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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The third and last of the great Anniversary Festivals of the year is now fast approaching, and it becomes our duty to draw attention to the circumstances of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in whose behalf it will be held. The day appointed for the celebration is Wednesday, the 28th prox., and Bro. Lord BROOKB, Provincial Grand Master of Essex, has very kindly undertaken the responsible duty of presiding on the occasion. The Board of Stewards which will support his lordship is a sufficiently numerous one to justify our hopes that the total of donations and subscriptions which it will devolve on Bro. J. M. McLEOD, the Secretary of the Institution, in the course of the proceedings, to announce, will suffice to meet the actual requirements of the year, and leave a fair margin in hand for contingencies. But though the prospects are very encouraging, it is none the less our duty to make an earnest appeal to the brethren to co-operate heartily with the Stewards in their endeavours to obtain the necessary supplies. The Institution for Boys stands at a very serious disadvantage in having so very limited a permanent income. It provides annually for the maintenance, education, and clothing of between 260 and 270 boys, at a cost of between £12,000 and £13,000, yet its invested capital is only slightly in excess of £30,000, and the dividends from this capital, with the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, furnish a stated income of about £1000 a year. This is by no means a pleasant picture to complete—this very marked disproportion between the yearly expenditure and fixed income. It necessitates that the appeal, which is annually made to the Craft generally, must always be successful on a large scale, or—and the alternative is a particularly unpleasant one—the modest amount of savings which the authorities have been enabled, not without considerable difficulty, to accumulate will stand a fair chance of being diminished. The time may come when even so generous a body as the Masons of England may find it very far from an easy task to subscribe regularly every year the £40,000 or thereabouts which is now required for the maintenance of our three great Central Charities in a state of efficiency. The country may find itself involved in a war, or it may be suffering from a serious monetary crisis. Or we may be confronted with dangers and difficulties of another kind, which equally with those we have specified must have the effect of diminishing the voluntary contributions on which these Charities are obliged to depend; and then it is that our Institutions will reap the benefit if they have husbanded a substantial portion of their receipts. Once our Institutions are provided with a permanent income which of itself will go a considerable way towards meeting their annual outlay, and the labours and anxieties which our Festivals on the present large scale on which they are held now entail will be very appreciably diminished. In the meantime, however, but more particularly in the case of the Boys' School, the policy of the authorities is the simple one of pegging away firstly to raise the year's supplies, and then with what may come in after they have been met to keep on increasing as much as possible the invested capital. That the Board of Management fully realises the necessity for a policy of this kind is shown by the fact that whereas when the old régime came to an end in 1890, the invested funds amounted to about £17,500, they have now been increased in the brief interval of between two and three years to some £31,500. This increase has been rendered possible, firstly, by the splendid success of the Festival in 1891, when Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, presided as Chairman; and then by the very satisfactory average Return of last year, when the respected Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, Bro. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., was the President. It will, however, be admitted that £31,500 is not a very large amount of funded property for so important an Institution as our Boys' School to possess, and as there has this year been no overwhelming demand on the pockets of the Craft, such as was made last year when the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution was celebrated, or in 1888, when the Girls' School Centenary was held, we trust the ultimate issue of the approaching anniversary of this Institution will be a further considerable addition to its capital.

But there are other reasons than this which it is our duty to urge on the attention of the brethren. Under the new régime the School is fulfilling admirably the purposes for which it was established. It has more boys on its establishment now than at any previous period in its career. We believe the actual number for which provision is made is 268, and the course of training through which they are put fully merits the encomiums which have been passed upon it by competent judges. And what is of still greater importance, and will be thoroughly appreciated by all lovers of Freemasonry, the tone of the School has been vastly improved under the present Head Master and his staff, acting in concert with the Board of Management, while the latter body is engaged, not only in still further strengthening the hands of the educational staff, but is likewise formulating a plan by which boys of special merit and ability may be still further benefited. In short, whatever is possible is being done by the authorities to raise the character of the Institution, and place it on a level with the very best of our middle-class schools, so that those boys who are elected, upon the foundation, may stand a good chance of making their way successfully through life. We trust, therefore, that no effort will be spared to ensure a large return of donations

and subscriptions on the 28th of June next. There is, as we have said, a strong board of Stewards, on which both London and the Provinces are adequately represented. We may rely upon the noble Chairman and the brethren who constitute this Board to leave no stone unturned in order to accomplish the end which they have in view; and if the response by the lodges and brethren to their and our appeals are no more than commensurate with the earnestness with which they are made, we know full well they will not have been urged in vain.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The elections to the two Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were held on Friday, the 19th instant, at the annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers. As was generally expected the competition was a very keen one, especially for the Widow Vacancies, which were fewer in number by comparison with the list of candidates for the Male Fund. Indeed, there were two widows who polled upwards of 4000 votes, and three who polled between 3000 and 4000 and yet failed to win places, while in the case of the men the lowest successful candidate scored 2650 votes, and there were only five below him who polled over 1000 votes. Here, however, the number elected was 20 from an approved list of 61, reduced by two deaths and a withdrawal to 58, while 12 widows were elected from a reduced list of 54. Taking the Funds in this order, we find that for the

MALE FUND,

there were, as we have just said, 20—including the three deferred—elected, out of a reduced list of 57, the place of honour at the head of the poll being secured by the Herts candidate, who scored 5056 votes, at this, his first application, the brother's success being due, on chief measure, to the energy displayed by Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., the Secretary of the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association. One of the 13 candidates, hailing from London, was placed second, with 5029, and he likewise was a new case; two of the other brethren from East Lancashire, who were similarly candidates for the first time, being third and fourth, with 4953 and 4235 votes respectively. A second and new London candidate stood fifth, with 4169 votes, and then followed a Kentish brother, who started with 37 votes to the good, and raised his total to 4026. A Devonian applicant, who brought forward 106 votes, obtained such further support as served to increase his total to 4008, the eighth in order being also an old candidate from Gloucestershire, who had previously obtained but four votes, and on this occasion finished the day by polling a total of 3866 votes. London secured the ninth place with 3618 votes, of which 755 were brought forward from last year, and West Yorkshire the next two places with 3536 votes and 3528 votes respectively, the managers of the two cases having manifestly shown great judgment in the distribution of the votes at their command. Warwickshire, which carried three out of its four candidates, placed one of them at No. 12 on the list with 3430 votes, of which all but 30 were polled on this occasion, while the Cambridgeshire candidate, who brought forward 561 votes, and had claims on two other Provinces, stood next with 3420 votes. No. 14, who was a new candidate from Kent, polled 3411 votes; No. 15, hailing from Sussex and having 673 votes already to his credit, was close up with 3328 votes; No. 16 (Warwickshire), with a few votes in hand from last year having 3284 votes; and No. 17 (London), 3202 votes. The three who brought up the rear polled 3077, 3049, and 2650 votes respectively, the highest of the three hailing from Warwickshire, the next from Essex, and the lowest from London. Thus London succeeded in winning five and the Provinces 15 places, the number of unsuccessful remaining over till next year being eight London and 30 Provincial.

In the case of the

WIDOWS' FUND.

The number of candidates as stated at the outset was 54—one having died since the issue of the voting papers, while the number of elected, including the three deferred, was 12. Here, the highest on the poll was one of seven candidates from Devonshire, who started with 263 votes to the good, and obtaining 5912 further votes, made up her total to 6175. The second in order of votes was the widow of a West Lancashire brother, and had the good fortune to win his election at the first attempt, with 5882 votes, one of six Kentish applicants, who brought forward 257 votes, raising her total to 5615. No. 4, hailing from West Yorkshire, polled exactly the same number, but all her votes were obtained at this election. No. 5 was also a new candidate, and was close up with 5605 votes, while No. 6, from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, secured her position by adding 5337 to the 259 votes she had already had in hand at starting. No. 7 was a new candidate from London, who scored 5509, and No. 8, who hailed from the District of Bengal, put in 5024 votes, and by so doing, escaped all further anxiety about her admission to the benefits of the Charity. The next in order was a London candidate who had already standing to her credit 825 votes and converted this figure into a round 5000, while Essex furnished No. 11 on the list who started with 298 to the good and emerged from the ballot with 4755 votes. The last to win vacancies hailed from London and Kent respectively, and were both candidates for the first time, the number polled for the London widow being 4474 and for the Kentish

widow 4414 votes. The highest unsuccessful applicants were London 4178 votes, of which 982 were brought forward; Hampshire and the Isle of Wight 4127 votes, of which 2202 were brought forward; another London widow with 3861 votes, of which she had to her credit already 1144 votes; the candidate from Turkey, who started with 1619 votes, and ended with 3512 votes, and yet another London widow, who brought forward 1894 votes, and increased that figure to 3347. Other candidates polled upwards of 2000 and 1000 votes, and, like those we have specified, but to a lesser degree, will stand well for the election in 1894.

As regards the total votes brought forward and issued and the total polled, we note that for the Male Fund 3951 were brought forward and 94,003 issued, but of the latter only 85,411 passed the Scrutineers. For the Widows' Fund 17,393 votes were brought forward, and 91,389 issued, but of the latter only 82,203 were passed. Therefore, in the case of both elections there were a very large number of votes unused.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, London. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer to the Institution, was voted to the chair. On the dais he was supported by Bro. Henry Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; John Wordsworth (West Yorkshire); W. F. Smithson (Leeds); A. C. Spaul, C. E. Keyser, and James Terry (Sec.); and in the body of the hall by a large number of representatives of the Provinces and of the London district.

On the motion of Bro. C. E. KEYSER, seconded by Bro. HENRY SMITH, the Auditors report was adopted.

The following report of the Committee of Management was read by Bro. TERRY:

The Committee of Management has very great pleasure in laying the report of its proceedings during the past year before the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The annual Festival was held by direction of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 22nd February last. Considerable difficulty had been experienced in obtaining the services of a chairman, but a few weeks previously to the day appointed W. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., J.G.D. of England, very kindly consented to act in that capacity, and the Board of Stewards consisting of 226 brethren and ladies which supported him had the satisfaction of raising a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to £8293 10s., which has since been increased by the receipt of outstanding lists and additions to lists to £8530 12s. 6d. This result, though falling very far short of the requirements of the Institution, must nevertheless be regarded after the amazing success of the Jubilee Festival in 1892 as eminently gratifying, and the Committee very gladly avails itself of this opportunity of publicly expressing its very hearty thanks to the distinguished Chairman, the ladies, and brethren who supported him with so much goodwill and energy as Stewards. Also to the lodges, chapters, and individual donors and subscribers who so generously responded to the appeals addressed to them for support, the Province of Hertfordshire, of which the Chairman has been a member for very many years, and in which he has done most of his work as a Mason, having been particularly energetic in the assistance they rendered on the occasion.

