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COLONIAL GRAND LODGES.

Bro. WHYTEHEAD, in the letter of his we published last week, has done good service by calling attention to the difficulties in which we find ourselves whenever a new Colonial Grand Lodge is established and suggesting a means by which those difficulties may in future be avoided. Whether his proposed new Article of Constitution is sufficient to meet the necessities of the case may be open to doubt, but it is a distinct advantage that such a proposition should have been made by a brother of eminence and authority in the Craft. As our readers are aware, when a scheme is on foot for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in one of the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, the question whether a lodge shall take part in the formation of such a body is one that may not be discussed in open lodge. Brethren may meet together informally and determine among themselves whether or not they will cast in their lot with the proposed new body. They may agree beforehand that the decision arrived at by a majority of those present at such informal gathering shall be considered as binding upon the whole body; but unless the whole of the members of the lodge meet together and so determine, or unless those absent from the meeting subsequently agree to accept its decision, that decision has no force or validity on the lodge as such; and as the law now stands, a minority of the members, provided it consists of at least three, may retain the warrant, and carry on the duties of the lodge. Here is the law in full as quoted in Bro. WHYTEHEAD'S letter: "Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members; but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three the warrant becomes extinct." With a view to putting an end to the difficulties which have arisen from this state of the law, and are tolerably certain to arise again, Bro. WHYTEHEAD proposes that a new Article of Constitution shall be adopted, by which it shall be lawful in the first place to discuss in open lodge the question whether or no, when it is in contemplation to constitute a local Grand Lodge in one of our Colonies and Dependencies from the Masonic material already existing there, the lodge shall join the new order of things or remain in allegiance to the present body which created it; and, in the second place, that the decision of three-fourths, not of the whole lodge, but of those present at the meeting at which the question is considered, shall be binding on all the members. Will it effect all the good that is necessary if we are to be spared the unseemly squabbles in which we have engaged from time to time, not alone in consequence of the provisions of our Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions, but likewise because, so far as we know, there is no power extant under our Constitutions by which all the lodges in a Colony or Dependency which is desirous of establishing its independence of the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom can be called upon to surrender their allegiance to the Grand Lodge which created them, and become constituent members of the new local organisation. It must be remembered that this is not a new question, but an old one which has latterly recurred in a more acute form. It cropped up for the first time when Canada claimed its Masonic independence nigh 40 years ago, and when at length our Grand Lodge began to see the advisability of recognising accomplished facts, it agreed to recognise the independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on condition that English lodges which desired to remain in their old allegiance, should have full liberty to do so. This condition was accepted by the Canadians, and all went well for a time, nor do we think anyone would have imagined that after the establishment between the high contracting parties of such an agreement, any differences could have arisen respecting the lodges which had remained in their allegiance to our Grand Lodge. But a dozen or so years later, a schism broke out among the Masons of Canada, with the result that the Grand Lodge of Quebec was established as the supreme authority over the lodges in the Province of Quebec, while the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Canada was restricted to the Province of Ontario. A short while later, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec applied for recognition to our Grand Lodge. The latter at once expressed its readiness to accede to the request of the former, on the one condition, that the *status quo* of its lodges in Montreal, which had held themselves aloof from the Grand Lodge of Canada at the time of its establishment, should be left undisturbed. This condition, however, the Grand Lodge of Quebec declined to accept, and hence during the 18 years or thereabouts that have since elapsed, there has been an entire absence of fraternal relations between the two Grand Lodges, while at one time it seemed as though a state of war was imminent, and, in fact, it was imminent so far as the acts of the Grand Lodge of Quebec could make it so. And all because the three English lodges in Montreal were resolved to exercise the rights they enjoyed, both in-

herently under their respective warrants and also by treaty with the Grand Lodge of Canada, of which the lodges in the Province of Quebec had originally formed part! Since then other Colonial Grand Lodges have been formed, and our Grand Lodge has in every case stipulated, as in that of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that the condition precedent of its recognising the new body should be the absolute freedom of its lodges to remain in their old allegiance if they so desired. Nor, so far as our knowledge goes, has this stipulation given cause of offence to the newly-formed Colonial Grand Lodges. In Nova Scotia there is still one English lodge remaining on the roll of our Grand Lodge, and between it and the lodges under the Nova Scotian Constitution the friendliest relations existed, and, we presume, still exist. In New South Wales there is the case of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney; but here the difficulty which has arisen has nothing to do with the said stipulation, but is due to a misunderstanding *re* Article 219 and other matters. In Victoria, also, there is the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, which remains on the roll of our Grand Lodge in consequence of the usual stipulation as aforesaid. But as in the case of Canada the stipulation we made with that Grand Lodge did not enable us to keep clear of the difficulties which have arisen between us and Quebec, so we may as well recognise boldly that other and similar difficulties may arise with other Colonial lodges. Hence we fully appreciate the advisability of adopting some such a course as Bro. WHYTEHEAD has suggested in reference to Article 219, our only doubt, as we have said before, being as to its sufficiency. Perhaps, other of our readers may feel inclined to favour us with their opinions on the matter.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when about 400 brethren assembled. The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Deputy G.M., presided; Bro. W. A. F. Powell, Prov. G.M. Bristol, acted as Deputy G.M., and Bro. C. T. O. King, of Monrovia, West Africa—a native of West Africa—M.W.G.M. of Liberia, sat in the Past G.M.'s chair. Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, M.A., P.G.C., acted as S.G.W.; Bro. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., J.G.W., was in the J.W. chair; and there were also present Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, P.B.G.P.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; S. Cochrane, G. Treas.; Col. Somerville Burney, R. C. Sudlow, Dr. Strong, Major George Lambert, Robert Grey, P.B.B.; Henry Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; C. Belton, C. E. Keyser, J. E. Le Feuvre, T. Hastings Miller, R. Loveland Loveland, James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; and A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June 7th were read by the GRAND SECRETARY.

Before the minutes were put for confirmation, a BROTHER rose and said that at the last communication Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., acting as J.G.W., moved the previous question, and by the minutes it did not appear that the motion was seconded. He begged to say that he seconded the motion.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE said he begged the brother's pardon for not having observed it at the time; his sight was not quite so quick as it should have been.

The minutes were then put and carried.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE then rose and said: Brethren, I have first of all to express, on behalf of the Pro Grand Master, his great regret at not being present here to-day, owing, I am sorry to say, to continued indisposition. I think you would consider I was failing in my duty to you if, in his absence, I did not give you an opportunity of showing at this, the first time, we could do so, on your own behalf and on the behalf of the Craft at large, our share in the national rejoicing at the event of the marriage of the son of our Grand Master, and our sincere hope that that union may be a source of great gratification to his parents, to himself, and to his bride, and also a blessing to the country at large. (Applause.) I therefore ask you to support me in moving this address:

To his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c.,
Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England.

May it please your Royal Highness,

We, the officers and members of the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England, in Quarterly Communication assembled, beg leave on behalf of the several lodges and brethren under the English Constitution, to offer to your Royal Highness our most hearty and fraternal congratulations on the auspicious marriage of his Royal Highness the Duke of York, K.G., to her Serene Highness the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck.

We sincerely rejoice with all England at a union so calculated to increase the happiness of the Royal Family of these realms, and we pray that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may rest upon the bride and bridegroom, and that your Royal Highness may for many years to come be privileged to witness the domestic felicity and unclouded prosperity of the newly-married pair.

Sealed by order of Grand Lodge this 6th day of September, 1893.

Bro. W. A. F. POWELL, Prov. G.M. for Bristol: I second it.

The motion was carried unanimously and amidst general applause.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: Brethren, now I move the formal resolution. "That the seal of Grand Lodge be affixed to this address."

Bro. POWELL seconded.

The motion was carried.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: And now, brethren, I have to propose another motion which I am sure will also have your sympathy. We all know—it is now some little time ago—but you all remember the thrilling accounts of the great distress occasioned by the floods in Queensland, in Brisbane and the neighbouring towns. It is a large district. I need not tell you there are many of our brethren there who have suffered severely. I need not also tell you that many of them are in a position in which they might shrink from asking assistance from the general fund raised for that purpose. We have received from the District Grand Secretary copy of a resolution of the Grand Lodge making an appeal to this Grand Lodge for some contribution towards the losses of our brethren. I will not anticipate what the Grand Secretary will read; but I think it would be just as well you should hear (it is not very long) the letter received from the Grand Secretary of the District.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., then read the letter of Bro. John Fenwick, of Brisbane, the District Grand Secretary of Queensland, detailing the effects of the floods in Brisbane of last February, and stating the efforts that had been made to relieve the general distress caused thereby; stating also what funds had been raised on behalf of the Masonic brethren by Masonic bodies under the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions, to which the assistance of the Grand Lodge of England was asked. Moreover, additional want was caused by the temporary suspension in April of Australian banks. Bro. Fenwick also stated that under the circumstances they thought they would be justified in approaching the Grand Lodge of England, believing that their appeal in such dire emergency would be received in a fraternal and generous spirit.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: Brethren, I had not had an opportunity of seeing that letter beforehand. I was absent from London. But a communication was made to me that at the last Board of Masters a notice of motion would be submitted for giving a sum of money, and I thought I should be only doing what you would wish if I sanctioned the putting down in my name of a notice of motion—"That the sum of 300 guineas be voted from the Fund of General Purposes for the relief of brethren in the District of Queensland who have suffered from the recent disastrous floods."

Bro. W. A. F. POWELL: I have much pleasure in seconding it.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Dr. STRONG: Before the report of the Board of Benevolence is proceeded with, may I venture to propose a resolution? It has been said, Sir, that Charity begins at home. (Cries of "Order, order.")

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said the motion had been carried, and that Dr. Strong was out of order.

The report of the Board of Benevolence was then adopted, on the motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, President, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, S.V.P., and the following grants were confirmed:

The widow of a brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, London...	£50 0 0
A brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, Hampstead...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, Carmarthen ...	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235, Buxton ...	50 0 0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, on the motion of Bro. THOMAS FENN, seconded by Bro. W. A. SCURRAH. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last report of the Board of General Purposes in May, 1893:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	PRESENTED BY
60 Volumes of Masonic Review of Cincinnati ...	T. H. Emmons, of Boston, U.S.A.
"Freemasonry at Bottoms, Eastwood," Yorkshire	The Author, J. E. Craven, P.M., 308
Centennial Medal of the Perfect Union Lodge, No. 1	R. Lambert, G. Sec. Louisiana.
Catalogue of the Library Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076 ...	G. W. Speth, Secretary.
History of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire ...	The Author, G. Blizard Abbott.
Portrait of the Hon. Henry Hobart, Prov. G.M. Norfolk, 1798-9 ...	G. W. G. Barnard, P.G. Sec. Norfolk
Portrait of the Earl of Leicester, P.G.M. Norfolk, 1818-42 ...	
Portrait of Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, 1845-53	Capt. J. H. Leslie, W.M. 1960.
By-laws and History of the Stewart Lodge, Rawal Pindi ...	
Alphabetical List of Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter from 1795 to 1891, in MS. ...	W. H. Rylands, P.G. Steward.
Two Silver Masonic Medals ...	J. G. Twinn, P.M., Sec. 1306.
The Mason's Miscellany, Vol. I., 1830 ...	W. H. Lee, P.M., &c.
By-laws and History of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804 ...	Thomas Francis, P.M., &c.
The Yorkshire Lodges ...	J. H. Jewell, P.M., &c.
The Masonic Star, 1888-9 ...	
Thirteen Masonic Manuals for Kent ...	Robert Grey, P.B.B.
Masonic Brooch ...	
Constitutions and Centennial Medal of the National Grand Orient of Spain ...	E. E. Woolf, W.M. 235, Biboa.
"What is Freemasonry?" ...	G. W. Speth, P.M., &c.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of August inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5644 3s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash, £100, and for servants' wages, £100, and balance of annual allowance for library, £9 9s. 10d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th August, 1893.

