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CONSECRATION OF THE LANCASTRIAN LODGE, No. 2528.

The consecration of the Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528, took place at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on Wednesday the 10th inst., under exceptionally favourable auspices and in the presence of a large and representative gathering. The Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Lettsworth, Grand Secretary, was assisted by Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, J.G.W., as S.W.; J. W. Maclure, M.P., P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Major-Gen. F. Gadsden, G.S.B., as I.G.

The following are the founders: Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; James J. Marsh, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.; E. E. Life; T. H. Openshaw, M.S., F.R.C.S.; R. J. Railton, Edward Bartlett, William H. Booth, Robert Maguire, M.D., F.R.C.P., and Thomas Evans.

There were also present:

Bros. Alderman Joseph C. Dimsdale, G. Treas.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbys., Sec. R.M.I.B.; T.C. Walls, G. Std. Br.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. E. Lancs.; W. Stevenson Hoyte, G. Org.; Eugene Monteuis, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.W. E. Lancs.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; Robert Wylie, P.G.D.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; V. A. Waterburg, P.M. 1476; F. Peck, 2272; D. F. Tryrill, 1305; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, P.P.G. Reg.; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; W. J. H. Whittall, 8; J. N. Hearn, W.M. 1381; George May, 2000; Charles Chilly, 2005; Arthur Strugnell, 2264; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325, P.P.S.G.D. W. Lancs.; T. S. Raffles, P.M. 2339, P.P.G.C.; W. S. Skelding; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Alex. Stoddart, P.M. 32, P.P.G.W.; Thos. Ball, W.M. 1403, P.P.G.P.; John Bolton, P.M. 580, P.G.P. W. Lancs.; R. Walker, P.M. 580, P.P.G.D., W. Lancs.; Major Heap, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. P. Mathers, 1937; A. LeGrand, P.M. 766; F. A. Guimaraens, P.M. 416, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; P. G. C. Shaw, S.W. 106; W. J. Stride, P.M. 176 and 2095; R. Schreiber, W.M. 2150; A. W. Oxford, P.M. 4, P.G.S.; J. Farrington Downer, P.P.G.C. Herts; Edward Mojon, 1017; H. E. Peck, 1381; J. H. C. Dalton, 2181; E. Colwell, 1381; W. D. Nott, 1876; A. D. Walker (S.C.); A. Findlater, S.D. 134; A. E. Sansone, P.M. 2033, P.G.W. Mddx.; J. A. Hosker, 2158; Joseph Bladon, 1839; G. Millson, P.M. 2262, P.G.D.C. Bucks.; James Kift, 1791; Cuthbert R. Lee, W.M. 2128; John Locke, D.D.G.M. Barbadoes; F. L. Gower, 2095; J. Laurence; Thomas Brown, 1507, P.J.G.D. Mddx.; H. M. D. Phillpotts, I.G. 1584; Alfred Eade, 1580, P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M. and Treas. 1928; W. Hackin, 1381; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, P.G.D. Bucks, &c.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the Pro Grand Master was announced, and having been escorted into the room by a number of Grand Officers, he was duly saluted.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, then said: The object of our meeting here to-day is one which cannot fail to enlist the sympathy and evoke the good wishes of all good Masons. We are here for the purpose of performing a most interesting and at the same time a very solemn ceremony—to constitute a new lodge and dedicate it to the service of Almighty God. The lodge we are about to consecrate will hereafter be known as the Lancastrian Lodge. The object of its founders is to enable Lancashire brethren residing in London to keep alive their connection with their old province. I must heartily congratulate the founders on having as their first Master so distinguished a Mason as the Pro Grand Master, who also so ably rules over the Province of West Lancashire. I feel confident that this lodge, started under such favourable auspices, has before it a future of great prosperity, and I hope great usefulness.

An oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bucks, and the lodge was then consecrated with the usual solemn ceremonial.

The Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, having been installed as the first W.M., the following officers were invested: Bros. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., acting I.P.M.; J. J. Marsh, S.W.; E. E. Life, J.W.; T. H. Openshaw, Treas.; J. Livesey, Sec.; R. J. Railton, S.D.; E. Bartlett, J.D.; W. H. Booth, I.G.; R. Maguire, Org.; P. Horrocks, P.M., D.C.; T. Evans, J. Lawrence, and J. Haynes, P.M., Stewards; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler.

The PRO G. MASTER then said that at the last Prov. G. Lodge meeting of West Lancashire Bro. F. J. Hubbard was unable to attend to receive his collar, and he thought that would be a fit and appropriate occasion to place the collar of Prov. G.S.W. around the neck of that brother.

Several propositions for initiation and joining were received, and "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was formally closed.

After the banquet the PRO G. MASTER said he would give the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," according to his usual custom without any preface.

The PRO G. MASTER then proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," observing that His Royal Highness's health was drunk, he

might say, in hundreds of places every day, the greater part of which were Masonic gatherings. He was convinced that nowhere was the health of His Royal Highness more heartily drunk than by the brethren of England, for they knew what a true Mason he was. It was impossible for him to take the active part he would wish to do, but His Royal Highness did take a great interest in Masonry, and knew all that was going on, and if there was any difficult point or any question for serious consideration he was always ready to consider it and give his best attention.

Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF, Deputy Prov. G.M. Bucks, then said that wherever in the broad English Empire Masons met the name of the Pro Grand Master was honoured. Wherever Lancashire met—whether Masons or not—his name was honoured. So much for the past, now let him predict for the future and say that whenever this lodge met the brethren would always look with pride and pleasure to the first W.M. He gave them "The Pro G.M., the Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, and the W.M. of the Lancastrian Lodge."

The PRO GRAND MASTER in reply, said: I thank you most sincerely for the way in which you have honoured this triple toast. It was not often that a man appeared in three parts in one play, but it is my honour on this occasion to occupy that post. I thank you for drinking my health as Pro Grand Master, I thank you for drinking my health as Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and especially as W.M. of this lodge. When the idea of a Lancastrian Lodge was first mooted the brethren who called upon me found me ready to accept it at once. Although it was not entirely an original idea, for there are other county ideas existing. Many of our brethren in a large commercial centre must migrate to London and they then lose connection with their old lodges and it is a most excellent thing that a lodge should be established, at which not only Lancashire brethren would be welcome if they joined it, but that they would be welcome as guests whenever they appear. It is a way to increase good fraternal feeling, and ought to be copied by all provinces. I think short speeches should rule as far as I am concerned, but I will say, I hope this lodge will do all the good I think it will, and increase the brotherly love between the two great Provinces of East and West Lancashire and London, and will be the means of increasing the prosperity of Masonry in general. I could dilate for a long time on the way in which Masonry has been increasing of late years, but I will not do more than say this, that I can look at my own province, during my own reign, and tell you that when I was installed Provincial Grand Master, there were 72 lodges—I speak under correction—and at this moment there are 110—I am not an advocate of a great increase of lodges, for I think it is a great mistake, but I do say, where I see the necessity for a new lodge in a town, have it by all means, if you can get enough to support it. Where you find lodges with members numbering over 200, as in many parts, then the time has arrived for them to swarm off. Those are the real reasons for making new lodges; but to create new lodges for the purpose of giving brethren new offices, I think, is a mistake. I could not resist introducing this slight homily, but I am quite ready, and always shall be, to welcome new lodges if I can see there is any practical good, and if it will be for the good of the Order. I thank you most sincerely for the cordial and kind way in which you have received me here this evening.

"The Grand Officers" was submitted by Bro. J. J. MARSH, S.W., who thanked the Grand Officers for their presence, and said their merits were so well known that it was absolutely unnecessary that he should do more than simply propose the toast.

Bro. Lord SKELMERSDALE, J.G.W., in response, expressed his pleasure at being present and in assisting, in however small a part, to the dedication of this lodge which would mark an epoch in the history of Lancashire brethren in London. The Dep. Grand Master ruled over a flourishing province, and he wished he had been present to see this most representative gathering of Lancashire men, a gathering that no other province or provinces could equal. The Grand Officers wished the lodge every success, and hoped the Pro Grand Master would not be the last by a great number of the Grand Officers that lodge would furnish.

The PRO GRAND MASTER then said it was his privilege to give a toast that he was sure would be received with acclamation—it was that of the Consecrating Officer and those who had assisted him. It had been his good fortune to be present on many occasions at the consecration of lodges and installations of Worshipful Masters, but would they allow him to say he had never seen a ceremony more impressively or better performed than it was that day, and he wished to thank Bro. Lettsworth for the admirable manner in which he performed his part of the work, and also those who assisted, and would those brethren allow him on behalf of the founders to offer them the honorary membership of the lodge. It made an enormous difference whether

the ceremony was well performed or not. He had seen them well performed, and never better than that day, and if anything could keep the Order in the high position in which it then stood, it was that the ceremonies should be as well performed as they had been that day. He asked them to drink "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," and thank them with all their fraternal hearts for the way in which they had come forward to do the work.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., rose at once to acknowledge the high compliment the W.M. had been pleased to pay him personally in associating his name with the toast, and for the very kind manner in which he had been pleased to introduce it to their notice. On behalf of those brethren who had done him the honour of assisting him in the consecration of that lodge, he thanked them for the kind reception given the toast. It had been his fortune during the short time he had had the honour of filling his present office—the last three years—to undertake the consecration of many lodges, but he could say with all sincerity that he never performed the ceremony of consecration with greater pleasure than he had on that occasion. On behalf of the Grand Officers and his own self, he acknowledged the great compliment paid them by electing them honorary members, and they hoped their connection with that lodge would be a long and a lasting one.

Bro. W. E. M. TOMLINSON, M.P., said, in proposing the next toast, he must address himself more especially to the founders, and ask them to cordially drink the health of those brethren who had honoured them with their presence—"The Visitors." He would first say a word or two about the lodge. He felt—and they all felt—that as they had put their names to the petition they had placed themselves in a position of great responsibility. They hoped the lodge would promote the great Masonic principles and also promote the object of uniting all brethren who belonged by association or birth to the County Palatine, and whose residence is in the Metropolis. Lancashire men naturally prided themselves on two necessary qualifications for success—capacity and determination. There were many distinguished visitors present who had shown their desire to assist in the enterprise. The name of the first was a household word in all Masonic bodies—Bro. Dimsdale, G. Treas. There had been a desire that the office of Grand Treasurer should not be monopolised by London brethren, but that the country should have their opportunities of finding good men. There was a feeling in the first instance that it was the turn of the country lodge to select a brother at the last election, but when the name of Sir J. Dimsdale was put forward they all felt they would be justified in using their utmost efforts to further his election. He had also to couple the name of another distinguished Mason, Bro. Dr. A. E. Sansom, P.P.S.G.W. Middx., a Past Master of the London University Lodge.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. C. DIMSDALE, Grand Treasurer, returned thanks for the kindly welcome accorded them, and said they had been much impressed with the ceremony. Masonry was founded upon the unswerving rock of religion, and from religion naturally flowed Charity. On behalf of the visitors, he expressed their heartfelt prayer that that lodge would be richly blessed with every success possible. Diogenes gained his notoriety to a large extent when he lived in a cask, but doubtless his acerbity arose from the fact that the cask was empty. That night they had been treated with great hospitality, and

"Galleus may boast her vineyard, but we can tell her
That the best of vineyards is a Mason's cellar."

Bro. Dr. A. E. SANSOM, P.P.S.G.W. Middx., also responded, and said it was not altogether unfitting that a professor of the healing art should return thanks for the visitors. When it was their function to return thanks for the health of the visitors, it was, he hoped, done with an earnest and true heart. The ceremony was a good, wholesome stimulus that would work for days to come, and he thanked them for the subsequent "feast of reason and flow of soul." A function like this would help to

"Cleanse the stuff'd bosom of that perilous stuff,
Which weighs upon the heart."

Such a function made them better men and better citizens, for they were members of that great and glorious brotherhood that taught them "the desire of fame and all that makes a man."

Bro. J. W. MACLURE, M.P., claimed that the toast he had to propose would touch the hearts of the brethren as much as any preceding one. He remembered the W.M.'s uncle saying he was prouder of being a Lancashire man than of being an Englishman, and it was, therefore, a great pride to him (Bro. Maclure) to attend this consecration. Lancashire men, and particularly Masons, had always been identified with one of the most important virtues of the Craft—Charity. He hoped that lodge would not be behind in that respect and those around him for whom he had the most brotherly regard he was certain would not be backward in coming forward. Many Charities they could not speak of with esteem or regard on account of extravagance, but the Masonic Charities were managed in a way creditable to those who took an active part in the work. Bro. Richardson he knew took an active part in the Girls' School and he had heard wonderful reports of the success of the Boys. The Benevolent Institution was represented by Bro. Terry, who was the soul and heart of the Institution.