At the election in May, 1892, there were upon the two funds of the Institution 432 annuitants, of whom 192 were men, and 240 widows, while the number of approved candidates was 137, namely, 67 men and 70 widows. To-day there are 115 candidates, of whom 60 are men, and 55 widows, so that there is still a further reduction as compared with the list of 1890, when the present more stringent regulations concerning candidates were passed in the number of those who have been adjudged worthy to receive the benefits of the Institution.

The Committee, at its meeting in February, declared the number of vacancies to be competed for at this election to be as follows: in the male fund, 12 immediate and three deferred, and on the widows' fund, seven immediate and three deferred. Since then, however, there have been reported the deaths of five men and two widows. It, therefore, recommends that the vacancies thus created shall likewise be filled up, so that the total number to be elected this day, including in each case the three deferred, will be 20 men and 12 widows. Thus, the numbers in the two funds will remain as they were after the election in May, 1892, that is to say, on the male fund, 192 men, each in receipt of £40 per annum, and on the widows' fund, 240 widows, each in receipt of £32 per annum, the total number of annuitants being as already stated—432, and the amount distributed amongst them annually, £15,320. To this must be added the further sum of £500, devisable under Law 9 of the male fund, among 25 widows of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the total amount to be provided in annuities during the current year will be £15,820.

The Committee is desirous of expressing its sincere thanks to United Grand Lodge for its continuance of its annual grant of £70 towards providing the annuitants resident in the asylum at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

The Committee is also desirous of placing publicly on record its unfeigned thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, J. Wayte, Esq., M.B., elected since the last annual meeting in succession to H. J. Strong, Esq., M.D., resigned, and to R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., M.D., for their kind and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants, both resident at Croydon and non-resident, who have been unfortunately compelled during the past year to seek their advice and assistance. Nor can it allow this occasion to pass without expressing its gratitude to Dr. Strong, the late medical adviser at Croydon, for the exceeding care and kindness with which he ministered to the requirements of the inmates of the asylum during a period of 30 years, and it sincerely hopes that he may be long spared in the position of Honorary Consulting Physician, which was conferred upon him by the Committee, to enjoy that respect and esteem to which by reason of his long and eminent services to the Institution he is so justly entitled.

The Committee has the satisfaction of announcing that the premises at Croydon are now in a competent state of repair, both externally and internally, the work referred to in last year's report as being necessary in order to preserve the stonework from further decay, having been effectually carried out during the past year.

The audited statement of accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1892, is appended. It has been most carefully prepared by the Finance Committee, and undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed, and the Committee has every confidence that when the Governors and Subscribers have carefully examined the several items of expenditure, they will be satisfied that the funds of the Institution have been administered with scrupulous care and a due regard for economy.

In conclusion, the Committee is anxious to express its unabated confidence in the generosity of the Craft in London, throughout the provinces, and in foreign parts. It acknowledges with gratitude the munificence with which the claims of the Institution have been met by the brethren in past years, and it is persuaded that so long as its affairs are conducted on the principles by which the Committee has been actuated heretofore the funds necessary for its efficient maintenance will be regularly forthcoming.

On the motion of Bro. HENRY SMITH, seconded by Bro. Dr. TURTLE PIGOTT, this report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The following five brethren were elected to fill vacancies in the Committee of Management:—Bros. W. H. Making; W. Vincent, P.M. 1194; John Hattersley, P.M. 1604; A. R. Trew, P.M. 2409; and Robert Gowan, P.M. 2029.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, in moving the re-election of Bro. J. A. Farnfield as Treasurer, said it was unnecessary for him to say much in favour of Bro. Farnfield's re-election. They could not improve on their choice of a brother who had exemplified how capable he was to fill so high and important a position. Bro. Farnfield was no ornamental Treasurer, for he worked very hard, and was present at all the meetings of the Committee throughout the year.

Bro. BARNETT seconded the motion.

Bro. FARNFIELD having been unanimously elected, thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of their confidence.

Bros. Kempton, Attenborough, and Cleghorn were elected Auditors.

Bro. W. MAXFIELD MEAD, W.M. 1805, moved an alteration of Rule No. 13 of the Institution.

Rule No. 13 as it now stands is—

The Committee shall at its meeting in February in each year, or at an adjournment thereof, determine the number of annuitants, male and female, to be elected, of which number three men and three widows will not be entitled to receive the annuity until vacancies shall have occurred after the annual general meeting. Should any death or deaths occur amongst the annuitants between that meeting and the general meeting in May ensuing, the number to be elected shall be increased in like proportion.

The following is Bro. Mead's proposed alteration (the alteration being printed in italics):—

The Committee shall at its meeting in February in each year, or at an adjournment thereof, determine the number of annuitants, male and female, to be elected, *one half (if even, or if not an even number, one half of the next higher or next lower number as the Committee may decide) shall be allotted by rotation to those candidates eligible as annuitants who shall have been longest on the list of applicants, and subject to such allotment the annuitants shall be elected as hereinafter provided. Two men and two widows next longest on the list of applicants and two men and two widows who shall have polled the next highest number of votes to the successful candidates by ballot shall be placed on a deferred list, but will not be entitled to receive the annuity until vacancies shall have occurred after the annual general meeting. Should any death or deaths occur amongst the annuitants between that meeting and the general meeting in May ensuing, the number to be elected shall be increased in like proportion.*

Bro. MEAD, in moving his proposal, referred first by name (which from obvious reasons we omit) to brethren and widows who appeared on the list of candidates for election, for 11, 12, or 13 years, and who seemed as far as ever off being elected. It seemed to him rather hard that these brethren, or widows of brethren, who, in their day had, no doubt, done much for the Craft, should not be elected. He noticed that one brother had paid 40 years to Grand Lodge, besides having been a Steward. It appeared to him that some consideration should be given to a brother who had worked like that. The object of the resolution now proposed was to give such brethren and widows some encouragement. Even if his resolution was not passed, he should consider he had done his duty. If it was passed they would take on the list several brethren and widows.

Bro. NUDING seconded the motion, thinking it was quite in accordance with justice and fairness to annuitants.

Bro. TILLOU said the motion, no doubt, would command sympathy, even though it should be impracticable to carry it out as was proposed. Brethren found there were a number of deserving cases which could not be elected, because the candidates had not sufficient friends to get votes. It was distressing to see these poor old people coming up year after year unsuccessful, and if they could extend any help to them they should. But it was a great deal to ask the brethren to give up half of their voting power, but they should remember they would be helping those who had no friends, and one of their principles in Masonry was to help those who could not help themselves. For these reasons he had very great pleasure in supporting Bro. Mead's motion.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND opposed. Coming from North and East Yorkshire he knew of cases which provinces would not support. The provinces knew more about their own local cases than anybody else could. When cases came before the provincial organisations, all that the Committee could do was to go carefully through them, and if a province did not adopt a case, the brethren might rest assured they did not consider it worthy of support. He knew a case on the list which he believed would not be supported by North and East Yorkshire, and for reasons well known to them, because they had received information about it since it was put on the list. At the next meeting of the Committee the province would consider the case. He considered that if the door was to be opened once in the way proposed by this motion, undeserving cases would get in and keep out deserving ones. If a brother was brought forward and did not get support, was a proof that it was not a deserving case. He said advisedly that there were cases which ought never to have been put on the list. Every case should be examined by a local Committee, and its report should be attached to the petition. He sincerely hoped that this motion would not be carried.

Bro. HENRY SMITH took the same view. He did not see why he should give away his privilege to others. The idea was absurd that they should put these people on because they were on the list year after year. Did any brother mean to say that if one of these cases was a deserving case rich provinces like the two divisions of Yorkshire would not have elected it long ago? He was surprised that any hearty good fellow should come forward and desire to throw these people in over the heads of those who were known to be worthy people. When they went to enquire into cases, and asked why the provinces would not elect them, they would find the reply was because they would not have them. He trusted the brethren would reject this attempted interference with the laws of the Institution.

Bro. E. M. MONEY also opposed the motion. He believed it would do harm. Some provinces had six or seven cases on the list which they never supported at all. That was the case in each of the three Masonic Institutions. He thought a rule should be adopted that any candidate who did not poll more than 50 votes at an election should be struck off.

Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, P.G.D., said, on behalf of West Lancashire, he also strongly protested against this proposed alteration. From his province there was a candidate put on the list who had not the support even of his own lodge. If that brother were deserving, the Province of West Lancashire would have elected him on the first occasion. They always supported

the cases that were deserving, and it was very rare that a good candidate was carried over two elections.

Dr. STRONG enquired whether there was any provision for removing the names of those who were never likely to be elected. He thought something of that kind might be done.

Bro. FARNFIELD said there was no power of that description.

Bro. MEAD asked to be allowed to withdraw his motion. (Cries of "No, no," and "Vote.")

The motion was almost unanimously rejected.

The election of annuitants followed. The result will be found in our advertisement columns.

THE ANCIENT STIRLING LODGE MS.

It is again my privilege and pleasure to announce the discovery, or recognition, of another MS. of the "Old Charges." It is owned by the Ancient Stirling Lodge, No. 30, Stirling, Scotland, and in its style is different to all the others known, being some two feet wide and 20 inches long, the writing running across the full width of the parchment. The document is mounted on card-board and kept framed in the lodge, but by vote of the lodge the precious transcript of these regulations and history of the olden time was taken out of its surroundings and sent me for examination and report, through the kind services of the R.W.M., Bro. Thomas Allison.

Owing doubtless to its appearance, this copy of the "Old Charges" has for long been looked upon by the members as a Charter, and the meetings would not be deemed legal unless it was exhibited in the lodge room. Possibly owing to this circumstance the real character of the treasure has been overlooked, and thus has remained unknown and unrecognised for many years.

A letter has been preserved from the Clerk of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (Bro. Woodman), dated July 18th, 1854, to whom it was sent, to the effect that "the old and curious document, purporting to be the Charter of the Ancient Lodge, Stirling," could scarcely be so termed, as "it was more like a history or lecture upon Masonry, and contains many of the Charges well-known among Masons of the present day. It has been written, I should say, about the middle of the seventeenth century." It was the sight of this communication which led me to believe that another copy of the "Old Charges" was about to be traced, and so it has proved to be.

The text is similar to that of the "Grand Lodge MS., No. 1," to which "Family" it belongs, and in many respects agrees with the "Kilwinning MS.," but not uniformly so, for sometimes it more closely follows the former roll. There is, therefore, nothing new to report in regard to its recital, save a few funny errors, which, more or less, distinguish most of the scrolls.

