George Williams towards the first charitable institution that should be established in the locality. Further sums were raised by public subscription, the ladies of the neighbourhood taking a prominent part in canvassing for the necessary funds, and a sufficient amount having been obtained, the aid of the Grand Master of Canada was enlisted in launching the proposed hospital on its career. Hence his presence on the day mentioned, which, thanks to the attendance of the members of the local lodges and other Masons to the number of about 300, as well as of the townsfolk, who were deeply interested in the proceedings, proved quite a gala day in the annals of Owen Sound. The ceremony was of the usual character, and calls for no special remark, but the address which Bro. ROBERTSON delivered was replete with details which must have made those brethren who heard it very proud indeed of the Fraternity of which they are members. With many of these details, such as the work done in England and Ireland in aid of their Masonic Institutions, and in Scotland in establishing their Fund of Benevolence, our readers

are already familiar, nor need we trouble them with those particulars which he gave of the origin of our modern system of Freemasonry. But what had reference to the progress of hospital work in the Province of Ontario is not so generally known, and it cannot be otherwise than gratifying to them to learn that while in 1884 there were only 14 hospitals under Government inspection, there are now 27; that there is now provision for relieving 10,000 patients annually as against 6000 eight years ago; and that while the amount contributed by Government and raised by public contribution has considerably more than doubled within the period stated, the smallness of the average cost per patient is a sure and certain indication that the funds are administered with the utmost economy consistent with efficiency and good management.

The ceremony at Owen Sound was in all probability the last public Masonic act of a brother who presided over the Grand Lodge of Canada for two years and whose labours during that period have been almost unprecedented in the annals of Canadian Masonry. Bro. ROBERTSON was indeed no *fainéant* ruler; what he expected of others, that did he himself most thoroughly and conscientiously. No man appears to have had so lofty a sense of what he conceived to be the duties of a Grand Master. During his term of office—brief though it appears to us who are accustomed to seeing our rulers when once elected remain in office, if not for the term of their natural lives, at all events for as long a period as it may please them to accept re-election or retain their appointments—it is tolerably certain—we believe, indeed he has placed the fact on record—that he must have officially visited all or nearly all the lodges on the roll of Canada. He appears likewise to have enjoyed to the utmost the confidence of the brethren, who, whenever he visited this or that township, always attended in great force and accorded to him the heartiest of welcomes. Moreover, he seems to have studied pretty closely the history of our Society, and whenever a favourable opportunity presented, was as ready to deliver a lecture on the origin and progress of Freemasonry as he was earnest in his endeavours to promote the well-being of the lodges under his charge. Thus on the occasion of his visit to Owen Sound for the purpose of laying the first stone of its new hospital, the ceremony was hardly concluded before we read of his attending at the local Masonic Hall, where, in the course of an able exposition of "Historic Freemasonry," we are told "he held the lodge" for two hours, "discussing on the origin of the ancient mysteries of Egypt, the Cabiric, Dionysian, and Eleusinian mysteries and worship; Scandinavian rites; the Steinmetzen of Germany; Craft guilds; the history of the early operative guilds of England; and of the Grand Lodges of England and Canada." Those who had the privilege of meeting Bro. ROBERTSON, when he paid this country a visit some two years ago, when his experience as Grand Master was of the briefest, will have no difficulty in picturing to themselves that the lecture at Owen Sound must have been as instructive as no doubt it was interesting. If we add to the ubiquity he displayed in visiting his lodges, and the knowledge and ability he exhibited in his numerous lectures, that Bro. ROBERTSON, by his conduct both within and outside Masonry, set an example of benevolence—more especially in his gift of the Lakeside Home for little children on Toronto Island—to his brother Masons and brother citizens, which it will be an honour to them to follow, we shall have completed the portrait of one of the ablest and most popular of the Canadian Grand Masters, the memory of whose services will be cherished long after he has passed from this earthly scene. Fortunately, as far as age goes, there is every reason for hoping that he will be long spared to be an ornament to the Grand Lodge over which he but so recently presided, and that for many years his successors on the Masonic throne of Canada will be inspired to fulfil their duties by the influence of his great example, and the wise counsel he will at all times be ready and willing to offer. May the time be far distant when it will be no longer possible for him in his own person to exercise this influence and tender such counsel!

## MASONIC LIBRARIES.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

In the *Freemason* of July 23rd, some valuable additions to the library of Grand Lodge were announced by Bro. Sadler, who has since reminded me that it was at my instance, when a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1880, that the present annual grant of £25 was recommended by that body to Grand Lodge. I am induced, therefore, to offer a few remarks, in the first place, to supply what the modesty of the Sub-Librarian has prevented him from revealing, and secondly, to throw out the strongest hint I am capable of expressing, that the time has arrived when the purse strings

of Grand Lodge should be again loosened, in order that the reproach may be avoided of our national Masonic collection falling altogether behind the times.

When the grant of £25 was first voted—Bro. Sadler will correct me if I err—I think we were to work together in its appropriation, though I hasten to state, at the outset, that my share of the labour was confined to what I may perhaps venture to term an intelligent interest in the work performed by Bro. Sadler. At the period in question the collection, though *unique* in the sense of comprising a larger number of books, of which there were no known counter parts, than any other Masonic library, was in every sense a ragged one. Bound books required re-binding, unbound books were falling to pieces, and the *Proceedings*, or *Transactions* of foreign Grand Bodies were mouldering towards their final decay. Gaps, too, existed everywhere in the files of English Masonic journals, and among the series of works from the pens of Preston, Oliver, and other well-known and prolific authors.

It is not too much to say that little by little all, or nearly all, these blemishes have been removed. Also additions have been made with equal judgment and success, and withal, the humble pittance doled out for the support of the library, has been so carefully husbanded by Bro. Sadler, that he has been able in a few instances to widen the sphere of his operations, and to secure for the Grand Lodge more than one rare print and ancient manuscript. A new catalogue has supplanted the old one, and—in a word—the treasures of the Grand Lodge Library are readily accessible to all members of the Craft. They comprise more than 2000 books, or including By-laws, Provincial Calendars and Reports, and the unbound *Proceedings* of American Grand Lodges considerably over 5000 volumes.

The number of books in the library of the Supreme Council at Golden-square I do not know. The printed catalogue was compiled many years ago, and the subsequent additions to the collection must now almost outnumber the original stock. This library is a very fine one, and the governing body of the Rite—as I can testify from experience—are animated by similar sentiments to those which were so eloquently expressed by the late Albert Pike: "The life of an Order consists of what it does. It lives by doing good, and if it sends out no rays of beneficence on any side, its life is only the life of a fungus. It seems to me that the spirit of a writer is in his books, and that if they are not read, it is imprisoned there like an old King of Egypt in its sarcophagus."

Nor does the Masonic portion of the British Museum Library fall short of the expectations that naturally arise with regard to it.

Each of the three chief Masonic libraries in the United Kingdom, *i.e.*, at Freemasons' Hall, Golden-square, and the British Museum, respectively, has its distinctive features, and unitedly they offer to students of the Craft greater facilities for research, than would be equalled, were it possible to bring every other Masonic collection in the universe under a single roof.

In recent years, owing no doubt to a favourable conjecture of circumstances, the West Yorkshire Masonic Library has perhaps made a greater advance than any other similar institution of the second rank, and that their Prov. Grand Master and their Honorary Librarian may long be spared to them, must be the earnest wish of all studious Masons in that extensive jurisdiction.

Other provincial collections might be referred to, also the libraries of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (embracing the numerous works amassed by the late Dr. Morrison), of the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge*, of Bro. H. J. Whympier, Punjab, and of Bros. E. T. Carson and S. C. Lawrence, in the United States.

But all these I must pass over on the present occasion, in order that space may be found for the examples I wish to give of the way some Grand Lodges deal with a subject, which seems to me highly worthy of close consideration by our own.

In the United States of America there are 49 Grand Lodges, and the total membership under each of them respectively varies greatly, ranging from 77,923 Masons in the jurisdiction of New York, down to 451 in that of Arizona.

In numerical standing the Grand Lodge of New York easily takes the first place, as will appear from the following table, where the 10 Grand Lodges having the largest membership are shown in the order which they rank:

COMPARISON TABLE.

GRAND LODGE.	NUMERICAL STANDING.	NUMBER OF SUBORDINATES.	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.
New York ... ..	1	721	77,923
Illinois ... ..	2	632	43,930
Pennsylvania ... ..	3	395	42,412
Ohio ... ..	4	491	35,603
Michigan ... ..	5	360	33,098
Massachusetts ... ..	6	226	31,786
Missouri ... ..	7	550	28,816
Indiana ... ..	8	469	24,776
Texas ... ..	9	540	23,193
Iowa ... ..	10	452	22,525

The above figures present some discrepancies upon which a word or two may be said. It will be seen that Pennsylvania, with only 395 lodges, ranks third on the list, while Missouri, with 550, only reaches the seventh place. But the average of members to each lodge is greater in the District of Columbia (183), with 23 lodges and 4202 Masons, and Connecticut (141), with 111 lodges and 15,641 Masons, than in any one of the ten larger jurisdictions whereof statistics have been given.

The Grand Lodges having subordinates with the largest membership are—Connecticut (576), Illinois (555), New York (546), Michigan (540),

Colorado (531), Minnesota (525), Pennsylvania (453), California (442), Ohio (437), Massachusetts (432), District of Columbia (402), and Rhode Island (401).

It seems a little curious that there should be more Masons in a single lodge in the States of Connecticut, Illinois, and New York than are to be found either in the nine lodges making up the Masonic jurisdiction of Arizona, or the seven (with a total membership of 544 brethren) which constitute that of Utah.

More curious still would be the narrative of what has been effected in the tiny jurisdiction which I have last named by Christopher Diehl, the Grand Secretary, with respect to the formation of a Masonic library. But this story must be related at another time, as I am at present concerned with the Grand Lodges at the other end of the scale, from which I shall select those of New York and Iowa—at the top and bottom respectively of the list given above—as the subjects for illustration in the present article.

At the yearly meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York, in June last, Bro. Herman G. Carter presented his tenth annual report as Grand Librarian:—

"The Grand Lodge library has been increased by many valuable works, and during the year these have been bound and added to the large collection of *Proceedings* of the Grand Bodies, which are a history of the Craft. *One hundred and seven volumes* have been added to the *seventeen hundred and seventy-one volumes* reported in the preceding nine years, making a total of *eighteen hundred and seventy-eight volumes* added in 10 years. . . . Here are to be found the *Proceedings* of all the Masonic Grand Bodies, the standard books of the Craft, and the monthly Masonic magazines. . . . Year after year more interest is evinced in the collection of volumes, and the Grand Lodge library is rapidly assuming an importance second to none in its special collections."

The report of the Grand Librarian extends from p. 60 to p. 67 of the *Transactions*, and gives the names of donors of books, as well as catalogues of the Masonic and non-Masonic works acquired during the previous year.

The report of the Committee on Finance, including the following item:—

"For Assistant in the Library and Reading Room; to purchase current and foreign literature and magazines; for purchasing and binding Masonic works, and for services, cataloguing, etc. . . . \$1000 was received, and its recommendations adopted." (p. 126.)

In the same month—June, 1892—Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, Iowa, presented his *forty-sixth* report as Librarian, which covers 23 pages of the *Proceedings* of that Grand Lodge. The following are extracts from it:—"Masonic libraries are of recent date, none of them dating back half a century. Our own, being the first and oldest, was founded in 1844.

"When this Grand [library] building was completed and first occupied, May 7th, 1885, it was thought by the Committee having in charge its construction, that it would be large enough to answer our purpose for at least one hundred years. Seven years only have elapsed, and the Grand Lodge is confronted with the fact that at an early period in the future it will become absolutely necessary to *enlarge the building*."