Bro. JAS. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in response, said the W.M. who presided for the first time over the destinies of that lodge—took the chair at the Festival of the Boys' School, when the Institution was in trouble, and pulled it through its difficulty. They also knew full well he was to have presided over the Girls' Festival, but unfortunately domestic circumstances prevented him presiding, but Lord Skelsmerdale attended and worthily filled his father's place. The boys had been served, the girls had been attended to, and the old people were waiting for the presidency of the W.M., and he (Bro. Terry) could only hope and trust that when they had in that lodge the combination of East and West Lancashire, and the Stewardship of the W.M., no lodge would be able to stand against them. Whenever he might have the honour of the W.M. presiding at the Festival of the Old People, he hoped their efforts would surpass all their previous work. He thanked them for the opportunity of being present.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Secretary R.M.I. Boys, who was also called upon to reply, apologised on the ground of ill-health, and asked to be excused from speechmaking.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

Under Bro. James Kit's able direction, the musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. Geo. May, Chas. Chilley, and Arthur Strugnell.

CONSECRATION OF THE NOEL MONEY LODGE, No. 2521.

Another lodge—the 40th—was added to the roll of the Province of Surrey on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, when the Noel Money Lodge, No. 2521, so named after the Prov. Grand Master of the province—who very kindly undertook to occupy the chair for the first year—was consecrated at the Outlands Park Hotel, Weybridge.

The want of a lodge in this district has been long felt, and accordingly the following brethren presented a petition to Grand Lodge praying for a warrant of constitution, which was granted in due course, their names being enrolled as founders, viz.: Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C. B., P.M. 1279, 1439, 936, 1616, Prov. G.M. Surrey; H. J. Bidwell, P.M. and Sec. 2120, P.P.G.D.C.; E. T. Madeley, P.M. 2120; James Mackintosh, P.M. 59 and 2190; William Stephens, P.M. 1025, P. Dist. G.D. and Supt. of Wks. Argentine Republic; William Dix, P.M. 2120; Arthur Grace, C. Lewis, Fredk. W. Cross, Frank Harper, Richard J. Hunt, Thomas Dix, E. A. Brown, Frederick Thomas, J. K. Hill, J. Colman, A. H. Gale, T. Disney Fisher, and Henry Budd.

Among those present to do honour to the occasion were—

Bros. Fredk. West, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Fredk. Flood, P.S.G.W.; Frank W. Leaver, P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. Bentham, P.G. Chap.; Chas. Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; H. J. Bidwell, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Aitken, P.P.G.S. of W.; Chas. T. Tyler, P.P.S.G.D.; Chas. Welch, W.M. 2120; C. F. Passmore, W.M. 2317; A. W. Crewdson, P.M. 2120; J. Webb, S.W. 2317; T. R. Woolfe, I.G. 1589; J. R. Cornish, S.D. 784; J. Cox, J.W. 865; C. Head, 2120; J. Hunt, 2120; A. Read, 2120; J. Gammon, 2331; P. Mossop, 706; Rev. B. De Chair, 1616; C. Robinson, 1541; E. Squire, 2120; E. Stileman, 777; and S. Noakes, 1331.

A procession having been formed, the brethren entered the lodge, and the Prov. Grand Master, having taken the chair, appointed Bros. Fredk. Flood, as S.W.; F. W. Leaver, as J.W.; C. Greenwood, as Sec.; H. J. Bidwell, as D.C.; C. T. Tyler, as I.G.; and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg acted as Chaplain.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and, after the hymn "Hail, Eternal," the PROV. GRAND MASTER explained the nature of the duties the brethren were assembled to perform.

The Chaplain then offered prayer. The warrant of the lodge having been read by the Acting Secretary, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, an eloquent and practical oration on the principles of the Institution was impressively delivered by Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF. The lodge was then dedicated and constituted.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then took the chair, and Bro. Colonel Noel Money having been duly presented by Bro. Bidwell, P.M., was duly installed as the first W.M., and subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Bidwell, acting I.P.M.; Frank Harper, S.W.; R. J. Hunt, J.W.; T. Dix, Treas.; E. A. Brown, Sec.; F. Thomas, S.D.; J. K. Hill, J.D.; J. Colman, D.C.; A. H. Gale, I.G.; T. D. Fisher, Org.; H. Rudd, Steward; and G. J. Mason, Tyler.

The addresses were delivered by the D.P.G.M., and the ceremonial, which throughout was performed in a perfect manner, was brought to a close.

A most *recherché* banquet followed the ceremony, at which the Prov. G. Master presided, supported by Bros. West, Greenwood, Flood, Leaver, Brownrigg, Tyler, and Bidwell.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening a number of songs, duets, &c., were well rendered, in which the following brethren took part: Bros. Squire, Harper, Hill, Thomas, Grace, Webb, and Welch, Bros. H. J. Bidwell, and E. A. Brown giving recitations.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. Disney Fisher, and too much praise cannot be given for the manner in which they were carried out, both in lodge and at the table. The banquet was all that could be desired, and Bro. Grace deserves a word of praise for his excellent catering, as does also the energetic Sec., Bro. E. A. Brown, for the able manner in which the general arrangements were carried out.

No lodge ever started under brighter auspices, and a brilliant future is before it if only the brethren carry into effect the appropriate motto by which the arms of the lodge is surrounded—

Factis non Verbis.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORD HENRY CAVENDISH BENTINCK AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Favoured with brilliant weather on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the success attending the important function of the installation of Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck as Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, as well as the other events of the day, was everything that could be desired. The occasion was naturally one of very great interest to the Craft and the province. The ceremony was performed by the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and on this, the occasion of his lordship's second visit to the province, a very representative body from all parts assembled to do honour to the occasion. The central point in the proceedings of the day was St. George's Hall, where generous preparations were made for the entertainment of the brethren. The installation took place in the large hall which had been prepared for the occasion.

This being concluded, Bro. Lord Henry Bentinck appointed his officers as follows:

Bro. Rev. James Anderson, P.M. 119, 1002	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Joseph Clifton Thompson, P.M. 962, 2285	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. W. Hartley, 1660	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Joseph Whiteside, 1074	...	
" R. J. Nelson	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Charles A. Robinson, P.M. 1074	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" George Dalrymple	...	Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. Robert Brown, P.M. 371	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Dr. R. W. Leeming, W.M. 129	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" James Fletcher, W.M. 962	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. A. Clarke, P.M. 310	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. W. Johnston, P.M. 872	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. W. Buck, P.M. 1532	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. H. Mounsey-Heysham, W.M. 1532	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Leonard Rumney, P.M. 1989	...	...
" D. H. Cook, Org. 119	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Pearson, P.M. 339	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" H. F. Fox, P.M. 1390	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Robinson, P.M. 1660	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. I. Atkinson, W.M. 1073	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. J. Nanson, P.M. 1532	...	...
" Joseph Armstrong, W.M. 1660	...	...
" George Watson, W.M. 1989	...	...
" J. A. Parker, W.M. 1267	...	...
" J. Burford, W.M. 2285	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" John Atkinson, Tyler 129	...	...

In the afternoon, the installation having been concluded, a procession was formed, headed by the Kendal Volunteer Band, and a move was made in the direction of the Parish Church. Members of the various lodges marched in given order, carrying a number of handsome banners, Lord Lathom and Lord Henry Bentinck bringing up the last contingent. The procession was met at the entrance by the churchwardens, and conducted to seats, a large number of other worshippers also taking their places. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Gem, who took for his text Jeremiah vii., 4—"Trust ye not in lying words, saying the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, are these."

At the conclusion of the discourse, the hymn "Onward, Christian soldiers," was sung to Sullivan's well-known tune, while the offertory was taken, after which the congregation left the church, Mr. Armstrong giving a most effective rendering of Handel's coronation anthem, "The King shall rejoice." The procession, preceded by the band, marched to St. George's Hall, the streets being again lined with onlookers.

The evening banquet was held in the large hall. The Volunteer Band occupied a portion of the balcony, and performed selections of music, and, after the repast, stationed themselves outside the hall. The newly-installed Prov. Grand Master presided, supported by other exalted officers of the Order.

Commencing the post-prandial proceedings,

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER first gave "The Health of her Majesty the Queen," and afterwards that of "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," in fitting terms, and the toasts were heartily drunk. He next proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said it was not necessary for him to say many words to them in praise of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, because they all knew him to be a true Mason, and one who was a worthy head of that great body, seeing that he had the best interests of the Order firmly at heart. Neither was it for him to say much in praise of the Pro Grand Master. They all knew that he was an ornament to that body, and he did not believe there was a more active Mason in the whole of England. He had been kind enough to say earlier in the day that he regarded it simply as his duty to come among them, and he (the speaker) was sure he could speak in the name of all the brethren there present when he said they did not regard it as his duty, but rather they regarded it as a very great compliment to them and a very great kindness, and therefore he hoped they would drink to the health of the Earl of Lathom with the greatest cordiality and enthusiasm.

The PRO GRAND MASTER, who met with a very hearty reception, said he thanked them all very sincerely for the way in which they had received the very comprehensive toast that had been proposed to them. He thanked them on behalf of the M.W. Grand Master, and he could only endorse what their Provincial Grand Master had said when he spoke of his Royal Highness as one who had the best interests of Masonry firmly at heart. They all knew that his Royal Highness had a great many claims on his time, and that he gave a large portion of his time to good and charitable works and other duties that fell to the lot of a Prince of his standing. He could assure them that he had said again and again to him (Lord Lathom) that he wished he had more time that he could devote to Masonry, for he really loved it. For his colleague, the Deputy Grand Master, he also thanked them. He had not been in office long, but he had done good work, and his (the speaker's) only hope was that he would continue to hold office, though he found that he had other ties, and he was rather inclined to relinquish it, though it should not be his (the speaker's) fault if he did not keep it. For the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, he could say that those who had been in office in the past had done their duty, and he believed that those of the present day would follow in their steps. He now came to his unworthy self, and thanked them sincerely for the way in which they had received his name. It was true he had said in the Provincial Grand Lodge that he looked upon it as part of his duty to be present, but he did not mean to intimate that it was not at the same time a pleasure. He could assure them that it was a very great pleasure. It was his second visit to that province, though he was afraid that many of them would not remember his first visit, which was to Kirkby Lonsdale, when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland met. He trusted that they might all be spared to meet with each other on future occasions, and in conclusion he wished them all prosperity. He then added that it was his lot to again address them, and to propose to them the toast of the afternoon, "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Right Honourable Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck." He would not detain them by—if he might be allowed to use the expression—"buttering" his friend. He would not do that, but he would simply wish him, as he knew they all wished him, a long and peaceful reign over that province. Might he have a bright and happy future before him, and always find himself in fraternal touch with those around him, and might they always obey his rule and help him to make the province what it ought to be.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER responded, and thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the kind reception they had accorded him. He had said earlier in the day that he was indeed very grateful to them for the honour they had done him in selecting him to be Grand Master of that great province. He could assure them that he entered upon his duties with a full sense of the responsibilities which it entailed. He believed the duties were not very heavy, and that a man who resolved to throw his energies into the work, and was anxious to promote the welfare of the province, could do

a great deal if he so wished. He assured them that though his powers were not very great, and he was young in Masonry, and still in much ignorance concerning it, he should use his best endeavours to promote its interests. About himself he would not say any more, but it was his privilege to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel F. R. Sewell." Though Colonel Sewell was an old Mason, he had, like himself (the speaker) his spurs to win, and he was sure from what he had heard of him, and from the great popularity he enjoyed in that province, that he would do all he could to promote fraternal good feeling and that they would get on very well and the province would increase and prosper under his guidance. He asked them to drink his health.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in responding, said the reception they had given to the toast of his health was very flattering, and he thanked their chief for the kindly way in which he had proposed the toast. He did not know of any Provincial Grand Master who had entered upon the duties of his office under happier auspices than did Lord Henry Bentinck. Having himself (the speaker) served under her Majesty, he knew that a regiment could always realise when they had found a master—they could recognise him in five minutes or so when he came among them on parade. He thought on this occasion they would all feel that they had a worthy chief. He himself had that feeling at the assembly, and he was sure that many among the youngest Masons must realise that they had a man who had a backbone, and could make up his mind upon any given matter, and would say what he meant fearlessly, and guide the province in the way it ought to be guided. And, as his Deputy, and as one who was accustomed to command, he (the speaker) would back him up in all that he undertook, and he would demand that they should all yield perfect obedience such as a province of Masons should yield to its chief. He asked it because he knew that they would accord it—the obedience that was due to the Provincial Grand Master; and when he said that he recognised that the man who held that post held a very responsible position. It was human to err, but for himself he would promise that he would endeavour to the best of his ability to do honour to the post and discharge the duties appertaining to it in a way that they had a right to expect. He would not take up their time, but he must say that he thought in the future they would look upon that occasion as a great and a good day for the province. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the manner in which they had received the toast, and he must ask them to drink to another toast, and that was the health of him who so worthily presided over the destinies of the lodge there in Kendal. They had seen how things had been arranged that day, and he was sure they might be very glad that they had Bro. Dr. Leeming to preside over them at the present time. He recognised in him the same faculty of command that they ought always to see in a chief, and he had no doubt that the lodge in Kendal recognised that they had in Bro. Dr. Leeming as good a Worshipful Master as it was possible for any lodge to have.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER thanked the company most heartily for the manner in which the toast had been received. He appreciated the kind remarks of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but must say that the success attending the efforts put forth in the arrangements for that day was due not so much to himself as to his brother officers and the members of the Union Lodge, No. 129. Had it not been for their united efforts he was sure they could not have made such arrangements. They all welcomed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, more especially as it was the occasion of the installation of the Provincial Grand Master, and he could assure them that whatever the Union Lodge could do to promote the interest of Masonry, it would do. They were very enthusiastic at the present time, and he thought their enthusiasm was infinitely increased by their having had the honour of entertaining the Prov. Grand Master on this occasion.