The lodge is very old and of uncertain origin, the year 1708 ascribed to it, being, in my opinion, much too late. It is likely to be the same lodge that was represented on the junior of the two charters granted to the St. Clair family, as protectors of the Craft, which, according to the estimate of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, was written in 1628 (circa.) This copy of the "Old Charges" was evidently used by the lodge at the reception of candidates soon after that period, and, possibly, then it was either wholly, or mainly operative in character.

That this was so, is practically established by two forms of certificates which are written at the foot of the document. These are quite new to me, and I do not believe any such have hitherto been made known.

The one on the left hand reads—

Wee the Gentelmen Bayliffes and other undersubscribers withine the Toune and Shire of Stirling do by this p'nts testifie and declair that Maister Maissone of Stirling, heath lab'od wiline the said brugh of Stirling since his infancie, during which speare he heath behaved himself honestlie to our knowledge frie of any offence, and heath finished all the works and buildings that ever he took in hand within or about this Sheire, as we know no impedement why the _____ may not be accepted to work as Maister Maissone within any part of this _____. He always behaving himself as offior, whereof we testifie to between us, as witnesseth our handes _____

The other form, to the right, is to the following effect—

We the nobelmen barons knights Gentelmen Tutors of minors and others under wrot subscribers do by these p'nts declair that _____ heath finished Completed and fullie endit all the mainers of Ouses, Castells, Abays and buildings, that he did tak in hand most deutiefullie ffaithfullie and honestlie to our contentment and so may be admitted to work as Maister Maissone in any place off this Statione when he can heave occasione. In testimoney whereof subscribit as folowes.

Many portions of the caligraphy are most difficult to decipher, both of the MS. proper and the two forms of certificate, but I believe my transcript will be found to be as correct as possible, under the circumstances. A few of the peculiar readings of this "Old Charge" will be given in a separate issue of the reproduction; and I quite agree with the opinion of the late Bro. Woodman, Grand Clerk, that the period of its transcription may be fixed for 1650 circa. It does not appear to me to be a copy of the "Kilwinning MS." or at least, not of the one known by that title, but of an older, and in some respects, different document. The lodge was sometimes called "Stirling Kilwinin" (or Kilwinning), so early as 1745, in the records preserved; but there is no evidence of such an origin, neither is it at all likely; only it was the fashion last century to describe old lodges as pendicles of "Mother Kilwinning." I hope to give a few more facts of interest concerning the "Ancient Stirling Lodge," in the Transactions of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," No. 2076, part 2, vol. vi., if Bro. Speth can spare the requisite space.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the brethren of this province was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Armoury, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, presided. There was an unusually large attendance of brethren of the Order, amongst them being—

Bros. George Mellor, Prov. Dep. G.M.; Edmund Ashworth, P.G.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W.; Arthur Jefferis, P.G.W.; John Chadwick, P.G. S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W.; C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G. D.C.; James Cookson, P.P.G.T.; Hy. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; J. S. O. Thursby, P.P.S.G.W.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; James Kershaw, P.P. G.D.; Evan Williams, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Booth, P.G.D.; James Newton,

Prov. G. Asst. Sec.; Abram Clegg, P.P.G.W.; J. Newbold, Vice-Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution; J. Hothersall, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Peak, P.G.D.C.; Rev. R. W. P. Circuit, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. O. Jelly; Rev. Doxey, P.P.G. Chap.; Jos. Pollard, P.G.T.; F. N. Moulsworth, P.G. Reg.; G. H. Holt, P.G.S.D.; I. Davies, P.G.S. of W.; John Greaves, P.G.S. of W.; W. B. Russel, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Watson, P.G.S.B.; J. Stewart, P.G.S.B.; J. Hancock, P.P.G.S.B.; Henry Stevens, P.P.G.D.; J. Sandiford, P.G.P.; Simpson Booth, P.P.G.P.; G. A. Page, P.A.G.P.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.W.; G. Galloway, P.G.S.D.; and H. Smith, P.G.D.

In the absence of Bro. Fritz Reiss, P.S.G.W., Bro. Thursby, P.P. S.G.W., acted in his stead, and Bro. A. H. Jeffris, P.J.G.W.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened by Bro. Colonel Starkie, the roll was called, and it appeared that all the 104 lodges in the province were represented.

The report of the Audit Committee was presented by Bro. J. POLLARD, P.G. Treas. The document showed that the whole of the lodges had paid their contributions, and that there was a balance in the bank of £316, as compared with £248 last year.

Bro. S. H. SHORROCK, P.M., proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Bro. W. J. ALLITT, P.M., seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. G. A. PAGE, P.A.G.P., proposed the election of Bro. Col. Eaton.

Bro. F. W. BROMBY, P.M., seconded the motion, and there being no other proposition the Provincial Grand Master submitted it to the meeting, and it was adopted.

Bro. Col. EATON, in reply, expressed his great gratification that he had been elected to so important an office by the unanimous voice of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY presented his report upon the condition of Freemasonry in the province. He stated that the lodges generally were doing excellent work, but he drew attention to certain points which, he said, required attention, among them being a laxity which, in some cases, existed in the admission of candidates into the Order who presented themselves from other towns, where they had possibly not been able to secure election. After deducting 194 resignations and 85 deaths the total number of subscribing members in the province was 4339.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in addressing the meeting, urged that members of working lodges should bear in mind the observations made by the P.G. Secretary, and do all that in them lay to maintain the credit and honour of the Institution. In particular he asked that all votes possessed by lodges in connection with the Masonic Charities should be forwarded to the Charity Committee, because unless that was done candidates from that province would fail to secure election.

The report of the Charity Committee was adopted on the motion of Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, and the Committee appointed for the ensuing year.

It was then resolved, on the motion of Bro. SILLITOE, seconded by Bro. ANDREW, P.G.S.B., that the sum of £100 be contributed from the funds of P.G. Lodge in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. J. B. Lonsdale	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. Galloway	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. O. Jelly	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. S. Doxey	
" Col. J. Eaton	
" Lieut.-Col. H. J. Robinson	Prov. G. Treas.
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" J. Fitton	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Rowley	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Pollitt	
" G. Bevan	
" W. Eastwood	
" J. R. Deakin	
" T. Higson	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER presented, in the name of the brethren of the province, a service of plate to Bro. G. Mellor, D.P.G.M. East Lancashire, in commemoration of the completion of his jubilee as a member of the Masonic Order, together with a silver tea service and salver for Mrs. Mellor. Bro. Colonel Starkie spoke in high terms of the services of Bro. Mellor to the cause of Masonry, and of the esteem in which he was held in his native town of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Bro. J. H. P. LERESCHE, P.P.G. Registrar, read and presented to Bro. Mellor an illuminated address in connection with the event. He added that the subscriptions to the testimonial had been so liberal that a balance remained, which would be handed over to the East Lancashire Masonic Charities.

The presentations were made amid hearty cheering.

Bro. MELLOR, who is in somewhat feeble health, had prepared a written reply, thanking the brethren for their handsome gifts, which was read by the P.G. Secretary.

At the close of the business the customary banquet took place.

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MALES.

No. on Poll.	Name	Vote.
1	Bro. Thos. Saxton	5056
2	J. G. Marsh	5029
3	W. Haworth	4953
4	Jas. Lomax	4235
5	Thos. Gaisford	4169
6	T. M. Compton	4026
7	Thos. Hine	4008
8	George Tomes	3866
9	John Davis	3618
10	G. H. Swithenbank	3536
11	John Spencer	3528
12	Henry Wright	3430
*13	S. P. Ekin	3420
*14	W. Hester	3411
*15	F. J. Rubie	3328
*16	Thos. Baynton	3284
*17	J. J. Hutchings	3202
18	W. Glydon (deferred)	3077
19	J. W. C. Butcher (deferred)	3049
20	John Lee (deferred)	2650

WIDOWS.

No.	Name	Vote.
1	Mrs. E. M. Thomas	6175
2	M. A. Cross	5882
3	S. A. Burfield	5615
4	G. Petty	5615
5	A. Fawcett	5605
6	M. A. Green	5596
7	M. A. Cunningham	5599
*8	Laura Ferres	5024
*9	A. Brooks	5000
10	E. M. Howard (deferred)	4755
11	E. Millbourn (deferred)	4474
12	S. Cruttenden (deferred)	4414

The Votes of the unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to the next Election.
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By order.
JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron and Secretary.
May 19th, 1893.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.
MAY, 1893, ELECTION.
Mrs. MILLBOURN, begs to return sincerest thanks for kind support given.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS.
BRO. J. G. MARSH.
The Committee formed for the purpose of furthering this case desire to tender their best thanks to every Brother who kindly rendered assistance.—On behalf of the Committee,
Bro. JOHN LIGHTFOOT, I.P.M. 1901, Chairman.
Bro. THOMAS GAY, S.D. 1901, Hon. Sec.

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Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

It must be gratifying to the Craft of West Yorkshire that their much beloved Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, has so far recovered as to be enabled to be present at the Prov. Grand Chapter, held on the 15th inst., and to invest the officers for the ensuing year. Although his partial restoration is a matter for sincere congratulation, it is not, we regret to say, sufficient to induce him to reconsider his determination to retire from the Chieftainship of the Craft, but he will, we are pleased to say, retain the office of Grand Superintendent.

Comp. Henry Smith, who for 22 years has discharged the responsible duties of Grand Scribe E., has at length retired from that position, and has been appointed Grand H. of the province. In that capacity he will, we know, continue to render that loyal service to his chief, which has been such a distinguishing feature of his occupancy of the office as Deputy Grand Master.

We reported, a few weeks since, the consecration of the King Solomon Chapter, and inserted a correction the following week, having reference to the rank of Comp. E. Macbean, one of the petitioners, in the

Grand Chapter of Scotland, which may appear to be somewhat misleading. It might be inferred that Comp. Macbean had no claim to the rank of Grand Chancellor of Scotland, whereas he had filled that office up to March last, the only mistake being that although he was Grand Chancellor when he signed the petition, he was not actually in office when he was so described.

To avoid disappointment we are requested to state that all petitions for the October election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls must be lodged at the office not later than Thursday, 8th June.

We offer our congratulations to Bros. Sir Frederick Abel and Sir Somers Vine on the honours conferred on them by her Majesty in connection with the opening of the Imperial Institute, the former receiving a baronetcy, and the latter the distinction of Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

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.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ELECTION OF ANNUITANTS, MAY 19th, 1893.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I am glad to have the opportunity of returning you my best and warmest thanks for electing me an annuitant of the above Institution, and for the proud position I occupied on the poll, that of being second, with upwards of 5000 votes.

I feel it to be my duty to tender you my heartfelt thanks and to all members of lodges and chapters who so kindly gave me their support. I feel also greatly indebted to my friends in the Mark Degree, and not least to those Degrees belonging to the High Grades of Freemasonry who also rendered me great and valuable assistance in achieving such a result.