A supplemental catalogue—works, 174; volumes, 185; exclusive of *proceedings, periodicals, and pamphlets*—is annexed to the report.

The Committee of Finance (p. 193) made the following report:—

"We recommend that instead of the annual appropriation for the support of the library, and running expenses of the building, the sum of eight and one-half (8½) cents for each and every member returned, as shown by the report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges at this session of the Grand Lodge, viz.: Twenty-three thousand and sixteen\* at eight and one-half cents.—\$1956.26—be set apart for library and building expenses for 1892-93."

The report was adopted.

In the *Keystone* (Philadelphia) of the 9th ult., the Iowa collection is thus referred to:

"The largest Masonic library in the world, the only Masonic library building on the face of the globe, a Grand Secretary whose service has exceeded that of any other in the history of the Fraternity in America—such is the remarkable combination of the exceptional to be found at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"Parvin's hobby,' as the Iowa library is called in fraternal circles, was started in 1845 with an appropriation of \$5. The first book in the collection was Cole's *Ahimán Reson*. He picked up the volume from a lady's centre table while making a call, and his attention was so much distracted by glances at the book that the lady suggested he should take it and go. That volume is still in the library.

"Very small appropriations were made by the Grand Lodge, but in 1882 the library was estimated to be worth \$18,000, though it had cost the Grand Lodge barely one-eighth of that sum. In that year the collection of Masonic works made by R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, the largest private library of the kind in the world, was purchased for \$4000. It had cost its collector three times that sum. This made a building imperative, and the Grand Lodge set aside \$20,000 for a fire proof structure. Cedar Rapids secured the location by donating a valuable lot and \$10,000 in cash. This unexpected money donation permitted the construction of a building of brick, stone, and iron, costing \$32,000, and it is a handsome structure, of which the city and the State, as well as the Fraternity, are proud.

"The library has quite a number of valuable books, of which no duplicates are known to be in existence. It is gradually becoming a museum as well."

It is, perhaps, too much to expect that in the life time of the present generation, the Grand Lodge of England will imitate its Masonic sisters in

\* *i.e.*, an increase of 491 on the total membership for 1891—see the table above.

New York and Iowa, by creating the office of Grand Librarian, or by erecting a special building for its library. Much, indeed, might be urged in favour of either scheme. The appointment of Grand Librarian would result in an annual report on the library, and unless my judgment is at fault, it would be more generally read than any other printed communication emanating from the governing body of the English Craft. The erection of a special building for our library would, I fear, be considered at present as lying wholly outside the limits of practicability, and yet, as it seems to me, what has proved to be both feasible and expedient at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, might be entered upon with a light heart by the Masons of England in their time-honoured metropolis.

But let us see whether there are any lesser examples set by the Grand Lodges of New York and Iowa, which might be copied with advantage in the management of our own National Masonic Library.

In the first place, the annual grant in support of the library might be considerably augmented. Last year the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with only 39 subordinate lodges, and a total membership of 1878 Masons, voted 50 dollars for binding purposes, and 100 for the purchase of Masonic books.

The competition between collectors is daily growing keener, and besides the ordinary or normal amount to be spent yearly, a provision should be made for the acquisition of a large number of volumes if suddenly thrown on the market, which might be done by the creation of a reserve sum, to be drawn upon, let us say, by sanction of the Grand, Pro Grand, or Deputy Grand Masters, and on the recommendation of the Grand Secretary.

Next, donations of books or money should be invited, and the names of donors, with their gifts, published in the printed *Transactions* of Grand Lodge. Great stress was laid by all the Reporters on Foreign Correspondence in the U.S.A. on the presentations to the Grand Lodges of Alabama and Minnesota, in 1890 and 1891 respectively, of the Masonic libraries of Bros. Daniel Sayre and A. T. C. Pierson, former Grand Secretaries, by their widows.

*Precepts may lead, but examples draw.*

Lastly, if the improvement and extension of the Grand Lodge library are really desired—as there is good ground for believing—by a not inconsiderable section of brethren, would it not be possible to elect certain representatives of these views in June next, at the annual constitution of the Board of General Purposes?

Service on the Board in question is each year becoming more and more an object of ambition, legitimate in all respects, yet the increasing number of candidates for the position, may well suggest to the electorate the expediency of justifying their selection from the array, by means of a few preliminary inquiries as to the motives which prompt men to seek election. The 12 members who are elected "from the floor" are, or ought to be, a thoroughly representative body.

If, therefore, no real interest is taken by the Craft at large in the development of the library—*Cadit questio*. But if, as I venture to think, there is a large and growing number of Masons who would like to see the library at Freemasons' Hall a worthy ornament, in all respects, of the oldest and richest Grand Lodge in the universe, the experiment I have suggested would, in all probability, be justified by the result.

The Board of General Purposes commands and deserves the cordial approval of all classes of English Freemasons, and if in a constitutional manner, by the election to their body of brethren who would gladly see more money spent on the library, it could be made clear that such was the expression of a general wish, there can be no doubt whatever that a recommendation, through the accustomed channel, would be followed by an increased grant from the funds of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of adding to and otherwise improving the library and museum of the English Craft.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.**

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Victoria Rooms, Southampton, on Monday, the 8th instant, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., supported by—

Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., P.G.D. of England, Deputy Prov. G.M.; R. Eve, P.P.G.W., acting P.S.G.W.; J. R. Atkins, P.G.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P. S.G.W.; M. Emanuel, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Cole, P.P.G.R.; F. H. Woodrow, P.G. Purst.; Geo. Pearman, P.G. Org.; J. Friedebey, P.P.S.G.D.; G. J. Tilling, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Adams, P.P.G.D.C.; E. H. Sharland, P.P.A.G.P.; R. Boughton-Smith, P.P.S.G.D.; F. King, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Patstone, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Cooper, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas.; W. S. Cox, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Heathcote, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Thomas, P.P.S.G.D., James Chandler, 2068; E. Penton, 309; F. E. Betts, 1903; Orton Cooper, 211; W. Bainbridge, 1533; A. Scott, 551; G. Fellows, 35; E. R. Fisher, 2068; G. Ward, 1883; W. Foster, 1780; E. Kingman, 359; P. H. Emanuel, 2068; C. Hodges, 2158; R. H. Weekes and E. Edwards, 1461; G. H. Swanborough, 2016; W. Stewart, 1428; C. Alexander, 1780; A. Hewitt, 394; G. Greenslade, 1112; J. B. Atkinson, 2208; E. Warren, 1780; A. B. Wade, 785; W. Miller, 1780; J. Methven, 1461; D. Stopher, 76; W. Beuttell, 342; E. F. King, 151; A. W. Hewitt, 342; J. Maling, 903; H. W. Blackader, J. S. Wickens, G. D. Birch, and J. Saints, 2074; H. J. Moon, 1958; E. Boorman, 2072; R. F. Collins, 130; S. M. Burch, 903; J. H. Atkinson-Grimshaw, 928; W. Leonard, 2153; W. H. Bastick, 279; W. H. Chapman, 1461; W. T. Warner, 1297; E. Williamson, 1780; M. S. M. McDonnell, 2150; H. Searle, 79; W. R. Matthews, 76; T. Lavington, 1780; T. W. Taylor, 35; G. H. Roles, 132; H. G. Newcome, 1971; F. H. Sheppard, 551; G. Williams, 2068; G. Boyce, 2068; A. Perry, 2169; H. Lehmann, 723; W. E. Duck, 1834; H. Abraham, 130; W. Farrance, 132; T. G. Dacombe, 359; R. W. Rider, 1461;

J. Dew, 694; R. L. Linthorne, 394; F. Trueman, 551; A. H. Watts, 1776; J. E. Aldis, 359; A. J. Callaway, 1869; T. Chesterton, 1331; W. Baker, 1835; J. Ellery, 175; W. Bates, 804; and many others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge and special Provincial Grand Lodges were confirmed.

The balance-sheet, showing receipts amounting to £666 8s. 10d., and expenditure £651 13s. 5d., the latter of which included £315 to Charities and £189 grants, was passed upon the proposition of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. R. EVE, acting P.S.G.W.

Bro. D. O. HOBBS proposed, and Bro. ATKINSON seconded, the re-election of Bro. J. W. Gieve, J.P., P.M., as Prov. Grand Treasurer, which was carried unanimously.

The Worshipful Masters of Lodges 309, 319, 342, and 359 were elected on the Audit Committee for the ensuing year.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his pleasure at seeing such a goodly attendance of brethren that day; it was, he said, only a fact to be expected in such a flourishing town as Southampton. He had been in hopes that the P.G.M. of Surrey, Bro. Col. Money, would have been present, but he was unavoidably absent. They had, however, amongst them his Deputy, Bro. West, to whom, with other worthy brethren, he offered a hearty welcome. After a few remarks of a general character, the P.G.M. invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. J. Lemon, 394	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. H. Williams, 309	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" G. Andrew, 928	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Betts, 1903	...	...	...	
" J. W. Gieve, 309	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. E. Foster, 1971	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Goble, 309...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. A. Rowe, 903	...	...	...	} Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" J. Methven, 1461	...	...	...	
" E. W. Cross, 2208	...	...	...	} Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" W. Stopher, 76	...	...	...	
" W. Bentall, 342	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. J. Lawrence, 1068	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. F. Westerman, 1776	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" H. Webb, 359...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Lieut. T. Cowd, 1834	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Bates, 809	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Br.'s
" A. Shaw, 1869	...	...	...	
" G. Pearman, 903	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. F. Lancaster	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. Williams, 2068	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. Trueman, 551,	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. W. Hewitt, 342	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. Stokes, 1958	...	...	...	
" J. G. Garnham, 151	...	...	...	
" A. Hewitt, 394	...	...	...	
" Harfield, 1112	...	...	...	
" S. W. Swanborough, 2016	...	...	...	

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, after which the National Anthem was sung, and the majority of the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, and partook of a banquet, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

**CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 2016, AT ALTON.**

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., St. Lawrence's Day, the newly-formed chapter to be attached to the local Craft Lodge, No. 2016, was duly consecrated at the Assembly Rooms, Alton, Hants. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.J. Eng., G. Superintendent, assisted by Comps. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G.H.; Lieut.-Col. W. Campbell, P.Z. 257, Prov. G.J.; and the officers of Provincial Grand Chapter.

After the ceremony of consecration, the following companions were duly installed as Principals for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. Rev. Alfred Cyril Harvey, P.Z. 309, as Z.; Henry Harbor, H. 76, as H.; and George H. Swanborough, J. 76, as J. The officers of the chapter invested were Comps. H. J. Turner-Smith, P.S.; George Turvill, S.E. and Treas.; Walter F. Blake, S.N.; Tom Cox, 1st A.S.; and A. E. Thompson, 2nd A.S. Amongst the visiting companions were Comps. Edgar Goble, P.G.S.E.; G. F. Lancaster, W. Bentell, F. H. Woodrow, Noakes, Thornton, F. King, P.Z. 76; Geo. Ward, Z. 76; Doswell, and others.

Upon the conclusion of the business the companions adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a capital banquet was served by Mr. Davies, the proprietor.

Several toasts were proposed and duly honoured, including "Success to the St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 2016."