The Rev. C. H. GEM said he had been asked to propose the next toast, and fortunately it would require very few words from him in doing so. He had to propose "The Masonic Charities," which he believed were well administered. Some questions might arise at times, but on the whole, he was sure that very few Charities were better administered, and at less expense than the Masonic Charities. He hoped they would not only drink to the success of those Charities and wish them good luck, but that they would be willing at any time to put their hands into their pockets and become annual subscribers to the funds, because it was upon annual subscriptions that the success of the Charities depended. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Argles.

Bro. T. A. ARGLES said he felt it a great honour to respond to the toast, though he was afraid he had not done all that he might have done in that department. Last year a movement was started in that province in support of a Masonic Girls' School, and he thanked them for the way in which they supported him, though he feared he had not worked as hard as he ought to have done. However, the province was extremely kind and generous, and he was sure that all they gave on that occasion was given in a good and excellent cause. He thanked them for the way in which they had received the toast, and also for the way in which they had received his name in connection with it.

Bro. J. G. GANDY next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," who he hoped had enjoyed themselves, as it had been a great pleasure to members of the lodge in Kendal to receive them. It was a great day for Kendal when they received a representative of the Grand Master of England in their midst. He hoped the visitors would have found the arrangements for the day satisfactory, and if not he hoped they would forgive them and tell them so. It was a great pleasure to see so many distinguished brethren from different parts of the country, and he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. W. Chaplin.

Bro. the Rev. W. CHAPLIN said he was called upon unexpectedly, and he was afraid that his co-visitors had departed. He would say, however, on their behalf that they were very grateful for the hospitality that had been accorded them, and for the cordiality with which their health had been drunk. It was a very great pleasure to him to visit the lodge in Kendal on that occasion, and he thought the visitors had had a very great treat in seeing the dignity with which the Pro Grand Master had conducted the ceremonies of the day. As an old Mason, he might say that he had folded up his apron long ago, and thought he would not want it again, but young Masons, whose fathers he had associated with, had trotted him out. The father of the present Worshipful Master had been one of his oldest friends, and it was a very great pleasure to him to see the son treading in his father's footsteps. Long might Masonry flourish on the great principles of truth and justice, upon which it was founded.

The Tyler's toast was proposed by Bro. J. ATKINSON, after which the company separated.

WHY ROME BANS ENGLISH MASONRY.

AN INTERVIEW WITH CANON MOYSE.
(From the *Westminster Gazette*).

Though the controversy is old, and its issues have been fought out again and again, and never more fiercely than when the Marquis of Ripon resigned to the Prince of Wales his place at the head of English Masonry because he had been converted to the side of the Vatican, there is still a perpetual wonder in England at the excommunication which Rome levels at the head of every member of the Masonic body. When English Masons are not engaged in the rites of good-fellowship, they are, as they think, promoting works of Charity; why, then, should they be delivered over to Satan for their souls' health? Since Father Luke Rivington wrote to us in strong condemnation of the mistaken people who were given over to Masonry, we have received many letters urging us to get to the bottom of this mystery. Accordingly a representative of *The Westminster Gazette* betook himself to the Archbishop's house in the Vauxhall Bridge-road, there to see Canon Moyse, of the Archbishop's house, whose learning and authority are well known to English Catholics. During a long conversation (writes our representative) which ranged over many topics, from the repudiation by Gregory the Great of universal bishopric to the Council of Whitby, and from letters written by Offa, King of Mercia, to the arguments of Sir William Harcourt in the last great Ritual controversy, Canon Moyse seemed to be repressing the eagerness of his intellectual flow. I am afraid I bored him by some of my ignorant questions, but I found it difficult to get away from so cultivated and so ready a conversationalist, who "wore his weight of learning lightly like a flower."

Having mentioned Father Rivington's letter in *The Westminster* on "Rome and the Freemasons," I began: "Now what I come to ask is why the Church condemns what most of us regard in England as innocuous if not—"

"Beneficent," interrupted Canon Moyse, supplying the very word I was about to use. "Surely," he continued, "it is not difficult to answer the question. English Masons remain on terms of communion with Continental Masons. They form one body. There is at least mutual recognition. Now, though English Freemasons may not be active against the Church, yet if we may trust the leaders of Continental Freemasonry—if we may take their books and accept their journals as expressing their opinions—if we may judge by their actions—they are hostile—bitterly hostile to the Church; and those who are friends of theirs must be enemies of the Lord."

"But you have made your peace with the French Republic, which you may, perhaps, regard as Atheistic. The French Republic is the creation in a great degree of those revolutionary influences which you say are fostered by Continental Freemasonry. Why, having accepted the Republic, do you ban those who, *ex hypothesi*, helped to create it?"

"There is a distinction easily made, I should think, between method and result. Church has no hostility to—no prejudice even against—any particular form of government. It accepted the mediæval Italian Republics—Venice, and Padua, and Florence, and so forth; it has no sort of objection to the Republic of the United States. Why should it not make friends with the French Republic, as in a sense it made friends with Germany which worked the Kulturkampf after Bismark had gone to Canossa?"

"But you are still banning the Freemasons who made the French Republic!"

"We are ready to accept an established fact; but we are not bound to approve the methods. We may approve and desire Home Rule, yet condemn with all our hearts the Clan-na-Gael."

"That," said I, "brings me to the point. There must be a wider reason for the excommunicating of Freemasons than the hostility to the Church displayed by the Continental Lodges. The Clan-na-Gael and Masonry come under one condemnation, do they not? And neither is condemned because it is against the Church, or because it is political: both are condemned, good or bad, because both are secret."

"Quite so. Gregory XVI. put his ban on secret societies, and it is maintained."

"But why must there be no secrecy? Is it because a secret society might come, so to speak, into competition with the Church, or because secrecy would be a bar to full auricular confession?"

"For neither reason; but for the reason that the Church regards as immoral any oath made binding to any other obedience than to the law of the Church and the individual conscience."

"What about the Jesuits, then? Are they not bound to perfect, unquestioning obedience to the General of their Order?"

Canon Moyse thought for a moment, and reframed his answer several times, and I am not quite certain now that I have got to his meaning. He drew a distinction between an oath and a vow, though he did not insist upon it too rigidly, and almost admitted that it was too fine for ordinary every-day use; the Jesuit's vow, at all events, was not the Masonic oath.

"But the essence of both oath and vow," I objected, "is surely the calling upon God to witness? You will need a clever professor of casuistry to get out of that."

"Yes; but the Jews and all who take vows within the Church are bound to do nothing under their obligation which is contrary to the law of God, the law of the Church, and the commands of their own consciences. The Jesuit is subordinate to the Church. Oaths of secrecy, on the other hand, enable people to work wickedly in the dark, may prevent confession of sin, and can serve no really good object. Of course, there must always be secrecy of some kind. Every family has a right to privacy. Every mercantile house must trust its confidence to its members, and they dare not betray them. Every Government has its secrets. But the *oath* is what the Church condemns, because it may give a man's conscience to the keeping of another. To sum up the Church can permit no hostile society beside, nor tolerate any association between, its friends and its enemies. That is the first point. You can't serve two masters. In the second place, the oath of secrecy is immoral. In the third place, even in this country the ceremonial of Masonry is a religious rite. Now, there can be no communion in religious matters between a Catholic and a non-Catholic. Rites and ceremonies belong to the Church."

"In short, you and I cannot worship God together?"

"I should not put it so; I should rather say that we simply cannot have religious communion; and so far as Freemasonry establishes such communion in matters of religion, between the members of the Church and those who are without the pale, it is condemned. The Freemason is excommunicated."

The conversation at this point ran off on other questions of controversy, and ranged from Ritualism to the authority of the Canon Law; but in the course of it Canon Moyse pointed out one thing for which Freemasons should be grateful. An excommunication was at one time a complete boycott. No excommunicated person could be served by one of the true faith. He was left untended and alone. "In these days," said Dr. Moyse, quietly, "the Church has dropped that portion of her punishment." And Freemasons, perhaps, are ready to brave the other portion.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Worcestershire was held at Malvern, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., under the banner of the Royds Lodge, No. 1204. It is many years since a similar meeting was held in Malvern, and consequently a greater amount of local interest was manifested on the occasion. The brethren assembled to the number of two or three hundred, and, having arrived early in the day, were hospitably entertained at luncheon by the Master and officers of the Royds Lodge at the Imperial Hotel.

The meeting was held at the Malvern College, where the spacious rooms afforded every convenience. The Royds Lodge was opened by the W. Master (Bro. Dr. Thelwell Pike) assisted by his officers, ready for the reception of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere Bart., M.P., who with his officials and members of Prov. Grand Lodge entered the lodge to the strains of the organ presided over by Bro. W. Haynes, P.P.G.O.

The roll of lodges was called, and it was found that every lodge in the province was well represented, the brethren from the distant parts of the province—Dudley, Kidderminster, &c., attending in large numbers.

After the transaction of a considerable amount of Masonic business, the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows:

Bro. Thelwell Pike, 1204	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" James Stevens, 2034	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. G. F. Hough, 280	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. Gray Maitland, 252	...	...
" T. Vale, 560	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. R. Arter, 2034	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George Taylor, 1874	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. B. Rowe, 280	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. T. Page, 529	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. M. Jackson, 573	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. W. Roberts, 498	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. B. Buttery, 2385	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Jas. Warham, 252	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Samuel Southall, 280	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John A. Daggs, 1097	...	...
" Walter F. Newton, 1204	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Alfred Cotton, 377	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Robinson, 564	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Frank Everill, 1204	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. H. T. Foster, 1204	...	...
" J. W. Hinings, 1204	...	...
" J. Hargreaves, 1204	...	...
" F. A. Moerschell, 1204	...	...
" J. Wilson, 1204	...	...

The brethren were then called off from business to attend a special service at the Priory Church, whither they went in procession.

An eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. G. F. Hough, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. The anthem deserves special mention, as the composition contains some beautiful choruses. Mr. Brown, of the Priory Church Choir, rendered his bass solos with fine effect.

After an offertory for local charitable purposes, and the Benediction, the brethren returned in procession to the College, where other Masonic business was conducted, and the Prov. Grand Lodge closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Imperial Hotel to a banquet.

The following toasts were proposed: "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.;" "The V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past;" "The Visitors;" "The W.M. and Brethren of the Royds Lodge, No. 1204;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Provincial Grand Stewards;" and the Tyler's toast.

A special late train from Great Malvern conveyed the brethren to their distant homes after the banquet.