Bro. Thos. FENN said there was no recommendation arising out of the Report.

The next business on the paper was the following

Notice of motion by Bro. WILLIAM FARQUHARSON LAMONBY, P.M. 962 and 1002—

That in order to insure and preserve the rights and financial standing of its members in foreign parts, where District Grand Lodges have been dissolved, consequent on the establishment of independent Grand Lodges, this Grand Lodge considers it expedient to have in its possession all books, returns, and

documents relating to registrations, made in accordance with Article III., Book of Constitutions, in connection with such dissolved districts, and that, therefore, the late District Grand Secretaries of the dissolved District Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, be requested to forward to the Grand Secretary the books, returns, and documents referred to.

Bro. PHILBRICK said he rose to order, the motion being one which it was not competent for Grand Lodge to entertain. It was grounded on the 111th Clause of the Book of Constitutions, by which, in certain cases, District Grand Masters had to make certain returns direct to Grand Lodge. The motion here was a request to District Grand Secretaries of dissolved Grand Lodges or late District Grand Secretaries; with them, as such, the Book of Constitutions of the English Grand Lodge had nothing whatever to do. It was the District Grand Master who was in the position to make the returns and to whom Grand Lodge looked. This resolution did not purport to say that returns had not been made, nor was it, he believed, intended to be asserted that the returns made for District Grand Lodges which had been dissolved and the new Grand Lodges recognised were not all duly made. What the motion did say was that the books which had belonged to the District Grand Lodges should be handed over to Grand Lodge. Now, such a thing as that could not be, and for this reason—the Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction over dissolved Grand Lodges. Grand Lodge had certain rights under the Book of Constitutions. To request District Grand Lodges which were dissolved was out of the question; it could not request a dissolved body to do anything. The resolution proposed to request late Grand Secretaries of dissolved District Grand Lodges to hand over to Grand Lodge that which Grand Lodge had neither title nor title to. They had a power to enforce if District Grand Lodges were still in existence, but as they had been dissolved, it was quite impossible, even if they were to request them, as the District Grand Lodges were dissolved. He begged, therefore, to ask the Grand Master's ruling to that effect, he (Bro. Philbrick), as the adviser of Grand Lodge, advising him that this resolution was beyond the cognisance of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY asked to be allowed to speak to the point of order. This notice of motion was given with a clear intention that justice should be done to certain brethren.

Bro. PHILBRICK said that that last remark had nothing to do with the question of the point of order.

Bro. LAMONBY repeated the notice of motion was given with the object of doing justice to certain brethren who had been branded as not being returned to this Grand Lodge.

Bro. PHILBRICK again interposed, and said going into the merits of the case had nothing to do with the point of order, on which alone Bro. Lamonby was now allowed to speak.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE reminded Bro. Lamonby that he was not speaking to the point of order.

Bro. LAMONBY conceived that he was.

Bro. PHILBRICK said the only point before the Grand Lodge now was the point of order.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said that Bro. Lamonby could only speak to the point of order, and he could not go into the merits of the question involved in his motion or into the question of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. LAMONBY submitted that he was perfectly in order, because the District authorities were properly asked to make these returns to the Grand Lodge. That was his contention.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said a difficult task was thrown upon him, and he had considered the question carefully. He had to decide whether this motion of Bro. Lamonby's was or was not in order.

Bro. RICHARD EVE hoped before his lordship gave his decision he would allow him to speak on the point of order. Bro. Lamonby, as it was well known, had laid his form of resolution before the Board of Masters. He (Bro. Eve) had on previous occasions laid notices of motion before the Board of Masters and he had reason to regret it because his notice was ruled out of Order by the Grand Registrar. But when a notice of motion had passed the Board of Masters it was considered to be in order. Today it had been ruled by the Grand Registrar himself that it was the duty of those present at the Board of Masters to see that the notice of motion was in proper terms. It was not for him to come now and say that it was not in order when it had passed the Board of Masters. The Board of Masters had power over this notice. He was told six months ago that he was out of order and he obeyed the regulation laid down. But now Bro. Lamonby was informed that he was out of order when the very brethren who were members of the Board of Masters should have seen that the agenda paper was not encumbered with an informal notice of motion. For that reason, he said, do not be too hasty and say the notice was out of order. With regard to the question of the duties of District Grand Masters, it was the duty of District Grand Masters to make all returns to Grand Lodge and to send it all warrants returned by lodges. He said that having ceased to hold allegiance to Grand Lodge of England it was the duty of such lodges who had ceased to hold allegiance to send their warrants to the District Grand Master, and it was the duty of the District Grand Master to return them to the Grand Lodge of England. (Cries of "Vote, vote.") He contended that the difficulty might be very easily remedied by inserting in the notice of motion instead of District Grand Secretaries, the words—"District Grand Masters;" and he asked Grand Lodge so to hold.

Bro. PHILBRICK said Grand Lodge had no power over District Grand Masters where District Grand Lodges had been dissolved. Bro. Eve knew that this resolution required great circumspection before it was put on the notice paper. As it was given in at the last moment without anybody knowing of it beforehand, and Bro. Lamonby stated that it was so given with an object.

Bro. LAMONBY: I said nothing of the sort.

Bro. PHILBRICK said he was putting the matter as it was reported. It was certainly broken in upon the Grand Secretary. But whether it appeared on the agenda or not it could not be given as a matter of jurisdiction when Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction, and it might place Grand Lodge in a difficult position.

A BROTHER at the lower end of the hall remarked that it was surely for the Chairman to say whether the notice was in order or not.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said that a great responsibility was cast upon him, and he should not be worthy the position he held if he desired to shirk that responsibility. He must, however, say that with regard to this motion being before the Board of Masters, he had before him a report to go upon. In that report, this is what he had got—"a notice of motion was handed in at the last moment by Bro. W. F. Lamonby."

The President expressed a doubt whether the motion, the notice of which was handed in by Bro. Lamonby, was one within the cognisance of Grand Lodge.—The Grand Secretary, while fully admitting the right of any member of Grand Lodge to give notice of motion at the very last moment, without having previously sent the notice to him, pointed out that such a practice was very inconvenient, as it was not always possible at a moment's notice to determine whether the Committee would be justified in placing it on the list of business.—Bro. Lamonby stated that the notice was given at the last moment with an object." Bro. Lamonby now denied having said so. Well, he would accept his disclaimer at once, but it was admitted that it was very inconvenient if this Board of Masters was responsible for not allowing anything improper to come before Grand Lodge that they should not have time to consider it. He believed he should have been in order in doing so with a view of hearing what they had to say on the subject. Still this did not relieve him from responsibility, and he thought the dignity of Grand Lodge in relation to other Grand Lodges would have been in his hands at the moment, and that the fact that this notice having passed the Board of Masters did not relieve him from responsibility. Rule 111 provided that in order to avoid delay, and for the accommodation of lodges in the Colonies, those lodges might make their returns and payments to the District Grand Master, but that for the due remittance the District Grand Master was personally responsible to the Grand Lodge. As regarded the returns of the lodges in question there was no allegation that those returns had not been made when the District Grand Lodges ought to have made them nor was it said there was any default in that respect. He had had a note given to him that afternoon. He found the number of the certificates issued to the Australian District Grand Lodges, and the returns made to Grand Lodge they had every reason to believe had been properly made to Grand Lodge. If there had been any allegation made of any particular instance of neglect then it should have been brought to the notice of the Colonial Board or the Board of General Purposes and not to this Grand Lodge. If the question was put upon the article in the Book of Constitutions he could not see that there was any way in which they could make the demand upon the District Grand Masters. If they did so it would necessitate the Grand Lodge making a claim which it could not substantiate inasmuch as the District Grand Lodges had been dissolved. Therefore he considered it to be his duty in the interests of Grand Lodge that it should not do something which it could not support. He declared, therefore, that the motion was out of order. (Hear, hear.) He had decided this after a careful consideration. He had been in consultation that afternoon with the M.W. the Pro Grand Master who from exceeding weakness and indisposition had been unable to come to Grand Lodge that evening, and the Pro Grand Master authorised him to say, and requested that he would say, that he entirely concurred with him (Lord Mount Edgcumbe) in this matter, and that if he had been present to-night he would have ruled in the same manner.

Bro. LAMONBY asked if he might be allowed to make an observation? (Cries of "Order, order.")

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said "No."

Bro. LAMONBY enquired if he might be allowed to ask a question?

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: Yes, you may ask a question if it is only a question.

Bro. LAMONBY: A question in the shape of asking for advice? (Cries of "No, no.") Ought it to be made to the Board of General Purposes or through you?

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: I say, in obedience to the Book of Constitutions, it should be referred to the Board of General Purposes or to the Colonial Board.

Bro. LAMONBY: I beg to say that these brethren—(Cries of "Chair, chair.")

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: There is nothing more, I believe, to be done.

Bro. S. R. BASKETT: May I ask one question? (Cries of "No, no.")

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: No, I cannot go into anything that is out of order; it must be in order.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Club, Plymouth, under the banners of the various lodges meeting in the building. The large lodge room was prettily decorated for the occasion. The P.G.M., Bro. Viscount Ebrington, P.M. 251, sat on the throne, and was supported by

Bro. W. G. Rogers, P.M. 112, D.P.G.M.; Major Dick, R.M.L.I., P.M. 2252, P.S.G.W.; John Brewer, P.P.J.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; Revs. Dr. Lemon, 189, and J. Hennings, 1486, P.G. Chaps.; R. Bird, 1550, P.G. Treas.; A. S. Truscott, 1254, P.G. Reg.; Major G. C. Davie, 251, P.G. Sec.; R. Besley, 39, P.S.G.D.; S. B. Harvey, 1255, P.S.G.D.; J. Parkhouse, 156, P.J.G.D.; E. H. Littleton, 230, P.J.G.D.; G. S. Sandford, 1284, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.G.D.C.; T. J. R. Challice, 1855, P.D.G.D.C.; W. Southwood, 1443, P.A. G.D.C.; E. Tout, 70, P.G.S.B.; J. Catford, 1135, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Binding, 2252, P.G. Org.; W. H. Aplin, 1181, P.A.G. Sec.; S. Panter, 1099, P.G. Purst.; Jesse Sargeant, 372, P.A.G. Purst.; F. C. Frost, 303, Mark Whittle, 797, P. J. Dunn, 1205, W. Bickle, 1212, T. R. E. Olver, 1247, and F. Hex, 1402, P.G. Stwds.; and H. Shooter, 112, P.G. Tyler.

There was an unusually large attendance of brethren, including

Bros. J. B. Gover, 70; S. Jew, 2258; W. Allsford, 202; E. M. Ellis, 666; J. T. Ford, 1091; G. Merrifield, 282; John Taylor, 1402; W. J. S. Stanbury, 1099; Mark W. Little, 797; T. W. Atherton, 248; E. T. Fulford, 1254; W. Gregory, 1753; Robert Hambly, 1855; R. Cawsey, 230; John Stocker, 39; James Griffin, 2025; C. H. Cooper, 105; R. Pengelly, 70; F. G. Knight, 156; J. G. Kevern, 1550; James Berry, 1212; W. L. Cocks, 106; S. B. Harvey, 1255; G. Evans, 1181; C. Watson, 954; W. Powell, 1205; H. L. Friend, 1443; C. A. Nicholson, 1847; J. S. Swann, 847; N. Radmore, 159; John Grant, 328; W. Browning, 223; W. Locke, 444; W. Bennett Maye, 710; J. C. Clark, 489; G. Bennett, 372; A. H. Whidden, 1212; G. Dunsterville, 189; G. Sellick, 1550; J. Gidley and W. J. Pengelly, of 2025; G. Milford and H. Roberts, of 1847; J. Jacobs, 70; J. Lose and R. Lose, of 1847; A. W. Overell, 1287; W. French, 1125; C. Emmett, 1358; W. Colling and J. Hicks, of 70; C. Mutton, 1550; C. F. Duntersville, 189; W. Mickleburg, 847; C. G. Withell, 70; W. H. Hayne, 1247; George Perkins, 1205; George H. Olver, 1099; G. Truscott; John H. Niness; W. S. Warren, 1255; and W. H. Williams, 1847.

