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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

A few days hence and we shall be celebrating in Brighton the 97th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, will preside as Chairman, and in all probability there will be in support of his lordship a Board of Stewards numbering between 520 and 530. Last year when the Festival was held in the same town under the auspices of Bro. the Right Hon. W. LAWIES JACKSON, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the Board of Stewards numbered in all 622 ladies and brethren, so that on Wednesday next, the 3rd July, there will be a smaller Board by close upon 100 members than there was in 1894. But we trust the friends of our Boys' School will not be cast down by this diminution in numbers. Rather let them bear in mind that all Chairmen—or rather those Chairmen who are Grand Masters of or otherwise prominently associated with Provinces—are not equally fortunate in the support they can rely upon obtaining. Thus West Yorkshire has 76 lodges on its roll, and last year it sent up over 200 Stewards in support of its chief. Cheshire has but 46 lodges, and its contingent of Stewards on Wednesday next, as near as we are able to judge at present, will not exceed some 70 or 75, and may be even less. But though we may not be looking forward to a repetition of last year's success, we are still hopeful of a satisfactory result. We believe there will be raised not only enough for the year's requirements, but also a little over towards the further augmentation of an exceedingly small invested capital; and if our anticipations are realised there will be no ground for complaining, because the same measure of success has not been obtained as in such exceptionally prolific years as 1891, 1893, or 1894. Of one thing we may rest assured, that Lord EGERTON OF TATTON'S advocacy will be as earnest and as deserving of a generous response as that of any of his predecessors in the chair, and that Cheshire, the other Provinces, and London, will spare no effort to secure a "big" Return.

As regards the arrangements, they are pretty much the same as they were last year and on previous occasions when the Festival has been held at Brighton, with this important exception, that dinner will be served in the Dome at 5.30 p.m., instead of at 4.15 p.m. This alteration is decidedly for the better, as it will enable the Stewards and the friends who will accompany them to make the most of their visit to this most popular of seaside resorts, and devote an ample afternoon to a drive or lounge by the sea; or, if they prefer it, to listening to the performances of the combined military and orchestral band which will play on the Eastern Lawn from 3 to 5.15 p.m., and in the evening from 7.30 to 9 p.m. As regards railway arrangements, there will be a special train of first-class carriages leaving Victoria at 11 a.m., which will call (to pick up) at Clapham Junction and East Croydon, and a later special of a similar character leaving London Bridge at 1.35 p.m., calling at East Croydon for the same purpose. The trains will leave Brighton on the return journey at 9.30 p.m. Moreover, in the case of those who may desire to extend their visit, the return half tickets will be available by any ordinary train on the 4th and 5th prox. without extra charge, and by payment of two shillings extra at the Brighton Booking-Office, by ordinary trains on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the 6th, 7th, and 8th prox., respectively. However, our readers may be satisfied that everything has been done to secure the comfort and convenience of those who intend being present at this important function, and if the Clerk of the Weather only remains as considerate as he has shown himself hitherto during the present season; we have no doubt the gathering will be proportionately as successful as in previous years.

THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

As we announced in our issue of last week, the annual Festival in behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 10th July. Bro. Lord SKELMERSDALE, Past S.G.W., will occupy the chair, and will be supported by a Board of Stewards, which, at the present time, consists of about 150 ladies and brethren, but which will doubtless be slightly augmented in the interval between now and the day of celebration. Last year, when Bro. the Earl of YARBOROUGH, Prov. G.M.M. for Lincolnshire, presided, the Stewards were 154 in number, and the amount obtained in Donations and Subscriptions £1894. We are, therefore, justified in hoping that the Returns a fortnight hence will be at least about the same as in 1894, while as the Chairman on this occasion, though not himself a Prov. G.M.M., will, in all probability, have the support of his father's Province of Lancashire, it is quite on the cards that they may be somewhat greater. At all events, the prospect is not altogether discouraging, and we doubt not the very modest hope will be realised to which Bro. C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary, and Secretary of the Fund, gave expression at the Grand Festival of the Mark Grand Lodge, on the 4th instant, that a sum would be obtained on the 10th prox. "which would enable them to keep up the old traditions in the case of the education of children and the annuities to Old People." Assuredly the Mark Benevolent Fund richly deserves the support which has been so generously accorded to it by the members of the Degree. It provides (1) as regards the Benevolent Fund proper, for the temporary relief of distressed Mark Master Masons, and their widows and families; (2) as regards its Educational Fund, for the education of the sons and daughters of deceased and indigent Mark brethren; and (3) as regards its Annuity Fund, for the permanent support of poor old Mark brethren and their widows. It has an invested capital of between £13,000 and £14,000, while its annual expenditure is upwards of £1000, of which considerably less than one half is derived from the dividends on its investments. Considering the amount of good it is doing, the Fund has undeniable claims upon the goodwill and support of all our Mark brethren, and we sincerely trust that when the time arrives it will be our privilege to announce, as the result of the approaching Festival in its behalf, such a sum as will make good the deficiency of income as compared with the expenditure, and permit of some slight addition being made to its capital. We lay some stress upon the latter point in the case of this as of our other Masonic Charitable Institutions. We have no right to expect that the exceedingly heavy demands which are now being made upon the pockets of brethren will always be responded to as amply as they have been for the last ten or dozen years. The country may some day find itself involved in a serious political or commercial crisis, when English Masons, though they will be actuated by the same desire as now to maintain their splendid Institutions at the same high level of efficiency, may find it impossible to contribute towards their maintenance as generously as they have been contributing, and then will be found the advantage of having held in reserve a sum sufficient to meet the heavier requirements of the proverbial "rainy day." We know there are many brethren who advocate the satisfaction of all claims upon our Charity out of the voluntary contributions that are raised annually, without regard to the future. It is, no doubt, an extremely generous policy, but not over-wise. It betokens a confidence in posterity, which posterity, with every inclination to do all that is required of it, may find

itself unable to realise. However, this is hardly the occasion on which to argue a question of this kind. What immediately concerns us is that the Mark Benevolent Festival on the 10th July should prove a great success, and whether the present prospects are slightly more or slightly less encouraging than they have been in past years, we have every confidence that nothing will be left unattempted by the noble Chairman or his Board of Stewards which is calculated to ensure a satisfactory result.

THE CRAFT IN BOMBAY AND ITS TERRITORIES.