I assure you it is with the sincerest gratitude that I now offer you my best, and I hope, lasting thanks.—Yours very faithfully,

J. G. MARSH, P.M. 28 and 192,
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CAMBRIAN LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, No. 656 (E.C.), AND ARTICLE 219.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

On page 421 of Official Report of Grand Lodge Proceedings of the 2nd December, 1891, V.W. Grand Registrar is reported to have said: "the question [applicability of Article 219] was raised about three years ago . . . Shortly afterwards, however, a minority of the members of one English lodge there—the Cambrian, No. 656—wrote home . . . as to whether or not a minority could retain the warrant, &c."

As great misapprehension has been caused by this statement of V.W. Grand Registrar, permit me in justice to our lodge to say that it was before the recognition of the local Grand Lodge, viz., in November, 1888, that we wrote home and asked for "advice and assistance in securing our Constitutional rights," and solicited "the United Grand Lodge of England to graciously grant us a duplicate warrant or assist us to obtain our own, of which we have been wrongfully deprived." I might further add that this letter of November actually reached England about 10 days after the local Grand Lodge had received recognition with certain limitations. Thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

GEO. ROBINSON, 656 (E.C.)

Sydney, 8th April.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1030] THE OLDEST REFERENCE TO THE CRAFT IN IRELAND.

I think your correspondent, who signs himself "891—A.Q.C." in your last issue, is in error when he states that the Master Mason's Ballad, which appears in the poetical works of the Rev. James Sterling, printed in 1734, contains the oldest reference to the Craft in Ireland (save the Constitutions of 1730), inasmuch as on page 603 of "Bro. Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry," under the heading of "Square," is the following:—"Upon the very early metal square found in Ireland, near Limerick, these words, of date 1517, are inscribed:—

I will strive to live with ease and care,
Upon the level, by the square.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

[We fail to see in this any reference to Freemasonry as at present constituted.—Ed. F.M.]

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The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. A. W. Lowe as a candidate for initiation, which proved to be favourable. Mr. Lowe was afterwards regularly initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive and exceptionally efficient manner, the ancient charge being given by Bro. A. B. Booty, J.W. The W.M. announced that the P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., had presented a copy of his "Masonic Addresses," published recently by Bro. J. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, when it was resolved that the interesting gift should be suitably acknowledged.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the brethren, the lodge was closed.

JERSEY.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—The 51st annual festival and installation of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Ballaine, assisted by his officers, with a large gathering of visitors, including the popular Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. J. M. McLeod. That worthy brother was received with all respect due to his rank, after which the minutes of the last regular meeting as well as a lodge of emergency were read and approved. The balance-sheet was also read and adopted, leaving a fair balance in favour of the lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, when Bro. J. A. Ballaine, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. C. Baker, P.M. and Secretary, installed Bro. J. Caton as W.M. for the ensuing year, which installation was performed in a very commendable manner. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Wilson, S.W.; J. Lesbirel, J.W.; C. Baker, P.M., Treas.; John Durrell, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Gilby, S.D.; P. F. Le Boutillier, J.D.; C. De St. Croix, I.G.; Alf. Oldknow, W.M. 243, Org.; J. H. Hayward, Stwd.; and Geo. Rogers, P.M., Tyler. Before the lodge was closed Bro. C. Naylor, P.M., proposed, and Bro. P. G. Hamilton, P.M., seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes of the lodge to Bro. J. A. Ballaine, I.P.M., for the very able manner he had conducted the business of the lodge during his term of office, which proposition was put and carried unanimously. Also it was proposed by Bro. C. Baker, P.M., and seconded by Bro. C. Naylor, P.M., that the thanks of this lodge are due to Bro. C. Donaldson, P.M., for the very honourable manner he has discharged the office of Treasurer for nearly 10 years to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, and that at an early date a substantial mark of respect and esteem be shown to that worthy brother by presenting him with a Masonic jewel.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where nearly 50 sat down to a capital banquet, provided by the Guardian of the Temple, Bro. George Rogers, P.M. and Tyler of the lodge, which banquet was pronounced by competent brethren to be the best ever served.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. Major Raven, P.M. 877, rose and proposed in an eloquent manner "The Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys.

Bro. McLeod on rising was received with approbation, and he delivered one of the most telling speeches ever heard in favour of the Institution in which he is especially interested, and it is believed that he made a great many converts that evening in favour of our noble Institutions.

Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, and amongst the number Bros. E. Walden, Dickson, Kingsley, Jones, Goldsmith, and last, not least, Twiddy Caton (a Lewis), who proved himself quite at home with the violin.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the most enjoyable and thorough harmonious meetings ever held in the province to a close.

RIVERHEAD.

Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The installation—or, as the London brethren and visitors call it, the "May"—meeting was held on the 6th instant, and was attended with that success and pleasure, which have marked each successive gathering for several years past. It was just the day to tempt one from London into the charming suburb of Sevenoaks, and so there was a stronger contingent than usual from the Metropolis to meet and fraternise with the men of Kent, and business was commenced by Bro. Hooker, W.M., with a full lodge. The preliminaries over, Bro. Duret, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Middx., took the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. Burfoot as W.M., in the presence of the worthy D.P.G.M. of the province, Bro. J. S. Eastes, J.G.D., and one of the largest assemblies of "purple" officers the Amherst Lodge has yet seen. The Board of Installed Masters numbered exactly a score, and by them, as by all others, the exact and eloquent delivery of the ritual throughout by Bro. Duret was followed with interest and pleasure. The new W.M. is an initiate of the Amherst, and though he was of mature years when admitted into the Order, he has worked onward and upward with all the zeal of the youngest member of the Craft. At the proper time Bro. Burfoot appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Dr. Harry Work Dodd, S.W.; Dr. Whitcomb, J.W.; R. Durtneil, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., Treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; E. Evenden, S.D.; J. Willmot, J.D.; E. C. Horton, I.G.; F. H. Knight, D.C.; G. Larner, A.D.C.; and W. Mist and C. Le May, Stwds. It is not often the Wardens' chairs are filled in a "mixed" lodge by two medicos at one time. Bro. Dr. Dodd—cousin of one of the Past Masters of the lodge and brother of the late Bro. C. J. Dodd, who also filled the chair in the same lodge—is well-known in London, holding high appointments at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-lane, and at the Ophthalmic Hospital, Charing Cross, while the Junior Warden enjoys a good reputation locally. Before closing the lodge the W.M. presented to his predecessor the handsome jewel voted to him as a memento of his year of office.

The banquet followed, served by Bro. Walter, of the Amherst Arms Hotel, in his usual excellent style, and most hospitably were all the visitors, who numbered no less than

30, against 23 members, treated. In this connection mention may be made of Bro. Mist's exertions; at his own request he retained office as Steward for another year, and to his good offices and attention no little of the pleasure of the latter part of the proceedings was due.

The Worshipful Master spoke but few words, so giving those who responded to the toasts the opportunity of speaking at greater length.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master whose presence is eagerly sought for all over the province, had to respond for "The Grand Officers," and in doing so, he remarked that the Grand Secretary was full of anxiety that every province should be duly considered in the allotment of Grand Lodge honours, and he hoped there was now a better prospect for Kent, whose claims for consideration in the past had, he thought, not been sufficiently taken notice of. When speaking for the Provincial Grand Master and the officers under him, the worthy D.P.G.M. said he was charged by Earl Amherst to say how much he regretted not being able to be with the lodge that day. It gave him (the D.P.G.M.) great pleasure to be at the installation and see how well the work was done, and to notice the prosperity of the lodge.

When answering for "The Past Masters of the Lodge," Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.P.G. Org., referred to the fact that they had that night seven out of that body present (as had been the case, year after year, for some time past), and reminded the brethren that it was 14 years since he was in the chair, at which time the lodge was in such a state that it was doubtful whether it would survive. He well remembered the chat he had then with their good brother, Bro. Eastes, and his advice, coupled with the standing together of Bros. Duret, Durtneil, Jewell, and one or two others, enabled him (Bro. Dodd) to pull the lodge round, and now they saw what it was.

Bro. Duret also responded, and expressed the gratification it afforded him to be still associated with such a lodge.

Bro. Durtneil responded as Treasurer, and said that the quotation against the toast, "Send for more money," was correct, for he was pleased to be able to say, as their Treasurer, that he had got it.

Bro. Jewell, who has been Secretary 20 years, and still fills that office most efficiently, was received with quite a demonstration when he rose to speak, for all regard him as the "father" of the lodge, and hold him in high esteem. This embellishment of the toast list with apt and new quotations from his beloved Shakespeare enabled most of the speakers to start well, and a collection of the Amherst Lodge menu cards would be most interesting reading.

Bro. Fred. Cozens contributed songs in his well-known style, and Bro. Crane also sang admirably. It was a most enjoyable gathering.

The following were among the visitors present.—Bros. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., J.G.D.; J. G. Calway, 1619, P.P.G.P. Sussex; W. Drettell, P.M. 889, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; C. Holcroft, P.M. 1414; W. Wiltsted, 1507; C. E. Corlie, 1414; H. Harris, Sec. 874; C. Sommers, 10; Samuel R. Wilson, I.P.M. 1209; C. Salter, P.M. 2255; W. Edmunds, 45; Chas. F. Wing, 1678; C. Godmark, 1209; Walter Rowe, P.M. 1543; B. C. Colls, S.W. 2200; W. H. Downes, 2200; A. Bulpitt, 874; J. Boulter, 874; G. W. Bullen, 1768; J. Crates, 2200; J. F. Dunn, 902; Geo. Gabb, P.M. 902; Fred. Craggs, P.M. 834; Hy. F. Williams, I.P.M. 834; Henry Crane, 1223; F. D. Vine, P.M. 173; A. N. Ades, 1414; F. Croule, W.M. 1414; Martin, 1414; and S. N. Green, P.M. 1414.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Vandervoord, W.M.; C. W. Barnard, S.W.; F. J. Cumine, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; E. J. Bowmaker, S.D.; R. J. Smith, I.D.; C. H. Bowmaker, I.G.; Val Mason, Org.; W. Elam, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.I., Tyler; B. Thomas, P.M.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Jarvis, F. J. Wood, J. Pritchard, H. Brown, jun., E. H. Taylor, W. T. Darke, and J. Goddard. Visitors: Bros. J. Boulton, W.M. 2442; B. Sykes, 1923; and Ralph Weir, 1970.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Goddard was elected a joining member. A Committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge. A joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

UXBRIDGE.

Royal Union Lodge (No. 382).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Mead, W.M.; H. J. Bragg, S.W.; W. H. Reed, J.W.; E. Cotton, Treas.; H. W. Nicholson, Sec.; A. Foyer, S.D.; H. Mercer, J.D.; J. Taplin, D.C.; W. T. Harvey, I.G.; A. A. Handy, Stwd.; G. Duffin, Tyler; A. G. Fleming, P.M.; G. Rowles, P.M.; W. Blackwell, T. Twamley, A. J. Hanson, J. Dinnis, A. Newman, J. T. Anderson, W. L. Eves, and A. Maylott.