The P.G. SECRETARY reported that from the returns up to December 31st last there were 3175 Masons in the province, a decrease of 78 on the

previous year; 248 brethren had been initiated during the past year, an increase of four. There were 739 Past Masters on the books of the province.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. R. G. BIRD, reported that the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £254 16s. 5d. The fees of honour amounted to £475, dues from lodges to £344, the total receipts being £654 17s. 5d. Sums amounting to 160 guineas had been paid away to the great Masonic Charities, 15 guineas to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, £69 16s. to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, leaving a balance in hand of £278.

The reports were received and adopted.

Bro. FRED. POLLARD, Hon. Sec. of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, presented the annual report of the Committee, which stated that there were now six annuitants on the fund, receiving £30 per year each. The annuitants belonged to Lodges 156, 106, 710, 248, and 797. The year was started with a balance in hand of £130; interest on investments, £70; donations, £106; subscriptions, £9; and fees of honour, £11. The payments to annuitants amounted to £180; invested in Devon and Exeter Savings Bank, £95; and after paying expenses and incidentals, there was a balance in hand of £39. The Governors had during the past year revised the by-laws, and now presented them to the Prov. Grand Lodge for confirmation. The principal alterations were—"A system of carrying out elections as established which will save time and reduce cost. Annual subscribers will have votes for all subscriptions paid between election and election. Life members will have votes for each year lapsing between elections instead of two votes for each election. Any donations of smaller sums will in future be received and accumulated until £5 5s. is paid, when that amount will carry voting power."

The report having been adopted, it was decided, on the motion of Bro. BREWER, that the consideration of the revision of the by-laws should be deferred until the various lodges had had an opportunity of discussing the matter.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER remarked that the proposal was a reasonable one, but pointed out that while rules had to be confirmed by Provincial Grand Lodge, they could not alter them.

Bro. J. B. GOVER, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, Honorary Secretary of the Committee of Petitions, presented their report, which stated that they began with a balance of 561 votes in their favour in June, 1892. They had received from all sources 4330 votes, an increase over the last year of 783 votes, but the real increase was very much less from the fact that one candidate polled a good few votes whilst the outside aid from other provinces for the other candidate numbered over 300 votes. To secure the election of the two candidates they had to borrow 4477 votes, and these they had to repay, but it meant a year's income, and, therefore, the more necessity for the lodges to be loyal in sending their votes, and for the representatives whom the lodges elected to keep their brethren duly informed of the great advantages gained by combination, so that their debt of honour might be paid. The Committee regretted that some lodges still neglected to send their votes until the last moment, some too late to be of use, and some marked for outside candidates. Whilst they recognised the undoubted right of every lodge in the collective wisdom of its members to give votes to whom they pleased, they were of opinion that when candidates required the assistance of the province preference should always be given to those from a lodge which had always been loyal in its support. In their last report the Committee had the pleasure to say that Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon had, by his donations, qualified himself to give the largest amount of votes of any brother. They had now the pleasure to report that Bro. John Taylor, J.P., P.M. 320, Torquay, has, by his donations, the power to give yearly to the province some 46 votes. Last year the Committee had the pleasure of reporting that every lodge had sent their votes. They regretted that this year Lodges No. 489, Bideford; 1212, Stoke; and 954, Devonport; and Chapters No. 954, Devonport; and 1358, Paignton, had not. At their meeting in January the Committee granted £5 to the widow of a brother formerly of Lodge No. 847, Honiton; £5 to the widow of a brother formerly of Lodge No. 666, Princetown; and £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 1205, Stonehouse. The Committee now recommended the following grants: £15 to the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 847 (Honiton); £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 666 (Princetown); £10 to a distressed brother of Lodge No. 1847 (Stonehouse); £20 to a distressed brother of Lodge No. 1284 (Brent); £15 to the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 1205 (Stonehouse); £10 each to two widows of brethren of Lodge No. 1099 (Stoke); and £20 to the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 954. And in accordance with the by-laws and regulations the Committee had to report that the sum of £10 10s. had been supplemented to the Lodges No. 39 (Exeter), No. 70 (Plymouth), No. 1254 (Exeter), and No. 1753 (Okehampton), they having deposited with the Prov. Grand Secretary £10 10s. each. The Committee recommended that the available balance of the funds be applied to the following great Masonic Charities: 20 guineas each to the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The report was received and adopted.

Bro. BREWER said when Provincial Grand Lodge supplemented the votes of private lodges they had a moral if not a legal right to ask them to assist the province in paying their debts after carrying candidates.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER concurred. When lodges were furnished by the Provincial Grand Lodge with half its voting power they ought at least to consider the Provincial Grand Lodge.

When the question of election of Prov. G. Treasurer came forward, the P.G.M. said he was sorry to hear some "touting" circulars had been sent out, and he strongly deprecated such action—it did not add to the dignity of the Provincial Grand Lodge or the person whose claims were advocated.

Bro. E. H. SHORTO, W.M. 39, proposed the appointment of Bro. John Taylor, P.M. and Sec. 1402, as P.G. Treasurer. He was highly respected, and his zeal for Masonry was well known, having served as Steward for each of the Masonic Charities, in which he also held a Life Governorship.

Bro. LORD seconded Bro. Taylor's nomination.

Bro. E. T. FULFORD moved the election of Bro. W. A. Gregory, P.M. 1254, P.P.A.G.D.C. He was one of the founders of Obedience Lodge, and no one had the cause of Masonry more at heart, and was a subscriber to all the Charities.

Bro. R. B. TWOSE seconded, and, on a vote being taken, Bro. Gregory was elected by a large majority.

In reply to a remark which fell from Bro. Shorto, the P.G.M. said he agreed with him that a brother should hold the office of Treasurer for, say

five years, at least, but he found Freemasons were jealous of the honour of electing their own Treasurer.

Bros. John Stocker and E. T. Fulford were appointed Auditors.

The P.G.M. congratulated Bro. Major G. C. Davie, P.G. Sec., on his deserved appointment as A.G.D.C. of England, and, on the motion of Bro. E. T. FULFORD, it was resolved to make a record of the fact in the books of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:

Bro. W. G. Rogers	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" Sir William R. Williams, Bart., 251	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Capt. Strode-Lowe, 1855	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Dr. Lemon, 189	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. J. Hamlyn, 954	...	...
" W. A. Gregory, 1254	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. T. Bond, 2025	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major G. C. Davie, 254	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. S. Hendry, 189	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" W. Harris, 1138	...	...
" M. Whittle, 797	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" F. S. Hex, 1402	...	...
" F. C. Frost, 303	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. R. Lord, 1247	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Ascott, 489	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. J. W. Parson, 105	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" John Leonard, 202	...	...
" W. Fowler, 1212	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" P. J. Dunn, 1205	...	...
" N. Radmore, 159	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. R. E. Olver, 1247	...	...
" G. L. Loam, 710	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Harper, 257	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Sargent, 372	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. H. Ellis, 666	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. H. Dymond, 112	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Grant, 328	...	...
" A. W. C. Martin, 421	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler
" W. R. Velvin, 1091	...	...
" C. A. Nicholson, 1847	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler
" W. Pengilly, 2189	...	...
" H. Shooter, 39	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler

The annual banquet was afterwards held in the banquet hall, which was filled to its utmost capacity. Bro. S. Harvey, the Steward, put on one of his choice dinners.

In the absence of the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. presided, and after he had given the loyal toasts he had to leave to catch his train. Bro. Capt. Strode-Lowe, the P.J.G.W., occupied the chair, and under his genial and able ruling a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The Earl of Euston, M.V. Pro Grand Master, presided, and he was supported by Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy G.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, acted as S.G.W.; and Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, as J.G.W. Among other brethren present were Bros. Gordon Miller, P.G.T.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; C. H. Driver, E. Letchworth, Richard Eve, Robert Berridge, Peter de Lande Long, Capt. Weston, R. Loveland Loveland, President of the General Board; C. W. Carrell, Charles Belton, Jabez Church, A. R. Carter, Rev. E. Mitford Weigall, G. Chap.; and C. F. Hogard.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form,

The Earl of EUSTON said: Right Worshipful Brethren, Grand Officers, and brethren,—Before proceeding to the business which is before Grand Lodge I have to bring to your notice a motion which I am quite certain that you as Mark Masons and loyal men will receive with acclamation and that you will accord a unanimous vote in favour of it. The last time I had to move an address to the Grand Master in this Grand Lodge was under very painful circumstances, it being a resolution of condolence with his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the loss by death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. But on this occasion we, as Mark Masons, wish to show our loyalty, devotion, and sympathy to our Most Worshipful Grand Master in his joys as well as in his sorrows, not only as the head of our Order, but as the heir to the throne of England and as belonging to a family whom we all look to with respect and adore. I ask you to allow me now to move in this Grand Lodge a vote of hearty congratulation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the late happy marriage of his son, the Duke of York with her Highness the Princess May of Teck—a marriage which is popular throughout all England. The people of England, whatever their various opinions on other public subjects may be, have joined themselves together, and have shown themselves loyal to the Royal Family. Many may say they are not loyal, but I think that on the day of the marriage they did prove most conclusively the loyalty of the people of England to the House now on the Throne. I hope you will now accord to the vote I am about to move a hearty reception. Long may the newly-married couple live, and unite in being an honour to their families, and to carry out the duties to which they have been called. I am sure I am only expressing the wish of everyone present when I make this motion, and I shall, therefore, not say any more, but I will ask the Grand Secretary to read the address, which I move shall be presented to the Prince of Wales on the happy event of his son's marriage.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary, then read the following address: To his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

Sir,—

May it please your Royal Highness.

We, the members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown,

humbly desire to offer to your Royal Highness our most hearty and loyal congratulations on the occasion of the auspicious marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

The brethren of Grand Lodge humbly hope that the Great Overseer of the Universe may continue to pour His blessings on your Royal Highness and on every member of your Royal House, and that their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York may enjoy many years of wedded happiness, health, and prosperity is the earnest and heartfelt prayer of every Mark Master Mason.

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Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, Deputy Grand Master, said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Grand Officers, and brethren,—It is with very great feelings of pleasure, as well as of duty, that I rise to-day to second this motion. You have heard what the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master has said, and you all know that only last year it was a very different sort of expression we conveyed to our Grand Master. By allowing us last year to share his sorrow, I think we may trust he will on this occasion allow us to share his joy. I can only say that I am perfectly certain this motion will be carried unanimously, because I know the Duke and Duchess of York have no more sincere well-wishers than the Mark Masons of England. (Cheers.)

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the meeting of June 6th, which were put and confirmed.

Bros. Peter de L. Long and Capt. W. A. Weston were then invested, the former as S.G.D. and the latter as G.I.G., they not having been present for investiture at the Quarterly Communication of June 6th.

On the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President, seconded by GORDON MILLER, P.G. Treas., the following report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

During the three months ending 30th June, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 552; total number registered, 31,552. Four warrants for new lodges, viz:

No. 462, Inglewood, Penrith.
" 463, Gosforth, Gosforth.
" 464, St. George of Colombo, Ceylon.
" 465, Beluchistan, Quetta.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 111; total number registered, 3980.

A petition has been presented by the members of the Lodge St. George of Colombo, No. 464, praying that the lodge may be attached to the District of Bombay, and the R.W. District Grand Master having assented to this course, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to direct that the Lodge St. George of Colombo, No. 464, shall be temporarily attached to the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, and, for the time being, form an integral portion of that district.