We gather from the printed Proceedings—for which we are indebted to the courtesy of Bro. W. H. HUSSEY, District Grand Secretary—of the half-yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, which was held in Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay, on the 30th March last, that Freemasonry in this District is in a highly prosperous condition, both financially and numerically. W. Bro. I. M. SHIELDS, Deputy District Grand Master, who presided as District Grand Master, in the course of a long and careful review of the events of the preceding half-year, mentioned that he had visited, in company with sundry of his District Grand Officers, a considerable number of the lodges in Bombay and at the outlying stations; that wherever he had been, his reception had been most kind and cordial; and that he had invariably found the books and records in excellent order, and more especially in Bombay itself, a high standard of efficiency in lodge working. Only in the case of one lodge had there occurred any unpleasant incident, but thanks to the exertions of the W.M. and I.P.M., its affairs had been restored to a position of soundness, and the confidence of the brethren renewed in the wisdom and ability of its rulers. As regards the finances, they were shown to be in a most flourishing state, the Fund of General Purposes having a balance in hand of nearly 1100 Rupees, and an excess of assets over liabilities of close on 3700 Rupees, while the Fund of Benevolence, after liberally meeting all cases of relief, is possessed of investments in approved securities amounting to 7000 Rupees, and a cash balance at bank of upwards of 1600 Rupees. The Bombay Masonic Association was also stated to have an invested capital of the nominal value of 52,000 Rupees, and to be rendering valuable service in the education of the children of deceased or indigent brethren, the number so provided for at the date of the meeting being seven, which has since been increased to ten. But notwithstanding these numerous evidences of the prosperity of the Craft under his charge, Bro. SHIELDS rightly considered it to be his duty to impress upon his audience the necessity for extreme care and caution in certain matters. Especially earnest was he in pointing out, as leading brethren at home are continually doing, that it is impossible for the members of lodges to exercise too much caution in accepting candidates for initiation and membership. "It is often the fact," said Bro. SHIELDS, "that a lodge manifests too great anxiety to swell its numbers, forgetting that the character of the lodge depends not so much on the number, as on the respectability, of its members. Quality, not quantity, should be your motto; each candidate brought before a lodge is, as it were, a stone to be built into the edifice of Masonry, and unless the lodges carefully and thoroughly test the material, rejecting all in which there is the faintest flaw, the whole superstructure must suffer injury." We trust our Bombay brethren will take this advice to heart, as well as their Deputy District Grand Master's remarks on the necessity for punctuality in opening the lodge, the conferring of the obligation only on one candidate at a time, and the importance of instructing candidates "in a knowledge of each Degree they receive." There was one other subject to which Bro. SHIELDS conceived it to be his duty to direct attention, namely, the unauthorised communication of lodge proceedings to the daily or other local press, not, as he was careful to point out, from any any personal objection he had to such communications being made, or because he had the slightest intention of refusing consent to its being done when permission was "properly asked for." On the contrary, he spoke in commendation of our worthy contemporaries, the *Indian Masonic Review* and the *Indian Freemason*, which are published by authority and contain many such reports. What he insisted upon was (1) that Article 205, B.C., as regards publication with-

out the consent of the authorities having been first obtained should be duly observed; and (2) that all such reports should be discreetly written. A proposal to vote 500 Rupees towards the establishment of a library and reading room, conditionally that an equal amount was contributed by the Grand Lodge of the Scottish Constitution, was negatived by an overwhelming majority, not from any serious objection to the proposal itself, but because District Grand Lodge considered its first duty was to secure premises of its own, in which its various bodies might hold their meetings. As a consequence of this rejection, the scheme for the conduct and maintenance of a library of necessity fell through, and the consideration of the regulations proposed by the District Board of General Purposes was deferred till the next half-yearly communication. After the appointment and investiture of the District Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, the Deputy District Grand Master in charge presented Bros. BARROW and HUSSEY, Past Deputy District Grand Masters, with the insignia pertaining to that rank, which had been voted them by District Grand Lodge at its preceding communication in recognition of the many important services which each of those distinguished brethren had rendered to Freemasonry in Bombay; and the gifts having been gracefully acknowledged by the recipients, the remaining business of the meeting was disposed of, and District Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BUCKINGHAM-SHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORD ADDINGTON AS R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the County Hall, Aylesbury, on Thursday, the 20th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren to witness the installation of Bro. Lord Addington as Prov. Grand Master, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.

The brethren present included

Bros. Lord Addington, Prov. G.M. designate; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Rev. O. J. Grace, P.G. Chap.; J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec.; Col. Brownrigg, P.G.S.B.; J. Hattersley, P.P.G.D.; W. G. Cannon, P.G. Stwd.; T. T. Coles, P.G.S.; H. Martin, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Williams, P.P.G. Treas.; J. R. H. Fowler, P.A.G. Sec.; James Stephens, P.P.S.G.D.; G. A. Sims, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. Weston, P.P.G.W.; J. Simcox, P.G. Org.; W. Woollett, P.P.G.W.; J. Bliss, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Harwood, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.D.; C. Rose, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. McDowall, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Mackrill, P.P.G.S. of W.; Will E. Chapman, P.S.G.W.; J. C. F. Tower, P.S.G.D.; W. Bowdler Sharpe, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.B.; G. J. Jenner, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. de Fraime, P.P.G.D.C.; F. D. Bull, P.P.G.P.; T. Taylor, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Robinson, P.P.S.G.W.; H. King, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Sharpe, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. King, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Kent; Hibbs, P.M. 1690; and many others.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the minutes were confirmed.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then said he had to apologise for the unavoidable absence of Lord Carrington, who would have installed his successor had it been possible, and other active Prov. Grand Masters had also disappointed. Lord Addington was so well known in Bucks, not merely as a Mason, but as a neighbour, that the brethren were unanimous in their gratitude to the M.W. Grand Master for appointing him.

The Prov. Grand Master designate entered Prov. Grand Lodge, escorted by a deputation of seven Past Masters, and his patent having been read by the P.G. SECRETARY, he was obligated, invested with the collar of office, and installed in the chair. The Prov. Grand Master was then proclaimed and saluted.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., was re-appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and, having been installed, was proclaimed and saluted.