After the formal opening of the lodge, the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. The election as an honorary member of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Past Grand Chaplain of Berks and Bucks, took place, and he was unanimously elected, after which he was duly invested as Chaplain to the lodge. This being the whole of the business before the lodge it was closed.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 419).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel. Present: Bros. F. T. Beck, W.M.; E. Berry, S.W.; H. Allen, J.W.; E. F. Coleman, Sec.; T. C. Bigwood, S.D.; W. Strett, J.D.; C. A. Newnam, P.M., P.G. Treas., D.C.; T. E. Lowe, I.G.; R. M. Lord and T. N. Lester, Stwds.; T. Lyne, Tyler; H. Willcock, P.M., P.P.G. Steward; G. H. Stanger, P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. Wardley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Corke, P.M., P.G.R.; G. Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G. Steward; J. Bradney, P.M.; A. C. Skedmore, H. M. Lord, J. Bigwood, W. Howell, T. Knights, P. de-la-Haye, F. H. Skedmore, A. Orme, and S. Dean, Org. Visitors: Bros. T. Vale, P.M. 560, P.P.G.D. of C., and E. W. Smith, W.M. 348.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Vale, and proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M. Bro. H. Willcock, P.M., P.P.G. Steward, then gave the charge, following which Bro. E. Berry, S.W., gave a very detailed explanation of the trac-

ing board. A most pleasing ceremony was performed during the evening, viz., Bro. Beck, W.M., congratulated Bro. Corke, P.M., P.G.R., on the celebration of his golden wedding which fell on that day. He said that the brethren were all pleased to see him (Bro. Corke) at the lodge that evening, and he could say that he was one of those men whom all respected and esteemed for his straightforward and business-like qualities. Bro. Corke was one of the oldest tradesmen in the town. The W.M. then referred to his Masonic career, and said that in 1857 Bro. Corke was W.M., and ever since then he had attended as regular as he could, and he was a bright example to the younger brethren for his love of Freemasonry, and he (Bro. Beck), on behalf of the brethren, presented to Bro. Corke a splendid volume of the Sacred Law (suitably bound and embossed), and expressed the hope that by following its teachings the brethren would all meet in that Grand Lodge above. Bro. Corke suitably responded, and then presented each of the brethren present with a photograph of himself in Masonic clothing.

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

After the cloth was removed the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," referring to the recent re-installment of his Royal Highness as Grand Master and First Grand Principal, and also the interesting news of the betrothal of Prince George of Wales, announced in the papers that day, which he felt sure would be hailed with the utmost satisfaction by all Masons throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The toast of "The Acting Prov. G.M., W. Bro. Colonel Bindley," was given by Bro. E. Berry, S.W., and responded to by Bro. Vaughan, P.G. Stwd.

"The Worshipful Master" was gracefully proposed by Bro. H. Willcock, who congratulated the lodge and the W.M. on the excellence of the working.

"The Past Masters," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Wardley, who also referred to the work in complimentary terms, especially mentioning the explanation of the tracing board given by Bro. Berry, S.W., after which "The Initiate" was duly toasted.

"The Visitors'" toast was enthusiastically received, and responded to by Bros. T. Vale, P.M. 560, P.P.G. Std. Br. Worcestershire, and S. W. Smith, W.M. 347, both of whom expressed their admiration of the way in which the W.M. and officers had performed their work, and their appreciation of the Masonic reception afforded them.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening, the proceedings being enlivened by an excellent musical programme arranged by the Organist, in which the following brethren took part, viz.: Bros. E. W. Smith, G. H. Stanger, S. Dean, Org., W. H. Howell, W. Skett, A. M. P. de la Haye, and others.

Royal Arch.

Westbourne Chapter (No. 733).—A meeting was held on the 18th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Comps. John Davies, M.E.Z.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.Z., 2nd A.G.D.C., H.; Geo. Wright, J.; L. Ascott, P.Z., Treas.; T. W. Allen, P.Z., S.E.; C. J. Davison, S.N.; P. J. Davies, P.S.; C. G. Hatt, 1st A.S.; Thomas Jobson, 2nd A.S.; C. Shepperd, Janitor; G. March, P.Z.; T. H. Morrill, P.Z.; F. Larner, P.Z.; T. Haynes, J. Cox, W. Burton, C. E. Betts, James Rae, F. Arnold, S. Sidden, A. Arrowsmith, F. Thomas, and W. A. Smith. Visitors: Comps. W. J. Mason, H. 1328; H. W. Dyne, 834; F. Craggs, S.N. 834; B. Fickliney, 91; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, M.E.Z. 862; A. Carlstrom, 834; A. Williams, 834; L. E. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507; J. Crutenden, 779; D. Haslett, P.Z. 145; Alfred Wigginton, 820; and H. P. Gilbert, 834.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The principals were then installed by Comp. Ascott for the ensuing year: Comps. Cottebrune, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Geo. Wright, H.; and C. J. Davison, J.; and the following were invested with their collars: Comps. T. W. Allen, P.Z., S.E.; L. Ascott, P.Z., Treas.; P. J. Davies, S.N.; C. G. Hatt, P.S.; T. Jobson, 1st A.S.; F. Arnold, 2nd A.S.; and C. Shepperd, Janitor. The M.E.Z., in presenting Comp. J. Davies, I.P.Z., with the jewel voted by the companions, alluded, in marked terms of approval, to the great services rendered, and the able manner he had performed the duties of the various offices held by him from the junior post to M.E.Z., and expressed, on behalf of all, gratitude and thanks, and wished him many years of happiness and prosperity. Comp. Davies said he should value the jewel as a memento of their esteem and friendship, and should ever consider it a privilege to wear it in the Westbourne Chapter, in which he had always received nothing but kindness, and concluded by thanking the officers for the able way they had supported him during his year of office.

The chapter was then closed, and a banquet followed. The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were proposed, to the latter of which the M.E.Z. said he had pleasure in responding, having had the honour of being appointed a Grand Officer.

Comp. Davies, in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," said the companions were doubtless aware that this made the third time Comp. Cottebrune had been M.E.Z. of the Westbourne Chapter during his 25 years, and congratulated him on this occasion as rewarding him for the many services he had not only rendered to Royal Arch Masonry in particular but to Freemasonry in general.

Comp. Cottebrune, in replying, said it was most gratifying to him to return thanks, but to a certain extent he was sorry, as owing to circumstances that often occur in chapters the companions were compelled to fall back on a P.Z. and elected him. That was the 25th anniversary, and he valued the compliment paid to him, and accepted it with the greatest of pleasure. As one of the founders, he had seen the chapter have its ups and downs—prosperity and adversity, but its present prosperity he trusted would continue. He concluded by thanking them for drinking his health, and proposed "The H. and J.," who both said they were prepared for any work that they might be called upon to do.

Comp. Davison said it was 12 years since he was exalted, and he remembered being told on that evening that he would never arrive at that end of the table until he got there by hard work and attention to his duties. |

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The P.Z.'s," commented on their various abilities, notably Comp. Allen, who had done his duty in every sense of the word; Comp. Ascott's heirlooms, installing Principal and Treasurer; Comp. Major Lardner won the affection of all; Comp. G. March for his steady work; Comp. Davies, the I.P.Z., the companions had seen his work, how well he did it, how courteous he had been, how he had continued the prestige, and impressed the companions by the manner he had exalted them, and the chapter, with such a P.Z., could do nothing else but flourish.

Comp. Davies, I.P.Z., responding, said he was pleased to pass to the position he now held, having, as they told him through the M.E.Z., met their approval and approbation, and he felt satisfied they would not have presented him with the jewel he should always be so proud to wear if they did not approve of the manner he had performed his duties. He especially thanked Comp. Dehane for all his kindness, patience, and assiduity, as it was from him he had learnt what he knew of Royal Arch Masonry, and concluded by thanking all.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received with enthusiasm.

Comps. Dehane and Haslett responded.

"The Officers" and Janitor's toast followed. The following Comps. A. Williams, Dyne, Cruttenden, Mason, J. Davies, and Hatt added, by songs and recitations, to the pleasantness of the evening.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—This chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 11th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. A. Dowling, M.E.Z.; A. E. Austin, H., M.E.Z. elect; C. Sims, J., H. elect; J. Dennis, P.S., J. elect; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; Smith, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas., Treas.; Buxton, 1st A.S.; Colwell, 2nd A.S.; Captain Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; W. Porter Webb, P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., P.G.S.B. Middx.; H. Salter, I.P.Z. Comps. Edles, P.Z. 141, and J. Barnett were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. R. B. Hopkins, Org. 1381, and it being unanimous he was duly exalted to the Degree by the I.P.Z. Comp. Captain Walls then installed the three Principals. The following appointments and investitures were made: Comps. H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; J. Smith, S.N.; Geo. Everett, P.Z., Treasurer; Buxton, P.S.; Colwell, 1st A.S.; Lingley, 2nd A.S.; Hopkins, Org.; and Patrick, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. W. A. Dowling, I.P.Z. The report of the audit committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. James Terry, P.Z., &c., &c.; G. Gardner, P.Z.; R. Lingley, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

Comp. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers." In the course of his remarks he stated that he regretted that one of that distinguished body who had so frequently installed the Principals of No. 1381 was absent that evening. He alluded to Comp. J. Terry, who consecrated the chapter nearly 15 years ago.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been proposed, Comp. Edles, in reply, said he was glad to hear that the Kennington Chapter was so flourishing. He attributed this to a great extent to the interest taken in it by the members of the mother lodge. He belonged to an old chapter, No. 141, but strange to say not a single brother of the lodge after which it was named was a member of it. He had enjoyed his visit very much.

Bro. J. Barnett made some very flattering remarks upon the chapter and its members.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the name of Comp. Dowling, who duly responded.

In giving "The S.E. and Treasurer," the M.E.Z. spoke in terms of laudation of Comps. Higgins and Everett. They had brought the chapter into a thoroughly good condition.

Comp. Higgins briefly said that he was proud of No. 1381, the Present and Past Principals and all the members were so kind to him that it was a positive pleasure to discharge every duty in connection with the chapter.

Comp. G. Everett said that he had been recently reluctantly compelled to resign some of his Masonic lodges, &c., but health permitting it was not his intention to leave the Kennington Chapter. It was a child of his own and he was gratified with the progress it had made.

Comps. Smith and Colwell responded on behalf of "The Officers."