The following Prov. G. Officers were present:

Bros. Sir E. Lechmere, P.G. Master; A. F. Godson, M.P., Dep. P.G.M.; John Joseland, P.S.G.W.; Abraham Green, G. Purst. Eng.; W. Waldron, S. Smith, G. R. Godson, H. Wilson, and R. P. Hill, P.P.S.G. Wardens; the Rev. G. F. Hough, W.M. 280, P.G. Chap.; T. R. Arter, P.G. Treas.; W. Walker, P.M. 252, F. G. Russell, and R. Stevenson, P.M. 252, P.P.G. Registrars; G. Taylor, P.G. Sec.; F. H. Pinkett, I.P.M. 229, P.J.G. Deacon; Dr. Thelwell Pike, W.M. and P.M. 1204, and N. C. Smith Carington, I.P.M. 1204, P.M. 280, P.P. S.G. Deacons; the Rev. Charles Black, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Clarke, P.G.S. of W.; T. E. Lucy, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Wood and W. T. Page, P.P.G. Directors of Ceremonies; A. H. Green, P.M. 1204, P.G.S.Bs.; T. Vale, P.M. 560, A. O. Fraser, P.M. 1204, and T. Chambers, 252, Past Provincial Grand S.Bs.; W. C. Box, 529, P.G. Org.; H. M. Jackson, P.M. 573, and W. Haynes, P.P.G. Organists; and J. Millington, 529, and W. E. Williams, 529, P.G. Stewards. Among the visitors present were—Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; R. M. Worlock, P.P.G.P. Gloucestershire; Wm. Manton, P.M. 725, P.P.G.S.B. Warwick; H. Sweet, 103; G. Gainwell, 262; A. Bond, P.M. 270, P.P.G. Chap. Gloucester; H. Vale, and F. W. Beck.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Henry Smith, Past Grand Deacon, Dep. Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, Treasurer of the Institution, was called upon to preside. He was supported by Bros. Sir John Monckton, Frank Richardson, George Everett, W. G. Kentish, C. E. Keyser, and F. S. Knyvett, on the dais; while among the general body were: Bros. T. Bateman Fox, W. C. Lupton, W. F. Smithson, John Wordsworth, W. Harrop, J. H. Sillitoe, Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; John Chadwick, W. Goodacre, Robert Wylie, James Brett, W. Masters, Walter Hopekirk, Peter de L. Long, James Stephens, G. Fairchild, J. P. Fitzgerald, James Terry, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Capt. T. C. Walls, and Henry Garrod.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, P.G.W., said that the meeting had been informed that a change had been made with respect to the charge for musical instruction in the School, and he wished to make a statement about it. It had been thought advisable by the Committee that a small charge should continue to be made for this instruction for girls going into a higher class of music. The charge had been two guineas a year, but the Committee thought that too high, but still they considered that a charge should be made, although it was best that it should be as low as possible so as not to press on the means of the friends of the candidates. Therefore, instead of fixing the sum as £2 2s., they had reduced the amount to £1. Bro. Sir John Monckton afterwards said with reference to the motion on the paper—"That one further vacancy (making 21 in all), be declared for the October election in consequence of the withdrawal of Ethel Miller from the Institution." A near relative had married who was able to maintain her, and who was her sister, and she resolved to go to New Zealand. The circumstances happened to be very satisfactory, and the Committee had allowed her to accompany her sister. As it was desirable that there should be no vacant beds in the Institution, and as Ethel Miller's withdrawal created a vacancy, the Committee proposed what he now moved, that an extra vacancy be declared for this election, making in all 21 vacancies.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. SIR JOHN MONCKTON said he had now to make a very satisfactory statement on behalf of the House Committee; they had just become aware of the fact which he was about to communicate, that the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, had consented to take the chair at the 107th Anniversary Festival of the Institution in May next. The brethren throughout the country would remember the highly satisfactory result of his lordship's chairmanship for the Benevolent Institution in 1892, and he was sure that not only by the West of England but by other parts of the country his lordship would be well supported when he presided at the Girls' School Festival.

The election was then proceeded with.

The following is a list of the unsuccessful candidates. The successful will be found in our advertisement columns:

NAME.	VOTES.
Hicks, Jessie Winifred	2470
English, Elizabeth Kate	2328
Roberts, Dorothea Agnes	2301
Brinjes, Maude Elizabeth	1894
Roberts, Gertrude Mary	1654
Williams, Beatrice Mary	1560
Morris, Gertrude	1056
Griffiths, Victoria Jubilee	385
Rees, Nora Augharad	249
Dransfield, Laura Elizabeth	60
Williams, Violet May	54
Robinson, Agnes Marion	21
Minns, Dorothy Leonore	16
Pollen, Maud	10
Tanner, Sybil	6

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of supporters of the above Institution was held yesterday (Friday) at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Management, in the chair. Among the brethren on the dais who supported him were Bros. George Everett, W. Scurrah, J. E. Le Feuvre, W. J. Burgess, James Willing, jun., George E. Fairchild, A. C. Spaul, C. E. Keyser, and H. Bevir, Prov. G. Sec. Wilts; the other brethren present were Bros. James Brett, Major J. S. Penrice, F. Richardson, G. W. Verry, W. G. Kentish, W. Russell, Hy. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; J. Wordsworth, Henry Green, T. Bateman Fox, J. H. Sillitoe, John Chadwick, W. Goodacre, and Robert Wylie, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Lancashire.

A letter was read from Mrs. Morris, widow of the late Head Master of the School, thanking the Committee for their vote of condolence with her and her family in their recent bereavement.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE moved, and Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G.T., seconded, the following resolution of the Council of Friday, the 28th ult.:

"That the Quarterly Court be recommended to declare a further vacancy at the election on Friday, 12th October, to fill the place of the boy Robert Arnold Rogers, discharged at the request of his parent before the expiration of his term."

The motion was carried. Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Management, next moved:

"That in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the Institution by W. Bro. W. Fentiman Smithson, P.G.D., Vice-President of the Institution, and in recognition of his exertions in assisting to bring about so good a result from the Province of West Yorkshire at the recent Festival, the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron be conferred upon him, under Law 15."

Bro. EVE said he had much pleasure in proposing this resolution. Very few brethren present did not know Bro. Smithson, who was one that had rendered great services to the Institution for many years past. Bro. Smithson had been most diligent on the Board of Management, and had brought a great amount of valuable information to bear on his work, and had saved the rest of the Board much trouble by the means he had adopted in his work on behalf of the Institution. Not only had he worked himself, but, holding a high and prominent position in a northern province, he had been, when the Grand Master of that province was going to preside at the last festival of this Institution, untiring in his exertions to make that festival pass off with *clat*. The festival was most successful for the Institution, and no one could have worked harder than Bro. Smithson for the attainment of that result. It was in consideration of what he did at that festival—working with his brethren in Yorkshire in bringing a large amount for that province; and also in consideration of his previous services, that the Board of Management and the Council had deputed him (Bro. Eve) to make the present proposition. The law relied on gave the Council full power to pass that resolution, and he hoped the brethren would pass it and confer this additional honour on Bro. Smithson.

Bro. HARRY BEVIR, Prov. G. Sec. Wilts, in seconding the motion, said he had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Smithson for some years, and he was quite sure that nothing could better reward that worthy brother for his labour at the recent festival than the great success which attended his and the other Yorkshire brethren's efforts. He was also sure that Bro. Smithson would gladly accept the proposed compliment. The very great assistance he had rendered to the Board of Management and the Council by the valuable suggestions he had made had resulted in saving much money to the Institution, and enabled the Board of Management to do things which without Bro. Smithson's suggestions they could not have carried out. Bro. Smithson had been unsparing in his exertions, he had devoted much valuable time to his labours, he had worked very hard from the beginning of the year to the end, and for several years he had been most ready to do everything in his power in furthering the objects the School had in view. He (Bro. Bevir) trusted that the meeting would unanimously adopt the resolution which the Council thought a fitting recognition of the many long-continued services of Bro. Smithson.

The motion was carried unanimously, but Bro. Smithson was not present to acknowledge the well-deserved compliment.

The election of 18 boys out of a list of 43 candidates was then proceeded with.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates. The successful candidates appear in our advertisement columns.

NAME.	VOTES.
Brownridge, Ernest	2558
Harrison, Frank Sutton	2401
Barnett, John William James	1641
Richards, Jabez Evan	1521
Collins, David Leonard	1352
Blackburn, Reginald Vernon	1252
Wilson, Geo. Hayter	1006
Vockins, Reginald Cecil Hadland	1004
Vernon, Arthur Stanley	888
Knight, Walter Henry	800
Sellent, Erdmann Friedrich Wilhelm	761
Lloyd, Llewellyn Bateson	512
Blackler, William John Robert Woodgate	512
Martin, Reginald Guy	492
Baker, Arthur	415
Lang, Fred. Samuel	354
Worsell, Lewis James	324
Cooper, Archibald Frederick	277
Elderkin, John Victor	205
Minns, Reginald Frank	107
Insull, Robert Hugh John	105
Calver, John Thomas	73
Holland, Walter	68
Hurst, John Henry	63
Tremlett, Thomas Parkinson	54
Heny, Wm. James	9

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Memorial Hall, Albert-square, Manchester. In the regrettable absence of the Earl of Lathom, through indisposition, the chair was ably filled by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Deputy Prov. G.M. There was a large gathering of brethren, and it was a most successful meeting.

On the motion of Bro. ARTHUR MUMBLETON, P.G.D. Eng., 10 guineas was voted to each of the following Institutions: Benevolent Mark, Alpass, and East Lancashire Systematic.

THE ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport. Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M., presided, supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas. of Eng.; Dr. Crawford, J. J. Lambert, John Houlding, J. Platt, W. Platt, A. Cross, G. A. Harradon, J. Pittaway (joint Hon. Secretary), J. J. Patterson, T. H. W. Walker, G. A. Myers, J. Hatch, J. Tarbuck, and W. Foulkes; among the other brethren present being: Bros. Edwin Kite (joint Hon. Secretary), W. Penny, E. R. Latham, P. Armstrong, D. McCleve, W. H. Brown, H. F. Wright, G. A. Hepburn, Whittaker Bond, W. J. Warden, J. Treuse, R. H. Pearson, J. M'Cauley, J. Lippincott, F. A. Tarbuck, T. B. Harrison, W. H. Veevers, T. Bush, C. Johnson, J. Heyes, G. Duxfield, W. H. Robinson, and J. Pederson. Many ladies were present. Bro. Wright acted as D.C. After an excellent banquet various toasts were given and responded to, and reference was made to the financial condition of the Institution. The Apollo Quartette (Bros. H. E. Hollis, E. Edwards, J. Heginbotham, and G. Platt) furnished a very acceptable musical programme, Bro. H. Nicholls acting as musical director, and Bro. J. Whitney as accompanist.

Obituary.

BRO. BUTLER WILKINS, D.P.G.M. OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. of Norths and Hunts, died on Tuesday, the 9th inst., universally regretted by all those with whom he came in contact during his long Masonic career. Bro. Wilkins was initiated in the Globe Lodge, No. 23, London, and on going to reside in Northampton, joined the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, on 27th December, 1859, and filled the chair in 1864-5, and continued a member to the day of his death. He was appointed D.P.G.M. of Norths and Hunts by the late Duke of Manchester, in 1875, and held that office ever since. He was exalted in the Northampton Chapter, No. 360, in February, 1860, and filled the offices of M.E.Z. in 1868. In 1895 he was appointed Grand Standard Bearer, both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. He was one of those who for some time did not take kindly to what are termed the fancy Degrees, but in 1886 he consented to join the Mark Degree, and was advanced in the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, Northampton, and filled the chair in the following year. He was appointed to the office of P.G.M.O. of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland in 1887, and also had the honour of being appointed Grand Overseer of Mark Grand Lodge. In the Royal Ark Mariners Degree he was elevated in the Viking Lodge, No. 225, in 1887, and was made P.C.N. by dispensation. He also acted as Dir. of Cers. in the Earl of Euston Conclave of the Order of Secret Monitor, No. 9, for about four years. He was a consistent supporter of the Masonic Charities, although his name does not appear in the list except for the R.M.I.B., as it has been the custom in the province to put all or nearly all the subscriptions in the name of the various lodges, so as to have the votes in perpetuity. It will be a long time ere Bro. Butler Wilkins will be forgotten in the province, in every lodge of which he was well known, and highly respected and admired. He was a splendid Masonic worker, and his ceremonies were always perfectly rendered. Besides which in his every day life he set an example of right-living which earned for him the respect of his fellow townsmen, as well as the esteem of the Brotherhood.—R.I.P.

BRO. FRED. EACHUS WILKINSON, M.D.

With unfeigned regret the Brotherhood will hear of the death of Bro. Frederick Eachus Wilkinson, M.D., who for many years practised at Sydenham, Kent. A man of high integrity, of unblemished reputation, and a possessor of that deep sympathy with bodily or mental suffering which should be the distinguishing quality of every medical professor, he endeared himself to a very large clientele, which his great ability as a practical surgeon and physician soon secured on his entering into practice. The news of his decease, which was communicated on Thursday, came as a shock to a large number of old friends who knew and admired him. The younger generation living at Sydenham were not so familiar with him as those of a more advanced age, as he retired from practice some 12 years ago, and went to Leicester, with which county he was connected. It is a mournful reflection that he had long suffered from a painful illness, and it was on account of failing health, which became very pronounced after the death of his youngest son, Charles, he sought rest and retirement. He lived, however, till the age of 75, and passed away at the residence of his son, Crophorn Vicarage, Pershore, Worcestershire. He was a Freemason, and followed up the Order with great assiduity. He was initiated in the Universal Lodge on July 2nd, 1862, and was raised November 28th of that year. He became W.M. of that lodge in 1868. He also joined the William Preston Lodge, No. 765, October 22nd, 1858. He was exalted in the Royal Arch in the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, Leicester, July 1st, 1870. He afterwards joined the Ravensbourne Chapter, No. 1501, and was one of the petitioners for the Universal Chapter, No. 181, in 1881, which is now merged in the Cadogan Chapter, No. 162.

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At a GENERAL COURT of this Institution held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1894, Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Treasurer, in the chair, after the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION by BALLOT of 21 Girls into the Institution from a list of 42 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Notes.
1	22	Hooper, C. M.	3896
2	10	Vigor, E. L.	3241
3	7	Sculley, E. C.	2833
4	9	Andrews, F. R.	2831
5	38	Middleton, B. N.	2831
6	11	Jarvis, V. C.	2821
7	4	Cammack, M. M.	2776
8	20	Eales, E. E.	2737
9	18	Pearce, B. K.	2725
10	29	Smith, M. A.	2682
11	1	Tubbs, M. A.	2678
12	14	Lucy, C. R. P.	2660
13	3	Caudwell, E.	2643
14	27	Webb, F. M.	2639
15	2	Harwood, N. M. B.	2629
16	15	Manley, M.	2607
17	25	Major, L. G.	2607
18	37	Benton, G.	2546
19	23	Eastwood, M.	2524
20	8	Frostick, G.	2512
21	26	Sherman, R. A.	2497

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.
No. 5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C.,
October 11th, 1894.