Bro. J. WILLIAMS, Prov. G. Treas., said he had been elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer for many years, but it had been suggested to him that the province should follow the custom of Grand Lodge, and have a brother elected every year. It was with great pleasure, therefore, he proposed the election of Bro. J. J. Thomas, I.P.M. 2421, a P.M. of many lodges, and a member of the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. J. W. BURGESS, P.P.S.G.D., seconded the proposition, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Officers were invested as follows:

Bro. Bliss, Wycombe Lodge ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Mackrill, Buckingham Lodge ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Wyatt, St. Peter and Paul Lodge ...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Briscoe, Runnymede Lodge ...	...
" Bevan, Eton Lodge ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. J. Thomas, Carrington Lodge ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Bowen, Herschel Lodge ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Gough, Grenville Lodge ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Burgess, Concordia Lodge ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Bowdler Sharpe, Runnymede Lodge ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Sims, F. de Rothschild Lodge ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Wagstaffe, St. Barnabas Lodge ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. King, Wineslai Lodge ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Cannon, Dagmar Lodge ...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. T. Coles, Cowper and Newton Lodge ...	...

Bro. Clapshaw, Herschel Lodge	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Woollett, Herschel Lodge	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Merrikin, St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Calladine, Watling Street Lodge	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Beachcroft	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Ball	...	...
" Lewcock	...	...
" Christopher	...	...
" Gibbs	...	...
" Marsh	...	...

Bro. the Rev. O. J. GRACE, P.G.C., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Williams for his services as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and, as a tangible recognition of those services, he proposed that the sum of 10 guineas should be voted, to be spent in some way to be decided by the recipient.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded the motion, and referred to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Williams in the formation of that province, which was now second to none. He bore testimony to the courteous manner in which the present Prov. Grand Treasurer had conducted the election, Bro. Thomas having assured him that his last wish was to exclude Bro. Williams from the office, and he also bore testimony to the very generous manner in which Bro. Williams came forward and accepted the position, and asked permission to nominate his successor. He had yet to learn that the new way was better than the old, for he saw in some cases the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer becoming a hotly contested election, which must result in a loss of harmony and fraternal feeling.

Bro. J. WILLIAMS, P.P.G. Treas., briefly returned thanks for the compliment, which, he said, was quite unexpected.

Charity jewels and bars were handed to various brethren entitled to them.

On the proposition of Bro. O. J. GRACE, P.G.C., a vote was passed recording the grateful thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge to Bro. Lord Carrington for the way in which he had presided over the province, and congratulations at the birth of a son and heir during the time in which he presided.

The PROV. S.G.W. seconded the proposition, which was carried *nem. con.*

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

A banquet was held at the Corn Exchange under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, and the usual toasts followed.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers" were first given.

Bro. Rev. O. GRACE, P.G. Chap., in responding to the latter toast, said that distinguished rank had its responsibilities as well as its pleasures. Those who attended Grand Lodge knew how carefully the Grand Officers performed their duties, and no one could leave without the impression that everything was in the most perfect order and symmetry.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, Deputy Prov. G.M., in proposing "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master," said that if Lord Carrington had been able to perform the installation ceremony that day he would have done justice to that toast. He was not going to say, however, that he wished it had fallen into other hands, for although others might be more eloquent, none could speak more from their hearts on the present occasion. In that province they were composed very largely—and increasingly largely—of Bucks men, and they had also, and he was glad to notice it, a very large London contingent. If they were asked whose name would most commend itself to London and Bucks it would be the honoured name borne by the Prov. Grand Master. They would never forget that at a very eventful crisis of English history there was no Member of Parliament more respected than Mr. Hubbard, M.P. for the City of London. They welcomed the Prov. Grand Master for his father's sake as well as his own, because they knew there was no man more thoroughly a Bucks man than Lord Addington, for he entered into every phase of the moment, and had attained that latest development of county life—an alderman. Whatever belonged to Bucks was dear to his heart, and he would enter in the most enthusiastic manner into all that concerned the welfare of the Craft in the county, and aid them in bringing Bucks to a greater and a higher position.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his kind words, and expressed the honour he felt in presiding over 18 lodges and 600 brethren. He had received letters and telegrams expressing regret for non-attendance from Bros. J. Cheesman, Carlile, and Surgeon-Major Bull. The next toast he would give them would be "The Health of the Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master." He had taken the liberty to telegraph to Lord Carrington as follows: "Provincial Grand Lodge of Bucks offer hearty congratulations on the birth of your son and drink your health as Past Prov. G. Master."

Bro. the Rev. O. GRACE, P.G. Chap., next submitted "The Dep. Prov. Grand Master," and said they were agreed that on the occasions when the late Prov. G. Master was absent, his duties suffered no diminution by the able administration of the Deputy Prov. G. Master. They all knew him as a good Mason and knew how wonderfully he entered into every detail of every lodge. He was always ready with his advice and kind co-operation, and if their present Prov. G. Master should by any chance be absent—and they hoped he would not—his place would be worthily represented by Bro. Brownrigg.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, Dep. Prov. G.M., said he was very much indebted to his old friend, Bro. Grace, whom he had known more years than they cared to remember. He could assure them that his services, so long as he held the position, were at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Master of Bucks. This was the fourth patent he had held from the Prov. Grand Master, and twice he had been in charge of the province. Bro. Grace had unduly praised him for what he had done as Deputy, but the most difficult task was when he had been in charge. It was difficult for men in charge to earn the thanks of posterity. When he first took office there were four lodges in Bucks, and now they numbered 18. He hoped the province would grow larger, although they did not desire lodges that were not a credit to the province. He would propose the toast of two brethren who had done, and were doing, a great work for the county. First, "The Prov. Grand Secretary," and none were better aware than he how difficult that post was, for he had sat with Bro. Bowen for a considerable number of hours in the organisation of details. Bro. Williams, whose name he would associate with that of Prov. Grand Secretary, was the Past Prov. Grand Treasurer, but there was no retirement possible for him, for his advice would always be welcome.

Bro. J. WILLIAMS, P.P.G. Treas., returned thanks, and said he had had 36 years of Masonry, and had never regretted it. He joined for love of Masonry, and continued for the same reason. It was now 25 years since

Bro. Rev. O. Grace and he established a chapter, and during that time he had never omitted to write up the minutes or attend the meetings.

Bro. BOWEN, P.G. Sec., said he had only been a member of the province for seven or eight years, and that was the fifth year he had been Prov. Grand Secretary. The number of lodges had increased from 12 to 18, and the members from 350 to 600. He thanked them for the loyal way in which all Masons in the province did their best to support the executive in their desire to see the work go on smoothly.