Printed documents signed by W. Bro. E. W. Parker, Past Deputy District G. Master Bengal, and many other brethren of lodges in the Punjab, purporting to be appeals against certain observations and remarks of the R.W. District Grand Master of Bengal, and of R.W. Bro. the Hon. Justice Prinsep, Past District G. Master, at District Grand Lodge, in March, 1893, have been presented to the Board. As no formal Masonic censure has been passed on these brethren the Board cannot view these documents in the light of appeals, and, while they deprecate the remarks complained of as being uncalculated for, Bro. Parker and the others being strictly within their legal Masonic rights, they think that with this expression of their opinion the matter had better be allowed to drop. The documents relating to the case are in the Grand Secretary's office for the inspection of any member of Grand Lodge.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The 25th annual festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 26th July, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, and the sum of £2166 19s. 6d. was announced.

The Board have to report—

In consequence of the election of Bro. T. Morant Compton as an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he has ceased to be an annuitant on this Fund. (Art. 226, Sub-clause XI.)

The following cases have been relieved:

Bro. W. H. L., Lodge No. 169	...	...	£10 0 0
" R. T. W., Lodge No. 155	...	...	10 0 0

And the Board recommend that the sum of £20 be granted to Mrs. S. M., (widow of a brother of Lodges Nos. 15 and 234).

(Signed) R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.
FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

The recommendations contained in the report were adopted, as was also the report, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

CENTENARY OF No. 279, LEICESTER.

Bro. W. Maurice Williams, P.M. 279, P. Prov. G. Reg., &c., has written an able and deeply interesting history of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, whose centenary festival was celebrated on November 11th, 1890, under distinguished patronage, and most extraordinary circumstances. Over 130 pages are occupied by the historian, either in reference to the celebration or the historical sketch of the lodge, and, in order to do justice to both, it is necessary to consider the volume, in more or less detail.

The initiatory step towards the festival was taken during the Mastership of Bro. Williams in 1889, but the real proceedings of the centenary year began with the installation of my esteemed friend and brother, William Kelly, F.S.A., P. Prov. G.M., as the W.M., on New Year's Day, 1890, the fifth time he has so honoured the lodge. Bro. Kelly's services have been so valuable to his mother lodge, No. 279, from the day of his initiation, on November 7th, 1838, to the present time, as well as to his province and the Craft generally, and so heartily appreciated by his brethren, that it would be wholly superfluous for me to attempt any account of them herein, save to state that from his acting as J.D. two months after his initiation, and delivering a lecture on the first tracing board, down to his fifth Mastership in 1890, he has worked incessantly for the Fraternity in all manner of ways and degrees, and in 1893 is one of the most prominent, beloved and respected brethren on the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

The centenary jewel warrant was granted on August 30th, 1890. A thanksgiving service was held at St. George's Church on Sunday, August 31st, followed by a collection in aid of the Leicester Children's Hospital, the sermon being preached by Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, M.A., P.G. Chap., &c., who discharged that duty with his customary ability and enthusiasm. Then came the festival on November 11th, when about 100 visitors were entertained by the members of the lodge, Bro. G. W. Speth, as Secretary, being present on behalf of our Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, of which the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly is a full member. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn delivered an oration. The Worshipful Master's address was

most appropriate and touching in character, and my short paper on "English Freemasonry in 1790" was read by Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Prov. G. Sec. &c., owing to my unavoidable absence. These are all given by Bro. Williams, as well as Bro. Martyn's sermon, which is a model defence and description of the Masonic Brotherhood. Bro. Williams likewise read his "Brief Historical Account of the Lodge from 1790 to 1890," for which he received the richly-deserved thanks of the members, and also for his important and invaluable services in relation to the Centenary. A better Secretary could not have been, and much of its success was due to his untiring exertions with those of the Permanent Committee and Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. of England, the indefatigable Dep. Prov. G.M. The whole of the eventful proceedings were in the best of taste, most impressive, and, at times, solemn and affecting; the narrative, though rigidly condensed, being a masterly production.

The historical account of the lodge begins on the 33rd page, and is chronologically arranged. No. 279 is the oldest existing Lodge constituted in Leicestershire and Rutland, and the senior of the province. Its warrant was issued August 31st, 1790, and its number was then No. 562. Brethren acquainted with Bro. Kelly's admirable history of the province will know that Freemasonry began in Leicester so far back as 1739, and that three lodges in all were warranted prior to the advent of the present 279, though they all succumbed to adverse influences.

The old members were determined that their Tyler should be *Masonically* clothed, for at their expense, that official in 1791, was provided with "a blue Coat and Waistcoat and Corderoy Breeches, the whole with yellow Buttons, a pair of white Stockings, and a Three-Corner'd Hat." As if this were not enough, he was furnished with "a hairy cap to wear on public occasions, the latter to remain the Property of the Lodge."

"Passing the chair," to qualify for the Royal Arch, was worked in 1792, though the "Fortitude" Chapter, No. 102, of the regular Grand Chapter, was not started until four years later. Bro. Williams notes the curious fact that the Rev. William Peters, the D. Prov. G.M., was in the chair of Provincial Grand Lodge, 18th June, 1793, when a "blue apron" was reserved for a possible appointment as "Grand Painter," the suggested recipient not being then a Mason! The D. Prov. G.M. was himself "Grand Portrait Painter" of the Grand Lodge of England, because of his conspicuous ability as an artist. Another unusual title occurs in 1816, when a "Grand Printer," was appointed as an officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge! Although the lodge did not respond to the request for subscriptions to the "Royal Cumberland Free Masons' School" (now the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls), in 1794, the historian well observes that ample amends have in recent years been made for the omission, and in 1888, our good Bro. Partridge, D. Prov. G.M., took up the large sum of £648 10s. for the centenary celebration of that excellent Charity.

The Rev. Samuel Oliver, father of the revered Dr. Oliver, was initiated on July, 1797, and he became almost as famous in the Craft as his distinguished son (and brother). There are numerous extracts from the minutes well worthy of reproduction, but I must not now unduly extend my notice of this charming volume. Many are of a singular character, some are amusing, and all are such as should be found in a lodge history.

It is stated that in 1815 the lodge subscribed for seven copies of "Phillips' Religious, Moral and Scientific Beauties of Ancient Freemasonry," but not a single copy can now be found in the library. It is not known to me, and it seems likely that though the members thus kindly sought to aid "the author in his sore distress," the book was never published.

Several prominent and distinguished Craftsmen first saw the "Light" in No. 279, and the history is useful because of the particulars afforded of not a few Masonic celebrities. As to these I must refer my readers to the work itself, as it would be manifestly unfair to reproduce any of the principal portions of the history whilst it is still for sale. Mention might be made of the Provincial Grand Masters of Leicester, but all should be noted, and so I leave them for the present, but it is not many lodges that have played such an important part in Freemasonry for a century as No. 279, and hence its records are rich in details of a more than unusually interesting character.

Bro. W. Kelly, when S.W. of 279, started a lodge of instruction in 1841, which virtually has continued to this day, and in the following year our beloved friend and Masonic veteran first occupied the chair as W.M.

A page is devoted to the "centenary year" officers, Past Masters (14 in number), members (over 100), and honorary members (seven), viz., the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. of Ireland; General the Hon. Sir Leicester Smyth, K.C.M.G.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England; the Right Rev. Dr. Magee, Bishop of Peterborough; G. Toller, P.G.S.B. of England; E. J. Crow, P. Prov. G.D.; and S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. of England, D. Prov. G.M. My election took place in 1871, and I have long valued the compliment.

Bro. W. H. Lead, P.M. 279, is the printer and publisher of this handsome souvenir, which contains several illustrations, and, as respects typography and general arrangement, cannot well be surpassed. The work may be obtained from Bro. Dr. Charles Lakin, London-road, Leicester (the Secretary), for 4s. 6d. (inclusive of postage), in ordinary cloth binding, or in morocco four shillings extra. I am delighted with the volume myself, and warmly congratulate Bro. W. Maurice Williams as the historian of the lodge.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE SCHOOL OF FREEMASONRY.

To each of the degrees of symbolic Masonry is appended a catechetical lecture. In these lectures are to be found the ceremonies, traditions, and other esoteric instructions. They contain much of that universal language of which we boast. These lectures must be familiar to every Mason who aspires to advance, or who wants to be considered bright. Indeed, until recently the "bright Mason" was one who was thoroughly instructed in these lectures. They were considered the embodiment of all Masonic knowledge. They do possess much that every Mason must know. But these lectures, while they are Freemasonry pure and simple, and constitute to a great extent the text books of the institution, yet they are but elementary. They are, as it were, the rudimental studies, the alphabet and primer. The great treasures of knowledge that accompany the lectures of Masonry, the text books of an advanced information, the school of morality and science which makes up the landmarks and the real beauty of the society are outside of these lectures.

A man can no longer lay claim to being a well informed or, technically

speaking, a "bright" Mason whose knowledge of the institution is limited to the lectures. In the school of Freemasonry is every branch of education. History, with its wonderful records of the rise and progress of the Fraternity; its lessons of fortitude and of Charity; its story of change and advancement, its landmarks rising here and there along its wonderful past. Biography, which points out the

Lives of great men which remind us,
We may make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us,
Footprints in the sands of time.

Men create events and events often make men. In our institution there are examples worthy of our imitation; there are lives whose pure characters stand out in bold relief from the surrounding multitude; there are spirits whose loveliness attract the admiring gaze of all men. Science with its unexplored fields forms a department of our great school. Everything that refines and elevates the human mind, that expands the power of thought and purifies the soul are found taught in this great school.

Religion and theology both form a branch of our education. Masonry is not religion in any sectarian sense, but it is religious, for it teaches in the very first lesson the doctrine of belief in God. The great text book of the institution is the Holy Bible, and when opened upon the altar sends out its ineffable rays, which shine forth in luminous beauty, lighting up the pathway of righteousness. Right living, upright conduct, and reverence for Deity, which are taught so forcibly in the school of Freemasonry, may be summed up in a few words—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, and with all thy soul." "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." These two commandments, which embrace the whole duty of man, constitute the theology—the religion of Freemasonry, and to those no true Mason will refuse obedience.

Thus to fully understand the lectures of symbolic Masonry we must be informed upon the subjects which elucidate and shed light upon the catechism. A school whose mathematical course consisted of addition and multiplication only, would hardly fit a scholar for the more difficult problems that are sure to present themselves. A teacher who was content to impart simply the rudiments of spelling could not expect his pupil to read or understand what he read. And so it is in Freemasonry; the teacher who is content to leave his pupil with the alphabet, or catechism committed to memory fails in his office of teacher. That Mason who cares nothing for the higher branches of a Masonic education, which are indexed in the lectures of the Degrees, comes short of a full appreciation of the institution and does not receive the benefits intended to be given.

Study will develop a love for the beautiful truths hidden beneath the surface of ceremony and ritual. Every symbol of Freemasonry is a text suggesting to the studious mind a train of thought that will lead to new found mines of truth. Masonry is truth, and every degree, every symbol, every ceremony, every lecture opens an avenue that widens and lengthens into glorious revelations.

Happy that man who follows the roadways of Masonic truth, observing the landmarks of virtue and righteousness that rise upon every side. Fortunate that lodge whose officers and members seek something more than the alphabet and primer. Such a lodge is as "a city set upon a hill," or a light upon a pedestal. The school of Freemasonry prepares a man for living and smoothes the way to dying. Long life and happy days will surely follow the pupil who learns well the lessons of Masonry, and, having learned them, embodies them in his life. The true Mason is never intemperate in word or action. He possesses a fortitude that enables him to resist temptation, and assert his morality. He deals justly with his fellow, and prudently preserves the house of clay in which he dwells. Virtuous actions characterise him, and he proves his Masonic education by his knowledge of and power over himself, his passions and weaknesses.—*New York Dispatch.*

AN OLD MASONIC CERTIFICATE.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., has recently presented to the Grand Lodge Library a very interesting Masonic relic, a description of which is appended; it proves to be the oldest engraved certificate in the by no means small collection of those documents belonging to the Grand Lodge. We have several others printed from the same plate, but of a later period, and bearing a different seal. This one I consider of especial interest, as having been signed and issued by the redoubtable Laurence Dermott himself, who, in all probability, drafted the original for the engraver. It is printed on parchment, nine inches and a half by seven and a half, and is the earliest example I have met with of a certificate in Latin and English. I cannot find from the records of the "Ancients" when the plate was engraved, but I imagine it to have been about 1760, as I have a written copy of a similar document which bears date 30th November, 1762.