The 107th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place in MAY, 1895, under the distinguished presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, the EARL OF MOUNT EDGCOMBE, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being very greatly needed.

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At a QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 12th day of OCTOBER, 1894, V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron and Trustee (P.G. Treas.), in the chair, a Ballot took place for the election of 18 Boys, from an approved list of 43 Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll.	Notes.
1	Evans, William Ewart ... 3684
2	Boden, Reginald George ... 3428
3	Cockburn, Harold ... 3377
4	Rees, Reginald Frederic ... 3218
5	Grace, Maurice A. Septimus ... 3194
6	Welch, Thomas Harold Edward ... 3188
7	Tunncliffe, William John W. ... 3177
8	Haddock, Charles Herbert ... 3147
9	Hitchen, Charles Henry ... 3079
10	Abbott, Arthur Leonard Victor ... 3052
11	Roberts, William John ... 3001
12	Radford, Philip ... 2882
13	Lowick, Baldwin ... 2875
14	Aston, Hubert Somerset ... 2848
15	Miller, Alec Stewart ... 2835
16	Cooke, Charles Saunders Bowen ... 2820
17	Walker, Edward ... 2770
18	Youngs, Herbert ... 2598

Full particulars of the Poll may be had on application at the office.
J. M. McLEOD,
Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall,
London, 12th October, 1894.
* * * The 97th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held in June, 1895, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire. The services of Brethren representing Lodges or Provinces and of Ladies as Stewards are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1894.

Masonic Notes.

We have considerable satisfaction in announcing
that the Deputy Grand Master of England, Bro. the
Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand
Master of Cornwall, has consented to take the chair
at the Festival in May next of the Royal Masonic
Institution for Girls. Bro. Lord Mount Edgcumbe's
highly successful occupancy of a similar position on the
occasion of the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevo-
lent Institution will be gratefully remembered by the
Craft, who will, without doubt, give his lordship a
willing and warm support.

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers
of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held in
the great hall at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the
11th instant. The chair was taken at the hour of noon
by Bro. Henry Smith, and, as soon as the ordinary
business of the Court was concluded, the poll was opened
for the election of 21 out of a list of 42 approved can-
didates. The result, so far as regards the successful
candidates, will be found recorded in our advertisement
columns.

The day following, at the same time and place, was
held the Quarterly Court of the Governors and Sub-
scribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. At
the hour appointed the chair was taken by Bro.
Richard Eve, the attendance, as, in the case of the
Girls' School Court, being exceptionally large. In the
ordinary course, the poll was opened for the election of
18 from an approved list of 43 candidates, and for
the result we refer our readers to the announcement
in our advertisement columns.

We entirely agree with the writer of the letter which
appears in our correspondence column with reference
to the evils of canvassing, but will he point out how it
is possible to put a stop to the system he condemns.
It is notorious that no brother, however eminent, has
much chance of being elected a member of the Board
of General Purposes unless he allies himself with a
caucus, which by a system of persistent canvass among
the numerous lodges of instruction, succeeds in securing
to a very great extent the votes of junior members of
Grand Lodge, who are the most regular attendants at
its meetings.

It is an open secret that the caucus to which we
referred sometime since arranged among themselves
the order in which they propose to impose on the Craft
a succession of Grand Treasurers selected from their
own body. It is only by persistent open canvassing
that the tactics of this caucus can be met. The whole
thing is unmasonic and productive of mischief, but we
ask again what remedy can be suggested?

An important addition to our roll of lodges was
made at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-street, on
Wednesday evening, when the Grand Secretary conse-
crated the Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528, and afterwards
installed Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master
and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, as its first
W. Master. The lodge has been established for the
benefit of Lancashire Masons resident in London, and
there is, in our opinion, little, if any, doubt as to the
career that lies before it. One of the ablest, most
influential, and most popular brethren of the day will
preside over its destinies during the first and most
critical year of its existence. And we may be sure
that as the London Masonic home of Masons hailing
originally from the lodges in the two most important
Provinces in the country, there will be no lack of

candidates for membership. The United Northern Counties, the Cornish, and other kindred lodges in the Metropolis have been most successful, and it will be the fault of the new lodge itself, if, after starting so brilliantly, it should ever be found in a precarious condition.

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At the recent annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lincolnshire, the Grand Superintendent—Comp. W. Harling Sissons—gave it as his opinion that the shortening of the qualifying period between the Master Mason's Degree and the Royal Arch Degree from a year to one month was not calculated to promote the true interests of Royal Arch Masonry. He considered the interval too short for becoming acquainted with the qualifications of a brother. "Many men," he pointed out, "might be excellent citizens of the world, high-principled, conscientious, and worthy; at the same time they might have defects of temper or temperament which rendered them what, for want of a better word, he would call not clubbable men, and which caused them afterwards to be a cause of weakness and not of strength to the Order." He considered the better plan would have been to reduce the minimum fee as fixed by Supreme Grand Chapter."

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Doubtless, many companions will be found in agreement with Comp. Sissons, who, from the distinguished position he holds in Royal Arch Masonry, is not likely to speak hastily or intemperately of any changes that may be made in the Royal Arch Regulations. Indeed, at the time the proposal for reducing the qualifying period was under consideration, there were several who suggested that the period should be shortened, not to one month, but to three. But if, as the Book of Constitutions tells us, "the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch" is included in our system of "pure Antient Masonry," as defined by the Act of Union of December, 1813, every reasonable facility should be offered to the new Mason to become acquainted with the whole of that system.

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There is unquestionably great force in the objection which many hold that the one month's interval, not only between the Third Degree and the Royal Arch, but likewise between the First and Second and the Second and Third, is too short to permit of a new brother acquiring more than a very superficial knowledge of "pure Antient Masonry," but as regards Comp. Sissons's objection to the present qualifying period for admission to the Royal Arch, we take the liberty of pointing out that it is too late to think of the temper and temperament of one who has already been admitted to the Craft Degrees. Any harm that may result from the acceptance of such a member has been done already. Every such objection should be raised before the man is initiated, not held over till he is on the point of being "Arched."

Correspondence.

CANVASSING FOR OFFICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me, through your columns, to utter a feeble protest against the aggressive canvassing for the office of Grand Treasurer, which seems coming into fashion. No one can object to a circular or two requesting the favour of his vote and influence, but when this degenerates into pestering for replies to undesired correspondence the nuisance is intolerable. Here is my personal experience: I happen (for a Masonic penance) to be Secretary of a lodge. I am applied to for my vote on behalf of a southern provincial brother for the office of Grand Treasurer. I have promised that vote to another candidate. Then I receive a circular asking for the names and addresses of all brethren holding Grand Lodge votes in my lodge. This follows me during a round of shooting visits, and naturally meets with scant attention; for I do not carry the lodge books in my cartridge magazine. Now comes another circular drawing my attention to the former, and requesting a reply at my earliest convenience. This is signed by a brother with the addition "per G.S." I submit to you, sir, that here is a misleading signature; for G.S. amongst us stands for Grand Secretary.

We know that a widow of early times prevailed because of her importunity, but that is no hereditary qualification for a widow's son.

It is my personal opinion that all this canvassing degrades the candidate, and is detrimental to the best interests of the Craft. But I should like to hear any expression of sentiment favourable to the opposite point of view.—Yours fraternally.

S. G. KIRCHHOFFER,
P. Dep. G.D.C.

Reviews.

THE MASONS' COMPANY.—The advent of this important work has been eagerly expected for some little time, and now that it is published, subscribers will be very delighted with their treasure. All that Bro. Conder promised in a circular announcing its preparation has been more than fulfilled, for in the 300 pages and more within the covers of this massive volume, will be found "a history of the rise and progress of the art or mystery of Masonry from early times, together with notes on the architectural developments of various periods, and copious extracts from the books of the Masons' Company, never before published in any form, as well as much information respecting the Craft gathered from official sources." Bro. Edward Conder, jun., the author of this invaluable work is Master of the Company for this year, and was the *Upper Warden* during the time that was chiefly devoted to the writing of this history, so that he has had full access to all the documents preserved by the Masons' Company, and being so much esteemed by prominent Craftsmen and archaeologists he has been able to command the best advice on the general subject of Guilds, the eventful past of Freemasonry, and matters heraldic, in addition to the varied information he himself has traced on all points connected with the operative and speculative sections of the Craft. He has been a diligent and most successful student of our mysteries, and has well earned the honour of election as a full member of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, London; the brethren of that distinguished body being doubtless proud of their youngest and much esteemed member. Bro. Conder's claim that he was able to prove from the records, what has hitherto only been suspected by some, and doubted by many, that there actually existed early in the seventeenth century a lodge of Freemasons attached to, and working in harmony with, the Company, and holding its meetings in the Masons' Hall, has been abundantly confirmed. Although the actual Records of the Company are lost prior to early in the 17th century there is no lack of material as to its history long before that period, beginning with its original grant of arms in 1472, which, happily, is still preserved, being one of the earliest of the kind; the Drapers being first in 1439. The old motto was "God is ovr Guide," the latter one, "In the Lord is all our trust" (so often met with), never being traced prior to 1600. According to Bro. Conder's researches, the correct drawing of the Masons' Arms, has, until 1871 (when the original grant was discovered), been lost to view, and quite a different coat has been used and described, "varying according to the taste of the herald or engraver," but never altered to the extent of making the arms unrecognisable as those of the Company. The first part deals with early Masonry from almost prehistoric times to its introduction into Britain under Cladius, A.D. 43, the Gilds and Livery Companies of London being duly described and considered. The second portion is devoted to the Fellowship of Masons in the City of London, and the third (the really valuable division from a Freemasonic point of view) concerns the existing records of the company, 1619-1894. Of the latter we shall have much to say, but not now. The volume is to be had for a guinea from the publishers, Swan, Sonnenschein and Co., or through ourselves, the edition being limited, and therefore in all fairness the work should be allowed to speak for itself to those who obtain copies and read it for themselves. Naturally the extraordinary evidence as to the existence of a speculative lodge, under the wing of the company in 1620 and later, will be most eagerly perused. This was the lodge Ashmole visited in 1682, and until the discovery of these entries, his initiation of 1646 was the earliest known record of an English lodge admitting non-Masons. The company used the prefix *Free* until 1655, when they were called *Masons* only, the speculative section being termed *Accepted Masons*. As to these and numerous interesting matters of great significance we refer our readers to the work, which is lavishly illustrated, ably written, and well got up, being a credit to author and publisher, and the most important volume of the kind ever issued.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst. at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. James Smith, W.M.; T. W. Fisher, S.W.; R. Sarson, J.W.; Rev. I. Selby Henrey, Chap.; Thos. Cohe, P.M., Treas.; Henry Legge, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Holmes, S.D.; Charles Garton, J.D.; J. M. Mower, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Miner, I.G.; William Baker, Stwd.; C. Couchman, Tyler; Frederick Hughes, I.P.M.; George Goodes, P.M.; Martyn, Lendon, Hevan, Stokes, Clarke, Dart, Johnson, and Chatterton. Bro. Galey, 1706, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. Edwin Grove Johnson was raised to the Third Degree, the able manner in which the W.M. performed the ceremony eliciting well deserved praise from all present. Mr. Houldr was balloted for, and the same being unanimous, he will be initiated at the next meeting. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, three gentlemen being proposed as candidates for initiation, and Bro. Goddard, 917, as a joining member, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given, interspersed by some capital vocal and instrumental music kindly provided by Bro. Cohe's three daughters, and songs by Bros. Smith, Miner, and Galey.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Kingsland Lodge (No. 1693).—Anniversaries of any kind are always looked forward to with keen interest, and Freemasons are to be considered enthusiasts in this respect, as installation night is generally productive of a real Masonic intellectual treat, and the Kingsland Lodge proved no exception to the rule in this respect on their anniversary, which was celebrated on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Railway Hotel, Highbury Station, N., Bro. L. Simon, the W.M., being well supported by Bros. J. Potter, S.W., W.M. elect; A. W. Cooper, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Jenner, P.M., Sec.; S. Robson, S.D.; J. S. Anthony, J.D.; A. White, I.G.; W. Windsor, Org.; G. Cook, D.C.; J. G. Harrington, A.D.C.; E. Dimes and W. H. Drury, Stwds.; H. Hall, P.M.; W. T. H. Mayer, P.M.; H. J. Hazel, P.M.; A. J. Porter, R. Edwyn Clarke, L. Cully, W. J. Robinson, J. R. Clarke, J. W. Doubtfire, A. Wright, W. E. Windsor, W. E. Manning, J. B. Harper, T. Bettesworth, W. C. Lewis, H. Moore, H. Green, C. W. Potter, T. H. Nye, H. F. Bangs, G. R. Dix, and others. There was a fair number of visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. J. Osborn, P.M. 1602, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; T. Glass, W.M. 860, P.P.G. Std. Br. Jersey; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; T. G. Hodges, P.M. 1605; G. Rubardt, P.M. 601; W. J. Gardner, P.M. 188; F. Partington, P.M. 1288; J. G. James, W.M. 795, P.G.S. Berks; R. M. H. Griffith, W.M. 1677; R. Gillard, W.M. 901; W. Beckett, 1602; J. Rawl, 519; H. Hedges, 1539; E. Cattermole, 217; G. F. Edwards, 761; C. G. Baker, 1306; and E. James, 2374.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read, were duly confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for which proved unanimous, their initiation being postponed (by their desire) until next meeting. The Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Cooper, P.M., as acting D.C., presented Bro. John Potter, for installation, and that brother was impressively installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. L. Simon. After the new W.M. had received the congratulations of the Installing Masters, the brethren were admitted, who saluted the new W.M. in the usual manner. Bro. Potter then appointed and invested the officers of the lodge as follows: Bros. L. Simon, I.P.M.; A. W. Cooper, S.W.; S. Robson, J.W.; James Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Anthony, S.D.; Arthur White, J.D.; G. Cook, I.G.; W. Windsor, Org.; J. G. Harrington, D.C.; E. Dimes, A.D.C.; W. H. Drury, Stwd.; and C. Shepperd, Tyler; after which Bro. Simon gave the final addresses in a very excellent manner, which elicited the praise of all those present.