Bros. BLISS, P.S.G.W., and J. J. THOMAS, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

The proceedings then closed.

The Concord Part Singers and Bro. R. Evans carried out an excellent musical programme to the enjoyment of all present.

GRAND FESTIVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

The annual meeting of Grand Conclave was held at Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Warwick, who had been installed as Grand Supreme Ruler at the Grand Council's meeting immediately preceding. The brethren present included:

Bros. Dr. I. Zacharie, G.S.R.; Lord Halsbury, G. Chancellor; J. J. Pakes, S.G.V.; H. W. Roberts, G.B.B.; G. T. W. Muggliston, M.D.; J. A. Thilthorpe, G.C.; E. P. Delevanti, G. Org.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.V.; F. E. Lemon, P.G.C.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.S.R.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R.; J. Tickle, P.G.G.; W. H. Kempster, P.G.V.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.V.; A. Morton, P.G.S.B.; H. Tipper, P.G.B.B.; C. Gross, P.G.G.; J. Marshall, P.G.C.; A. F. Lamette, P.G.V.; E. Jessurun, P.G.S.B.; D. C. Lloyd Owen, F. S. Guy, W. Harboro, H. Thompson Lyon, H. P. Hay, E. Histed, J. O. Cook, J. A. Thilthorpe, P.S.R., W. C. Taylor, W. Cockcroft, S.R. 25, D. Hargreaves, C. 25, and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the Grand Supreme Ruler, having been proclaimed, addressed the brethren, and said he appreciated the great honour done him by electing him to the position. Unfortunately owing to various circumstances, the chief one being that his residence in town was of such short duration—he had been seldom able to attend their meetings, but whenever he had been able to do so it had always given him the greatest pleasure to do his duty as one of the officers of Bro. Dr. Zacharie, the G.S.R. He assured them he felt a certain amount of responsibility on this occasion, because he remembered that at the commencement of this Order it was taken under such favourable auspices, and had apparently such an excellent future before it that he felt, now that he was in such a high position, a great responsibility rested upon him to keep the Order up to the state of interest and importance it ought to enjoy. The object of every Freemason should be in no manner whatever to let Freemasonry go down. The great object of Freemasonry was to increase the money which poured into their Charities, and he believed that Order had not been less charitable than others. He trusted that during the time he might be in office they would give him that support they had been in the habit of giving the I.P.G.S.R.—whom, with great regret, they saw leaving the chair. Bro. Dr. Zacharie had been deeply interested in Freemasonry all his life, and saw the opportunity of promoting that interesting Order in this great city, and they must all congratulate him on the success which attended his efforts. It was a matter of great regret to himself (the G.S.R.) to find that Dr. Zacharie, owing to ill-health, was unable to perform the duties, but they hoped that in the retirement into which he was going he would carry the good wishes of his friends in the Order, and they looked on all occasions for the benefit of his valuable assistance and support. He would not detain them longer, but thank them for the kind manner in which they had welcomed him on that occasion.

The following Grand Officers were appointed, those present being invested:

M.W. Bro. Issachar Zacharie, M.D.	...	I.P.G.S.R.
R.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	D.R.O.
" The Right Hon. Baron Halsbury	...	G. Chancellor.
" J. Tickle, P.G.G., P.S.R. 8	...	G. Treasurer.
" C. E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.V., 5	...	G. Chamberlain.
" J. M. Bastone, P.G. Gdr., P.S.R. 1.	...	G. Guide.
" W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.P.G. Treas.	...	G. Recorder.
" Middx., P.S.R. 2	...	
" H. W. Kiallmark, P.G.B.B., P.S.R. 2	...	} G. Visitors.
" Col. Hugh M. Gordon, J.P., P.G. Gdr., P.S.R. 8	...	
" H. M. Rustomjee, P.G.C., P.G. Std., P.S.R. 16	...	P.G. Visitor.
V.W. Bro. F. E. Lemon, P.G.C., P.G. Std., C. 2	...	G. Std. Bearer.
" Frederick Marshall, P.G. Std., P.S.R. 9	...	P.G. Std. Br.
" J. A. Thilthorpe, P.G.C., P.G. Std., P.S.R. 10	...	G. Bow Bearer.
" W. F. de Kabeck, M.D., P.G. Std., P.S.R. 14	...	P.G. Bow Bearer.
" H. P. Hay, P.G. Std., S.R. 5	...	G. Gdr.
" R. M. Dedrickson, M.D., P.G. Std., P.S.R. 16	...	P.G. Gdr.
" G. T. Muggliston, M.D., P.G. Std., S.R. 10	...	} G. Councillors.
" J. Siven, Pres. Bd. G. Stds. (1894), 14	...	
" W. Cockcroft, S.R. 25	...	
" T. H. Scholfield, S.R. 26	...	
" S. M. Moinoodin, S.R. 21	...	} P.G. Councillors.
" John Marshall, S, 25, and 26	...	
" J. R. Ragdale, S, 25, and 26	...	
Bro. E. Jas. Mills	...	G. Sentinel.

The following Grand Stewards were announced: Bros. D. C. Lloyd Owen, F. Guy, W. F. Harbord, H. L. T. Lyon, H. Lewis, J. D. Cook, E. Histed, A. C. Dandridge, F. H. D. Piment, W. T. Sumner, J. C. Bannerjee, T. B. G. Overend, A. H. Stevens, M. S. Ahmed, T. Hargreaves, and T. Plumpton.

Bro. F. E. LEMON, P.G.C., then asked the G.S.R. to present a casket, containing an album bearing the signatures of the members of Grand Council, to Bro. Dr. Zacharie on his retirement from the office of G.S.R.

It was accompanied by a piece of paper bearing some mystic figures, which would enable him to purchase any article that might commend itself to himself and his wife. They felt it would be difficult to choose a present for a brother whose home was already filled with articles of beauty. The mystic figures amounted to about £80, but there was some more money yet to come, but they desired that the testimonial should be taken as a measure and the index to their feelings. They felt how true the friendship of Dr. Zacharie had been and how trusty and faithful he had proved himself, and there was no member of the Order who did not feel a personal friendship towards him, and was conscious that in him they had a true and faithful friend. They had seen him under circumstances of difficulty trying to work the Order—often in great physical pain—but on no occasion had they seen him unfaithful to his trust, and never uttering an unkind word, but those true principles on which this Order was founded had always influenced him and had won for him their high esteem and their love. Before the present was made Lord Halsbury would be prepared to say a few words.