I am delighted to find that Bro. J. Ramsden Riley is compiling a volume on Masonic certificates; probably no one else is so well qualified for such an undertaking. If, as I understand, the edition is to be limited to 300, those who wish to secure a copy should order it at once of the author, 49, Grey-road, Walton, Liverpool. The price, when ready, will be 10s.

HENRY SADLER.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

There was a tolerably full attendance at the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, but—as will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere—a fairly long and warm discussion took place over the notice of motion by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, to which we casually referred last week. As regards the other business, it is enough if we state that the Deputy Grand Master's resolution, tendering the congratulations of Grand Lodge to the M.W.G.M. on the occasion of the marriage of his Royal Highness's son, the Duke of York, with the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, was adopted with enthusiasm. His lordship's other motion to vote 300 guineas from the Fund of General Purposes towards the Queensland Masonic Relief Fund was also carried unanimously.

The Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge was held in Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro G. Master, at whose instance a vote of congratulation to the Prince of Wales, as M.W. Grand Master, on the marriage of his son, the Duke of York, was carried with acclamation. The report of the General Board shows that 552 Mark Master Masons' Certificates and 111 Royal Ark Mariners' Certificates were issued during the past quarter, and that warrants for four new Mark Lodges, one in Northumberland, one in Cumberland and Westmorland, and two abroad, were granted during the same period.

Special interest attaches to the approaching annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lincolnshire, which will be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, in the city of Lincoln, on Thursday, the 28th inst. Comp. Major W. H. Smyth, D.C., has resigned the office of Grand Superintendent, which he has held since 1875, and will on this occasion instal the companion whom his Royal Highness the Grand Z. has been pleased to appoint as his successor, namely, Comp. W. Harling Sissons, J.P. We cordially congratulate Comp. Sissons on the honour which has been conferred upon him, and we have every reason to believe that he will display the same ability, tact, and judgment as have characterised the administration of his distinguished predecessor.

Nor must we lose sight of the claims which Comp. Major Smyth has established on Royal Arch Masons generally, but more especially upon those who are or have been members of our Lincolnshire chapters. Comp. Smyth has presided for the long period of 18 years over the latter companions, and by his genial and able conduct of their affairs has secured to himself their respect and affection. These he will still continue to enjoy, and though he is no longer the head of the Prov. Grand Chapter, we feel sure his large experience and kindly advice will always be at the service of his successor. We trust that Comp. Major Smyth may be spared for many years to enjoy his well-earned rest from the cares and responsibilities of office.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of South Wales—of which Bro. Lord Kensington is Prov. G. Master—will be held at Narberth, Pembrokeshire, under the banner of the Narberth Lodge, No. 2001, on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., when we understand Bro. the Rev. W. John Lyte S. Stradling, Past G. Chap., the Deputy P.G. Master, will be invited to represent the Province as Steward at the Festival in February next of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Province has only 10 lodges on its roll, but we dare say they will zealously support their respected Deputy P.G.M. in his efforts on behalf of that Charity.

On the same day our Cheshire brethren will hold the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Nantwich, under the banner of the King's Friends Lodge, No. 293. No doubt Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M., will preside, and in all probability the report of the proceedings will show that Cheshire has been doing good and useful work during the past 12 months.

We publish elsewhere the full text of the appeal which has been addressed by the Master, officers, and members of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No 851, to the Worshipful Masters of our lodges throughout England in behalf of the Worthing Relief Fund. It is undoubtedly a case of widespread distress which cannot fail to attract the sympathy of all sections of the community, and we earnestly hope that the appeal so feelingly urged by the members of the lodge will meet with a generous response from those to whom it has been addressed. Already much has been done to mitigate the severity of the suffering with which this popular seaside resort has been afflicted. But typhoid fever is a terrible enemy to cope with, all the more terrible because so long a time elapses ere those who have been attacked by it recover their full strength.

But in the case of this particular outbreak at Worthing, those whom it has laid low are to be numbered by hundreds, while the proportion of deaths has been very large. Moreover, the patients have been mostly among the poorer class of inhabitants, and though the town itself and the County of Sussex have rendered valuable aid towards alleviating the distress of the poor sufferers, there is urgent need for outside help. We need hardly say that the appeal has our entire sympathy, and that we shall gladly do what lies in our power to promote its success.

Bro. J. Bagot Scriven, whose death occurred at Dover quite unexpectedly on Sunday last, after only two days' illness, was a member of the well-known firm of Barclay, Perkins, and Co., and, though only 53 years of age, had won considerable distinction in the ranks of Masonry. He was originally a member of the St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, of which he was a P.M. Thence he joined the Bishop's Stortford Lodge, No. 409—of which his uncle, the late Bro. Algernon Perkins, P.G.W. of England, and for a few years Treasurer of the Boys' School, had been a very prominent member—and in due course was elected W.M. (in 1880). He was also a founder and first M.E.Z. of the Stortford Chapter, and in the Province a P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G.H. He was a strong supporter of our Institutions, by which, as well as by the lodges and chapters of which he was a member, his loss will be deeply felt.

A well-deserved compliment has just been paid to our respected Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. As we announced a few weeks ago, the Masonic Congress at Chicago was opened on Monday, the 14th August, and the very first paper to which the attention of its members was called was from his pen. In accordance with Bro. Hughan's suggestion, Bro. Judge Speed followed up the reading of this paper by proposing that "Grand Lodges have and retain sovereignty over lodges chartered by them, notwithstanding the subsequent establishment of a Grand Lodge in territory occupied by such lodges."

It does not derogate from the merit of Bro. Hughan's paper that an alternative proposition by Bro. Dr. Robbins, Past G. Master, to the effect "That a Grand Lodge duly organised in a State or other autonomous territory is rightly possessed of absolute sovereignty therein" was preferred. American and English ideas as to the rights of private lodges differ very widely, and it could hardly have been expected that American Masons should sacrifice their own views out of respect for Bro. Hughan. But we hold that, as our law now stands, Bro. Hughan's proposition is undeniably right, and that, until the law is altered, there is no power extant which can sever the connection once established between an English private lodge and our Grand Lodge, so long as the former fulfils the conditions prescribed in the warrant and is determined on maintaining that connection.

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PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—This lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd ult. Present: Bros. J. Constable, W.M., P.G. Std. Br.; S. H. C. Ashlin, I.P.M.; A. L. Peace, Treas.; W. Martin, J.W.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; R. N. Brunyee, P.M.; T. Barber, J.D., acting S.D.; B. Maskill, acting J.D.; W. Pickering, acting I.G.; T. Livingstone, Stwd.; E. Hirst, W. T. Chambers, and F. Pine, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. S. M. Peace, W.M. 2078, acting S.W.; and F. T. Hanson, 242.

Bro. W. T. Chambers was, according to ceremony, raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., Bro. Peace giving the traditional history and Bro. Ashlin the charge. The W.M. invited all the brethren to accompany him to Leeds on the 27th inst. to witness the ceremony of the installation of Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.P.G.W., as P.G.M. of West Yorkshire.

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GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The usual monthly meetings of this lodge were resumed for the remainder of the year on Monday, the 4th inst., when there was a goodly muster of members and visitors. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Norway, the chair was occupied by Bro. R. Wilson, P.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Brown, P.M., D.C.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Purvis, P.M. 346; Thos. Dining, W.M. Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (T.I.), as S.W.; Thos. R. Jobson, J.W.; A. Dodds, M.O.; C. P. Laidler, S.O.; F. Spence, as J.O.; H. Jackson, Reg. of M.; W. J. Jobson, Sec.; H. S. Bird, S.D.; J. Armstrong, as J.D.; W. Holzappel, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Douglas, Stwd.; and J. Curry, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Rev. E. Drage, W. Hall, Faraday Spence, J. H. Elliott, J. U. Simpson, and others. The ballot was taken for Bros. Jas. Lightbown and J. R. Turner, and being favourable, the candidates were regularly advanced to this Honourable Degree by the acting W.M., who explained the incidental charges connected therewith. After other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshments.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the "Frascati," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; W. Shales, S.W.; F. Hewson, J.W.; F. Klein, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; M. M. Taylor, S.D.; A. Becker, J.D.; J. Watson, I.G.; H. Matthews, J. J. Dixon, J. Cizzio, F. Haswell, and A. Pettit.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Matthews answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Matthews being the candidate. Bro. Haswell answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Haswell being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, N.W., when there were present Bros. Passingham, W.M.; Ward, S.W.; Becker, J.W.; Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; Loder, Asst. Sec.; Davis, S.D.; Dixon, J.D.; Jacobs, I.G.; Marx, P.M.; Styles, P.M.; Pallot, Taylor, and Parsons.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Styles acting as candidate. Bro. Marx, P.M., worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Parsons acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first and second time, and the S.W. was elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; A. Oliver, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D. Herts, Sec.; Milton Smith, S.D.; E. Y. Young, J.D.; W. T. Crane, I.G.; G. T. Chretien, E. J. Harrison, R. Scarlett, J. Amand, D. C. Attwater, J. P. Frost, A. Ingram, H. J. Tibbatts, G. D. Burdett, R. W. Nicole, M. T. Tuck, and H. B. Harding.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Tibbatts being the candidate. Bro. Nicole answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Nicole being the candidate. Bro. Amand answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third, and resumed in the First Degrees. Bro. Oliver was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. H. J. Tibbatts was elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. F. Hilton, M.F.Z.; T. Grummant, H.; J. Hill, J.; R. J. Voisey, Treas.; T. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Bannister, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; Loader, Cass, H. G. Martin, Coombs, Salmon, F. Williams, Wilson, Murché, and Dunn.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals. Comp. F. Williams was installed into the first chair by Comp. Hilton, Comp. Murché into the second chair by Comp. Hilton, and Comp. Bannister into the third chair by Comp. Hilton, Preceptor. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Salmon personating candidate. Comp. T. Grummant was elected M.F.Z. for the next meeting, when the installation will be rehearsed.

HEREFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The 13th annual meeting of the members of this Association has just been held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford. Bro. William Parlby, W.M. 120, presided, and there were also present Bros. Rev. Evan Williams, the Rev. Douglas Season, H. C. Beddoe, Treas., and William Earle, Hon. Sec.

The Hon. Secretary read the report and financial statement for the past year.

From this it appeared that at the meeting last year the ballot resulted in five life subscriberships—viz., Boys' School—Bros. W. C. Whitfield, J. C. Tearne, L. U. Wooler, and the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, and for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Vitruvian Lodge. Since August, 1878, when the Association was formed, it had remitted £834 15s. to the Masonic Institutions, an average of £56 a year, and these remittances were attributable almost entirely to the operation of this Association. The Committee wished that all the brethren in the province, especially those holding provincial or lodge rank, would obtain at least one life subscribership to a Masonic Institution, the cost of which was five guineas, payable, through this Association, by five annual guinea instalments; they also hoped that the Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the five provincial lodges would aid in increasing the number of subscribers, in order that the ancient Province of Herefordshire—which had received so much from the Masonic Institutions—might occupy a position of credit in their annual reports. The ballot was then taken, and resulted in the following life subscriberships to the Masonic Institutions, viz.: Bros. W. Parlby, Evans Williams, J. H. Bussell, A. P. Small, E. Bellow, H. C. Beddoe, and Palladian Lodge, No. 120. The Committee for the ensuing year was appointed as follows: Bros. T. Godwin Chance, President; Charles Roots, Vice-President; H. C. Beddoe, Treas.; Wm. Earle, Sec.; W. Parlby (for Palladian Lodge), L. U. Wooler (for Vitruvian Lodge), W. T. Sale (for Royal Edward Lodge), and the Rev. E. Williams (for the Arrow Lodge); Bros. T. Smith and Thomas Blinkhorn, Auditors.