Other routine Masonic business having been transacted, the visiting brethren tendered their "Hearty good wishes," after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in Messrs. Baker Bros. usual perfect manner, with many thanks to Bro. Tuck, the efficient manager of the ancient hostelry, for the attention he bestowed upon the brethren present. The banquet having had full justice done it, the Grace from "The Laudi Spiritual," 1585, was sung with great effect by Miss Jennie Higgs, R.A.M., Miss E. Meyer, G.S.M., Mr. H. Keefe, and Bro. R. Edwyn Clarke, after which the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a very telling manner, and they were heartily received, Bro. Windsor singing the solo of the National Anthem.

Bro. L. Simon then assumed the gavel, and, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," congratulated the brethren on having a brother of such high Masonic character to preside over them. It was his good fortune to have the pleasure of installing him, and he was sure that Bro. Potter would discharge his duties honourably, and that he would leave the chair when the time came with as great distinction as any of his predecessors; and he hoped that a successful year of office would reward him for the care and attention he had given to the Craft since his initiation. He was also sure the brethren would acknowledge their W.M. to be one for whom they would exert themselves to the utmost to support during his year of office.

The toast was most cordially received.

In responding to the toast, the W.M. thanked Bro. Simon for the flattering manner he had proposed his health. He knew he did not deserve half the good things said of him. He informed the brethren that he would not make a long speech, but assured them he would endeavour to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of all, his great aim being to obtain the esteem of every brother of the lodge when the time came for him to leave the proud position he was placed in that evening, and concluded by warmly thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, which was given by Bro. J. Cooper, P.M. and Treas. (by the wish of the W.M.), in a very admirable manner. He assured them always of a hearty welcome, and was gratified at such a good muster of visitors. He hoped to see them again on other occasions, as it was by brethren visiting other lodges that they often formed life-long friendships. He called upon Bros. Gillard, W.M.; Hodges, P.M.; James, W.M.; and T. Glass, W.M., to respond to the toast. The toast was received with true Masonic honour.

In response, Bro. Gillard thanked them for the invitation to visitors, and remarked that he believed his brother visitors were more than pleased at the excellent working in the lodge. He congratulated the W.M. in presiding over such an efficient staff of officers as the lodge possessed, and wished him all the success he deserved.

Bro. James observed there was truth in what Bro. Gillard had said in reference to the efficiency of every officer of the Kingsland Lodge, and that North London ought to be proud of Bro. Potter, who was a neighbour, brother, and friend to all. He thanked them for the kindly reception given him in the lodge, as also for the good cheer of the banquet table.

Bro. Glass, although he fully shared in the sentiments expressed by previous brother visitors, yet he felt that he was a deceived man. The W.M. had said something about his timidity and imperfections, which made him (Bro. Glass) feel rather nervous as to the results, but he was proud to see that the W.M. had not shown the least sign of timidity, which was very gratifying to know. He spoke as an old friend of the W.M., and heartily wished him a successful year of office.

Bro. Hodges, in thanking the W.M. and brethren for the honour done the visitors, said that was his first visit to the lodge, and from what he had seen of the working, confirmed the good opinion he had of the lodge, and wished the W.M. success.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Simon," to whom he gave praise for the excellent manner he had discharged his duties, both as I.P.M. and Installing Master, and he was sure that at any time he required assistance Bro. Simon would freely give it. He could always rely upon him, which was a source of support to the W.M. and gave him that confidence, without which no W.M. could expect to succeed.

The toast was well received. Replying to the toast, Bro. Simon thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had spoken of him, and assured him it would be both his pleasure and duty to give him all the assistance that laid in his power to make the lodge successful.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was next on the list, and the W.M., in proposing it, remarked that the lodge could not go on without the Past Masters, who had since the lodge was formed always been ready and willing to assist in the well-being of the lodge. The Treasurer of the lodge was a brother of whom they had good reason to be proud, and he hoped the lodge would have the benefit of his advice and assistance for many years to come. The Secretary was of the first importance, and he was proud to have such a brother for the post as the lodge then possessed. He called upon Bro. Fenner, P.M.; to respond.

Bro. Fenner thanked the W.M. for the honour done him by coupling his name with the toast. On behalf of the Treasurer (who was compelled to leave early) he thanked them for the cordial manner the toast had been received. The Treasurer was a good Mason, and one who possessed the confidence of every member of the lodge, and he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years. On behalf of himself, Bro. Fenner thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner the toast had been given and received, and assured the brethren, on behalf of the Past Masters, they were now, as they always had been, ready and willing to assist in the welfare of the lodge.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was next given by the W.M., who congratulated each one on his proficiency, and he felt proud in having such an efficient staff of officers, as they gave him that support which was so essential in the discharge of his duties. The unanimity of their working rendered his duties of a very pleasant nature, and thanked them for their kind assistance.

Bro. A. W. Cooper, S.W., said he had to return thanks for the toast from the lowest rung to the almost top one he now held. The W.M. could always rely upon his officers for such help as they could give.

Bro. Robson, J.W., said he felt proud of the position he then held. He would do his best to earn credit for the lodge, and be as useful as possible.

Bro. Anthony, J.D., could not improve upon the remarks already made by the Wardens. He would try and be as efficient in his office as those who had preceded him.

Bros. Dimes, W. Windsor, Org.; and Drury, also replied in short speeches, but very much to the point.

The Tyler's toast was the last, and brought a most successful evening to an end.

The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by an excellent programme of music, provided by Bro. Windsor, Org., who himself contributed in no small measure to the harmony by the excellent way in which he accompanied the vocalists. Miss Jennie Higgs is an accomplished artiste, and deserved the applause bestowed upon her rendering of Ardite's "Sing, Sweet Bird," and Dudley Buck's "When the Heart is Young." Miss E. Mayer gave some excellent solos on the pianoforte, "A Voyage in a Troopship," and "Caprice Hongroise" being received with applause. Other items in the programme could not be gone through for want of time, which waiteth for no man (or woman). The writer of this veracious history hopes to enjoy many other evenings of a like nature in the Kingsland Lodge.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).

The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 5th inst., when there were present: Bros. Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, W.M.; Rev. C. J. Ball, S.W.; E. MacBean, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; C. Kupferschmidt, S.D.; C. Purdon Clarke, J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., P.M., D.C.; Sir Charles Warren, D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago, P.M.; W. H. Rylands, P.G.S., P.M.; Admiral A. H. Markham, D.G.M. Malta; John Lane, and E. Conder, jun. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. H. D. Willock, J. S. Gibson-Sugars, Friedhelm Conrad, G. R. Cobham, J. J. Hall, W. T. Grant, H. M. French Broomehead, T. Charters Whites, T. Cohe, C. B. Barnes, E. L. Shepherd, W. A. Dingle, E. A. T. Breed, C. N. MacIntyre North, A. Digby Green, Dr. J. Balouour Cockburn, P.G.M. Guernsey; C. E. Ferry, C. W. Mapleton, R. I. Ball, Surg. Capt. W. Kiddle, R. Stephen Ayling, W. F. Stauffer, J. Leach Barrett, R. Manuel, R. Martyn, H. Tipper, Rev. J. W. Horsley, R. Palmer Thomas, W. E. Morrison, S. W. Morris, Dr. A. T. Cooper, W. H. Joyce, R. A. Gowan, G. F. Gildersleve, C. H. Bestow, G. A. Neck, A. G. Hall, and H. G. Herman. Also the following visitors: Bros. Col. Campbell, P.M. 257; P. Trickett, I.G. 2374; H. Armfield, 1642; and Gordon Miller, W.M. 1910.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren was congratulated by the lodge on his return from the East, and duly responded, expressing his gratification at the progress which the lodge had made during his absence.

The following two lodges and 88 brethren were admitted to the fellowship of the Correspondence Circle, viz: Deloraine Lodge, No. 46, M.C., Deloraine, Manitoba; and Lodge Pretoria Celtic, Pretoria, S.A.R. Bros. J. E. Stone, 1315, W. C. Peak, 1315, W. Annand, 775 (S.C.), W. A. Polglass, 1315, H. J. Packer, 775 (S.C.), R. Monteith 775 (S.C.), Toowoomba, P. McLean, 775 (S.C.), Roma, J. I. Piran, 2392, Charlesville, P. Pigram, 1372, Warwick, E. T. Green, W.M. 2366, A. Ewing, 2366, C. Battersby, P.M. 2366, Georgetown, T. Penington, 319 (I.C.), Brisbane, and H. Bingham, 677 (S.C.), Richmond, all in Queensland; A. R. Docker, 57, A. McNeilly, W.M. 32, J. McNeilly, P.M. 32, Sydney, A. H. Page 97, Coblar, A. McC. Dunn, 209, C. Peatt, Tamworth, G. Sexton, 15, G. Hibble, 15, Newcastle, and J. St. J. Lee, Walbundrie, all in New South Wales; G. Blomley, 63, J. S. Deane, 36, J. S. Hurst, W.M. 103, J. Y. McDonald, P.G. Stwd., J. E. Darby, 36, F. W. Niven, 53, J. H. Leggs, 36, W. Evans, 36, J. Tremoath, 10, Ballarat, and A. C. Drury, P.M. 10, Buninyong, all in Victoria; H. C. Pilcher, 483, J. D. Stevenson, P.M. 485, J. P. Walton, 485, Rev. D. J. Garland, 485, Perth, and J. H. Adam, 485, Fremantle, all in Western Australia; W. R. Franklin, P.M., Otaki, New Zealand

J. Paterson, 542, Moulmein, Burma; W. Taylor-Mitchell 1198, B. E. Smith, 1198, J. W. Mann, 1198, Madras, A. N. Templeton, P. Sub. M. 569 (S.C.), Hyderabad, and Surg. Lt.-Col. C. C. Little, D.S.G.W., Berar, all in India; C. E. F. Sanderson, P.M. 2337, Selangor, Straits Settlements; T. C. W. Dodd, 770 (S.C.), W. Keith, W.M. 770 (S.C.), F. Turner, 770 (S.C.), Pretoria, A. Hodge, W.M. 738 (S.C.), Lydenburg, G. C. F. Schroeder, Liberatas Lodge (D.C.) Krugersdorp, and W. T. Lloyd, 2480, Rodepoort, all in the South African Republic; R. R. Macneill, 1467, Longlands, J. H. Gerrard, 1417, C. J. Kleinkauf, 1417, R. F. Shutte, 1417, Barkly West, and S. J. Sutton, Darabe, Tembulaud, all in South Africa; H. A. Murray, 3, Rio de Janeiro; G. V. Ayres, P.G.M., Deadwood, W. Blatt, G.M., Yankton, and G. A. Pettigrew, G. Sec., Flandreau, all in South Dakota; F. J. Thompson, P.G.M., G. Sec., Fargo, North Dakota; L. H. Wheeler, P.H.P. Seattle, and W. C. Wilcox, P.M. 44, New Whatcome, Washington; L. A. Lockwood, P.G.M. Conn., New York; Rev. J. V. Fair, D.D., 10, Richmond, Virginia; R. Fisher, W.M. Archimedes z.e.B., Gera, Germany; L. Zeegers Veekens, W.M. 67, Amsterdam; C. E. Heumann, 6, Rev. Canon A. Brook, 1793, Inverness; P. C. Grant, 1, W. Officer, P.S.G.D. Edinburgh; W. Barlow, P.M. 1862; J. R. Thompson, 1504; J. D. Steen, P.M. 526; Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., P.M. 52; H. T. Bobart, P.M. 1805; Major J. S. Swann, P.M. 849 E. Naylor, P.M. 1776; W. Beattell, P.M. 342; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; W. S. Page, 186; J. R. Carter, 2347; W. Moss, 2342; G. H. Kitson, P.M. 548; J. M. Smith, 2291; W. H. Joyé, P.M. 1278; and H. E. Herman, W.M. 2501.