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.**

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Public Rooms, Truro, under the banner of Fortitude Lodge, No. 78. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M., presided, and the following distinguished brethren were present:

Bros. T. Chirgwin, Deputy P.G.M.; Edmund Venning, 379, P.S.G.W.; Hugh P. Vivian, 73 and 417, P.J.G.W.; Richard Pearce Couch, 404, P.G.D.C.; W. King Baker, 404, P.P.G.S.O.; George Williams, 87, P.J.G.O.; Edward Forbes Whitley, 206, P.P.J.O.; E. M. Milford, 73, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.T.; W. J. Johns, P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Sec.; R. H. Williams, 379, P.G.I.G.; George H. Boynes Reed, 94, P.P.J.W.; W. F. Newman, 94, P.P.S.G.W.; H. W. Hockin, 78, P.G.R.; W. G. Hancock, 379, P.G.M.O.; T. C. Polglase, 94, P.P.G.M.O.; J. G. Henwood, 351, P.P.S.G.W.; Sampson

Trehane, 351, P.P.J.G.D.; Charles Truscott, 275, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Adams 379, P.G.S.; W. R. Sobey, 379, P.G.S.B.; J. W. Higman, 275, P.P.J.G.W.; J. M. Gill, 379, P.G.S.; T. C. Mack, 78, P.P.S.G.D.; Richard Rowe, 417, P.S.G.D.; J. Adams, 417, P.P.G.S.B.; S. H. Hare, 206, P.J.G.D.; J. C. R. Crewes, 78, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Guy, 275, P.P.S.G.W.; Isaac Watts, P.P.S.G.D.; John Estlick, P.G.I. of W.; J. S. Dingle, J.W. 379; J. F. Dingle, Sec. 94; J. M. Cornish, Sec. 404; W. Vial, S.W. 417; A. Dunkin, M.O. 417; W. H. Rowe, Org. 94; P. J. Maddock, S.W. 351; R. H. Thomas, I.G. 101; R. H. Williams, 417; T. H. Menadue, 417; E. Benney, J.D. 78; W. F. Clarke, S.O. 78; G. King, 78; E. W. Carus-Wilson, S.D. 78; S. Harvey, 78; C. Deeble, S.D. 94; John Brewer, I.P.M. 78; John Whitworth, Sec. 417; G. Timmins, J.W. 101; R. I. Newby, J.W. 78; W. H. Knight, S.W. 78; E. Rundle, M.O. 78; R. F. Fraser-Frizell, W.M. 101; E. I. Ellery, J.O. 78; T. Michell, I.P.M. 101; C. H. Whetter, J.W. 275; R. H. Shapcott, J.W. 351; J. G. Blight, M.O. 275; W. H. Lake, S.O. 275; T. R. Mills, P.M. 101; C. Slade, S.W. 325; P. Giles, J.W. 325; John Langdon, 78, Prov. G. Tyler; and others.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from the following: Bros. W. J. Hughan, Past G.W. of England, &c.; Col. Mitchell, P.S.G.O. of England; Crouch, P.G.D. of England; Major Ross, P.S.G.W.; T. Grylls, 94, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Roberts, 379, P.S.G.O.; J. Tonkin, 78, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. T. S. Kendall, 78; C. Sergeant, 78; W. A. Bennett, 100, P.P.G.I. of W.; J. W. C. Dudley, 178; and J. Stribley, 206.

The lodge was duly opened by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who expressed regret at its being held so late in the year, owing to illness and other circumstances.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Liskeard on July 30th, 1891, were read and confirmed. The report of the Prov. Grand Treasurer was read and adopted, after which the reports of the various lodges in the province were read and received.

Bro. W. J. JOHNS, Prov. G. Sec., reported that there were 13 lodges (comprising 354 members) in the province. This was considered highly satisfactory.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER made some feeling remarks respecting the death of the distinguished brother the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The Prov. Grand Master's term of office of three years having expired, it was recommended, on the proposition of Bro. CHIRGWIN, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. TRUSCOTT, P.P.S.G.W., and supported by Bro. KING BAKER, P.P.S.G.O., that the Prov. Grand Master be again appointed to rule over them, and it was carried unanimously.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested as his Provincial Grand Officers the following:

Bro. T. Chirgwin	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" W. K. Baker	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. C. Mack	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. Huthnance	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" John Brewer	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Theo. Michell	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizell	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Sholto H. Hare	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. J. Johns	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. R. Mills	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Timmins	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" P. J. Maddock	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. Cornish	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. J. Adams	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Knight	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Vial	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Whitworth	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. Slade	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" R. Irving Newby	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" S. J. S. Dingle	...	...	
" John Langdon	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the supper room of the Public Rooms to a luncheon, presided over by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

The sum of five guineas was given to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a like amount to the C.M.A. and B.F.

Bro. W. F. Clarke provided an excellent spread.

### JURISPRUDENCE.

Jurisprudence, as this term is generally understood, may be translated as a knowledge of the laws, customs, and rights of men, essential to the due carrying them into effect for the assurance of those rights. It involves the idea of practical judgment. A knowledge and practical judgment of laws and customs to be applied to secure justice. The scope of this meaning of jurisprudence embraces a knowledge of those laws and customs. To acquire this knowledge, like all other knowledges, demands inquiry, examination, investigation, and study. The origin, or reason of the law, is first to be ascertained. The history of its growth is next to be known. The results of its application, or the practice created by the application, is then to be studied. This is the science of law.

All governments are founded on laws. The administration of these laws is applying them for their ordained purpose. Profane tribunals called courts are entrusted with this duty. The law-enacting power and the law-administering power are distinct. Therefore, all organisations founded on law and custom are subject to the law, and its due administration. No society could exist without its jurisprudence.

This is especially true of Freemasonry. Its jurisprudence is *sui generis*, of its own kind, distinct from other societies of the profane. Its laws and customs are circumscribed by its original object, purpose, and its history. Masonic jurisprudence is the science of Masonic law. To be qualified to

apply it needs the careful study of the principles involved in it. The instructed Freemason knows that very little of this law or these customs is written. He knows why. The essential constituents of this law is found in Masonic tradition. They are its embodiment. It can be found nowhere else.

The Masonic student is forced to apply himself with earnestness to obtain knowledge of these traditions. Symbols are the index to them. To become acquainted with the symbology of Freemasonry is to learn in some degree what these traditions are, and their absolute connection with Masonic jurisprudence. The field of inquiry is large. To master the science of Masonic law is not difficult if an intelligent and close study is given to primary principles. Freemasonry is a secret society for the diffusion of knowledge, which is essential to its existence. This is the key to inquiry. Tradition explains its secrecy. The knowledge to be imparted is for the enlightenment of the initiated into membership. In the times when Freemasonry had its origin and the purpose of its establishment, knowledge and enlightenment were limited to the few, the masses of the populations were without capacity to learn. Those who sought to be taught were capable of acquiring the truths taught by the philosophers and scholars of those times, as they understood them. As the few only desired instruction it was given in secret. The public, as we would say now, were excluded because of their lack of capacity to be students. Thus Freemasonry ever has been what it is now, a secret Society. None even now but duly qualified men are accepted in it, or by it. As it never was permitted to write or print, this prohibition restrains a further discussion on examples of cases, questions, or interpretations of Masonic law. What is published, what the Masonic student should carefully read, are the Ahiman Rezon; the Proceedings of Grand Lodge; the reports of Committees on Landmarks, Appeals and Correspondence; the changes in the ceremonies and forms; the Regulations of Masonry, and Grand Masters' addresses. The "old regulations" are printed. But no rule, regulation, or Grand Lodge action can introduce any violation of the landmarks, or anything contravening them, into the body of Masonry.

It is hoped the time will come soon when D.D.G.M.'s will, with the permission of the Grand Master, convene such brethren of all the lodges in their respective districts as wish to be taught the jurisprudence of Masonry, on a day fixed, and secure competent, learned and trained teachers to explain this jurisprudence. Two or three lessons, on the day so fixed, if devoted exclusively for obtaining knowledge, would afford vast information to those who earnestly desire it. It requires no argument to prove that the great interests involved in the proper understanding and application of the law of Masonry in the lodges, among the Craft, both in relation to the domestic as well as foreign questions, is of growing importance. The duty of teaching is as potent as any other duty devolved on the officers of lodges. Of course, it is not to be expected that jurisprudence has many students. But students must be animated by a devotion to Masonry, and prepare themselves for the discharge of this duty. It rarely happens that some question of Masonic law does not arise at lodge meetings. Who is to explain it, who to decide it? Is the Craft in Pennsylvania unable to find students and teachers?—*Keystone*.

### FOUNDATIONS OF THE TEMPLE.

David says: "Walk about Zion and go round about her: tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks."

We have walked twice entirely around the walls of Jerusalem, once through the valleys of Hinnom and Jehoshaphat, visiting the Pool of Gihon, Taphet, Aceldama, En-Rogel, the Pool of Siloam, the King's Dale and the Brook Kedron, and having the walls in view continuously; and once we made the circuit of the walls so that we could touch and examine them the entire distance. We did so from our desire to see the original foundation-stones laid under the direction of Kings Hiram and Solomon. The lower courses of these stones are still in place, probably never to be removed. The upper portions of the walls have often been re-edified, but the lower portions are apparently immovable.

The great corner-stone, at the south-east angle of the wall supporting the Temple area, has been uncovered and examined by the engineers of the Palestine Exploration, and they found it "squared and polished, 14 feet long and 3 feet 8 inches high." It is "a foundation-stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone," in the language of Isaiah. This stone is now covered up by debris. Other stones are larger still. Near Robinson's Arch is one 38 feet long, that weighs over 90 tons. Others are 26 feet long and 6 feet high and 16 feet long. These are above the present surface of the ground, and we examined them. Yet the wall extends 100 feet below, being now covered with debris. The largest of these stones, it has been estimated, weighs over 100 tons, and "it is questionable whether in this nineteenth century, with all our boasted mechanical appliances, a mammoth stone like this could be hoisted to an elevation of 100 feet.

To us the most interesting antiquities in Jerusalem have been the mammoth stones in the Temple area wall at its south-east corner.

In 1 Kings we read: "And the king commanded and they brought great stones, costly stones and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers, so they prepared timber and stone to build the house." This has been verified by exposing the stones now covered with debris, as much as 60 feet below the present surface of the wall of the Temple area. On them have been found both incised and painted Mason's marks, and scholars have decided them to be Phœnician marks. Pieces of Phœnician pottery were also excavated from alongside the wall, and a winged disk, a well-known emblem of the Sun-god.

May not the original copy of the Book of the Law, the Ark of the Covenant, and the tomb of King David be yet discovered, in some as yet unopened cavern in subterranean Jerusalem? Some Biblical scholars think so. Why not? We live in an era of great "finds."—Extract from letter of the late Bro. Clifford McCalla in the *Keystone*.

"Pretty sort of goings on to which they don't admit women." Such was the opinion of the late Mrs. Caudle with regard to Freemasonry, and such is conventionally supposed to be the opinion of the weaker sex in general on this subject. It is rather startling, therefore, to read in a society paper a defence of Freemasonry by a lady, who declares boldly that veneration for the great Brotherhood has submerged within her all traces of feminine curiosity concerning it, and who reproaches her fellow women for their foolish and unreasoning abhorrence. She concludes: "For those who consider Freemasonry as being merely a vehicle for much dining out and many late nights, I should like to organise a party to one or other of the educational and Charitable institutions founded and supported entirely by Masons."—*Hobart Mercury*.

## DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

The 12th annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Wimborne, on Friday, the 22nd ult. On arriving at the hall the brethren found a substantial lunch awaiting them, very hospitably provided by the kind forethought of Bro. Russell Patey, W.M. 622.

The Relief and Assistance Sub-Committee met at 2.30 and considered four petitions for assistance. The General Committee met at 3 p.m., when the following were present: Bros. W. D. Dugdale, Chairman; W. J. Tarrant and C. J. Woodford, 137; Lillwood Milledge, Vice-Chairman, 170; C. H. W. Parkinson, 386; G. J. G. Gregory, 417; J. A. Atkins, Russell Patey, W. J. Fletcher, J. Whitehead Smith, and G. Habgood, jun., of 622; W. H. Kerbey, 665; T. Giles, 707; C. J. Freeman, 1037; L. H. Ruegg, 1168; J. W. Luff and W. W. Stickland, 1266; and S. R. Baskett, Hon. Sec. 1367; only two lodges in the province being unrepresented.