During the evening Comps. Hopkins, Everett, Webb, Lundie, Edles, and others entertained the companions.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This prosperous chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 13th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. C. H. Köhler, P.Z. 1831, P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; W. Fisher, P.Z., H.; G. Moss, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; and H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers took place as follows: Comps. W. Fisher, P.Z., M.E.Z.; G. Moss, H.; R. Poore, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; Kirkland, S.N.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Robinson, P.S.; A. Macchi, 1st A.S.; and Harrison, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the First Principal. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.Z., P.P.G.J.; George Elliott, P.Z.; R. Poore, A. Macchi, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

The M.E.Z. presided most genially and well.

A few toasts were honoured, and the proceedings terminated.

The first of the Polytechnic Trips for the World's Fair, at Chicago, arrived in New York on Friday, the 19th inst. These trips will be continued every week up to August 5th. The parties travel by the Guion Line from Liverpool every fortnight, and from Southampton every Friday and Saturday by the Inman and Hamburg-American Lines. A few vacancies still remain. Full detailed prospectus can be obtained on application to the Secretary, the Polytechnic, 309, Regent-street, London, W.

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BRO. SAMUEL WHEELER,

A report of whose installation as Worshipful Master of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1362, appears in another page, was initiated in the same lodge on the 21st of June, 1884, and has filled all the offices leading up to the chair. In May, 1886, he was exalted to the Degree of the Royal Arch in the Lebanon Chapter. He has served six Stewardships for the Charities, two each for the three Institutions, and will serve again at the Festival of the Boys' School next month.



BRO. THOS. CRANMER,

W.M. of the Soudes Lodge, No. 996, whose portrait we give, was initiated in the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, on September 16th, 1886, and raised to the Third Degree December 15th, 1886. He joined the Soudes Lodge, No. 996, March 28th, 1888, and after passing through the Deacons' and Wardens' chairs, was installed W.M. November, 1892. He served as Prov. Grand Steward of Norfolk in 1891, and was exalted into the Royal Arch Degree in the Harry Sparks Chapter, No. 996, in April, 1890, in which chapter he is now holding the office of J. He is also Lieut.-Quartermaster in the 3rd Vol. Bat. Norfolk Regiment.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

An interesting presentation took place on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., at Greenfield House, Bradford, the residence of Bro. F. C. Galloway. In the presence of a number of Masonic and other friends Bro. C. F. Forshaw, LL.D., 2417, 2076, 1214, 295, 24 (S.C.), and 761 (S.C.), was presented by Bro. Walter J. Kaye, M.A., P.M. of Olicana Lodge, Ilkley, with the collar and silver badge of a Senior Deacon, a gold bard's jewel, and a gold watch, the occasion being in celebration of the completion of his first year of Masonic life, his appointment as S.D. of Scarborough Lodge, No. 1214, Batley, and his appointment as R.W.D.M.

and Bard of Peebles Kilwinning Lodge, No. 24. The articles had been subscribed for by a number of Bro. Forshaw's friends in Bradford and district as a testimony of their appreciation of his services to Masonry and his private worth, more than 50 Masons, including several Past Masters and officers of provincial rank, being amongst the subscribers. The presentation was of a semi-private character.

Bro. KAYE said he had known Bro. Forshaw for a number of years, and spoke of him in terms of warm admiration and praise. He had ever found in him a warm and disinterested friend; ever ready to lend his counsel and assistance in all good and useful works, and since joining the mystic circle he was confident that those qualities of brotherly love and kindness which it was the peculiar mission of Masonry to cultivate had blossomed out in Bro. Forshaw's ways and works in still greater degree than before. Dr. Forshaw was only a young Mason—he was, in fact, but an infant—but during the 12 months he had been in the Craft he had made greater progress, and achieved more Masonic work than many brethren who counted their age by years where he had only months. The same energy which characterised his actions outside Masonry had been noticeable in the Craft, and the results were observable in his present position as Bard, Senior Deacon, and Deputy Master, and also in the presentation which he (the speaker) was called upon that evening to make. Success in any line of life could not be won without cost. One of the penalties of success was envy and misjudgment. Bro. Forshaw, he knew, had suffered from both of these causes, but he could find consolation in the fact that it had also produced him warm friends who would rally to his side whenever the occasion demanded. He was sure also that those who might have been startled by the energy which Bro. Forshaw had thrown into his Masonic acts, would greatly modify their views and judgment when they came to know him as well as he (the speaker) did. There were few occasions indeed when he had responded to the call to perform a Masonic function with such alacrity and pleasure as the present. It gave him great satisfaction to be able to hand over to Bro. Forshaw, on behalf of himself and his fellow subscribers, the collar and badge of Senior Deacon, which he was sure he would worthily wear in the Batley Lodge, and he had also great pleasure in handing him the gold bard's jewel which was to commemorate his appointment to the bardic seat of Peebles Kilwinning Lodge. Such an appointment was a high testimonial to Bro. Forshaw's poetic ability, and a high distinction from a literary point of view when it was born in mind that his predecessors in the office included such men as the immortal Bobbie Burns, Hogg, the Ettrick shepherd, and Buchanan. If Bro. Forshaw desired to emulate their fame he would have no light task before him. A third present which he desired to hand to Bro. Forshaw was a handsome gold English watch, which had been subscribed for by a number of Masonic and non-Masonic friends in commemoration of his appointment as Deputy Master of Peebles Kilwinning. On the back it bore the crest and monogram of the recipient, whilst on the dome was the following inscription: "Presented to Dr. Chas. Forshaw, by Walter J. Kaye, M.A., on behalf of a few Masonic and other friends, as a token of sincere regard. May 17th, 1893." He trusted that Bro. Forshaw would long be spared to carry about with him this handsome token of the appreciation of his friends.

After a few remarks from Bro. GALLOWAY, expressive of the esteem in which he held the recipient,

Bro. FORSHAW made a brief acknowledgment of the gifts. He said he had been connected with many presentations in one capacity or other, but this was the first time he had figured as a recipient. The experience was new to him, and he found himself so overcome by its strangeness and the pleasurable emotions which the kindness of his friends had evoked, that it was impossible for him to give fitting expression of his thanks in words. The presentation was a peculiar source of gratification to him, inasmuch as it showed that although certain acts of his had been looked upon with disfavour, and had been misinterpreted by some Masonic brethren, if he had lost favour on the one hand, he had found it in greater abundance on the other. As a young Mason, he might at times hardly have exhibited the amount of consideration for the feelings of his elders that might have been expected, but he could honestly say that where he had offended the susceptibilities of any of the brethren he had done so undesignedly and unwittingly, and he thought his good intentions and his comparative inexperience in Masonic matters ought to be sufficient to absolve him from any alleged indiscretions of which he might have been accused in the past. In justice to himself, however, he ought to say that he had taken no step without previous consultation with, and the approval of brethren, Past Masters, or provincial rank. Therefore, if he had erred at all, he had erred in good Masonic company.

After a few remarks from other brethren, the proceedings terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Galloway for presiding in the chair.

The collar and solid silver jewel of a Senior Deacon were supplied by Bro. George Kenning. The jewel contained a suitable inscription.

The first illuminated open air fête and concert of the season took place in the grounds of the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, Twickenham, when there was an enormous company of visitors. The orchestra numbered 150 performers, and there were several vocal and concerted items in the programme.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge, and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence, were held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the former of whose business paper for the next quarterly communication was read. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, were in their usual places. Bros. E. Letchworth, G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S., W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, represented Grand Secretary's office; and there were also present Bros. Henry Garrod, Charles J. R. Tijou, David D. Mercer, James Bunker, Charles Belton, W. M. Bywater, Charles Dairy, E. C. Mulvey, S. V. Abraham, T. W. Whitmarsh, G. R. Langley, G. Read, S. H. Goldschmidt, George Graveley, A. C. Woodward, W. Hopekirk, Walter Martin, W. F. Haines, R. Wake, W. H. Gardener, W. F. Lamonby, F. W. Croker, E. H. Johnson, M. Speigel, P. E. Campbell, Hermann Vosges, J. Gordon Langton, W. F. James, Arthur Digby Green, Charles B. Todd, George B. Chapman, J. Hitching, Charles T. Barlow, A. G. Sandberg, John Oliver, F. A. Hazzledine, C. H. Dancocks, John G. Stevens, R. Lockhart Lawson, J. Branson, J. H. Hawkins, L. R. Bartlett, E. F. Shoebridge, C. H. Stone, John R. Reep, T. W. W. Bullock, Fredk. Clark, F. Varley, A. Williams, John B. L. Lancaster, S. S. Hasluck, A. Lefebvre, Maurice Angel, W. Russell, John Grist, John Dipple, A. J. Manning, W. Gilbert, J. C. Conway, J. H. Wood, Edward Grisbrook, Edwin Hill, G. J. Reed, G. Brown, W. M. Stiles, William J. Harris, B. Kauffman, C. J. Knightley, E. Y. Jolliffe, T. C. Edmonds, D. Varrall, W. A. Scurrah, A. A. Scurrah, John F. Jones, H. Massey, and Hy. Sadler, G.T.

The PRESIDENT, before business commenced, said that although there was an unusually long list of cases before the Board, he was sure it would be the feeling of all the brethren present that this Board should heartily congratulate her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Patroness of the Order, on that day completing the 74th year of her age. Long might she live to reign in happiness and prosperity over this vast Empire.

The Board first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the April meeting, to the amount of £540. There were 54 cases on the new list. These were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Ipswich, Cowes, Sandown, Southport, Hawick, Poole, Calcutta, Jersey, Stow-on-Wold, Chipping Sodbury, Lostwithiel, Gravesend, Stowmarket, Middlesborough, Battle, Plymouth, St. Day, Blyth, Meltham, Hereford, Wakefield, Newbury, Welshpool, Birmingham, Ramsgate, Windsor, Dover, Stanmore, Liverpool, Cambridge, Gloucester, Ewell, Constantinople, and Bourne.

In the course of a five hours' sitting seven of these were deferred for further information and four were dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1015. This sum was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, and one of £50. There were four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and nine of £30 each. Fifteen petitioners were relieved with £20 each, three with £15 each, eight with £10 each, and two with £5 each.

SENTIMENT IN MASONRY.