Bro. Speth addressed the brethren in memory of their distinguished member, Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, who had departed this life since their last meeting. The address was ordered to be printed in the Transactions. The ballot for W.M. resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Ball, and that for Treasurer in the re-election of Bro. Walter Besant. Bro. Gould read a most interesting paper on "The Medical Profession and Freemasonry," sustaining two propositions—that the medical profession has distinguished itself more than any other in the service of Freemasonry; and that famous medical men of great eminence, though not Masonically, have ever figured among the warmest supporters of the Craft. The number of examples quoted and dilated on by Bro. Gould fully bore out his contentions, and the paper was very well received by the members present. Remarks were made—although the paper scarcely admitted of discussion—by Bros. Dr. Westcott, W.M.; Ball, Speth, Rylands, Sir C. Warren, A. G. Hall, and the Rev. Horsley, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the lecturer and acknowledged by him. An address of thanks to the outgoing W.M. was voted by the lodge, and ordered that it be suitably engrossed and presented to him. The exhibits, which form such a feature of this lodge, were unusually interesting. Bro. Thorp, the Librarian of the Leicester Masonic Library, had sent two very interesting jewels, one of which may be considered unique in design; also an arm plate, which, though showing Masonic symbols, was probably not of Masonic origin. Bro. Barnes exhibited and presented to the lodge two silver badges, composed of a Maltese cross, with wreath in centre, inside which were respectively a level and a bee skep. These also were pronounced not Masonic, but attributed to the teetotal society of the Phoenix. Bro. Larter had sent for exhibition and presentation to the lodge the two curious jewels described by Bro. Hughan in our columns some weeks back—one of silver and the other of copper. Bro. Tollday, of Birmingham, had forwarded photographs of a curious Masonic jug, lately acquired by him. Bro. Mapleton exhibited a beautiful hand-painted engraved apron, late the property of a Mr. Henwood, in the Island of Saba, Lesser Antilles, curious in design, and in excellent preservation, and Bro. Songhurst exhibited a Master Mason's certificate, in Spanish, on vellum, and granted by a lodge hailing under the Grand Orient of Spain, and established in London, dated 1851; also the apron and collar of the owner of the certificate, a political refugee of that time, which were both Rose Croix—a Degree which the same lodge evidently also conferred.

The proceedings were then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

Eccentric Lodge (No. 2488).—The first installation meeting after the consecration took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Friday, 5th inst., when Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, the first W.M., made way for his successor, Bro. Osnan Carr, who was, in the absence of the retiring W.M., very ably installed in the chair of King Solomon by the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth. A large number of visitors and brethren were present, and on the completion of the ceremony, Bro. Carr appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Walter Clifford, S.W.; W. S. Hooper, J.W.; Beard, Treas.; Will. E. Chapman, P.P.S.G.W. Bucks., Sec.; J. A. Harrison, S.D.; John Foss, J.D.; L. W. Harris, I.G.; T. Honey, D. of C.; John Crook, Org.; and G. P. Hadley and Frank Parker, Stewards.

The usual business having been transacted the brethren adjourned to the banquet presided over by the W.M., who was supported by the Grand Secretary, Bros. Col. Davoren, Sir Somers Vine, Dr. Lennox Browne, Charles Belton; J. R. Trendall, C.M.G.; and a company numbering over 80.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Grand Officers," to which Bro. Sir Somers Vine briefly responded.

Bro. Hawkins, who has acted as I.P.M. during the year, then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said he had long wished to see Dr. Carr in the chair, and he felt sure that whatever the future might produce, he would be a Master whom it would be difficult to excel.

The W.M., in responding, congratulated the members on the success which the lodge had attained during the first year of its existence. He desired that it should be a factor in London Masonry. They had had at each meeting a number of initiates, which, as they knew, meant vitality in a lodge, and having in the club gentlemen of varied professions, it contained all the elements of success. During the coming year he trusted to have the support of all the members in working for the development of the Eccentric Lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Col. Davoren, Catling, and Harris, the former expressing

his great admiration of the works of charity carried out by English Masons. They could not in Ireland attempt to emulate their English brethren in that direction; but, still he thought for a poor country the amount of £23,700 raised for the Masonic Orphan Schools at Dublin on the occasion of the jubilee recently celebrated was something to be proud of.

Other toasts followed, and the remainder of the evening was most enjoyably filled up with contributions from various members of the lodge of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, &c., amongst the most prominent being Bros. Reginald Groome, John Radcliffe, J. L. Shine, F. H. Cheesewright, Sergeant Lee, Templar Saxe, E. Schubert, and John Crook.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—A meeting of this lodge was held in St. George's Rooms, on Monday, the 1st instant. Present: Bros. C. H. Woodhouse, W.M.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; E. Newsom, I.P.M.; J. H. Pawson, S.W.; F. Webb, P.M., acting J.W.; T. H. Buckland, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; J. F. Hanson, I.G.; T. Duff, Org.; J. Denison, Stwd.; J. Mason, Tyler; W. Goodacre, P. Jenner, J. Lester, H. Gunby, H. Foster, C. Reasbeck, J. Venus, and S. W. Castle. Visitors: Bros. J. Ward, 955, P.P.S.G.W. Lin.; J. Constable, 2259, P.P.G.S.B.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M. 2259; and F. Barber, S.D. 2259.

Mr. F. Richardson was duly initiated, the W.M. being assisted by Bros. Newsom, Pawson, and Webb. Bro. Webb proposed that a grant be made from the lodge funds to assist Bro. J. Hirst, the old Tyler of the lodge, who was now on a bed of sickness, which was carried unanimously, the W.M. undertaking that the wish of the brethren should be carried into effect.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper in the ante-room.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°.

THE TREASURER-GENERAL IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, 30th JUNE, 1894.

Table with columns: DR., RECEIPTS, £ s. d. Rows include: To Balance at Bank, on 1st July, 1893; Dividends; Fees, 30°, 31°, 32°, 33°; Compositions, ditto; Subscriptions; Chapter Dues; Warrants, Certificates, &c.; Hire of Hall; Sundries.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURE, [Cr. Rows include: By Charity Donations; Salaries; Rent, Rates, and Taxes; Printing, Stationery, &c.; Addition to Library; Travelling Expenses; Establishment; Banquets; Sundries; Purchase of Tasmanian Stock; Balance at Bank, 30th June, 1894; Transfer from Suspense Account to Chapter; Dues.

Examined and found correct, and certificates of all securities held by the Council produced. 9th July, 1894.

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BALANCE SHEET, 30th JUNE, 1894.

Table with columns: ASSETS, £ s. d. Rows include: To Cash at Bank; Investments at cost: £900 Madras Railway Stock; £1000 Consols 2 1/2 p. c.; £3000 Cape of Good Hope Inscribed Stock; £600 New South Wales Inscribed Stock; £1118 Great Eastern Ry. Stock; £1200 Great Western Railway Consolidated Stock; £1240 Midland Railway Ordinary Stock; £2008 10s. 6d. Natal 3 1/2 p. c. Inscribed Stock; £1400 Queensland 3 1/2 p. c. Inscribed Stock; £1000 Tasmanian 3 1/2 p. c. Inscribed Stock; Furniture (valued at); Library (estimated at); Plate (valued at); Organ (cost); Leases: 33 Golden Square Masonic Hall; Cellars.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, £ s. d. Rows include: By Capital; Revenue Account Balance.

We have prepared the above accounts from the Books, and certify the same as correct. 7th August, 1895. CLOUGH, ARMSTRONG, and FORD, Chartered Accountants, 89, Gresham Street, E.C.



The Duke of Connaught will return to Bagshot Park to-morrow (Saturday), and will again assume command of the Aldershot Division.

Bro. W. A. Bascomb has appointed Bro. Arthur Cross, A.R.C.O., organist of Sandringham Church, organist to the Royal St. James's Singers and Players.

The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland have recommended that Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., be re-elected as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and Sir Charles has signified that he will accept the position.

Mr. Tuer's collection of old A B C horn books promises to be most unique in collection of old books, although its use is in the memory of many living. It dates back from the earliest age of education among the masses, and right up to the present century it was the Alpha and Omega of the education of the majority of the people.

Sir G. Macpherson Grant laid, with Masonic honours, on Friday, the 23rd ult., the foundation-stone of a new iron bridge across the Spey at Kingussie, which is to replace an old timber structure. The new bridge is of the lattice girder order, is of three spans, each 80 feet in length, with a clear roadway of 14 feet. The foundations are laid on cylinders sunk 16 feet below the bed of the river. Over these, piers of masonry have been erected, and the iron girders are about to be placed in position.

What should be done with the brother who subscribes for a Masonic paper, and then after receiving one for a number of years, directs the post-master to return his copy marked "refused." We have a few such brethren in Canada, some of whom stand high in Grand and Subordinate Lodges. Appeals are made to Grand Master's on Masonic law, we would therefore respectfully ask the Grand Masters of the different Grand Lodges of Canada for a ruling on the question, What shall be done with such "material"? Are they fit subjects to sit in Masonic lodges?—*Canadian Craftsman*.

THE CANTON CONVALESCENT HOME.—Accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Sheriff Hand and Mrs. Hand, the Lord Mayor laid the foundation-stone of the Canton Convalescent Home at Limsfield, Surrey, on Saturday last. In spite of the very unfavourable weather, there was an attendance of several hundred representative members of the printing and allied trades, in connection with which the home is to be erected, and a number of ladies were also amongst the company. The building will, when completed, furnish accommodation for 50 patients; but it is only proposed at present to erect the central block, to accommodate 12 inmates, the cost being defrayed by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, who has been elected President of the Committee. The Lord Mayor expressed his gratification at having been asked to lay the foundation-stone of the home. Ever since he was 15 years of age he had been more or less associated with printers, and, if it had not been for them, the chances were that he would not have been Lord Mayor. The Rev. Canon Jones, Rector of Limsfield, then offered prayer, after which the Lord Mayor laid the foundation-stone with the usual formalities. The handsome hall-marked silver and ivory trowel presented to Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the massive ebony maul, with silver plate and level presented by the architect to the President of the home, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

UNVEILING A STATUE TO THE LATE BRO. SIR WILLIAM PEARCE, BART., P.G.M. (S.C.)

On Saturday afternoon, the 6th instant, there was unveiled a statue to the memory of the late Bro. Sir William Pearce, Bart., late Provincial Grand Master of the Glasgow City Province of Freemasons. The statue stands on its own ground, almost in the centre of Govan (near Glasgow.) It was designed by Mr. Onslow Forde, of London, and is executed in bronze; it represents the late baronet bareheaded, and in ordinary business attire, examining a scroll, bearing on it the plan of a ship. The pedestal is of polished Peterhead granite.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Lord Kelvin, of Largs, in the presence of a very large gathering of the public.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, under Bro. John Graham of Broadstone, P.G.M., assembled in the Burgh Buildings, were then joined in procession, being followed by the Executive Committee, magistrates, commissioners, and officials of the borough, and others, Lord Kelvin, accompanied by Lady Pearce, Lady Kelvin, Sir W. G. Pearce, Sir James Bain, and others.

At the statue, Provost Kirkwood was called upon to take the chair, and the proceedings immediately commenced, with prayer, by the Rev. Dr. McLeod.

While the preliminaries were being got through, a long procession of trades societies and friendly societies was passing, and was much enjoyed by the on-lookers.

Lord Kelvin unveiled the statue at the invitation of the Executive, and in doing so, delivered a very eloquent address, in the course of which he sketched out the career of the late Bro. Sir William, from the time he commenced his apprenticeship as a naval architect in the Royal Dockyard at Chatham, until he became sole owner of the world-renowned Fairfield Shipbuilding Works of John Elder and Co.

During the time that Bro. Sir Wm. Pearce was sole proprietor of the works (six and a half years), there had been annually paid in wages an average of £300,000, value of work done, £1,000,000, tonnage built, 32,000, indicating horse power, 40,000.

While presiding over the Glasgow City province, Bro. Sir William displayed the liveliest enthusiasm in his office, and was never weary of promoting the best interests of the Craft, and during his reign Masonry was much benefited by his prudence and zeal.

Bro. Samuel Cochrane, P.G. Treas., was on Wednesday last elected Master of the Dyers' Company.

The Duchess of York has accepted a beautiful white lace and muslin frock for Prince Edward of York from the members of the Edinburgh Gentlemen's Self-Aid Society.

Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia took leave of the Queen, on Thursday afternoon, and left Balmoral for London, where they will remain on a visit for a week.

Arrangements for the funeral of the late Sir John Astley have been completed. The body will be removed from Park-place on Monday to Elsham, Lincolnshire, where it will be interred at noon on Tuesday. A memorial service will be held in the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London.