The minutes of the last half-yearly meeting held at Dorchester having been confirmed, and apologies presented for several brethren unable to attend, the Hon. Secretary reported that a widow for whose assistance £20 had been granted at the last meeting to the W.M. of No. 472, had since died, and he had received from the Treasurer of No. 472 the sum of £16 which had not been expended in consequence of her death. He also read a letter expressing the old lady's very warm gratitude for the grant.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the petitions for relief, and, after consideration, adopted the recommendations of the Relief Sub-Committee, viz.: To a brother £20 towards an apprenticeship premium for one of his children; to two widows £20 each; and to a brother £20, with a recommendation to Provincial Grand Lodge to grant a similar sum in addition.

The brethren to whom or to whose widows the grants were made had been members of the province for the long periods of 14, 23, 26, and 24 years respectively.

The accounts for the half-year to 30th June, which had been duly audited by the Lodge Committee of 622, —the Finance Sub-Committee for the year—were then presented, and showed that the capital account then stood at £2799 8s. 6d., with a balance to the credit of the relief account of £47 4s. 9d.

The annual report for 1891 to Provincial Grand Lodge was then considered and adopted.

The HON. SECRETARY said that, in accordance with a wish expressed by several brethren, he had prepared a list of subscribers to the end of 1891, to be appended to the annual report, and produced it for inspection, but the Committee decided not to increase the expenses by printing it with the report.

It was decided to hold the mid-winter meeting at Dorchester.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. R. Patey, W.M. 622, for his hospitality, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE DORIC LODGE,  
No. 2350.

The members of the Doric Lodge, No. 2350, held their second annual picnic on Saturday, the 13th inst. Accompanied by their lady friends, they started from the Central Station, Manchester, at 9.35 a.m., and proceeded in saloons to Bakewell, where luncheon was provided. From thence they proceeded by road to Chatsworth, the charming residence of the Duke of Devonshire, afterwards visiting Haddon Hall, and drove back to Bakewell for dinner. In the drawing-room subsequently a most delightful entertainment was given by the ladies and brethren, at the conclusion of which, proceeding to the station, they returned by rail, arriving at Manchester at 10.30. Needless to say, the weather being delightful the whole of the day, and with the splendid arrangements made by Bro. Veal, Secretary, a most enjoyable day was spent, not a single hitch occurring during the day, and everyone present, to the number of 68, expressed themselves highly delighted with the day's outing.

SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE JOHN HERVEY  
LODGE, No. 1260.

The W.M. and some 20 members of this lodge passed a very enjoyable day at Brighton on Thursday, the 11th inst. Amongst those present we noticed, in addition to Bro. Fox (who had on the previous day journeyed all the way from Sheffield to attend the duties of the lodge as W.M.), Bros. Henry Evans, P.M.; G. T. Salmon, P.M.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M.; Major J. Heaton, P.M.; F. Dangerfield, P.M.; W. F. Potter, P.M.; Reep, Sec.; Varley, S.W.; James Evans, S.D.; Hughes, Cameron, Lethbridge, Serre, Charlton, and several visitors.

The brethren assembled at London Bridge Station at 10.45, and were conveyed in special saloon carriages by the 11 o'clock train to Brighton. Luncheon was served at the Grand Hotel at 1.30, and the afternoon was passed on the pier, promenades, and in riding and boating, according as individual taste dictated. The brethren, on returning to the Grand Hotel, sat down to an exquisite and *recherché* banquet, and rose therefrom in time to join the special saloons, returning to town at 8.40 p.m.

In the course of the evening the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. taking the occasion to mention to the brethren the pleasure it had afforded him and some others of the brethren to call and see the widow of the former Secretary of the

lodge, who was residing in Waterloo-street, and who cordially welcomed her visitors, many of whom she had not seen since her bereavement.

The arrangements made by the Excursion Committee, and carried out by the Secretary, all proceeded without any hitch, and the brethren concurred in expressing themselves as having passed a most healthful and pleasant day.

CENTENARY OF THE ANCIENT UNION LODGE,  
No. 203.

On Thursday, the 11th instant, there was a very large and thoroughly representative gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where the centenary celebration of the establishment of Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203, took place in a manner worthy of the occasion. The lodge holds a prominent place in the records of West Lancashire, both with regard to membership and to the very active part it has taken in the benevolent schemes of the Order.

The chair during the interesting proceedings was occupied by Bro. James Clark, W.M., and associated with him in the centenary function were Bros. G. J. Clough, I.P.M.; G. R. Ashton, P.M.; J. Galloway, P.M.; E. Johnston, P.P.G.D.; C. Bromley, P.M.; H. James, P.M.; T. Wood, P.M.; J. W. Baker, P.M.; J. Worthington, S.W.; F. Tester, J.W.; F. F. Fisher, S.D.; R. Craig, J.D.; J. Craig, I.G.; J. N. Hounsell, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Highfield, Sec.; B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; D. Nicholson and A. Walters, Stwds.; W. Hudson, Org.; and F. du Chemin, Tyler.

Besides a large attendance of members, there were present representatives of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, Bros. J. D. Murray, G. Treas.; S. G. Sinclair, G. Deacon; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec. and P.G.S.B.; R. Wylie, P.G.D.; E. H. Cookson; P.P. S.G.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Sutherland, W.M. 1094; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; and others.

The representatives of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge having been received in due form, Bro. Rowson, in a graphic and interesting manner, reviewed the somewhat chequered career of the Ancient Union Lodge, remarking that chronicles clearly showed that the lodge had an existence even before 1792.

Bro. MURRAY, G. Treas., then handed over, in fitting terms, the centenary warrant to the care of the W.M., who, in accepting it, expressed a hope that the "Ancient Union" would continue to uphold the best interests of Freemasonry and maintain the prestige which it held in the Province of West Lancashire.

After business the brethren adjourned to banquet.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was held on Monday evening, June 20th, at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Geo. Baker, in the chair. A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland appointing Bro. G. Baker as a representative of that Grand Lodge. The rank of P.S.G.W. was conferred by the Grand Master upon Bro. Ross, P.S.G.D., and Bro. Copland, P.G.S.B.

A handsomely-framed portrait of Bro. G. Coppin, P.G.M., was presented by himself to the Grand Lodge, for which Bro. BAKER expressed the pleasure he felt at receiving such a valuable addition to those pictures already in their possession, Bro. Coppin being the first Grand Master of Victorian Freemasons.

A sum of £100 was voted to the Mayor's Relief Fund. The report of the Board of Benevolence showed that relief had been granted during the quarter in 63 cases, amounting to £443 16s. 6d.

A somewhat protracted debate took place upon the new rules of debate, which had been recommended by the Board of General Purposes, for approval of the Grand Lodge, which, after some slight amendments, were adopted.

The Treasurer's balance, showing credit to General Fund £444 17s. 11d., Benevolent Fund £1094 2s. 6d., was also adopted.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the remaining business was held over till next meeting.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE DUBLIN CHAPTER,  
No. 225.

This chapter had their annual outing on Saturday, the 6th inst.; the companions numbering 25 met at Westland-row and started for Bray. After a pleasant hour there and some light refreshments they again took train for Greystones, where carriages were in waiting to convey them to Delgany. Putting up at the hotel conducted by Mrs. Newell, widow of the late Bro. Newell, 261, Dalkey, luncheon was ready for them. After partaking of which, carriages were again requisitioned for a drive through the far-famed Glen-of-the-Downs to Enniskerry, returning to the hotel at 6.30 for dinner, which was served in faultless style.

The Most Excellent King, Comp. W. H. Richardson (Representative Grand Lodge of Sweden), being in the position of honour, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; there being a deal of musical talent present the companions spent a most enjoyable day, and one long to be remembered, the weather being propitious.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DOWN.

On Tuesday, the 9th instant, the Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down was held in the Masonic Hall, Newry. Bro. Major Thompson, Deputy Prov. G.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of the brethren. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous communication were read and confirmed.

The business, which was to receive the report of the Provisional Board of General Purposes and to propose Provincial Grand Officers for 1893, was then proceeded with and concluded, after which Bro. F. C. Crossle, M.D., Prov. G. Sec., was presented with a testimonial and a cheque for a handsome sum as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

The members of the Grand Lodge were afterwards entertained by the members of the Newry Lodges, Nos. 18, 23, and 77, to a sumptuous dinner.

After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

## IS MASONRY DRY?

Masonry is a science of morals. Its doctrines are illustrated by beautiful symbols. Science is the collection and collating of facts. Facts and figures are dry. Metaphysics, or moral philosophy, or any system that deals in plain abstract statements, is heavy, and a real tax upon the brain to properly understand the deep meaning of natural forces. We are apt to turn away from the consideration of dry abstract theories, no matter how important they may be. We hesitate about plunging into figures that make up a difficult problem, and we often take things for granted that ought to be carefully studied. We permit our indisposition to untangle a knotted thread, to cast the thread aside entirely, or to cut it, and thus injure the thread and leave the tangle still existing.

Masonry presents a number of abstract questions, propounds a number of dry moral doctrines, but these morals and dogmas are so beautifully surrounded with allegory, and so graphically portrayed in symbol that there is a pleasure in pursuing the study. No dust arises from the pages of Masonic text books, because the pictures are so drawn as to lead the mind to grasp the hidden meaning and desire further light.

So Masonry is not dry. The picture of the Entered Apprentice in his search for light, although seen a hundred times, takes on a new beauty with every presentation of the Degree. The Fellow Craft, working his way up the stairs of the mystic science to the place where he is made acquainted with his wages, is a student of moral philosophy. The Master Mason, learning the lessons of fidelity and immortality and fidelity, is advancing in knowledge through a course of most beautiful and impressive lectures. No matter how often we behold these Degrees, if we will but do so, we may see something entirely new every time. They are not dry abstractions. They appeal to the heart, and impress their beauties upon the soul. The man who sees nothing but dry problems in Masonry is untouched by the symbols and lectures, fails to appreciate the true meaning of the institution. Masonry ought to make every man who enters its portals better. Masonry will make every man better if he only reads his lesson aright.—*New York Dispatch*.

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**Masonic Notes.**

Bro. Lord Brooke has every reason to be gratified with the further progress which Freemasonry has made in Essex under his auspices. When his lordship was appointed Grand Master of the Province in 1882, the number of lodges on the roll was 20 and the number of members 897; to-day there are 32 lodges and 1657 members, and the income has increased from £70 to £170. Such evidence as this as showing the development of the Craft in these last nine years is invaluable, and though it is not to be questioned that the brethren themselves have had a considerable hand in achieving this success, there is no doubt the example of industry, zeal, and goodwill set by the Provincial Grand Master has been a principal factor in the achievement.

Bro. Lord Brooke, indeed, has worked most assiduously in his endeavours to advance the cause of Freemasonry. He had not been long in office when he presided at one of the Festivals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and his Province most loyally responded to his earnest appeal for support in behalf of our senior Charity. He took part in the Centenary celebration of the same Institution; while at the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February of the current year, Essex figured among the most generous of the contributing Provinces. He has lately accepted an invitation to preside as Chairman at next year's Festival of the Boys' School, when we hope to see the Province again occupying an equally prominent place in the List of Returns.