Bro. Lord HALSBURY, P.G.C., said he felt that in a special degree he was indebted to his late chief for all the kindness shown towards him as one of those defaulting persons whose absence he had condoned. Everything that could be done for the Order had been done, and the P.G.S.R. had achieved a success, and won the confidence and friendship of every member. It would not be uninteresting to mention that 97 members had contributed to the testimonial in sums varying from one rupee to eight guineas. The fact that every brother had subscribed would be more pleasing to Dr. Zacharie than if the numbers were small and the amount larger. The fact that he had won their friendship, and that every member had contributed must be a great gratification to him, as it was a testimony of his work.

The Grand S.R. then made the presentation.

Bro. Dr. ZACHARIE, I.P.G.S.R., said that words could not express his feelings. He was very grateful for their thoughtfulness in presenting to him—or rather, he would say, to his wife—this memento. He was overwhelmed at the remarks made about him for he did not think he deserved them. He had done no more than his duty, and if he had been successful and gained their confidence and love he was amply repaid for what he had done in placing the Order in its present position.

Grand Conclave was closed in due form, and a banquet was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Warwick, G.S.R.

The first toasts afterwards honoured were "The Queen and the Order of the Secret Monitor," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons."

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Dep. R.O., on rising to propose "The Health of their Grand Supreme Ruler," said he did so with mingled feelings. He never, in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, under whom he had had the honour of serving as Deputy for 12 years, rose with such mingled feelings before. They had that day lost the founder of their Order in England, and they had also welcomed as their new head the holder of an historic title, the Mason who had at this juncture succeeded to the headship of the Order, a tried brother in the Craft, an experienced Mason in the higher Degrees, and one whose name, whether in Masonry or out of Masonry, had only to be mentioned where he was known to evoke those sentiments of respect which that Order was ready to hail him with. It was no mean thing to have introduced an Order into this country which had already many Masonic organisations in it. In succeeding to a title as direct as that by which he held the title of the Earl of Warwick, they felt that their new sovereign, while he came to a new kingdom—and during his year he might have to assert his reign as a sovereign—would be prepared to vindicate his title. Their new ruler was one who, by his personal qualities and his judgment, was able to rule wisely, and by his kindness would earn the love and affection of all. This was in one sense a melancholy occasion, but mingled with the bitter was the sweet, for it was a proud day for the Order. *Uno avulso non deficit alter.* Although through circumstance of ill-health one had gone from them as their head, but he trusted not gone from them in person, and he was sure not in gratitude and respect, they were able to have at their head a brother and a nobleman and a man. The Earl of Warwick, he was sure, would regard the interests of that Order and would preserve them in the way they all desired, and he was equally confident would not merely by his own personal character and the respect which he rightly attracted, but by his zeal as a Mason and his judicious conduct in that Order, would bring it to a greater degree of prosperity in the future than it had enjoyed in the past. He would not detain them further, but ask them to join with him in drinking the health of the Grand Supreme Ruler, in welcoming and congratulating him, wishing him long life and happiness and success to the Order; and might he find in the exalted position which he had that day been called upon to assume a happy reign in the loyal hearts and united support of the brethren!

The GRAND SUPREME RULER said he rose with very great pleasure to reply, but he felt some difficulty in doing so, because, as they were well aware, from circumstances which he endeavoured to explain in Grand Conclave, he had unfortunately been a poor attendant at their meetings. He had, nevertheless, taken the greatest interest in the Order and in their Grand Supreme Ruler, and when he was asked to accept the position which they had greatly honoured him by conferring, he had the greatest diffidence in doing so, because he thought there might be many others who would more worthily fill the post. If it was any qualification to be a Mason of some standing as regards time since he was first initiated, he had been a Mason for 20 years, and had been taking, of recent years, some considerable part in Masonry in a province not far off. He was not unacquainted with Masonic matters, and he hoped he was filled with the Masonic principles which the Craft upheld. To go back to the start of their Order, he could well remember about eight years ago when under the auspices of their Past Grand Supreme Ruler, and Bros. Lemon, Lewis Thomas, and the late Colonel Shadwell Clerke, he was extremely impressed with the ritual. It was one most interesting to him, as it had a great deal of novelty, and the manner in which it was explained by the Past Grand Supreme Ruler impressed him most forcibly. Although he had not taken an active part, it was not for the want of kind invitations, and he must express his deep regret and apologies for not having been with them before, but they had so leniently judged him as to ask him to preside. He hoped to have the support of them all as they had given it in the past. There might be questions arise, for he understood there was some slight difficulty between them and some other Masonic Orders in this country. He was quite sure that those difficulties were all such as were capable of rectification. They wished to act most fully up to everything that was Masonic, and they could trust him and Bro. Philbrick, who would support him in all that he had done in Masonic

matters, to promote brotherly feeling as far as possible. He should always be far from acting in any manner whatever—and was sure the brethren would—which would be subversive of discipline and of the supreme control of their Order, which had established such a footing, and most worthily, for eight years, had had men of prominence—Lord Halsbury and others, whom it was unnecessary to name—and such names were sufficient guarantee, besides that of their P.G.S.R., of their Order being one which was not to be passed over, but one worthy of support, and of the very highest support, among Masons in this country. He would not dilate longer, but he felt it was right he should allude to it, because there was no use in being silent; but they could rely upon it that in anything that came within his control he should endeavour to act with dignity as their representative, and in all matters for the benefit of the Order. As he had said before, whatever they did would be done in a thoroughly Masonic spirit, and he was sure the brethren they came into contact with would act in the same manner. He thanked them most heartily.

In proposing "The I.P.G.S.R.," the G.S. RULER again expressed their deep regret that circumstances had compelled Dr. Zacharie to retire, for he felt sure that nothing but ill-health would have done so; but having launched his vessel well, it was for others to carry on its affairs. Having experienced so many acts of kindness and hospitality from their late G.S.R., they regretted losing him, and it was only right and just they should recognise those kindly acts. They would always listen to his advice, and keep up the traditions of the Order, and show him they were imbued with that Masonic spirit which he had endeavoured to inculcate.