A cordial vote of thanks to Bros. Parlby, President of the meeting; Beddoe, Treas.; and Earle, Sec., brought the proceedings to a close.

IN MEMORIAM—Dr. BATCHELOR, 33°.

Another of our Inspectors-General and chief among his equals has finished his mortal course, and followed his predecessor and leader over the border line that divides time from eternity.

James Cunningham Batchelor, 33°, Grand Commander of this Supreme Council of Inspectors-General, 33°, is dead. He died in our House of the Temple in the City of Washington, D.C., July 28th, 1893, C.E.

He was of English and Scotch descent; born in the city of Quebec, Canada, on the 18th day of July, A.D. 1818; removed with his parents in his childhood to Western New York; afterwards to Alabama, where he was in part educated, finishing his scholastic course at St. Louis, Missouri. In Alabama he was received into the Masonic household and became active as a Freemason. While yet not a man in years but in stature, he became a member of the "Montgomery Blues," and was the youngest man in that military company, when in the year 1836 he marched with it to Florida and took an active part in that campaign against the Florida Indians, and returned with it to Montgomery. To him, physically, it resulted in a partial loss of hearing, which troubled him at intervals in his later life. He resided in Alabama for several years thereafter, practising his profession as a physician and surgeon, having graduated at a medical college in Cincinnati, Ohio. Subsequently he became a citizen of New Orleans, La., which was ever after his home. It was there that in the year 1861 he organised a company for active duty in the Confederate service, of which he was elected Captain. While on duty with his company in the swamps of Louisiana, rheumatism fastened its fangs upon him, in which condition he was captured by Federal authority, and imprisoned as a rebel for five months at Ship Island. When discharged, for want of proper medical treatment, he was lamed for life, and from that time was forced to rely upon his crutches for aid to walk.

In Louisiana for many years he was active as a Freemason, holding high official station in local Masonic bodies at New Orleans, and in the State Grand bodies. He was Worshipful Master of a Blue Lodge, High Priest of his Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Secretary of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Grand Secretary of the Louisiana Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the American system, and in this Rite served officially in its local bodies in that city, culminating as Grand Master of the Kadosh.

In this Supreme Body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he was honoured on the 14th day of February, 1877, by being invested with the rank of Inspector-General Honorary, 33°.

In the year 1859 he was crowned as Inspector-General, 33°, and assigned to active duty as one of the Inspectors-General in Louisiana, and served accordingly.

In this Supreme Council on the 22nd day of July, 1878, he was proclaimed Lieutenant Grand Commander (Bro. John Robin McDaniel, of Virginia, having died May 14th, 1878), and on the 18th of October, 1892, was elected for life its Lieutenant Grand Commander.

On the 2nd day of April, 1891, Bro. Albert Pike, who had been our Grand Commander from January, A.D. 1859, died. When he realised the fact that he was physically incapacitated for official duty and that the end was near, he sent for the next dignitary in rank, Bro. Batchelor, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, informed him of the fact and requested him to at once

proceed as Lieutenant Grand Commander to exercise the duties and powers of Grand Commander. He acted accordingly as Grand Commander *ad interim*, in accordance with our statutes, until the 17th of October, 1892, when he was elected by the Supreme Grand Council for life.

Being an invalid when elected, he, during his term of office, scarce had opportunity to do justice to himself as our Chief. Physically disabled from placing himself right upon the record in the discharge of his official duty as he desired to do, oftentimes, he was misunderstood and annoyed and his official couch was not in a garden of roses. In the discharge of official duty he was just when not mistaken in judgment. He sought to follow Bro. Pike's official footsteps in all things, and not to deviate in principle or practice from the imprint thereof, and lined his course accordingly. If he failed in so doing it was because physical nature gave way; he did the best he could. Not one of us could do more if so situated.

In the Royal Order of Scotland he was by patent, at its organisation in the United States in the year 1878, appointed the first Senior Provincial Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States, being as one of its charter members a member of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order at Edinburgh, Scotland.

In his Masonic course he was frank and true and had the courage to maintain his own convictions as to what was lawful, regular, right, and just. That he deserved well of the Order, the rites to which he belonged (all three) responded thereto by the honours they showed him. While in active life he earned in each a Master's wages and received them from the society he loved so well.

Honoured be his memory. Peace to his soul.

His body was embalmed. The funeral services at Washington, according to his wishes, were private and were celebrated by Dignitaries of the Supreme Council, after which his remains were taken to New Orleans, accompanied by a delegation of its members, where the Inspectors General, with the assistance of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, will honour his memory by appropriate services and deposit the body in his tomb.

PHILIP CROSBY TUCKER, 33°,

Lieut. G. Commander as G. Commander *ad interim*.
Galveston, Texas, July 29th, 1893.

THE GOLDSMITHS AND JEWELLERS' ANNUITY AND ASYLUM INSTITUTION.

At the Horological Institution, Northampton-square, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 31st ult., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lambert, F.S.A., the President, occupied the chair at the half-yearly general meeting of the members of the institution. The 133rd half-yearly report announced that, in spite of adverse circumstances, the institution was fully maintaining its position. The Committee had much gratification in stating that the annual dinner, which took place in January, and at which the Lord Mayor presided, was eminently successful, the contributions amounting to nearly £300. Three candidates were elected to the benefits of the institution in January last. There were now four vacancies in the asylum, and as only four candidates had come forward, there would be no contest.

The report of the Committee having been adopted, Bro. LAMBERT said he thought the members might congratulate themselves upon the excellent manner in which the Lord Mayor presided at the festival dinner, where he rendered substantial service in the interest of the institution. He had much pleasure in seeing that his old colonel—Col. Howard Vincent, M.P.—was going to take the chair at the next festival dinner, and he (the President) promised the members he would be there if he was alive and well on so auspicious an occasion.

Mr. H. J. SECKER then moved the re-election of Col. Lambert as President—a proposition which was received with loud applause.

Mr. MOULE having seconded the motion, it was adopted with enthusiasm.

Colonel LAMBERT, in thanking those present for the honour they had conferred upon him, said that time made cowards of all men, and it could not be expected that a man at his age could always enjoy the same health and strength. That being so, he suggested that it would be worth their while to look around them for another President, seeing that he had occupied that position for over 30 years. ("No, no.") He did not ask them to act on that suggestion. (Laughter, and a voice, "Bide a wee.") The President said he desired to bide a good many "wees." (Renewed laughter.) He promised them that so long as health was spared to him nothing would prevent him from doing his duty as President. (Cheers.)

Mr. INNOCENT, the Secretary, assured the President that nothing would induce the members to look around for another President until the sad necessity was forced upon them. (Cheers.)

The election of Treasurer (Mr. Smith, manager of the Islington branch of the London and County Bank), the Committee, and Trustees followed.

The balance-sheet showed that the invested funds of the institution amounted to £10,287 9s. 1d., and in addition there was a cash balance of £840 at the London and County Bank.

After the transaction of some routine business, and the election of four candidates for the asylum and five annuitants, the proceedings closed with the usual votes of thanks.

Obituary.

BRO. SIR WILLIAM CUSINS, P.G. ORG.

News was received in London on Saturday night, the 2nd inst., of the death in the Engadine on Thursday from acute pneumonia of Bro. Sir W. G. Cusins, until a few months since "Master of the Musicke," to the Queen. The decease must have been sudden, for Sir William, during the recent summer season, apparently enjoyed excellent health, and punctually fulfilled his duties as conductor of the Sarasate Orchestral Concerts, and as a professor of the pianoforte at the Guildhall School and elsewhere. Bro. William Geo. Cusins was born in London on October 14th, 1833, of mixed Irish and French ancestry, and as his father died when he was very young, his education was mainly directed by his aunt, the late Mrs. Anderson, *nie* Lucy Philpot, who was instructress in music to her present Majesty, Mrs. Anderson, who died in 1878, married in 1820 the late George Frederick Anderson, who was Sir W. Cusins' immediate predecessor as "Master of the Musicke." Sir William himself, like Sir Arthur Sullivan, became as a child of nine a choir boy at the Chapel Royal, but he was soon after sent by his aunt to Brussels to study under Fétiis. Returning to England he entered the Royal Academy of Music, where he was twice elected King's Scholar, and where also he was a pupil for the pianoforte of Sir Sterndale Bennett, for composition of Cipriani Potter, and for violin of Sainton. At 14, while still a Royal Academy student, he was, on the recommendation of his uncle, appointed organist of her Majesty's Private Chapel and a member of the Queen's Private Band; while in 1848, at 15, he became organist at the opera and a violinist in the orchestra under Costa. Before he left the Royal Academy, at the age of 18, Cusins was a member of some of our best concert bands, and had composed an overture and other works. He, however, soon gave up the violin for the pianoforte, playing at various London concerts, and also at the Leipsic Gewandhaus, and at Berlin, Paris, and Rome. He likewise acquired a large and lucrative connection as a pianoforte teacher. On the retirement of Sir Sterndale Bennett, in 1867, Cusins, owing chiefly to the influence of his uncle Anderson, who for many years had been Treasurer of the society, was appointed conductor of the Philharmonic Concerts, which post he vacated in 1883, although down to the present year he directed the Sarasate Orchestral Concerts. At the Philharmonic he reigned longer than any other conductor (Costa was there eight years, Sterndale Bennett 10, and Wagner only one), and during that period he produced for the first time in England Brahms's "Requiem," Sullivan's "Marmion," overture Rubinstein's "Dramatic," symphony Berlioz's "Romeo et Juliette," Gounod's Symphony in D., Liszt's "Tasso," and "Hungaria," Mackenzie's "La Belle Dame sans Merci," and other works. In 1870 Cusins became conductor of the State Concerts, which post he resigned last spring. As far back as 1852 he was appointed a Professor at the Royal Academy of Music, where for a short time he conducted the orchestral practices, and in 1875 he succeeded Sir Sterndale Bennett (the first performance of whose oratorio, "The Woman of Samaria," he was selected to conduct at the Birmingham Festival of 1867) as Examining Professor at Queen's College, Harley-street. He was one of the Examiners at the Royal College of Music, and of the Associated Board, and on the death of Sir Julius Benedict he was appointed a Pianoforte Professor at the Guildhall School of Music, for the Principalship of which important foundation he was in 1892 an unsuccessful candidate. Last year he was knighted by the Queen, while he was also an hon. member of the St. Cecilia Academy, Rome. As "Master of the Musicke" Sir William Cusins was a prolific Court composer, his works of this class, including the Responses written in 1863 for the Queen's Private Chapel, the Royal Wedding Serenata composed on the Prince of Wales's marriage, and the Jubilee Cantata composed in 1887, to words by Canon Duckworth. His oratorio "Gideon," contributed to the Gloucester Festival of 1871, is now, perhaps, rather out of date, but he also composed "Te Deum," a symphony, several overtures, a pianoforte concerto in A minor, a violin concerto, and a quantity of chamber works, pianoforte solos, songs, and part songs. Sir William Cusins was instructor in music to the late Duke of Albany and others among the Royal children and grandchildren, and he did excellent work as Musical Custodian of the Royal Library, a collection comprised in three or four glass cases at Buckingham Palace, but which the learned Dr. Chrysander, biographer of Handel, declared to be "more valuable than any Capellmeister in Europe had under his charge." Sir William's pamphlet on "The Messiah" MSS. was a genuine and valuable contribution to Handel literature. Sir W. Cusins only a few months since was succeeded as "Master of the Musicke" and Director of the Queen's Private Band by Sir Walter Parratt, the conductorship of the State Concerts being meanwhile placed in commission. As a Mason, Bro. Cusins, was initiated in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, in 1872, and in 1877 was installed in the Master's chair. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, and a Rose Croix, having been perfected in the Canterbury Chapter. In 1882 his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, was pleased to appoint him to the office of Grand Organist, and he retained the position until 1884.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. WILLIAM METCALFE.