Bro. the Earl of Bective is to be presented with an address on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his Provincial Grand Mastership of Cumberland and Westmorland, at the half-yearly meeting of the Province, which is to be held next month, under the banner of Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale. Time flies; but it only seems the other day since our noble brother was installed Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, at Kirkby Lonsdale, in the presence of perhaps the largest gathering of the Craft ever held in those parts, and presided over by the late Lord de Tabley, at that time Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire. The Earl of Lathom also assisted.

Another prominent Mason and firm supporter of the old régime in New Zealand has died, to the very great grief of the brethren, as well as of the whole body politic in the Colony, in which he had been for so many years one of the most prominent figures. Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson, K.C.M.G., District Grand Master of Wellington, North Island, for the past five years, died suddenly on the 28th June last. At the time of the sad occurrence, Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson, who was Speaker of the Legislative Council, had retired to his room immediately after the adjournment of the Council, and in reply to some remark about his health, had exclaimed—"I have received my marching orders; I may go at any moment," when he complained of feeling unwell, and expired before medical aid could be summoned. On the news, which has caused profound sensation throughout the Colony, reaching the Lower House, it at once adjourned out of respect for our deceased brother.

Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson won his earlier distinctions in the field during the Waitara War, in which he held the rank of major of volunteers. When the war was over, he devoted himself to politics, and had thrice held office as Premier and served as Treasurer, and, on his health breaking down some two years ago, he was appointed to the post in which he died, that of Speaker of the Upper House of the Legislature. He received the distinction of a K.C.M.G. in 1888, and was universally respected throughout the Colony.

During the recent dissensions in the Masonic world, which culminated two years ago in the establishment of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand, our late distinguished brother held aloof from the movement—retaining his post of District Grand Master under the English Constitution, and doing his utmost

to preserve the old *status quo*. He took a prominent part in the discussion with the United Grand Lodge of England over the right interpretation of Article 219, the view he held on the subject being identical with that of the late Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, a Prov. Grand Master in New Zealand under the Scotch Constitution, whose death preceded that of Sir H. Atkinson by a comparatively brief period. To our English brethren in the Colony, and indeed to the Craft generally, we tender our heartfelt sympathy on the sad and sudden death of one of their ablest members.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has acted wisely in rejecting the resolution to prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages at Masonic gatherings. It is not because A, B, and C abuse these things, that all the rest of the alphabet is to be prohibited from using them. We yield to none in our respect and desire for temperance, but we fail to understand why the sins of the intemperate few should be visited on the temperate many. Moreover, in this country, at all events, there is a very strong suspicion of politics about the great "drink" question, and it is the duty of Masons to eschew politics in connection with the proceedings of Craft bodies.

It is gratifying to learn that the Grand Lodge of Canada is financially in so sound a position. Last year its receipts amounted to 20,460 dollars, and its expenditure for general purposes and benevolence together to 14,346 dollars. The balance at credit to current account on 31st May last was 7549 dollars, while the invested assets reached 77,549 dollars.

We are pleased to note in connection with the article in another column that Bro. Ross Robertson, P.G.M. Canada, is again on a visit to this Country. His stay will, however, be short, and it is to be regretted that it will not admit of his being present at either the Grand Lodge Communication on the 7th prox., or that of the Grand Mark on the 6th, at either of which functions he would be cordially welcomed.

**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.]

**THE NEWFOUNDLAND DISASTER.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me through your journal to endeavour to awaken the interest and enlist the sympathy and practical help of our English lodges and brethren on behalf of a section of their colonial brothers, who are at this moment in deep trouble and distress—homeless, penniless, and ruined—I mean those in St. Johns, Newfoundland.

I have had occasion to be many times in that city myself and know personally how terrible the calamity is that has befallen them, and expect in a few days again to see the places where happy homes once stood, now covered with ruins left by fire.

The fund which my Lord Mayor has opened, and the public has subscribed to, will not reach those who are the greatest sufferers and most sorely need it, but who from the position in life they have to keep up cannot make application for a share without great loss of dignity and social position. It will be distributed to the poor who have always been classed as such, while the lower middle classes, buyers, salesmen, and clerks in the stores it will not reach.

These men are poorly paid as I know, and have had, therefore, no chance of saving. Insurance is high in the Colony, none are wholly, some partially, and most are not insured at all. These men's wealth has been in their homes which they have spent their lives in forming, and these homes have been destroyed, and their dear ones, with themselves, homeless and penniless.

Very many of these men are Masons—our brothers, under our own jurisdiction—and through you, sir, I would make this appeal for help on their behalf, and ask that in this the time of their sore distress, the hand of fraternal assistance and sympathy may be extended to them, showing that with us Masonry is more than a name, and that the exhortation made to us each after a peculiar experience may be remembered, and the virtue we then professed to admire be brought into active service.

St. Johns possessed a fine Masonic Hall and building, in which three lodges—the St. John's, the Tasker, and the Avalon—met, besides the chapters. This hall has been utterly destroyed. The three lodges numbered about 300 or 400 members, besides which there is a large number of unattached Masons in the city.

If you, sir, would consent to initiate a fund for the relief of our brethren in that unfortunate city, I have every confidence it would be a success, and would meet with the support so worthy an object deserves.

Asking you to favour me with the insertion of this letter in the *Freemason*, I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

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### EARLY EDITIONS OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE.

Bro. J. R. Dore, of Huddersfield, delivered a lecture lately before the "St. Paul's Ecclesiological Society," on "some early printed editions of the English Bible," the paper being now printed in the Transactions of that learned body. The lecture was full of interest to students of the same cult as our enthusiastic brother, whose success in tracing hitherto unknown editions of the "Volume of the Sacred Law" (or portions thereof), is something phenomenal; and what is more, he is always ready to make his discoveries known, as also courteous in his replies to correspondents who, like myself, write him for information. On the conclusion of the lecture, Bro. Dore exhibited, as important selections from his valuable biblical library, an unknown edition of Tyndal's New Testament of 1535 (*circa*), and one of 1548. Also a portion of Coverdale's Bible of 1537 (*circa*), and other great curiosities. An extraordinary find is his recent discovery of an edition of Coverdale's version, in 16 mo., the type used being similar to Nicholson's founts, who published the premier English Bible of 1535. Not a few of us would like to be the owner of the copy of Bro. Dore's valuable work on "Old Bibles," which is illustrated "with a genuine leaf of every known version."

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

**BURNS: POET LAUREATE OF CANONGATE KILWINNING A MYTH.** Letters reprinted from the *Freemason*, with Prefatory Note by W. OFFICER, P.M., the Lodge of Edinburgh (St. Mary's Chapel), No. 1, &c.

Tradition it has been said does not invent, it only exaggerates. To what extent it can do this Bro. Officer has clearly shown in the correspondence which originally appeared in this journal in reference to the belief so long entertained that the Poet Burns held the office of Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning. That Burns was associated with the lodge there can be no doubt, but it is clear from the evidence brought forward by Bro. Officer that Burns was never its Poet Laureate. This is confirmed by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Scottish Masonic historian and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who quotes the actual minutes of proceedings at the meeting of the Canongate Kilwinning, at which Burns is alleged to have been inaugurated as Poet Laureate. We are willing to concede that Bro. Allan Mackenzie contends bravely for his opinion that Burns did hold the office in question, but the absence of any direct or positive evidence in its behalf must be held to be fatal, nor do we think that any dispassionate reader, after carefully weighing the circumstances, can possibly come to any other conclusion than that the poet's inauguration into the poet laureateship of the Canongate Kilwinning is a pretty myth, which people may accept if it pleases them, but which has no foundation whatever, except in the imagination of historians who lived and wrote some 50 years after the poet was dead.



## Craft Masonry.

### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

#### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 14th ult., when there were present Bros. E. P. Peterson, W.M.; S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; John Niven, S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., acting J.W.; Chas. H. Ellis, Treas.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; T. Wainman Holmes, P.P.G. Org., Org.; John Thornton, as S.D.; John Morton, as J.D.; Robert S. Hird, as I.G.; and John W. Bland. Visitors: Bros. R. Wilson, 1303; James Tilley and F. W. Galpine, 600; Frank Lees, 1648; and Isaac Bromberg, 486.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. announced that the illness of Bro. Thomas Jowett, P.S.W., referred to therein, had proved fatal, and that he, with other brethren, had attended the funeral of the late lamented brother. Bro. T. W. Holmes played the "Dead March in Saul," and Bro. S. A. Bailey, Chap., read the 90th Psalm. After the hymn "O God our help in ages past" had been sung, Bro. Auty delivered an address, referring to the great loss the lodge had sustained by the decease of Bro. Thomas Jowett, whose kindness, geniality, and many other admirable traits of character had so endeared him to his brethren. Whilst deploring the loss which it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to inflict upon the lodge, Bro. Auty expressed the joy which was born of the conviction that Bro. Jowett had entered upon his final rest in the Grand Lodge above. The anthem "O rest in the Lord" was sung by Bro. Frank Lees. Bro. John William Bland was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being conducted in an impressive manner by Bro. Stephenson. It was resolved that on account of the death of Bro. Jowett, the lodge should be placed in mourning for three months, and that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. Jowett. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was then closed.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M.; John Niven, S.W.; John T. Last, J.W.; A. J. Boyle, S.D.; Robt. S. Hird, as J.D.; Samuel Robinson, I.G.; G. Root, Tyler; S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; Chas. H. Ellis, Treas.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Wm. Bland, J. A. Drake, John Morton, and C. Wood. Visitors: Bros. J. Wilson, W.M., and R. Wilson, of 1619.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and Bro. Wood was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., with his usual ability, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

At refreshment which followed labour, the toast of "The Visitors" was ably proposed by the W.M., who bade the guests—who were both from the Province of Sussex—a very hearty welcome.

In responding, Bro. J. Wilson, P.M., W.M. 1619, expressed the pleasure it had given him, a Yorkshireman, to visit the lodge, and contrasted the working he had witnessed in the lodge with the Emulation Lodge, which was almost universal in the southern provinces, but he nevertheless admitted that there was much to be admired in the old York working which he found was much in vogue in the north of England.

A very pleasant evening was spent, several of the brethren contributing to the harmony.

#### BROXBORNE.

**Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).**—The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Crown Hotel, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. C. M. Coxon, W.M.; J. G. Cobb, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; H. T. Nell, P.M., S.W.; W. Ball, P.M., as J.W.; J. T. Bell, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Moore, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; G. T. Chretien, I.G.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Stwd.; T. Williams, Tyler; N. Pearce, W. Kennedy, J. W. Rattenbury, R. Von der Sahl, W. E. Goodwins, J. R. Bickers, J. Gravatt, and C. C. Renaud. Visitors: Bros. Philip Sharpe, P.M. 569, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Morris, P.M. 403, P.P.G.S.B.; E. R. May, 177; C. H. Stephenson, Stwd. 1471; J. H. Watson, Treas. 1641; T. G. Carpenter, 270; R. McCarthy, 1021; H. M. Hind, 1489; W. W. Hind, 1489; S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec. 733; R. L. Smith, P.M. 10, St. John's, New Brunswick; and D. B. Cummings, 43, Nova Scotia.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. J. R. Bickers and W. E. Goodwins were passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was then taken for Mr. C. C. Renaud, a candidate for initiation, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated, Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., at the request of the W.M., taking part in the ceremony. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After the interval, which was spent by the brethren in boating or in witnessing some athletic sports which were being held on the grounds adjacent, the brethren re-assembled to partake of an excellent dinner, after which the usual programme of toasts was gone through.