Bro. Dr. I. ZACHARIE, the I.P.G.S.R., thanked the G.S.R. for the kind expressions in his behalf which he really thought he did not deserve. However, he thanked them all for the kind manner in which they had always received the toast. This was one of the happiest moments of his life for the reason that he could congratulate them upon selecting so good, kind, and esteemed a S.G.R. as the Earl of Warwick. He had known their S.G.R. and watched his career for the past 20 years, and flattered himself he knew him well and knew his good qualities—take him all in all he was a man—a man whom they could rely on, and a gentleman in every sense of the word, and would do honour to himself and the Order. If he (Dr. Zacharie) had failed to carry out the duties he intended to do he had the satisfaction of knowing that he was not the only man who had failed in life, but if he had succeeded in gaining their love and esteem he was amply repaid for the trouble he had taken in launching the Order. He wished it was in his power to deliver a speech like the brethren who had preceded him but he was not endowed with that eloquence. There was one thing he would ask them all. They were now passing through what might be an ordeal that but few Masonic Orders had passed through; but he asked them as men and Masons to be true to themselves, and all evil would be frustrated by the kind hand of Providence. He thanked them most sincerely for all the kind sentiments expressed towards himself and his dear wife. They did not forget the kindness they had received at the hands of the brethren, which would ever be engraven upon his heart. He felt very happy at being able to retire and leave the Order in such good hands as those of the Earl of Warwick.

The next toast, proposed by the G.S.R., was "R.W. Bros. Lord Halsbury, Grand Chancellor; J. Tickle, G. Treas.; C. E. Keyser, J.P., Grand Chamberlain; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said they all hailed the presence of Lord Halsbury with satisfaction, for as a public man he had many duties to perform, and a trying ordeal to travel all over the country. His presence was not only the duty he owed as a distinguished member of the Order, but meant also that he intended to support their Order in the future in the same kindly manner he had done in the past. They were proud of having so distinguished a member of the legal profession in that Order, and regretted that his duties prevented his attendance with them at the banquet.

Bro. J. TICKLE, G. Treas., in reply, said the Order had had a glorious past under the guidance of the I.P.G.S.R., and all present admired the manner in which his duties had been performed. If they had had a grand past, he (Bro. Tickle) looked forward to a grand future, and the fact that they had a Peer of the realm to preside would not detract from their success. If their ruler would only come amongst the Lancashire and Yorkshire brethren where the Order had taken root, he could promise him a right royal reception. He felt it a great honour to have the distinction of G. Treasurer conferred upon him, and he could promise them that he would not be either extravagant or parsimonious. He complimented the Order on having as the Deputy G. Ruler so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Philbrick.

The GRAND SUPREME RULER next proposed "The Deputy Ruler of the Order," and said there was no one into whose hands he would more gladly entrust the office, for none would more worthily uphold the Order. He had known Bro. Philbrick for many years, both Masonically and otherwise, and had always found his judgment excellent in all Masonic matters, and of his friendship he had been most proud. He felt that Bro. Philbrick's guidance would be of the greatest benefit to them in the future, for he would enable them to smooth over difficulties which threatened them by his Masonic knowledge as Grand Registrar, his legal abilities, and his personal knowledge of Freemasonry.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Deputy Ruler of the Order, said that the first thing a child was taught to say was "Thank you," and the last thing at the close of one's life was to be able to say "Thank you" as one would wish to say it. The Grand Supreme Ruler had spoken of him in a way that he felt he did not deserve, but to one thing he could testify—that which he had been good enough to hope—that there was one present that night who had a keener sense of this Degree and of its worth than he had. If he might be forgiven for referring to the graceful allusion to their dear friend gone from them but whose memory would be ever green—Colonel Shadwell Clerke—he would say that to him they owed in a very great measure the present form in which the Order existed in England, and that to his memory, if to nothing else or to no other cause, he should feel they were traitors if they did not uphold the traditions of the Order. But be that as it might, and whether there might be a little difficulty for adjustment—and all difficulties were susceptible of adjustment—he knew that having served for many years under their Grand Supreme Ruler in another capacity, the general inspired into his officers the spirit which animated him, and they would bring their best efforts to second his exertions. The interests of the Order he trusted would never be lost sight of, and the moment that he felt any other consideration was supreme, how could he look his brother Monitors in the face, or hold any position in the Order. He was quite sure that that feeling would imbue the high contracting powers with a proper sense of what was due to those in the Order, and he was certain that the discipline of the Order in

the hands of the Earl of Warwick was in safe keeping, and that they might look forward to its expansion and its success. The truest Masonic principles, with a due regard to the rights of others, and a firm assertion of their own, would cause them at once to be respected as a Masonic body and rank as a Masonic body which carried out the true principles of Masonry, strictly regarded the rights of others, and would not lightly have its own disregarded. He had had—as had been said—some experience of the G.S.R. as a chief, and some experience of Freemasonry as connected with the great body of the Craft, and he fearlessly asserted that this Order was not an aggressive Order, and would always respect the Masonic Constitutions and rights of every Masonic body in the world, and would in return expect that every other Masonic body should duly consider the rights that belonged to it. He thanked the G.S.R. for the kindness with which he had referred to him, and assured him that he had no more loyal subject, none more desirous to assist him in the administration of the Order and in bringing it to the success it deserved.

Bro. Dr. ZACHARIE proposed "The Grand Stewards," which was responded to by Bro. LYON; and the Sentinel's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Harry Tipper, P.G.B.B., assisted by Miss Maggie Purns and Messrs. G. W. Turner and Sidney Anning.

MASONIC CELEBRATION AT DUNBLANE.

BI-CENTENARY OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 9.

The bi-centenary of this ancient and prosperous lodge was celebrated on the 7th inst., according to the rites of the Craft. There was a large representation of the brethren in regalia. The service took place in the lodge-room at two o'clock. The lodge was opened, while half an hour later the R.W.P.G.M. and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were received and saluted in due form. Later, the Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge of Scotland were also received and saluted.

After the singing of the 100th Psalm, and prayer by the Chaplain, the R.W.M. read a list of contents and summary of ancient records of Lodge No. 9, which had been placed in a jar for preservation in a part of the building. The jar was sealed and it was placed in a stone and cemented by the Grand Master, the hymn, "Oh God, our help in ages past," being meanwhile sung. Thanks were returned on behalf of the lodge, and the R.W.M. presented the Grand Master with the trowel used in laying the stone. A closing prayer was offered by the Chaplain, and the officers of the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges were saluted on retiring.

The lodge was thereafter closed, and the company adjourned from labour to refreshment, which consisted of a public dinner in the Victoria Hall.