The enthusiast is a very necessary ingredient in the Masonic body politic. By the enthusiast we do not mean the crank who rides his own hobby to death, to the detriment of every other feature of a Craft, one of whose proudest boasts is that it is many-sided, but the man who recognises boldly the fact that the Freemasonry of to-day is in its very essence a standing protest against that narrow utilitarianism that is the dominant note of our modern life. Masonry is practical, certainly, and works an amount of tangible good that it would be difficult to over-estimate, but the individual who rests his advocacy of it solely on the chance of being able to give such an answer to the question of *Cui bono?* as will fit in with the canons of nineteenth century criticism, would have a sorry case. If most of us set to work to analyse the ground of our devotion to the Craft we should find that no small part of it rests upon the very fact that its principles are in pleasant contrast alike to the individualism and mere utilitarianism, and that for the small space of a

Lodge meeting at least, we are carried into a domain which is unreal, and in a notable degree archaic. Brotherly love, relief and truth are all alike sentiments, all at variance with the doctrine of *laissez faire*. They teach us that man has duties beyond the weary routine of competition with his fellows, and that in this world as well as in the next, there is a pleasure to be found of a higher nature than that derived from coming out on the top and seeing some weaker brother of humanity go to the wall. We learn to love that which is noble for its own sake, and we find the acme of Masonic effort, the summit of our Masonic profession, in working out in practice the grand doctrine that the good of the community is something far transcending the selfish aims of the individual, and that the noblest exercise of the human heart and mind is that of giving peace and contentment to the throbbing heart of humanity in general. Our lodges are bits of the beautiful past dovetailed with skilful art into the temple of the world of to-day, and whilst this be so, there is room and a worthy place for the enthusiast in Masonry.—*South African Freemason*.



BRO. GEORGE HAND,

whose portrait we are enabled, through the courtesy of the Editor of the *Local Government Journal* to present to our readers, is a well-known and respected citizen. The business and social circle of which Bro. Hand has for many years been a prominent member has lately been largely extended by his candidature for the high and honourable office of Sheriff of the City of London, his qualifications for which are of a high order. His claims to the support of the Liverymen of the City are very strong, from the fact that he is a member of the Loriners', Spectacle Makers', Shipwrights', Fishmongers' and Horners' Companies, as well as a member of the Court of Assistants of the Tin-plate Workers' Company. Bro. Hand has been engaged in commerce in the City of London for upwards of 24 years, and is the owner of property in various parts of the City. His interest in the welfare of the City, both as a large ratepayer and employer of labour, is, therefore, of a substantial character, and should be of paramount service in promoting his candidature. Not the least reason for our readers rendering Bro. Hand support at the coming election is the fact that he is a worthy member of the Craft, and has recently followed up his connection therewith by becoming a member of the Royal Arch, having been exalted in the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, on the 15th inst.

The Countess of Derby has started a movement at Ottawa for presenting the Princess May of Teck with a wedding gift from the women of Canada on the occasion of her marriage with the Duke of York.

PRESENTATION TO COMP. JAMES WEAVER,
P.Z. AND S.E. 862, P.Z. 177 AND 1319.

On Monday, the 8th inst., the companions of the Whittington Chapter assembled at Anderton's Hotel, Fleetstreet, for the purpose of presenting Comp. James Weaver, founder, P.Z. and S.E. of the chapter, with a handsome silver inkstand, in recognition of his kindness, courtesy, and services to all since its foundation.

Comp. DEHANE, M.E.Z., expressed in a few chosen words the pleasure he and the companions felt in presenting him with a token of their esteem and gratitude, and trusted that he might live many years to be amongst them.

Comp. WEAVER said the presentation came entirely as a surprise, and until Comp. Dehane, in proposing his health, told him he had been entrusted by the companions with a communication after he left the last meeting, the result of which he would read to him in order that he might participate in their pleasure, he had no idea that any such event was going to take place. It had taken him so much by surprise that he felt some difficulty in finding words to express his thanks to the companions, but from the bottom of his heart he thanked them, and should look upon their present as one of the brightest jewels he possessed, as it would remind him of the friends he had made and the happy times he had spent with them. The kind words spoken by Comp. Dehane he valued as the feeling held towards him by the companions of the Whittington Chapter.

The following was engraved on the inkstand: "Presented to Comp. James Weaver, P.Z., S.E. 862, by the companions of the Whittington Chapter, for his uniform courtesy since its foundation. 8th May, 1893."

The enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by songs, music, &c. Comp. Weaver played his own last composition—"Ode" to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Barrett.

A CORNISH POET.

Bro. James Dryden Hosken, of Lodge True and Faithful, Helston, Cornwall, is undoubtedly a poet. Born 32 years ago, the reception which his publications have met with from *The Times*, *The Academy*, *The Weser Zeitung*, a well-known continental paper, and the fact that Mr. Gladstone recently awarded him £100 from the Royal Literary Fund leaves no doubt that he is an ornament to the Craft.

Like others who have attained distinction in the world of letters, he has had a hard fight for success—from a financial point of view. Early apprenticed to the sedentary occupation of a saddler, his delicate constitution broke down, and at 18 years of age he had to seek out of door employment, and after a period of unemployment and vicissitude he took up the work of a rural postman, but a few friends, in the hope of bettering his position, secured him a situation as night sorter in London. His health, however, again broke down, and he returned to Helston, where he accepted the minor position of a postman, which is still his occupation. It is therefore surprising how he found time to write his Greek drama, "Phaon and Sappho," with which Mr. Gladstone was greatly impressed, and the reception which his first essay met with at the hands of Andrew Lang, Leslie Stephen, Dr. Garret, Maurice Macmillan, and also from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Courtney, shows the unanimity of *litterateurs* on the merits of Bro. Hosken's poetic gift.

Messrs. Methuen and Co., the well-known publishers, have liberally undertaken the publication of another volume, which will be produced at 5s., and, as Bro. Hosken will get the retail bookseller's discount, we hope this may induce brother Masons to subscribe for the work, and thus do something to assist him in obtaining a practical result of his labours. He has a wife and family dependent upon him, and brother Masons will show their appreciation of a brother of whom they have so much reason to be proud, by ordering a copy of the forthcoming volume, "Verses by the Way."

The Committee appointed by the Mansion House meeting of last week to arrange for the presentation of a suitable gift to the Duke of York and his *fiancée* include the Lord Mayor, Bro. Lord Brassey, Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart.; Sir H. E. Knight; and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P.; Lord Rothschild, Bro. Lord Addington and the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., and Sir David Evans, K.C.M.G., and the Chief Rabbi. The Committee of the Ladies of England, associated together for the same purpose, include the Countess of Ancaster, Lady George Hamilton, Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, Lady Rothschild, the Viscountess Newport, Lady Theodora Guest, Lady Emily Dykes, and Lady Audrey Buller.



A new Royal Arch Chapter is to be consecrated at Guildford, on the 30th inst. Comp. Col. Money, Grand Superintendent of Surrey, and his principal officers, will perform the ceremony.

On Sunday last the city of Saginaw, in the State of Michigan, U.S.A., was almost totally destroyed by fire, the loss of property being estimated at about a million and a half of dollars.

On Saturday, the 20th inst., Bro. George Gardner, P.M., &c., was elected for the 9th year in succession Treasurer; Bro. Williams, P.M., was re-elected Preceptor; and Bro. Spiggle, P.M., Secretary, of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.

On Monday next the Duke of Connaught will pay a visit to University College, London, for the purpose of opening the new mechanical and electric engineering laboratories, which have been in course of erection during the past two months. His Royal Highness will be received by Mr. Erichson, President of the College, Lord Reay, Vice-President, and other officials, as well as by the Council and Senate, and many distinguished personages have been invited to attend.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and attended by Miss Knollys and Major-General Ellis, arrived at Charing Cross from the Continent early on Saturday morning. Their Royal Highnesses are in excellent health after their Continental trip. They have since, in company with the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, visited Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife, and on Sunday last dined with the Duke and Duchess of Teck, at the White Lodge, Richmond Park.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by their children, visited Highcliff Castle, near Christchurch, the residence of Bro. Major and Mrs. Stuart-Wortley, on Monday, and there opened an art exhibition. Among the guests were the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe, the Earl and Countess of Malmesbury, and Lord and Lady Manners. After inspecting the exhibition, which includes paintings and drawings by the late Marchioness of Waterford, their Royal Highnesses returned to Portsmouth.

DISCOVERY OF MASONIC RELICS IN PENNSYLVANIA.—The *Keystone* announces with the highest satisfaction that the Grand Lodge Library Committee, at a meeting held within the past week, has become possessed of relics of the very highest importance to the history of Masonry in Pennsylvania. No more important matter and of such historic value has yet been brought to light. This information is given to all brethren of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania in the belief of its exceedingly great value to Free and Accepted York Masonry of Pennsylvania.

The infant son and heir of Bro. the Duke of Portland, the Marquis of Titchfield, was christened in the private chapel at Welbeck Abbey on Monday, the rite being administered by Dr. Ridding, Bishop of Southwell. The infant marquis was christened William Arthur Henry, the sponsors being the Duchess of Buccleugh, Lord Henry Pennington, and Mr. Henry Graham. After the luncheon which followed the ceremony, his grace was presented by his English tenantry with a handsome gold christening bowl and an illuminated address, and by his Scottish tenantry with a silver cradle in miniature and a similar address.

The will of the late Earl of Derby, K.G., has been proved by the Executors, the Countess of Derby and Sir Thomas H. Sanderson, K.C.M.G.; the personality being sworn at £1,802,000 net. The late Earl has bequeathed to the University of London, £2000; to the University College, London, £2000; to Trinity College, Cambridge, £2000; to Rugby School, £2000; to the Manchester Grammar School, £1000; and to the University College, Liverpool, £2000; besides other legacies to sundry societies and institutions, among the latter being £2000 to the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool; £2000 to the Royal Society, and £2000 to the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

The Eighth London Cart Horse Parade was held in the Inner Circle of the Regent's Park, on Monday, between 35,000 and 40,000 persons being attracted to witness the proceedings, but more especially the parade and distribution of prizes by the Duchess of Teck and her daughter. Shortly after 12 o'clock the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, drove on to the ground and witnessed a portion of the parade. Subsequently, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Princess May, and the Duke of York, appeared upon the scene, the enthusiasm with which the two Royal parties were received being indescribably great. Cheers were also given for the Baroness Burdett Coutts, Bro. Burdett Coutts, who had acted as one of the judges, and to Mr. Walter Gilby, to whom London is indebted as the chief organiser of this annual gathering.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., some of the members of St. George's Lodge of Instruction and their friends met, at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, for a supper, to mark the close of the season. Bro. Geo. Brown, P.M., and Sec. of St. George's, No. 140, and Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, presided, supported by Bros. Loughborough, P.M.; H. H. Nuding, P.M., Treas.; H. Richardson, P.M.; J. Shepherd, P.M., Sec.; A. Clark, P.M.; J. J. Jenkins, P.M.; W. Bradley, H. Cole, Davies, E. H. Ezard, Graves, W. C. Holland, H. V. Lewis, R. H. Perryman, N. J. Stanger, E. Shalless, W. Shepherd, and Turner. The usual loyal toasts, followed by "Success to St. George's Lodge of Instruction," "The President," "Treasurer and Secretary," "Visitors," and "Host Bro. Boney," were most cordially proposed, received, and responded to, the Secretary being in a position to give a very favourable report of the past season's proceedings. The toasts were interspersed with music, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was enjoyed by the company.