In replying to that of "The Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. W. J. Morris, P.P.G.S.B., said that it was just 12 months since he had been present at one of their meetings. He was pleased to see their familiar faces once more, and congratulated the lodge on the progress it was making.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed in very kindly terms by Bro. J. G. Cobb, I.P.M., for which compliment he briefly returned thanks.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," coupling the toast with the name of the I.P.M., the Worshipful Master said that the brethren who had filled the high office of Master of the lodge had earned the respect of the brethren by the efficient manner in which they had carried out their duties, their watchful care for the interests of the lodge, and their geniality and kindness to all the brethren. It was only the W.M. who could fully appreciate the services of the Past Masters, he alone could know how much he depended upon them for support and guidance, assistance in emergencies, and wise counsel in difficulties. He was glad of the opportunity of acknowledging his obligation to them.

Bro. Cobb, I.P.M., in reply, said that any services the Past Masters could render were but a labour of love, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast.

"The Initiate" was next proposed, the W.M. stating that he had known him for 16 or 17 years, and he had every confidence in introducing him to the lodge.

Bro. C. C. Renaud briefly thanked the brethren.

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," remarking that it was a great pleasure to them to be honoured by the presence of such a number of visitors on that occasion. It was a compliment which they appreciated, as it showed in some degree the estimation in which the lodge was held. They were very pleased to entertain brethren from other lodges in the province, as well as their London friends, but more especially did they welcome at all times the colonial brethren who occasionally favoured them with their company. He hoped that whenever they were on this side they would not fail to pay them a visit. The toast was heartily received.

Bro. Philip Sharpe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., said that as a member of a sister lodge in the province he was very pleased to be present. They were interested in the progress that was being made. He complimented the lodge on the uniform good working which was displayed.

Bro. Walker, P.M. 733, also replied.

Bro. R. L. Smith, P.M. 10, St. John's, New Brunswick, gave a very interesting reply. It was his first visit to the Kingswood Lodge, though he had visited other lodges since he had been in this country. He must say that the working of the lodge did not compare unfavourably with that of some of the older lodges he had visited. The English working differed from that of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. He must say he preferred their own; it was fuller; but in one respect he must confess they were entirely eclipsed—that was in the "Fourth Degree." He hoped the opportunity would occur for him to return to some representative of the lodge the hospitality they had extended towards him.

Bros. Cummings, 43, Nova Scotia, and E. R. May, 177, also replied. After the toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge,"

The W.M. said they must not separate until he had, on

behalf of the brethren and in his own name, tendered their hearty thanks to Bro. Stevenson, Moore, Watson, H. M. Hind, W. W. Hind, and W. E. Goodwins for their able musical services, which had given so much pleasure to the brethren.

The Tyler's toast and "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close another most enjoyable and successful meeting.

#### CROYDON.

**Mozart Lodge (No. 1920).**—The installation meeting of this popular and musical lodge was held on the 6th instant, at the Greyhound Hotel. Present: Bros. W. Jolly, W.M.; G. J. Barnett, S.W.; F. Flood, J.W.; T. T. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; R. S. Taylor, S.D.; R. Groome, J.D.; H. J. Macfarlane, I.G.; G. Harrison, Tyler; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D.; W. Wesché, L. R. Dicksee, A. R. Vanden Bergh, R. J. Porter, G. Branscombe, H. S. Bugby, G. Baxter, W. H. Squier, Stanley Smith, G. Forey, W. Thomas, Dan Price, G. C. Tegetmeier, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. King, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; G. J. Baker, I.P.M. 108; the Rev. H. V. Tyrrel, Chap. 1685 and 2369; G. H. Kitson, P.M. 548; R. Poore, P.M. 1949; G. Long, 2369; J. Leyland, 1343; H. J. Dean, 45; A. F. Harris, 2148; J. Lesquire, 1669; and F. Dawson, 1364.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. H. S. Bugby and Dan Price having been raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D.C., acting D.C., presented Bro. G. J. Barnett, W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Jolly, W.M., in a very creditable manner. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Flood, S.W.; R. S. Taylor, J.W.; A. Briscoe, P.M., Treas.; T. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. J. Macfarlane, S.D.; C. H. Howlett, J.D.; W. Wesché, I.G.; L. R. Dicksee, D.C.; A. R. Vanden Bergh, A.D.C.; E. Branscombe, Org.; R. J. Porter and W. D. Tulloch, Stewards; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The ballot having been taken for Mr. G. C. Tegetmeier, as a candidate for initiation, and proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M. in a most efficient manner, the ritual being interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, thereby enhancing the solemnity of the occasion. Many eulogies of praise were given by the visiting brethren for the capital working and beautiful rendering of the sacred music. The balance-sheet was accepted unanimously, the lodge being in a sound financial condition.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. J. A. Williams, the host.

The preliminary toasts having been disposed of, Bro. W. Jolly, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it needed no words from him to insure the toast a hearty reception; they had no brother who had performed his duties in a more exemplary manner than the W.M. Let them hope that his year of office would be a happy one. He was sure the brethren would do their best to make it a pleasant year.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren most heartily for the very cordial manner in which they had drunk his health. It had been a very great pleasure to him to preside over them for the first time. He had been initiated in the Mozart Lodge, and it had always been his ambition to occupy the chair; it was a position a man must accept and take with the sole idea of doing good. He thanked them again most heartily for their kindness, especially the visitors for supporting him on that occasion.

The toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. W. Jolly, I.P.M.," was given and drunk very heartily, and was duly responded to.

"The Health of the Initiate" received a very warm reception, he replying amid much enthusiasm.

Bro. Phillips, P.M., Sec., in giving the toast of "The Visitors," complimented the lodge upon having such a distinguished and numerous assembly of eminent Masons and workers. On behalf of the lodge he gave them a most hearty welcome. It had been the desire of all the brethren that they should be made as comfortable as possible. Personally, he had a sneaking regard for some of them, the Mozart Lodge being in want of a Chaplain.

Bro. Tyrrel said he was very grateful to the Master and brethren for their kind reception, also the great compliment they had paid him; possibly at some future time he might identify himself with them.

Bros. King, Baker, and Kelson also replied in very felicitous terms.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Working Officers of the Lodge" were given in very complimentary terms, the W.M. declaring that every one of them were fully qualified to carry out the various and important duties in assisting him in the good working of the lodge.

The brethren replied, pledging themselves to be loyal, and support the W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Musical Brethren," said it was one of the most important toasts of the evening. They had the pleasure of listening to one of the most beautiful and pleasing programmes of music, and he, on behalf of the brethren, begged to thank Bro. Dicksee for arranging it, and Bro. Wesché for presiding at the piano, and especially Bros. Groome, Leyland, Branscombe, Macfarlane, Dan Price, and Stanley Smith for their delightful harmony; truly it might be said to be a musical feast.

The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, one of the most memorable in the annals of the Mozart Lodge.

#### HEATON MOOR.

**Ashton Lodge (No. 1140).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Reform Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th instant. In the absence of Bro. Thomas Rostron, W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Moffatt, I.P.M. Bro. Harry Gordon Small, W.M. 23, occupied the chair, and passed Bro. McKechnie, and also presented the working tools. There were present Bros. John Moffatt, I.P.M.; H. G. Small, S.W.; W. W. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; R. V. Cutchley, Sec.; John R. R. Jeffery, S.D.; Geo. Rostron, J.D.; G. Metcalfe; J. Wood, P.M.; E. T. Everitt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Hopkinson, P.M., Org.; J. B. Grimshaw, H. B. McKechnie, W. G. Seal, Jno. Schofield, W. T. Cairn, W. E. Harwood, C. E. Hale, C. P. Ellington, K. M. Stewart, Dunbar Murray, H. B. Everet, P.M.; and Geo. L. Mills. Visitors: Bros. R. E. Walker, S.W. 993; John Coupland, 63; G. S. Smith, P.M.; W. T. Hesketh, P.M.; and W. Webb, 1015.

LYMINGTON.

**New Forest Lodge (No. 319).**—At a monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Bugle Hotel on Tuesday, the 9th inst., the principal business was the selection of a brother to succeed Bro. A. Bist as W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. R. E. Jackman, the J.W., who will be duly installed at the next meeting. The W.M. elect appropriately returned thanks for the great honour somewhat unexpectedly conferred on him. Bro. H. Doman, P.P. S.G.D., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the 21st year in succession. The lodge unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel in gold to Bro. A. Bist for his efficient services during the year, and his kind and genial management. The presentation will be made at the next meeting. A sum of five guineas was voted to the new charities lately established in the lodge. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to a banquet, and spent a pleasant evening together.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Banks, W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. Hide, S.D.; H. Blackman, J.D.; and A. Williams, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Long offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the ceremony was rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction Bro. A. Williams, P.M., and the 2nd Section under the direction of Bro. D. S. Long, P.M. The W.M. having risen, Bro. R. Reid, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. Austin, P.M., Treas., W.M.; Taylor, P.M., S.W.; Speigel, P.M., J.W.; Higginson, Deputy Preceptor; Larter, S.D.; Kirkham, J.D.; Arnot, I.G.; and Sheen.

The lodge was duly opened, and the reading of the minutes was postponed. A discussion took place respecting the removal of the lodge, when it was decided to remain at the same place. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Taylor, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; Reed, S.W.; Cumming, P.M., J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; S. Woods, S.D.; Cox, J.D.; Hide, I.G.; Fox, Kirkham, and Jobson.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fox offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Reed was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507, M.E.Z.; W. J. Ferguson, P.Z. 1056, H.; George Gregory, P.Z. 1538, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, P.Z. 733, S.N.; W. Hillier, 834, P.S.; T. Jobson, 733, 1st A.S.; J. Bailey, H. 1602; J. Cruttenden, 779; W. N. Hatton, 1642; and S. Ccchrane, 3.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Cruttenden being the candidate. A cordial vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously passed to Comp. Ferguson for the very able manner he had rehearsed the duties of H. for the first time in the chapter of improvement, which compliment was duly acknowledged by the worthy companion. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

**The Craft Abroad.**

PORT ELIZABETH.

**Lodge Good Will (No. 711).**—The members of this lodge, with numerous visitors, assembled at their Temple on the Hill on the 24th June, St. John's Day, in order to assist in or witness the imposing annual ceremony of the installation of the W.M. elect, and the investiture of officers for the ensuing year. The gathering was unusually large, the Temple being crowded. The retiring W.M., Bro. W. C. Johnson, presided, and conducted the ceremony with the usual formula. The following is a list of the office-bearers: Bros. W. C. Johnson, I.P.M.; R. E. Atkinson, W.M.; J. H. Wilson, S.W.; Rev. A. T. Wirgman, M.A., J.W.; Geo. R. Perrins, Treas.; Alfred Brookes, Sec.; J. B. Kemsley, S.D.; E. M. Searle, J.D.; Geo. C. Chase, D.C.; Dr. W. T. Harris, I.G.; P. Quarterman, Org.; Chas. G. Miles and H. E. Martin, Stwds.; and A. Masterson, Tyler.

The business of the evening being over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a capital spread had been most tastefully prepared by Mr. Whitford, of the Club, whose catering was much appreciated.

RAWAL PINDI, PUNJAB.

**Ardvorlich Lodge (No. 219, E.C.).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Murree, on the 7th ult. The ceremony of installation was performed

by Bro. F. A. Bowles, I.P.M., and Bro. J. H. Leslie, D.G. Stwd., was installed in the chair for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. G. Hall, S.W.; C. J. Dennys, J.W.; F. E. Roy, M.O.; R. Griffin, S.O.; R. E. Home, J.O.; J. Craig, P.M.; P.D.S.G.D. Treas.; F. A. Bowles, P.M., D.S.G.D., Sec.; O. D. Pastonji, R. of M.; H. Howe, S.D.; T. Duthie, J.D.; C. Johnson, I.G.; and W. J. Edwards, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, some 24 brethren and visitors sat down at the banquet.

Speeches followed, the usual toasts of obligation being proposed by the W.M. Bro. D. F. Camadore, P.S.G.D., returned thanks for "Grand Lodge," and Bro. H. J. Spence-Gray, D.G. Chap., for "District Grand Lodge."