Bro. Col. Stirling, P.G.M. of West Perthshire, was chairman, and Bro. Murray Stewart, R.W.M. 9, was croupier. The company included the M.W. Bros. Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., Grand Master of Scotland; John Graham of Broadstone, Prov. Grand Master, Glasgow, Substitute Grand Master; Ex-Provost George Christie, Prov. Grand Master of Stirlingshire; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; Robert K. Inches, Grand Jeweller; Robert J. Jamieson, President of Grand Stwds.; J. Lascelles Graham, Prov. Grand Depute Master of Stirlingshire; M. O. Thomson, Prov. Grand Jeweller of Stirlingshire; and Joseph Loxdale, Depute Grand Master of Perthshire West.

The following members of Lodge No. 9 were present: Bros. C. Murray Stewart, R.W.M.; Julius F. Schilling, S.W.; W. W. Peattie, J.W.; Rev. C. Christie, Chap.; James Gray, Treas.; George Moir, J.W.; W. Jack, Tyler; R. Wedderspoon and James Mackenzie, Members of Committee; T. D. W. Thomson, Robert M. Christie, P.M.; Robert Cameron, James McNaughton, Adam Syme, William Walker, Robert Stewart, Stirling, George Kermack, Dr Howatson, James Dall, Emile Beatrix, Corrie, Hugh Keenan, Peter Blair, South Africa; and others. Amongst others present were Bros. Ex-Provost Macgregor, Crieff; J. A. McLean, Doune; John Cramb, Bridge of Allan; W. Gray, Doune; and others.

Apologies were intimated from Bros. the Marquis of Breadalbane, Sir John Stirling Maxwell, Col. Home Drummond of Blair Drummond, the P.G.M. of Dumbartonshire, James Smith, 64, Dumfries; Scott, Ben Ledi; Dalrymple Duncan of Meiklewood, and others.

After the dinner,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Duke and Duchess of Rothesay, and other Members of the Royal Family."

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The M.W. the Grand Master, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In doing so, he said that he did not think there had been many lodges so greatly honoured as the lodge of West Perthshire, because within three years they had received two visits from Grand Lodge. They had had great honour conferred upon them by having been visited by such an influential deputation as the present deputation, headed by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. It was not every day that a lodge could celebrate the bi-centenary of its written records. In 1887 No. 2 celebrated its bi-centenary and was visited by the then Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, and that was the last occasion upon which a lodge held such high festival as Lodge No. 9. That day they celebrated their bi-centenary, and they were proud indeed to receive a visit from Sir Charles Dalrymple, their Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, in responding, said that the occasion was no common one, and on behalf of the deputation—and it was a very influential deputation—he had to say that they regarded this visitation as a holiday outing, and one which they would retain in their recollection with the utmost pleasure for a long time to come. There was great interest in the antiquity of lodges, but there was a better thing than antiquity, and that was efficiency, but he was glad to say that he found both antiquity and efficiency in Dunblane.

Bro. MURRAY STEWART proposed "The Provincial Grand Master of West Perthshire and Officers of P.G. Lodge," remarking that there was no more efficient Provincial Grand Master than Colonel Stirling, who took the deepest and liveliest interest in the lodge. He hoped that the colonel might long be spared to continue in the office which he now held, and he could say that so long as he was prepared to accept that office, and carry out

his duties, the daughter lodges of the Western Division were quite prepared to accept him as Provincial Grand Master. The motto of the toast was "a just and upright man and Mason," and they accepted that. A West Perthshire poet had sung—

A braw, braw lad is oor Kippendavie;
You may search through the lists of the Army and Navy,
But you'll ne'er find a Mason like oor Kippendavie.

Bro. Col. STIRLING said that had he not done what he had done he should not have been worthy of the honour conferred upon him when he was elected to succeed Colonel Home Drummond. He should not have accepted the office had he not been cordially and loyally supported by the office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he would back the Province of West Perthshire against any lodge for the way in which they supported the Grand Master, and he heartily thanked the office-bearers who had so loyally stood by him.

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, M.W. Grand Master, proposed "Lodge No. 9, and Bro. C. Murray Stewart." He said that the toast assigned to him was the toast of the evening, because a great part of the interest centred in Lodge No. 9. It was a most extraordinary fact that it should be a pre-eighteenth century lodge, having in its records traces of that exceedingly remote period at which they believed it was erected. Before he came to Dunblane he did hear of the entry of the date 1695 on the fly-leaf of the minute book, although January, 1696, was supposed to be the date of erection of the lodge. Some very interesting records had been read in their hearing that day; and while he believed that it was a difficult task to select from the records, he must say that the selection made was very interesting. He was somewhat struck with the largeness of the fines for non-attendance, and he supposed it was because the fines were so severe that there was a subsequent abatement in the amounts. Then there was an entry with reference to the forbidding of the initiation and passing of Masons on the same occasion. It was perfectly impossible that Masons could learn all that they should learn at one hearing, especially considering the natural excitement of a first night, so that that entry in the records reminded them of the need which they had at the present time of being very particular upon that score. There was another entry which struck him very much, and that was the price of the gloves; they must have been very cheap in those days, but it struck him that men must have been smaller then. He looked forward to the time when those interesting records, of which they had a specimen that day, should be produced in a more permanent form. He acknowledged the hospitality of the Provincial Grand Master and of the members of Lodge No. 9, and hoped that the lodge might continue to prosper.

Bro. MURRAY STEWART, R.W.M., said that on behalf of Lodge No. 9, he had to return heartfelt thanks for the very kind, the very eloquent, and very gracious words which the Grand Master had used in regard to their lodge. There was not a single member of No. 9 but rejoiced at the fact that they had been able to carry on the successful celebration of their bi-centenary in such magnificent weather. The success of that celebration had been in great measure due to the fact that they had had with them that day the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and a very important deputation with him. When he was nominated and appointed R.W.M. of Lodge No. 9, on December 27th, 1894, he did not anticipate or appreciate the responsibilities of the position of such a year of office as the present. He had received guidance and strong support from an enthusiastic body of office-bearers, so that he could not help going forward in a successful direction. He was very glad indeed to know that the short sketch of the records had been appreciated, because it was very difficult indeed to select what was interesting from the minutes, and he hoped they might be able to publish them. No man in this part of Europe was considered infallible, and he was ready to acknowledge that he had made mistakes, but at the same time he had endeavoured in a conscientious manner to promote the interests of Freemasonry.