The subject of the above illustration is the present Worshipful Master of two lodges, viz.: the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, and the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327; his installation to the latter being by dispensation, the proceedings of which appeared in our issue of Saturday, the 26th ult. Few brethren have made greater progress in Freemasonry than has Bro. W. Metcalfe in so short a period. His rise, however, has been well deserved. He has distinguished himself equally in the Craft, as, indeed, he has in his business and other pursuits by strict attention to duty; and in both has gained a reputation for honour and integrity. Kindness with cheerfulness of disposition and a good share of that leading element of Freemasonry—"Charity"—have not only endeared him to the individual members of the various lodges and chapters with which he is connected, but to his fellow citizens generally. His Masonic career may be thus briefly explained—He was initiated, April 16th, 1885, at the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, Waltham Cross, by Bro. W. A. Rogers, then W.M.; he was advanced, June 12th, 1887, to the Mark Degree, at the High Cross Lodge, No. 284, of which he is the present S.W., and may shortly be expected to rank as Worshipful Master; he was exalted, December 3rd, 1891, to the Royal Arch Degree in the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, of which he is the present A.S.; he was a founder and first Junior Warden of the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, and was installed W.M., Sept., 1892. He is also a founder and is now 1st Assist. Soj. of the James Terry Chapter. He was installed Worshipful Master, August, 1893, of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327 (by dispensation from H.R.H. the G. Master), the ceremony being performed by the Dep. G.M. of Herts, Bro. G. E. Lake, and Bro. J. Robinson, P.P.J.G.W.; he was appointed Prov. Grand Officer of Herts by the Provincial Grand Master, T. F. Halsey, Esq., M.P., at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held 5th July last; he served as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, 1893, as well as at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and has consented to serve as Steward at the forthcoming Festival for the Boys' School; he is a Life Governor of the two former Institutions, and has announced his intention of at once qualifying as a Life Governor of the latter. We think we may join in the opinion of those who know him best, that he has well deserved the honours gained, and that many others await him as time rolls on, for Bro. Metcalfe is but in the prime of life. Bro. Metcalfe is a native of Yorkshire, but has resided in the district of Waltham Cross, about 28 years, where he is the principal of the firm of Metcalfe and Co. He takes an active part in all local movements, and is a member of the Cheshunt Local Board. In fact a most active gentleman and useful member of society. The above illustration is from a photo by Foster, of the Studio, Waltham Cross.

WORTHING RELIEF FUND.

No apology is needed for the publication of the following letter, which has been addressed to the W. Masters of lodges throughout the country, and will, we trust, meet with a generous response:—

"Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 851,
Worthing, Sussex.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,
"We venture very respectfully to appeal to the Masonic lodges throughout the country to extend to us a helping hand in the dire calamity that has fallen upon our town.

"Most reluctantly do we take this step, but the

circumstances are such that we feel sure they will excite in the breast of every true Mason feelings of the deepest compassion and sympathy towards a sorrow-stricken community.

"Briefly, the facts are as follows: Typhoid fever broke out in the town of Worthing about three months ago and has continued with increasing virulence up to the present time. Over 1200 of the inhabitants, out of a population of 17,000 have been attacked, 150 have died, and every day there are additions to the list of the suffering and the dead.

"It is scarcely possible to exaggerate the pitiable condition into which the place has been plunged by this terrible visitation. We do not propose to dwell upon the miseries of an absolutely ruined town, but we do feel that we may with confidence supplicate the kind assistance of our brethren in Masonry in behalf of hundreds of poor fever-stricken families who have lost health, energy, and strength, together with all means of self-support for months to come.

"A sum of about one thousand pounds has been subscribed by our fellow townsmen, but that has long since been exhausted. We have five Hospitals and several Convalescent Homes to maintain, besides hundreds of poor sufferers in their own homes, and we know not how long this dreadful state of things may continue.

"Through the efforts of Sir Henry Fletcher, Bart., Member for our own Division of Sussex, a 'Worthing Relief Fund' has been started in Brighton and one or two other towns in Sussex; and for these evidences of kindly practical sympathy we are, indeed, most grateful. But our extreme and urgent need renders imperative a wider appeal.

"In the exercise of the virtue of Charity Masons have ever been conspicuous, and the humble application of the Worthing Lodge will, we are assured, once again demonstrate to the world that there is in Masonry something more than a name, and that the injunction in our beautiful ritual to 'pour the healing balm of consolation in the bosom of the afflicted' are not meaningless words, but may be applied, under circumstances of grave necessity, even to those who are not ranged under its banners.

"We are, worshipful Sir and Brother,
"(On behalf of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship,
No. 851),

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,
Robert Piper, W.M.; Frank Carter, S.W.; Eric C. Williams, J.W.; T. H. Crouch, P.M., P.P.J. G.D., Treasurer; C. W. Jemmett, P.M., P.P.G.S. Purst., Secretary; C. C. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; W. Paine, P.M.; E. T. Cooksey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Philip Crick, P.M., P.G. Chaplain; L. W. Paynter, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Mon.; Dr. F. Hinds, Assist. D. of C.; W. H. Sawle, P.M.; and W. W. Smith, J.D.

"Contributions will be gratefully appreciated by our suffering burgesses, and thankfully received and acknowledged by

"Bro. ROBERT PIPER,
"Oakwood, Chesswood-road,
"Worthing, Sussex.

"Cheques should be crossed 'Henty and Co., Worthing,' and made payable to 'Worthing Lodge of Friendship.'"

The Craft Abroad.

TALBOT.

Talbot Lodge (No. 42).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the lodge room, Town Hall, on Thursday, June 29th, to celebrate the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. T. R. L. Austin. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Oakley, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. Beveridge, P.M., who installed the new Master, and invested Bro. E. P. Dowling, I.P.M. The following officers were then presented by Bro. Collens, P.M., and invested by the newly-installed Master; Bros. P. Salmon, S.W.; R. Salmon, J.W.; R. Nicol, Chap.; D. Flowers, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Collens, P.M., Sec.; J. Nugent, S.D.; Dr. Fetherstonhaugh, J.D.; J. Cayser, P.M., D. of C.; J. Jolly, I.G.; and J. Ludwick, Tyler. The United Grand Lodge of Victoria was represented by Bros. Everard and Weickhardt, P.S.G.Ds. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Beveridge, P.M.

EAGLEHAWK.

Eaglehawk Lodge (No. 55).—The members and visitors of the above lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, for the annual installation ceremonies, the chair being occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. C. M'Kee, P.M., who also performed the installation ceremonies. The W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master by the W.M. of the Golden and Corinthian and the W.M. of the Zenith Lodges (Bendigo), and duly installed into the Master's chair, Bro. J. C. M'Kee being again invested I.P.M. The following officers were invested by Bro. G. J. Williams, P.M.: Bros. J. Anderson, S.W.; R. W. Jeffrey, J.W.; the Rev. R. Lewers, Chaplain; E. C. Brown, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Williams, P.M., Sec.; G. Woodgate, S.D.; J. Bray, J.D.; F. A. Polkinghorne, Org.; T. O. Liddell, I.G.; F. Taylor and E. Stewart, Stwds.; and C. Richards, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. G. Loudon, jun., P.M., and the address to the Wardens was delivered by Bro. Dr. Huschcliff, P.J.G.W., and the final address to the brethren was given by Bro. E. C. Brown, P.M.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Mrs. Gladstone and Mr. Henry Gladstone, left Euston for Scotland on Monday evening, on a visit to Mr. George Armitstead, at Blackraig Castle, Edinburgh. Mr. Gladstone will receive no deputations during his absence on holiday.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m.

There appears to be no doubt whatever about the appearance of cholera in England, several cases, some of which have terminated fatally, having occurred at Grimsby and Hull.

The Duchess of Sutherland presented the prizes to the Sutherland Rifle Volunteers at Devonshire Castle on Tuesday, among those present being the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, Blanche Countess of Rosslyn, and Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke.

Major General Wilkinson, commanding the Northern District, has invited General the Hon. W. Fielding, Col. Sir West Ridgway, Bro. Christopher Seller, and others to Government House, York, during the visit of the Duke of Cambridge.

The Speaker of the House of Commons was prevented by indisposition from taking the chair on Wednesday and his place was occupied by Mr. Mellor, the Deputy Speaker. The Right Hon. Gentleman has been staying at the Granville Hotel, St. Lawrence-on-Sea, Thanet.

Among the guests whom Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson have been entertaining at Tranby Croft during the present week for the Doncaster Races, were the Duke of Marlborough, the Countess Cairns, Viscount and Viscountess Chelsea, Lord and Lady Alington, and Bro. Lord and Lady Hindlip.

At the recent annual meeting of the Tweed Salmon Fishing Commissioners, Bro. Sir William Crossman, who is Chairman of the Board, stated that never had there been such a deficiency of grise as there had been this year in the Tweed, and the same could be said of all rivers running into the German ocean.

Quite recently when the Queen regent of Spain was out driving in the neighbourhood of San Sebastian, she observed a little girl playing on the railway line close to a level crossing. Her Majesty at once descended from her carriage and carried the child from her dangerous position. She had hardly done this, when a train dashed by, which would have killed the child.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, was present at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on the 1st inst., for the purpose of superintending the hanging of the banners of the newly-created Knights of the Garter—namely, the Dukes of Abercorn and Devonshire and the Earl of Rosebery. The banners of the late Duke of Sutherland and Earl of Derby were taken down.

The death is announced of Prince William of Glucksburg, elder brother of the King of Denmark, and therefore uncle of the Princess of Wales. His Highness's death took place at Fredensberg Castle on Tuesday evening, all the members of the Danish and Russian Royal and Imperial Families being present. The deceased Prince, who was born in 1816, was a General of cavalry in the Austrian army, and a Lieut.-General in the Danish army.

At the recent annual regimental contest of the 1st Surrey Rifles at the Wimbledon Glen Albyn ranges, Private W. H. O. Smith, an old Queen's Silver Medallist, and a veteran of Six Stars, won the "Four Stars" Challenge Trophy with 62 points at the 200, 500, and 600 yards; Corporal Gill, the cup presented by Bro. ex-Alderman de Keyser, with 46 points out of a possible 50 at 500 yards; and Private Baker the late Field-Marshal Sir G. Pollock's Cup, with 45 out of 50 at 600 yards. The championship and gold medal will be shot for to-day (Friday).

The Duke and Duchess of York's wedding presents, which have been on view at the Imperial Institute for the last seven weeks, were re-packed on Tuesday, and forwarded some to York House, St. James's, and the rest to York Lodge, Sandringham. Upwards of 350,000 persons availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the gifts—249,590 being admitted on payment, and a considerable percentage of the entrance fees, together with about £115 in the collecting boxes, will be handed over to the Duke and Duchess for the Victoria Relief Fund. No loss or accident of any kind occurred.

The Doncaster race week has been a more than usually brilliant one, and on Wednesday, when the St. Leger was run, there was a vast concourse of people to witness the great event. There were only seven starters, and the favourite, Mr. McCalmont's Isinglass, had no difficulty in securing first place, Mr. C. D. Rose's Ravensbury being placed second, and Baron de Rothschild's Le Nicham and Mr. Buchanan's Self-Sacrifice third and fourth respectively. Thus Isinglass, following in the wake of West Australian, Gladiator, Lord Lyon, Ormonde, and Common, has won the triple event—the Guineas, the Derby, and the St. Leger.