Bro. F. A. Bowles, in giving the toast of "The W.M.," said it gave him particular pleasure to propose it for three reasons. First, because he knew it must be one which would be enthusiastically received by all present. Second, because Bro. Leslie was personally a great friend, and third, because he had been so closely associated with Bro. Leslie throughout his Masonic life, that he felt any Masonic event in Bro. Leslie's career would not be quite complete if he had not something to do with it. He had initiated, passed, raised, and exalted him; had acted as S.W. at his advancement; and had now just had the pleasure of installing him as W.M. in the Mark, and trusted that at no very distant date he might have the pleasure of installing him in other chairs. Bro. Leslie, though comparatively a young Mason, was one to whom he could with perfect confidence resign the Mastership. He had in many ways already proved his capability and warm zeal in Freemasonry, and it certainly would not be the Worshipful Master's fault if the year just opened was not a truly prosperous one.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that in succeeding Bro. Bowles his task was no easy one, but that he would do his best. He told a story of a gambling saloon out in the far West, where all its frequenters lived with revolvers and bowie knives on their persons, and the gentleman who presided at the piano had a placard hung round his neck to this effect—"Don't shoot the pianist, he is doing his best." He asked the brethren to look on him as the pianist.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said that as at the Universities, at school, or on the turf, years were looked back upon and distinguished as so and so's year, or such and such a horse's year, so he thought this lodge might look upon the past year as Bro. Bowles' year, and that his name might be enrolled among the Past Masters in letters of gold. Bro. Bowles came all the way from the Black Mountains last year to be installed as W.M.; he had not missed a single lodge during his year of office, and had that day ridden 22 miles to perform the installation ceremony. The W.M. concluded by wishing him long life, and the best of health to enjoy it.

In replying to the toast, Bro. Bowles said that it was always rather a sad period in his Masonic career when he had to resign the Mastership of a lodge. He had once heard at an installation banquet the I.P.M. say that he was thankful that his year was over, and he could not help feeling that any Master in quitting his chair who could express such a sentiment must have been one whom the brethren of his lodge would be equally glad to be rid of. The felling of regret was lightened on this occasion by the knowledge that his successor was worthy of the office, and that the lodge would not deteriorate under his rule. After a few remarks on the working of the lodge during his year of office, he concluded by expressing his thanks to the officers who had so ably supported him in every way, and wished the W.M. and the lodge a still more prosperous year than the one just completed.

Other toasts followed, and some excellent unaccompanied part songs and solos were rendered by Bros. H. J. Spence-Gray, J. H. Leslie, W. J. Ward, E. Benedict, and Messrs. Child and Joseph.

The Tyler's toast was given at midnight, bringing to a close a most successful evening.

SIMON'S TOWN.

**Phoenix Lodge (No. 1860).**—The installation of the W.M. and investiture of the officers of this lodge took place on Saturday, July 9th, in the Masonic Temple, and was a very successful gathering. The ceremony was honoured by the presence of the Deputy District Grand Master, who was supported by a large number of District Grand Officers. Most of the lodges of the district were well represented, and a large number of the brethren from Cape Town were present. The installation working was impressively carried out by all concerned, and it augurs well for the year of office of the new W.M., Bro. H. G. Crane, that all his officers should be so well up to their work.

After the labour of the evening the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the British Hotel. No less than 85 members of the lodge and visitors sat down.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with characteristic fervour.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

It has always been a matter of great wonderment to us why there are so few Masons who take any special interest in Masonic literature. It cannot be because it is of no value or interest to them, for every reading Mason will bear testimony to the contrary. More than that, it is essential to every Mason who would acquire a sufficient knowledge of Masonry to enable him to appreciate its purpose and enjoy its benefits.

There are hundreds and thousands of Masons who know nothing of Masonry beyond the little communicated to them while receiving the various degrees. They were then simply learning the alphabet of Masonry, and were thus given the right and privilege to attain a more complete knowledge of the marvellous wonders of this great and mysterious Institution. Stopping at this point in their search for light and knowledge, they may appropriately be compared to the child who has just entered school and learned his letters. Much more must be acquired before he becomes a ripe scholar.

Again, it seems strange that men will go and take all the Degrees and Orders in the several branches of Masonry, at an expense of some \$200 or more, and thus entail upon themselves the payment annually of

quite a sum of money in the way of dues, and be content to get so little in return. Having satisfied their curiosity, their interest likewise seems to be satisfied. They might advance and explore the vast fields of Masonic history, traditions, symbolism, laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, all of which are exceedingly interesting and instructive. Eminent and learned authors have furnished valuable works on these and many other Masonic subjects. The Masonic journals of the day enable their readers to keep posted in all important events as they transpire, and present to them the best thoughts of well-informed brethren on all matters affecting the welfare of the Craft. At a very small sum in addition to what he has already invested, a Mason can thus acquire a knowledge of the science of Freemasonry which will benefit him a hundredfold more than the little smattering of it unfolded to him while taking his Degrees.—*Masonic Advocate.*

**The Theatres.**

In these warm days when so few of the regular theatres are open, those who are not fortunate enough to be at the sea-side, or our provincial brethren and country cousins who come up to London at this time of the year, have always the Empire Palace of Varieties to fall back upon. Since its opening some five years ago, we think we are correct in stating that this popular place of entertainment has never been closed even for one evening. It appeals to all classes of the community, and in all weathers, summer and winter alike. The new ballet—"Versailles"—is even more sumptuous in its stage mounting than any of those magnificent shows which have preceded it. Words almost fail to describe what there is on the Empire stage to please the eye and the ear. Madame Katti Lanner, who is responsible for the arrangements of the dancing, is highly to be complimented. Nowhere can such supreme effects of the Terpsichorean art be excelled. Wherever one's eye travels beauty of colour is sure to meet it. The story of Louis XIV. and his Queen and her rival are well explained and easily followed in this play without words—true pantomime. The music of M. Leopold Wenzel is well adapted to the subject of the ballet, and though it is lengthy, one cannot get tired of looking on at the graceful movements of the chief *danseuses* or of the efficient corps de ballet. Mlle. Estrelle Sylvia is no doubt just now a great attraction with her serpentine dancing. She and several other ladies claim to be the originators of this style, so we cannot express an opinion on this point. The dance, which is very pretty, seems to consist in the manipulation by the arms of a long flowing robe of finely spun silk, fastened round the neck, which the hands move about, and when in full motion it looks like the twisting and twirling of a serpent round a body. In the different coloured lights it looks very curious as well as pretty. The name the Empire made for itself at the commencement of its career it has kept, and is keeping up, most satisfactorily under the chairmanship of Bro. D. Nicol, and the management of Bro. Harry J. Hitchins.

Mr. Van Biene has made no mistake in reviving Bros. Sims and Pettitt's burlesque of "Faust up to Date" at the Gaiety, which he has taken for a short season. Being fortunate enough to obtain the services of Miss Florence St. John, the original Marguerite, and Bro. Arthur Williams, who succeeded as Valentine at the death of poor George Stone, Mr. Van Biene has now all the elements of a prosperous short run of this popular piece. His successor to Bro. Lonnen is also quite an acquisition. The *pas de quatre* as now danced is every whit as popular as when danced by Misses Price, Levey, Wilmot, and Gilbert. In our opinion Mr. Van Biene's company is not any way behind Mr. George Edwardes' cast.

"The Faithful James," the new farcical comedy in one act at the Court Theatre, is quite equal to the other pieces which with it form the triple bill at this comfortable little house. Mr. Weedon Grossmith hits off with exaggerated accuracy all the peculiarities of the waiter at hotels. He has the able support of Mr. Brandon Thomas, Miss Ella Terriss, and Miss Sybil Grey. The latter lady we have never before seen out of comic opera or pantomime, but we must congratulate her as an actress. The "New Sub," the smart and pathetic little play by Mr. Seymour Hicks, still is the capital first piece, and "A Pantomime Rehearsal," now in its second year, without a break, seems to have in no way lost its hold on audiences at the Court; its attractions are inexhaustible. Miss Ellaline Terriss is encored again and again in her two songs, which she sings with much humour, and possessed as she is of great personal charms and hereditary talent, Mr. Chudleigh does well to retain her services. We believe a new play has been written and accepted for this theatre, but, judging by the established success of the triple programme, there cannot be any need of another play for a very long while. Mr. Arthur Chudleigh since he became sole lessee of the Court has had a run of luck, which we trust will never desert him, for it is well deserved.

**Death.**

LANCE.—On the 11th inst., at Kimberley, South Africa, Rev. J. W. Lance, late of Beckenham, and formerly of Newport, Mon., in his 70th year.

## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

Somersby Estate in Lincolnshire, which includes Somersby Rectory, the birth place of the Poet Laureate, Lord Tennyson, will presently be sold at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox has lately been making satisfactory progress towards recovery. When his lordship is strong enough to bear removal he will go to Gordon Castle, the seat of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

The duties of the Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will be resumed on Friday, the 2nd prox., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at seven p.m., when the three installations will be rehearsed together with the exaltation ceremony by Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., the excellent Preceptor.

Among those who have left town for the season are Bro. the Duke of Athol, who is staying at Blair Castle, Blair Athol; Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, who is at Baron's Court, the Earl and Countess of Cadogan, Bro. the Earl of Radnor, who set out for the Continent on Sunday morning; and the Earl of Bessborough.

Mr. Spagnoletti, the inventor of many of the electrical appliances now in use for working the block system of railways, who has held office as chief electrician and telegraph engineer to the Great Western Railway Company for the last 30 years has resigned his appointment, though his services will be retained for consultation purposes.

The members of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the question of establishing electric communication between lighthouses and lightships and the shore, of which Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe is chairman, have left for Liverpool, where in company with the Mersey Harbour Board, they will inspect the various lights about the port.

Last year, the popular seaside resort of Margate broke the record in the matter of mortality, its death rate having been 11.41 per 1000. Considering the prevalence of influenza during a part of the year, and that the population was higher than in any previous year, this speaks well for the condition of Margate, since the authorities have been engaged in carrying on their sanitary improvements.

The Richmond Watermen's Regatta will be held on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, and her Royal Highness the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, who takes a deep interest in the welfare of the Thames Watermen, has promised to be present on the occasion, and will stay to view the river illuminations and fireworks from the grounds of Buccleugh House.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, who, in consequence of the change of Ministers, has retired from the post of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has conferred the honour of knighthood on Alderman Scott, High Sheriff of Cork, Alderman Sexton, of Dublin, Dr. McCabe, of the Irish Local Government Board, the Right Hon. Daniel Dixon, Lord Mayor of Belfast, and Mr. Samuel Black, Town Clerk and Solicitor of that city.

Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and their eldest son Prince Alexander have returned to England from their continental trip, and are residing with the Queen at Osborne. Her Royal Highness, who has recently obtained a "first-aid certificate" of the St. John's Ambulance Association, has very kindly consented to become President of a new centre for Dees, &c., which will include Balmoral, Craithie, and other places in the vicinity.

Saturday last will be a red-letter day in the annals of Tottenham, the place being decorated with flags and banners and the people in ecstasies of enjoyment, in honour of the opening of Bruce Castle Park to the public. This park, which comprises some 20 acres, has been acquired by the Local Board of Health at a cost of some £15,000, and its devotion to public uses was celebrated on the day mentioned with all possible éclat. Bruce Castle, though now a school, is rich in historical associations, extending back into the 13th century.