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Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey left Park-lane on Saturday for Normanhurst, Sussex, and this week have joined their yacht at Eastbourne, and gone on to Dover to witness the racing.

The Princess of Wales, with Princesses Victoria and Maud, attended by Miss Knollys and General Sir Dighton Probyn, arrived at Sandringham House on Thursday from London.

The bells of Windsor were rung on Thursday and a Royal salute fired in the Long Walk in celebration of the birthday of Princess Christian (Princess Helena of Great Britain and Ireland). Many of the houses were flagged.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, held at the Prince Alfred Hotel, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, will in future take place on Wednesday evenings at eight o'clock, instead of Thursdays as hitherto.

The Middlesex County Council have resolved, on the motion of the Earl of Strafford, to present congratulatory addresses to the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck on the Royal betrothal. Lord Strafford announced that, as Lord Lieutenant, he had decided to open an account at the London and Westminster Bank for the purpose of making a present to the Duke of York.

The new promenade pier at Dover was formally opened on Monday by Lady Dickeson, wife of Sir Richard Dickeson, Chairman of the Pier Company, between 500 and 600 visitors being afterwards entertained at a banquet at the Town Hall. In the afternoon there was a regatta in honour of the occasion, and in the evening the pier, which is pronounced to be one of the finest structures of the kind on the South Coast, was illuminated.

The old bronze 6-pounder cannons from Fort Belvedere, near Virginia Water, are being placed in position on Windsor Castle. One has been mounted, and the remainder are about to be hoisted into the lower embrasures of the Round Tower, the battlements of which originally formed the crest of the ancient donjon or keep, and whence it is supposed the guns were removed during the extensive reconstructions carried out in the reign of George the IV. The cannon were cast in 1794, and are handsome weapons, though of an obsolete and useless pattern.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT BANGOR.—The funeral of Bro. Robert Thomas, the W.M. of St. David's Lodge, No. 384, took place on Saturday, the 20th instant, at Llandegai Church. There was a large gathering of the Fraternity, the deceased being much respected. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. Jones, M.A., the attendance of the Craft including Bros. H. Grey Edwards, R. Langford Jones, Robert Owen, W. Thornton Jones, T. Mills, John Davies, W. P. Mathews, T. G. Williams, T. Williams, E. W. Thomas, R. G. Thomas, Jarvis, Foster, Evan Williams, W. Ellis, Slowe, J. Morgan, J. Gregson, D. Griffith Davies, R. Stubington, Eugene Clarke, R. A. Gregory, E. O. Pryce, Edward Jones, W. Thomas, Ellis S. Evans, P. E. Jones, O. R. Hughes, W. Crosby, W. Williams, and others.

The hearts of our Metropolitan holiday folk, after the dismal outlook which seemed to await them, must have gladdened by the bright and genial weather which prevailed on Whit Monday, and enabled them to enjoy their usual Whitsun excursions. Over 54,000 of them visited the Crystal Palace, some 27,500 thronged "the Zoo," and the South Kensington Museum was visited by over 14,000. The traffic on the railway lines, and especially on the Great Eastern, the Great Western, the South-Eastern, and the London Chatham and Dover lines, was enormous, the South-Eastern alone carrying some 70,000 people to the favoured resorts which are included on its system. The Royal Aquarium, Madame Tussaud's, and other favourite establishments of a similar character were largely patronised, so that the public and those who catered for its pleasures must have been satisfied on Whit Monday of this current year of grace.

An interesting discovery has just been made in the cellars of the old houses that are being pulled down between Staples-inn and Chancery-lane for the extension of the Patent Office. This is a large quantity of clay pipes of antique fashion, many of them belonging to the Cromwellian period, and all of them very beautifully made. How they could have got there is puzzling the brains of everyone who has been afforded a sight of them. It is not likely they could have formed part of the stock of a tobacconist, because they represent makes of widely different periods; neither is it probable that such a large number could have been got together by any one pipe fancier. There is an interesting collection of the pipes of all nations at the Bethnal Green Museum, but I do not think it is rich in historical specimens. Will the person or persons into whose hands this treasure has fallen kindly take the hint?—*City Press*.

The Duke of York, who has been visiting Earl and Countess Cadogan at Culford Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, was present on Thursday at a review of the Loyal Suffolk Hussars Regiment of Yeomanry, of which he is the Honorary Colonel, in Ickworth Park. The Duke received a hearty welcome in passing through the town, the streets of which were gaily decorated. After the review his Royal Highness returned to Bury at the head of the regiment. Subsequently he lunched with Colonel Lucas and the officers at Warwick House, Bury, and later visited the troopers at luncheon in the Corn Exchange, where he was received by the men upstanding and the regimental band playing the National Anthem. His health having been drunk, his Royal Highness returned thanks, and expressed the hope that they might be comrades for many years to come. The Duke returned by special train to London, and last evening went to White Lodge, Richmond Park.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Impurities of the blood.—To ensure health it is absolutely necessary that the fluids and solids of the human body should be kept free from those impurities which are continually getting admission into the system by erroneous living, unwholesome atmosphere, or disordered stomach. The only safe and certain way to expel all impurities is to take Holloway's Pills, which have the power of cleansing the blood from all noxious matters, and at the same time removing any irregularities which their presence may have already produced in any organ. Holloway's Pills expel all humours which taint or impoverish the blood, which they purify and invigorate, and give general tone. They are applicable to all alike—young or old, robust or delicate.

Upon the retirement from St. Stephen's, where he has sat for nearly 20 years as the representative of Greenwich, Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., is to be presented with a testimonial in recognition of his services to the borough.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge proceeded to Ashdown Forest and witnessed the closing manoeuvres of the Army Corps which has been engaged in field operations in the neighbourhood during the present week.

Mr. T. E. Knightley, 106, Cannon-street, is the architect whose designs have been accepted for certain additions that are to be made to the workhouse at Upper Edmonton. The additions agreed upon involve an outlay of more than £25,000.

For the Cornwall County Fisheries Exhibition, Truro, to be held in July and August, a Japanese section is being organised by a committee of the Council of the Japan Society. Numerous exhibits, illustrating the fisheries of Japan, are now on their way to England, and many collectors of Japanese works of art have promised to lend objects representing fish and fishing.

By the lamented death of Mr. Arthur Shelby Eddis, Q.C., after an illness of only three days, the judgeship of the Clerkenwell County Court has become vacant. Mr. Eddis was in his 77th year. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, and was for several years Professor of Equity to the Inns of Court. He was appointed County Court judge in 1883.

The Prince of Wales's cutter *Britannia* won the first-class match round the Mouse Lightship, sailed under the auspices of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, after an exciting race with the *Valkyrie*, Lord Dunraven. The latter broke her bowsprit and finished about 7½ minutes behind the victor, but lost the second prize on time allowance to Mr. J. Jameson's *Iverna*, which came in third.

A Yost Typewriter is one of the most useful of the many presents showered upon the Princess Victoria Mary. Princess May is, indeed, an excellent writer with the pen, but this notwithstanding, the Yost Typewriter will doubtless prove its great utility. Quite recently her Majesty the Queen expressed her admiration for the work done by this wonderful time and labour-saving instrument.

This afternoon (Friday), at Grosvenor House, the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association will be held. The chair will be taken at three o'clock. It appears that this association, which was commenced by the late Mr. Samuel Guernsey in 1859, is now greatly straitened for funds. About £2000 is required to pay off outstanding liabilities and provide for current expenses, and unless liberal help is immediately forthcoming, the committee will be compelled to refuse any assistance in the erection of new fountains and troughs, but also considerably to curtail the necessary supplies of water to their present structures.

Lady Jeune, who is always to the fore in every good movement, is now seeking to enlist the sympathies of the well-to-do on behalf of poor London children. "The last few weeks of hot weather have begun," says her ladyship, "to tell on many of the sickly ailing ones, and we wish to enable them to get away before the great rush of children begins and the country homes are full. It costs about £1 to send a child away for three weeks, and no one knows or can realise the good it does or the happiness it confers. Will your readers help me?" Contributions, which we trust will be at once generous and numerous, should be forwarded to Lady Jeune, at 79, Harley-street, W.

Freemasons in the United Kingdom will be glad to hear that a Masonic Lodge has been consecrated in Sandakan, North Borneo. The new lodge is at present called the Borneo Lodge of Harmony, but efforts will be made to alter the title to the more comprehensive one of the Borneo Lodge. The members represent lodges in England, Scotland, India, Australia, New Zealand, China, Hong Kong, and the Straits Settlements. It remains to be seen whether, having penetrated as far as Sandakan, Freemasonry will become a power in the Far East. We see no reason why it should not. On the contrary, now that a lodge has been established in one town in North Borneo, it may fairly be expected that others will be consecrated in due course. There is no limit to the conquests of the Craft.—*Yorkshire Herald*.

The amount of personality left by Lord Derby has never been exceeded, and has only once been equalled by any nobleman. The personality of the late Earl of Dysart was sworn at just the same amount—£1,800,000. The Earls of Derby were probably greater gainers by the introduction of railways than any landed proprietors in the kingdom. Their wealth has been trebled since the iron road first entered that "hundred of West Derby, in the county of Lancashire," in which their great Liverpool estate lies. Yet no one surely was a more bitter opponent of the London and North-Western Railway than the late Earl's grandfather, who put that line to enormous cost by his opposition to it. I have, however, never heard that either his son or grandson, on finding themselves enriched by it, followed the example of that high-minded statesman, Henry Labouchere, Baron Taunton, by sending the company a handsome cheque in recognition of what it had suffered by his relative's prejudices.—*City Press*.

LODGE OFFICERS.—From the circular charge of R.W. Grand Master, Bro. James Milnor, delivered to the lodges in Philadelphia, on official visitations to them during the year 1810, the *Keystone* quotes the following: "With respect to the offices of the lodge, and more particularly the chief, if incapable or negligent men are chosen to fill them, the experience of want of order in the transaction of business, and of skill in the administration of our mysteries, will induce a lassitude on the part of the members first, occasioning the absence of many from the meetings and ending in actual secessions from the lodge. An expert and industrious workman at the head of the work has the same invigorating effect in Free as in Operative Masonry. An ignorant or an indolent Master will drive away from his operations the skilful and ambitious, and impart the tinge of his own character to all who have patience to attend him. Connected with this subject is the duty of each member to become well acquainted with the work of the Craft, that he may qualify himself for an honourable admission to visit in all lodges, discern the beauties of the Fraternity that lie hid from vulgar eyes, and prepare himself for the honours which may await him."