We inadvertently stated last week that the summer outing of the Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, was held at the White Swan Hotel, 36, Alice-street, Rumlford-road, whereas it should have been 36, Great Alie-street, Romford-road, Whitechapel. We may add that Bro. Joyce's coach took a party consisting of Bros. S. Forge, P.M.; Kurvick, P.M.; W. Toye, W.M. elect; and others from the aforesaid White Swan to Hampton Court, where, after luncheon at the Mitre Hotel, they were invited by Bro. Gooding, W.M., to join the summer outing of the Crescent Lodge in a trip up the river. It is needless to say they enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

EVERY HOUSE may shortly be supplied with electric light by a simple piece of mechanism placed over the kitchen chimney, if a new plan of Edison's for generating electricity directly from heat is successful. Thus the poorest person could have the benefit of a useful invention which is now regarded as a luxury for the comfort of the rich. Mr. Thomas Holloway, however, has given a greater blessing to humanity than has yet been afforded by the most wonderful discoveries of science. His Pills and Ointment have succeeded in cases where the greatest authorities on medical treatment have failed. Whatever the condition of the patient may be, these medicines will effect a cure if such a thing is humanly possible.

We are glad to hear that according to the latest bulletin from his medical adviser, Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., is making slow progress, and is regaining some of his strength.

The number of Fellows of the Imperial Institute is now 8355. 125 candidates having been elected at the meeting of the Executive Council of the Institute, which was held on Wednesday.

The Lord Mayor of London was entertained by the Corporation of Burnlisland on Tuesday on the occasion of his visit, and in the evening a public banquet was given in his honour.

The Earl and Countess of Wemyss have just celebrated their golden wedding, but in consequence of the illness of their son, the Hon. Alan Charteris, there were no public rejoicings in connection with the auspicious event.

It is rumoured that the Duke and Duchess of York will visit the city of York on the 5th October, when the freedom of the city will be presented to his Royal Highness, as well as an address of congratulation on his marriage. The Duke will subsequently open a Free Library.

Bro. C. T. O. King, Grand Master of Liberia, who occupied the chair of Past Grand Master at the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, is the guest, during his visit to England, of Bro. C. W. Meiter, P.M. 1671, of Gracechurch-street, E.C.

Sir Henry Norman has been appointed Viceroy of India in succession to the Marquis of Lansdowne, whose term of office is on the eve of expiring. Sir Henry has done good service both in India and as a member of the Secretary of States Council for India.

The Executive Committee of the Albert Palace Organisation Committee held a meeting in the Queen's-road, Battersea, on Wednesday, when further contributions were received from Lord Battersea, Mr. Thonon, M.P., Colonel Rotton, and others. A general meeting of the Committee will be held next week.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris has completed his arrangements for his autumn tour of Royal Italian Opera, and will open in Edinburgh on Monday next, at Glasgow on the 18th inst., at Liverpool on the 25th inst., at Newcastle on the 2nd October, at Manchester on 9th October, and subsequently at Cork, Dublin, and Birmingham. Signor A. Seppilli will be his conductor-in-chief.

The first of the series of International Yacht Races was sailed on Wednesday in the English Channel, the prize being the Victoria Challenge Cup, which must be secured three times out of the five courses that are to be sailed. The competing yachts were the Prince of Wales's Britannia and the American cutter, Navahoe, the property of Mr. R. Phelps Carrol. The course was about 50 miles, and the Britannia won by 16 min. 19 secs.

On Monday next, when the Queen has arranged to lay the foundation-stone of the new parish church of Crathie, her Majesty will be presented with a handsome trowel in commemoration of the event. On the blade, which is of silver, is the inscription—"Presented to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the parish church of Crathie, Sept. 11, 1893." The handle is of ivory, and is terminated by a carved crown, the Royal monogram "V.R.I." being engraved on the junction of the blade and handle.

The applications for membership in the Royal Societies Club now exceed 800, including 65 from members of the Royal Society (London and Edinburgh), and several from the Athenæum. The keenest appreciation is shown of the objects of the Club, that of bringing together members of the Royal and learned Societies under the usual conditions of Club life, affording opportunities of social re-union. The fine premises in St. James's-street, which have been acquired for the club-house, are being handsomely equipped, and will shortly be ready to receive members.

On Thursday the members of the 24th Middlesex (Post Office) Rifles competed at the Ilford ranges for the Colonel's and Company cups. Shooting commenced at nine a.m., and did not finish till six p.m. Sergeant-Instructor Jackman superintended the firing. The conditions were the same as for the Queen's Prize, first stage, part 1. The following were returned as winners: Colonel's Cup, Corporal Dibley, 92; Company's Cups—A, Colour-Sergeant Fox, 63; B, Private Petrie, 82; C, Sergeant Payne, 74; D, Corporal Daw, 71; E, Sergeant Hunt, 72; F, Corporal Dibley, 92; G, Colour-Sergeant Dwane, 72; H, Sergeant Horox, 69; I, Corporal Debelder, 66; L, Sergeant Lee, 69; and M, Sergeant King, 72 points.

The first public function in London in which the Duke and Duchess of York will take part since their wedding will be to lay the foundation-stone of a new block of buildings now being erected in Poplar for seamen and sailor lads. The date will probably be the second week in October. The institution when opened will be an extension of the work carried on by the Missions to Seamen, of which the Duke of Edinburgh is patron and the Earl of Aberdeen the president. The scheme embraces the erection and equipment of a church and institute, wherein lectures, literature, and recreation will be provided, as well as a gymnasium, the institute to accommodate some 600 seamen. About £2000 is still required towards the cost of the site and the equipment of the institute, and on the occasion of the inaugural ceremony the Duchess of York has kindly consented to receive purses in aid of this object.

Bro. Captain Darley presided, on Tuesday last, at the inaugural thrift meeting (season 1893-94) of the National Thrift Society, held at Greenwich. The address on this occasion was given by Bro. Bowden Green. There was a good attendance, and at the close of the meeting there was a distribution of thrift literature published by the Society. It is proposed to continue the present series of meetings in various districts in and around London till next May. For a period of 10 years Bro. Darley has been engaged, by special permission of the Lords of the Admiralty, upon the gigantic task of reproducing the magnificent paintings, by Sir James Thornhill, on the ceilings and walls of the Painted Hall of Greenwich Hospital. The work is now approaching completion, and it is hoped that this splendid series of Masonic pictures will be purchased by someone who will present them to one or other of our national collections. Captain Darley has received the highest praise from connoisseurs and others who have seen his work. Permission to inspect the paintings can be obtained from Bro. T. Bowden Green, of 1, Finsbury-circus, E.C.

Cream (of the World's Fact, Fun, and Fancy) is the title of a new weekly penny paper, which, under the Editorship of Mr. Francis George Heath, will shortly appear.

The Countess Dowager of Portsmouth is staying with her daughter, Lady Camilla Gurdon, who is recovering from a sharp attack of typhoid fever.

The Prov. Grand Mark Master of Somersetshire, has fixed Wednesday, the 20th instant, for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, which will be held under the banner of the Elze Lodge, No. 102, at Weston-super-Mare.

One of the contests in the regatta which the Chelsea Sub-division of the Metropolitan Police held on the Thames between Putney and Hammersmith Bridges was certainly appropriate. It was a life-saving competition by men in uniform, and proved as interesting as it was instructive.

The Lord Mayor will receive the Elcho Shield at the hands of the winning English Eight, of which Brigadier-General Sir H. Wilmot, V.C., is the captain, at the Guildhall on Saturday, October 7th, and will afterwards entertain the Eight at dinner at the Mansion House in honour of the occasion.

Mr. Ferdinand Dunkley, F.C.O., only son of Bro. W. S. Dunkley, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx., accompanied by his young wife left Southampton on the 2nd inst., in the Berlin s.s., for New York, to undertake the head professorship of music at St. Agnes College, Albany, New York State, to which he has just been appointed.

Owing to the absence of the Queen and the Duke and Duchess of York, the Braemar Gathering lost much of its interest this year, and the attendance was far below the average. The clans represented were the Duff, the Farquharson, and the Balmoral Highlanders. The company present included a large number of English tourists.

At a meeting of the Court of the Coach Makers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company, held on the 1st inst. at the hall of the company, Noble-street, City, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, the Town Clerk of London, was re-elected Master of the company for the ensuing year. This is the first time a Master has been re-elected in this company since the granting of the Charter by Charles II. Bro. P. de Lande Long was unanimously re-elected Clerk.

In the second of the International Yacht Races the Navahoe showed herself a superior boat to the Britannia in running before the wind, but by no means equal to her in heading against it in rougher water. Apart altogether from a series of mishaps that befell her competitor, the Prince of Wales's yacht would clearly have won the race. Yachting experts now consider it practically certain that she will to-day (Friday) win the third match and the Cup.

The Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Musical Festival will be held in Norwich on October 3rd and three following days. The programme for the first evening performance opening with Mendelssohn's opera, "St. Paul." On Wednesday morning Bro. Sir A. Sullivan's "Golden Legend" will be given; on Thursday morning, "Judah"; and on Friday, "The Messiah" in the morning and a romantic legend entitled "The Water Lily" in the evening. The surplus profits will be appropriated to the principal Norfolk Charities.

A meeting was held at Wesley's Chapel, City-road, on Thursday, to bid farewell to a number of ladies who were about to proceed to various parts of India and China under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. Misses Tyler and Wells are leaving for Ceylon, Miss Walker for India, and Misses Ecott, Parker, Duncan, and Minchin for China. This is the second group of ladies sent out by the Wesleyan denomination within a few months, and this "forward" movement for the conversion of the heathen is not yet exhausted.

Brock's Benefit, for many years recognised as the greatest annual firework display in the kingdom, took place at the Crystal Palace on Thursday last. The immense spectacular war picture in fireworks, "The Bombardment of Canton," which has been the most successful piece of the kind ever fired, was given with additional realistic effects; while the programme contained several novelties which have been the outcome of the year's study and experience, amongst which may be mentioned the Jugglers, a new development in living fireworks; the electric Niagara; the dancing globes; and the boulevard of fire. The aerial display of shells and rockets was on the usual colossal scale.

Bro. Lewis Morgan, the gallant young solicitor of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, who appeared at Westminster Police Court to apologise to Mrs. Harriett Rose Froom, an actress, who suffered some indignity at the hands of the railway policeman, is a son of Bro. John Morgan, the able secretary of the company. Both are good Masons, Bro. John Mason being this year W.M. of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, which boasts among its members a very large number of members of the purple. Bro. Lewis Morgan in his hours of leisure is a patron of the drama, a member of a good amateur dramatic club, and is suspected of having written more than one play of considerable merit.

The marriage of the eldest daughter (Miss Annie Sophia) of Bro. Thomas Bellamy, of Jermyn-street, and "Wychcombe," Haverstock-hill, N.W., took place on Tuesday, at St. Saviour's, South Hampstead, N.W., to Mr. Bridgman Arthur Jarrett Liveridge. The church was crowded with friends of both families. After the ceremony, the guests, about 200, were entertained by the father of the bride to a *recherche dejeuner*, supplied by Bro. Benoist, and the wines by Bro. Delacoste, of the Café Royal. The presents are too numerous to enumerate. This was one of the prettiest weddings in the North West of London. Everyone heartily enjoyed the garden party that followed the wedding breakfast. Among the company was Bro. W. Bellamy, W.M. 1627 (uncle of the bride); Bros. D. Bellamy, 1627; Delacoste, P.M. 1617; Donald, Stevens, and J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563. The whole arrangements passed off with great *clat*; the newly-wedded pair leaving about 5 o'clock for the honeymoon, amid showers of rice and "Hearty good wishes."

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