It is said that an understanding has been arrived at between the London and South-Western Railway Company for transferring the headquarters of the late Inman Line—now the American Shipping Company—from Liverpool to Southampton. The application of the railway company for a grant of 20 acres of foreshore in order to afford the necessary accommodation with a quay wall 600 yards long has been granted by the Southampton Corporation at a nominal price, and there is reason to hope that the contract between the parties will be signed at an early date.

The marriage of the Lady Sophia Leveson-Gower, youngest daughter of the late Bro. Earl Granville, with Mr. Hugh Morrison, son of Mr. Alfred Morrison, of Font-hill House, Tisbury, Wilts, was solemnized at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, on Tuesday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Gladstone, the Earl and Countess Spencer, the Countess Granville, Earl Granville, who gave his sister away, Bro. the Hon. F. Leveson-Gower, and Ladies Herschell and Harcourt, while those who attended the subsequent reception at the Countess Granville's apartments in Kensington Palace, included the Spanish Ambassador, the Netherlands Minister, and the Countess de Bylandt.

Before taking their departure from Dublin, Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Countess of Zetland, held a farewell reception in the State apartments of the castle, conspicuous among those present being Bro. Lord Ashbourne, the retiring Lord Chancellor, and Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin. Their Excellencies left for England in the afternoon, and in spite of the heavy rain that was falling, a large crowd of spectators gathered along the line of route and warmly cheered them. The guard of honour on the occasion was furnished by the Coldstream Guards, while the streets were lined with troops belonging to the Duke of Cornwall's, the Royal Munster, the Royal Sussex, and the Gloucester Regiments. The Countess of Zetland was in a carriage and four, with outriders, his Excellency preceding her ladyship on horseback, and being accompanied by Bro. General Lord Wolseley, commanding the forces in Ireland, and his staff.

Two members of Mr. Gladstone's cabinet are members of our Society, namely, Bro. Lord Herschell, who held the office of S.G.W. in 1886, who returns to his former position of Lord Chancellor, and Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., the new Secretary for Scotland.

Amongst the gentlemen recently placed on the Commission of the Peace for the city of Liverpool we are pleased to notice the name of the Mayor of Liverpool, Bro. James De Bels Adam, I.P.M. Princes Lodge, No. 2316, Prov. S.G.W. of West Lancashire.

The Duke of Edinburgh and his son, Prince Alfred, left Clarence House on Tuesday for Kissingen, where during their stay of three weeks they will reside at the Kurhaus. Subsequently they will leave for Coburg, in order to rejoin the Duchess of Edinburgh and the Princesses.

The Marquis of Salisbury, on retiring from office, has accepted no distinction from the Sovereign, but only the privilege of Windsor uniform. This privilege he will appreciate the more highly from the fact of its having been accorded during the present reign to Lords Melbourne, Palmerston, and Grey.

The marriage of Bro. the Duke of Devonshire with Louise Duchess of Manchester, widow of Bro. the Duke of Manchester, formerly Provincial Grand Master of Northants and Hunts, was solemnized at Christ Church, Mayfair, on Tuesday. The ceremony was quite private, only a few friends of the two families being present.

A serious fire broke out on Wednesday evening at Earl Fitzwilliam's seat, Milton Abbey, Northamptonshire, which was built in the reign of Henry VIII., but the building was saved from destruction by the firemen from Peterborough, and the brigade attached to the Hall, the damage being chiefly confined to the roof in the centre of the building.

The articles of silver constituting the recent find on Parliament Hill have been carefully examined by Mr. Reed, Assistant Curator of the British Museum, who declares that the supposed "pilgrims' bottles" are spirit or scent flasks, of French manufacture, made between 1672 and 1680, and that the silver-gilt cup, with a handle at each end, is of English manufacture of about the year 1635.

WINDSOR MASONIC HALL CO., LIMITED.—This company was registered on the 8th inst., with a capital of £2000 in £5 shares, to provide a Masonic hall and other rooms and conveniences for the use of the Windsor Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The number of directors is not to be less than three, nor more than seven; qualification, three shares. Registered by Mr. A. H. Atkins, 23, Bouverie-street, E.C.

Mr. Gladstone visited the Queen at Osborne on Monday, and having been entrusted by her Majesty with the formation of a new Ministry, dined with the Royal Family, and spent the night there, returning to London, *via* Southampton, on Tuesday morning. On Thursday the outgoing and incoming Ministers who held seals of office went to Osborne, the former for the purpose of delivering up, and the latter to receive their seals and kiss hands on appointment.

Bro. James Stevens asks us to notify that he is now entering into arrangements with provincial lodges and lodges of instruction, for the delivery of his lectures on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, during the ensuing Masonic session. He is prepared to meet the reasonable requirements of brethren at a distance, and will be pleased to communicate particulars on receipt of request addressed to him at "Evelyn," Catford, S.E.

The custom of perambulating the boundaries of the city of Oxford, which is observed only at rare intervals, was followed on Wednesday, when the Mayor and several members of the Corporation, in their official robes, performed the function, in the course of which the authorities more than once came to grief, the punt containing his worship and others being upset in mid-stream when crossing the Cherwell at Port Meadow, while at Marston Ferry the public ferry boat, when filled with people, was upset. In both cases, however, a ducking was the only result.

The members of Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, together with their wives and friends, held their second annual outing on Wednesday, the 10th instant. Wagonettes, supplied by Bro. H. Membrey, left the lodge rooms for an enjoyable drive to Cornwood and the Awns and Dendles. After luncheon at Coombe Farm, the party proceeded to explore the lovely hills and dales, and the more daring climbed up the waterfall. Returning to the Cornwood Inn, a sumptuous dinner was served by Mr. Glover. During the evening songs were rendered by R. White, C. J. F. Williams, J. Lose, J. Harvey, S. Jew, and L. James, Mrs. J. Lose presiding at the piano. Cornet solos by Bro. P. Elford, bandmaster 4th Devon Regiment, were much appreciated. The arrangements of the Committee, H. Roberts, T. Milford, C. J. F. Williams, C. A. Nicholson, Jos. Lose, and Jas. Mitchell, gave complete satisfaction.

Of the matches played during the present week, those between Middlesex and Kent at Lords, and Nottinghamshire and Gloucestershire at Cheltenham were left drawn. In the former case, Middlesex scored 287 and 116 for six wickets, when the innings was closed, while Kent made 265 and 51 for the loss of one wicket, so that it was anybody's game when stumps were drawn. In the Notts v. Gloucestershire contests, the former in its one innings made 429, while Gloucestershire with a total of 146 had to follow on and had made 196 for the loss of half its wickets, when time was called, the "not outs," W. G. Grace and J. J. Ferris being apparently well set with 43 and 17 to their respective credits. This left 87 to make in order to avert a single innings defeat, so that Notts had the best of the game. As for the other matches Surrey defeated Somersetshire by 186 runs, while Yorkshire beat Derbyshire by 187 runs, and Lancashire put Sussex to the rout in a single innings with 125 to spare.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will be held at Truro, on Tuesday next, the 23rd inst.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud concluded their visit to the Queen at Osborne on Wednesday, and returned to Marlborough House. The following day the Prince left for the Continent to drink the waters at Homburg.

The Duke of Cambridge, attended by Major Davidson, has arrived in town from Homburg. His Royal Highness is expected at Aldershot to-morrow (Saturday) morning, to see the troops who have been engaged in the manœuvres fight their way back into the camp.

The Lord Mayor of York has been informed by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, that the Duke of York will be unable to open the new Law Courts in that city, in consequence of his Royal Highness's engagements having been completed to the end of October.

Thursday being the 62nd anniversary of the birthday of the Emperor of Austria, Prince Louis Esterhazy entertained a select party at dinner at the Savoy Restaurant. Among those present were Count Wydenbruck, Chargé d'Affaires to the Austro-Hungarian Embassy, Count Albert Mensdorff, and Commander Chevalier de Jedina.

The Hon. Dr. Arthur Renwick, member of the Legislative Council in New South Wales and Commissioner for the Colony to the "World's Fair Chicago," is at present in London, and is about to leave, with his wife and family, for a tour in Scotland. New South Wales is the only Australian Colony that will be represented at Chicago, and its allowance in the exhibition of 50,000 square feet is to be extended by an additional 20,000 feet.

The Duchess of Albany, attended by General Ravenhill, and accompanied by several ladies and gentlemen, visited Woolwich on Wednesday, and were conducted over the garrison church of St. George and the Rotunda Museum. After luncheon in the Royal Artillery mess-room, the party went over the Arsenal, under the guidance of Dr. Anderson, Director-General of Ordnance Factories.

The Prince of Wales left London on Thursday afternoon for the Continent. His Royal Highness, who was attended by Col. Stanley Clarke, was received at Charing-cross by Mr. Alfred Watkin, director, Mr. Tyrwhitt, deputy general manager, and other officials of the South-Eastern Railway. From Dover, which was reached about half-past four, the Prince crossed by special steamer to Calais, whence he was to proceed, *via* Cologne and Frankfort, to Homburg, where he arrives to-day for the purpose of taking the waters. His Royal Highness will probably stay abroad three weeks, and on his return to England will accompany the Princess of Wales to Scotland.

Sir James Fergusson, the Postmaster-General who has just retired, devoted particular attention to the appearance and bearing of the telegraph messengers, and the boys attached to the principal office, have now the advantage of being drilled. With this object the commanding officers of several volunteer regiments have courteously allowed the Postmaster-General the use of their drill-halls, and through the permission of the Master of the Charterhouse the messengers of the Central Telegraph Office and the Eastern Central District have for the past two months been drilled two mornings a week in the picturesque grounds of the Charterhouse, under the windows of the Grey Friars, in the midst of surroundings immortalised by Thackeray. In these grounds at an early hour on Thursday some 300 of the messengers were inspected by Sir Arthur Blackwood, Secretary to the Post Office.

Under the command of Major J. P. McGregor, of the Post-office Volunteers, the boys, who were drawn up as a battalion of six companies, marched past the inspecting officer in column and quarter-column, and after a few battalion movements were put through the army physical drill by the commanders of companies, the exercises being performed with spirit and precision. Sir Arthur Blackwood expressed the pleasure it had given him to see the zest with which the boys had performed their drill, and commented on the credit they reflected upon their instructors. He also noticed the marked improvement in the setting-up of the boys and in the care taken of their uniforms since the commencement of these drills, and felt sure that such of them as might elect to enrol themselves in the regular army on the conclusion of their messenger service would not regret the preliminary training they now received.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.—Mr. G. P. Neele, the Chief Superintendent of the London and North-Western Railway, has lately been the recipient of a handsome memento from the Queen. Twice a year, with unflinching regularity, her Majesty visits her royal palace at Balmoral—first for a month from the middle of May to the corresponding day in June; and second from the middle of August, remaining until nearly the end of November. The former journey is from Windsor, the latter from Gosport. In connection with these journeys on the English and Scotch lines, it is a never-failing practice for the head officers of the railway companies to accompany her Majesty's train over the whole length of their respective lines; out, with respect to the London and North-Western Railway, as that company not only supplies the saloons and vehicles composing the train, but also carries out the entire correspondence for organising the details of each of the journeys, it has been the custom for one of its chief officers to accompany the train throughout its whole course alike from Windsor or from Gosport to Ballater, the railway terminus for Balmoral, and *vice versa*. The General Manager, Sir George Findlay, has occasionally undertaken the task, but the duty has more generally devolved on Mr. Neele, and in June last he completed his one hundredth journey in charge of the train on behalf of his company. Upon the fact becoming known to the Queen, she has, through Gen. Sir Henry Ponsonby, presented him with an elegant massive chiming clock, bearing the following inscription, on a tablet beneath the dial: "Presented by Queen Victoria, Empress of India, to Mr. George Potter Neele, in recognition of the care and attention he has given to her comfort and safety when travelling on the London and North-Western Railway for the last 31 years. 1892."

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