There has been correspondence with Grand Lodge re the status of Past Masters under Irish and Scotch Constitutions in an English lodge, and it has been ruled, under date 8th May, 1894, that a Past Master of either Constitution is not at liberty to occupy the chair or confer Degrees in an English lodge. The reason probably is that they have not, by the regulations of those Constitutions, necessarily qualified as Wardens. As a matter of courtesy they may occupy seats on the dais, but does the ruling referred to permit them to assist in forming a Board of Installed Masters?—*Indian Freemason*.

Dr. Regnault, the well-known Egyptologist, has written a paper on attitudes in Egyptian art, wherein he shows that while chairs were known in ancient Egypt, they were reserved for royal and august personages. The Egyptian attitude of repose differs from that of the negro and Arab of our day. The Arab sits cross-legged like a tailor, but this attitude is only seen in the case of scribes and some women in Egyptian art. Negroes sit on their haunches with their knees rising to their shoulders in front. In Egyptian art this posture is sometimes observed, especially by servitors and persons of low caste, as well as by the inferior gods under the Theban dynasties, for instance, Thoth, Ka, and Bast. Egyptian women, such as harpers, are usually represented on their knees, like so many nergesses of to-day; but Egyptian men are only represented on their knees in the act of devotion. Their attitude of repose was commonly a mixture of sitting and kneeling the left leg being doubled under the body backward, and the right doubled in front of it forward.

Bro. Rear-Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, District Grand Master of Malta—both in the Craft and Mark Degrees—was married on Thursday last to Miss Theodora Chevalier Gervers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gervers, of Emperor's Gate, South Kensington. The marriage took place at St. Michael's Church, Chester-square, the chancel of which was tastefully decorated with palms and flowers. The service was fully choral, and the ceremony was performed by the Revs. Canon Fleming, C. Markham (cousin of the bridegroom), and C. Fitz Hardinge Morton, P.M. 257. There were eight bridesmaids, dressed appropriately in the summer costumes of Jack Tars. Rear-Admiral E. H. Seymour officiated as best man. The church was crowded with friends and spectators, including a large number of naval officers and several brethren of the Craft, notably from the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, at Portsmouth, and the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, at Greenwich. After the conclusion of one of the prettiest weddings of the season, Mr. and Mrs. Gervers held a reception at their residence, after which the Admiral and Mrs. Markham took their departure for the Continent, amid expressions of the heartiest of good wishes from a multitude of friends. The wedding presents were very numerous and valuable.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.—An interesting event took place on Thursday evening, when a complimentary dinner was given to Bro. W. Baldwin, 2345, the editor and proprietor of the *Clapham Observer*, by the leading tradesmen and officials of Clapham and district. The company met at eight o'clock in the spacious clubroom of the Bowyer Arms, which had been very tastefully decorated with flowers in honour of the occasion. J. H. Gibson, Esq., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bro. H. Lynn, M.L.S.B.; Mr. J. R. Crockford, manager of Parr's Bank; and several gentlemen connected with the local governing bodies. The Chairman and other speakers referred to the high appreciation of Bro. Baldwin's valuable public services as editor of the *Clapham Observer* for the long period of 28 years, and trusted that he would long continue to enjoy his well-merited prosperity. In a few well-chosen words, Bro. Baldwin acknowledged the kind expressions of goodwill and personal regard which had been made; after which a most enjoyable musical programme was rendered by the numerous artistes in a manner that secured the cordial approval of the company. The whole arrangements were carried out by Bro. Charlie Woods, J.W. 2345, S.E. 2345, who acted as Hon. Secretary. The meeting was a great success.

A MASONIC SERMON.—On Sunday afternoon of the 30th ult. there was a large congregation at St. Thomas's Church, Heaton Chapel, on the occasion of a Masonic musical service under the auspices of the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109. The sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. John Henn, B.A., rector, and Chaplain of Prince Edward Lodge, who took as his text the last verse of the chapter which had been read as lesson: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." He spoke of faith, hope, and charity—which word was translated "love" in the revised version—as the three Masonic graces, and defended the Craft against the criticisms of those who regarded it as beneath contempt, of others who treated it with derision, and of others again who looked upon it as a selfish society. Strangest of all the misconceptions was that entertained in Roman Catholic headquarters; they saw in Freemasonry something hateful to the Great Architect of the Universe. Freemasonry, however, is essentially religious in its nature. Freemasons do much towards the assistance and support of the needy, the old, and the suffering. There are, for example, the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons; the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution for aged and distressed Freemasons of the province; the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution for providing annuities for distressed widows of Freemasons; the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and widows; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the one for Boys; besides smaller Charities. A collection for the Masonic Charities realised £16 9s.

The 11th dinner of the "One of Us" Club took place on Thursday evening, at the Grafton Rooms, Blanchards', Beak-street, Regent-street, W., under the presidency of Oscar Berry, Esq.

Electricity is now applied in France to seal up bottles of wine, beer, and chemicals with a metallic coating, or capsule. A conductive layer is formed on the mouth of the bottle, and the metal coating is deposited on it by the ordinary method of electro-plating. It is proposed to apply the process in sealing cans of fruit and preserved meats.

The death is announced at Frinton-on-Sea, on Thursday, of Mr. Charles Chatterton. As confidential secretary of Mr. Henry Abbey, Mr. Chatterton was associated for many years with important operatic and theatrical enterprises, both in America and this country. He was popular in musical and dramatic circles, in which his premature death will be sincerely deplored. At the time of his decease he was staying at the house of Mr. Eugène Oud.

A Committee has been formed in the Ward of Aldersgate to arrange for a display of decorations to welcome their Alderman, Sir Joseph Renals, who has been elected Lord Mayor, and whose procession will pass through the Ward on the 9th November, with Mr. Deputy Pepler, as Chairman; Bro. Deputy Gooding, as Treasurer; and Bro. Benjamin Norman, Secretary.

At an ordinary meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, held on Thursday, the 27th ult., Bro. Dr. J. Pidcott, W.M., in the chair, Mr. J. Ward was initiated by the W.M. Afterwards the brethren elected Bro. R. C. Wilson, S.W., Master elect, who will be installed in November next. Bro. J. W. Miller, P.M., was again re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler for the ensuing year.

At a lodge meeting a few weeks ago, at the third enquiry as to the prospect of any brother having anything to propose for the good of Freemasonry in general, or of Lodge . . . in particular, one brother announced his resignation and another applied to be put on the non-resident list. Our correspondent wants to know under which of the two heads these two interesting facts should be chronicled.—*Indian Masonic Review*.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—At a special meeting of the Governors held recently, at the Hospital, the Board of Management, through the chairman, Mr. T. W. Brookes, made a full statement of what they had accomplished in the re-organisation of the medical, sanitary, and managerial departments of the Institution; and having done so, placed their resignation in the hands of the Governors. The resolution was put to the meeting, but the Governors declined to pass it, and requested the existing Board of Management to continue office.

The *American Tyler* describes how on a recent occasion a brother was listening to the words of wisdom falling from the lips of the W.M. preparatory to being raised, when an earthquake occurred. The brethren, including the W.M., disappeared rapidly without the formality of being passed out, and when, in a quarter of an hour, they returned, the candidate was observed still standing amid the ruins. The W.M. tried to apologise, but the candidate explained that he had been under the impression it was all a part of the ceremony.

Electioneering for office, either in a subordinate lodge or in Grand Lodge is quite out of place. While human nature remains as it is we may expect, however, that there will be solicitations for office in Masonic bodies, and sometimes, at least, a heated contest for a coveted post of distinction. This was the case at the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The office of "Deputy" was the special bone of contention, although for several other offices there were contestants. The *Freemason*, published at Toronto, intimates that the Scottish Rite in some way made itself a party to the heated contest. It says: "The members of the Scottish Rite actively interested themselves in the selection of candidates for office in Grand Lodge. If such tactics is pursued in the future the Rite will sacrifice its dignity, and destroy its usefulness as a branch of the Masonic system. By all means let us confine electioneering to as narrow a circle as possible."—*Freemasons' Repository*.

THE HOLBORN RESTAURANT.

OPENING OF THE KING'S HALL.—The enterprise of the proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant appears to know no bounds. The growth of this gigantic aggregation of dining halls adapted to the requirements of every section of the large and ever increasing world of diners out, is one of the features of London. It is not long since extensive additions were made to this building which to those persons less foreseeing than its proprietors seemed to cover all possible requirements for the future, and now we have an addition which, not only in itself, is certainly far and away the finest hall in London, but attached as it is to the old structure forms, what we believe to be, the most complete and perfect establishment of its class in Europe. On Wednesday evening last, in response to invitations issued, some 3000 persons assembled to view the building. They were received at the new entrance in Newton-street by the ever courteous manager, Bro. Hamp, and the whole suite of rooms soon presented an animated and gay appearance. On all sides were expressions of admiration. Nor was their admiration misplaced, for the King's Hall is certainly a noble structure, "perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builder. The span of the roof with its rich decorations is graceful in the extreme. It is supported on every side by piers in Verona marble, arched with the same material, and resting on dark red pedestals with a massive plinth base of black marble with white fleckings. There are two balconies as well an orchestra for 60 or 70 musicians. The suite of rooms attached comprises a large and perfectly ventilated smoking room and other apartments, plentifully supplied with lounges and other luxuries, which have been fitted up in the best taste by Messrs. Maple and Co. The new hall will, we understand, be available for political meetings, balls, for which the floors have been specially laid, and other social gatherings on a large scale.

WANTED—A WIFE.—A farmer in Manitoba recently wrote to England, asking for a wife to be sent out to him. We believe he meant well, and we hope he met with success; but good wives are not usually to be obtained in this way. In such a matter a man cannot safely trust to the judgment of another, but must use his own. In choosing a wife, every man's judgment varies. In other things it is not so. For instance, the judgment of every sensible man is in favour of Holloway's Pills and Ointment for the cure of liver complaints, disordered stomach, shattered nerves, rheumatism, gout, lumbago, scalds, burns, and all skin diseases.

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OUR friend Jones is a terrible fellow for dates. His memory fastens itself upon them with the grip of a bulldog, and never lets them go. He can tell us when Alexander the Great was born and when Oliver Cromwell died. He knows when the Reform Bill was passed, and when Drake, Frobisher, and the rest beat back the Spanish Armada. Sometimes we think that if Jones's head were opened, his brain would be found stuck full of figures, like plums in a Christmas pudding. Most of us know the days when we were born, when married, and when crape fluttered from our door, events full of joy or sorrow. But for our historical dates we are content to go to the books. Why is it that a father, no matter how intelligent, gets his children's birthdays mixed up, as a general thing, and has to be corrected by his wife?

Mr. F. D. Ford will never forget the 23rd of March, 1894, because on that day he found the means of prolonging a life that was ebbing fast away. "In November of last year (1893)," he writes, "I began to feel weak and below par. I was easily tired and felt exhausted with the least exertion. I had great pain at my side and under the shoulder blades. I was constantly belching up a sour disagreeable fluid. I was much troubled with spasms, and had difficulty in breathing. I had intense pain in my back and sides, and often I have paced my room all night, being unable to rest in bed. After a time my meals distressed me so much that I became afraid to eat."

After all this it is not surprising that Mr. Ford should say "I lost flesh rapidly, and was soon so weak that I could scarcely walk, and dreaded going out of doors. I was unable to attend to my business (he is a grocer and tea-dealer), being in too much pain to stand in the shop. The doctor who attended me for

three months said the pain was 'muscular.' I got worse and worse, and in the early part of March the doctor told me he could do no more for me."

That doctor was an honest man. He would not take money when he knew he could give no service in return. But just consider the situation of Mr. Ford. First, he could not sleep, and sleeplessness leads to death by way of insanity. Next he was afraid to eat, like some king who dreads high treason and poison in his kitchen. "On the 23rd of March," he says, "I read that cases like mine had been benefited by Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. I got a bottle at Taylor's Drug Stores, High Street, Stoke Newington. In a few days I found a slight improvement. The pains were less severe, and the food I took agreed with me. Having got as low as possible my recovery took time; but I gained strength every day, and after four bottles I was able to work as usual, and am now (June 6) fully restored to health. Customers who saw me in my bad state ask what cured me. I tell them Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup put me on my feet after the doctor had given me up. For five years I suffered from sciatica, and I firmly believe that had I known of Mother Seigel's Syrup I should have been spared much suffering. Yours truly, (Signed) F. D. Ford, 90, Oldfield Road, Stoke Newington, London."

The honest doctor was mistaken. Mr. Ford's varied and dreadful ills were not "muscular." Every one of them was due to indigestion. His stomach was dilated with gases arising from undigested food that formed a heap of corruption. Neither appetite, strength, sleep, nor freedom from pain was possible while the body was laden with this matter. Nature needed help. Mother Seigel furnished it. Truly Mr. Ford has good reason to remember the 23rd of March.

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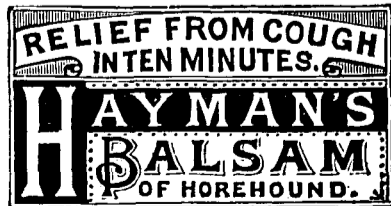
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