At this stage the CHAIRMAN read the following telegram from Sir John Stirling Maxwell: "Good luck to you; I wish I was there."

The other toasts were: "Neighbouring Provincial Lodges," proposed by Bro. R. H. CHRISTIE, P.M., and responded to by Bro. ex-Provost CHRISTIE, P.G.M. Stirlingshire; "The R.W.Ms. of the Sister Lodges of West Perthshire," "The Daughter Lodges of No. 9," proposed by Bro. LOXDAL, D.M., P.G.L., and responded to by Bro. SCHILLING, S.W.; and "The Masonic Charities," proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. GRAHAM, G.M.

As a noteworthy fact in connection with the celebration, it may be mentioned that Bro. William Neilson, Dunblane, was present at the service in the Masonic Hall. Bro. Neilson, who is 92 years of age, has been a Mason for 73 years, and with such a record he might very well be the father of the Craft in Scotland. Within the past year or two he has aged considerably, and his step, once so firm and elastic, is now somewhat feeble. It can only be hoped that he may continue to enjoy a fair measure of health in the waning years of his long life.

KNIGHT TEMPLARY IN ENGLAND.

The publication of the official Calendar of "The Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales for 1895-1896," and the probability that the "Convent General" will soon cease to exist, appear to me reasons for taking a brief glance at the Order as respects its connection with the Craft in this Country.

When the Knight Templar's Degree was first worked under the wing of the Craft, it is impossible to decide; but from 1779 we meet with it in England, and from 1780 at Bristol, in which year, however, it was not a new creation, but the governing Body was then termed "The Supreme Grand and Royal Encampment of the Order of Knights Templars of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitallers and Knights of Malta," &c., the "Charter of Compact" being dated "At our Castle in Bristol, 20th Day of December, 1780." It is reproduced as Appendix D in my "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," 1884.

What was long known as the Grand Conclave was started at London in 1791 by Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, who was succeeded as Grand Master by Lord Rancliffe (Bro. T. B. Parkyns). Matters were not very prosperous for a few years, but in 1805 H.R.H. the Duke of Kent was elected as the

Head, and became "Royal Grand Patron," being succeeded, on his Royal Highness's resignation as G.M., by Judge Waller Rodwell Wright, in 1807.

The statutes which were agreed to in 1791 were revised in 1809 those of 1804, including Regulations granted by the Duke of Kent, being revoked by his Royal Highness's authority, who also confirmed Bro. Wright in the office of Grand Master, so that the Duke was active as Grand Patron, though having ceased to be the actual Ruler of the Society. The title in 1809 was "The Royal, Exalted, Religious, and Military Order of H.R.D.M. Grand Elected Masonic Knights Templars K.D.S.H. of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, &c."

At this period "Lodges of Craft Masons and Chapters of the Royal Arch," it was declared by authority of the Royal Grand Patron, "pretend by virtue of their respective Charters of Constitution to admit Knights of the several Orders above mentioned, and to confer the Degrees of Rose Croix to the said Orders annexed and thereon dependant"; and means were taken to prevent such irregularity.

In 1810 there were 36 "Chapters of Knights Templars" on the roll, including "Observance of Seven Degrees" (London), "Redemption" (York), and "Baldwin" (Bristol), without numbers, and described as of "Time Immemorial." Then 33 are numbered consecutively, one being of 1790, two each of 1791, 1792, and 1793, and others of 1794, 1796, 1805 to 1810. The old Encampment at Exeter is not mentioned. Others are noted as "discontinued from not being able to assemble," one being the "Time Immemorial" at Bath, and one each in "First Dragoons," Salisbury, Hampton Court, &c., some of which were revived subsequently.

H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex became Grand Master in 1812, and so continued to his decease in 1843. Colonel Kemys-Tynte succeeding his Royal Highness in 1846. A new era for the Knights Templars began in this year, the working of the Rose Croix and Kadosh was gradually placed in the hands of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," which began then to be active, and has been a great power and influence for good ever since, and the Grand Conclave soon became a flourishing Body.

On Colonel Tynte's decease in 1865, Bro. William Stuart, G.C.T., was soon afterwards elected, and was installed in 1861. On his resignation in 1872, my lamented friend, the Rev. John Hayshe, M.A., became the acting Grand Master during the interregnum, when the eventful changes of 1872 were introduced, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master of the Convent General, 7th April, 1873, since composed of the Great Priors of England and Wales, Ireland, and Canada. The Scottish Fratres declined to join the new organisation, and Canada withdrew in 1883.

The Earl of Limerick, G.C.T., was the first Great Prior of England and Wales under the new régime, followed by the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, G.C.T., in 1876, on whose regretted decease the Earl of Lathom (*then* Lord Skelme-sdale) became the Great Prior, and happily still continues.

Full lists of all the officers appointed and elected from 1846 to 1888 were published in 1888, compiled by Bro. William Tinkler, K.C.T., as Vice Chancellor, and in the Calendar for 1895-1896 will be found many interesting particulars of the Order, and particularly the Roll of Preceptories, arranged in alphabetical order, but bearing a consecutive enumeration, according to precedence, and containing information as to where the meetings are held, &c. There are in all 117 preceptories, five being lettered A to E (excluding E), as of "Time Immemorial" (viz., Nottingham, Hull, Bristol, London, and Exeter), the remainder being numbered from 1 (Bath) to 164 (Ceylon), excepting vacancies. The dates of warrants of these are duly entered. Some 16 are returned as being in arrears, but possibly some are only slightly behind time.

I cannot but think that a popular Constitution, active and popular Provincial Priors, and with the same Great Officers as well as the same courteous Vice Chancellor, quite a revival of interest in the Order would soon be manifested.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on the 24th inst., when Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, J.P., Prov. G.M., presided, supported by Bros. Col. Wyndham Hart, P.J.G.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.G.S.B., as Dep. G.M.; A. Stewart Brown, P.G. Sec.; Basil Stewart, P.S.G.D.; R. J. Tucker, P.G.S.B.; Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.P.G.W.; Dr. H. W. Roberts, P.G. Stwd; Geo. Thomas, P.P.G.M.O.; M. C. Christian, P.S.G.D.; A. McDowall, P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. Graveley, P.G.S.B.; W. C. Dickey, P.P.G. I. of W.; W. Fisher, G. Rice, H. Higgins, F. A. Jewson, F. R. Trew, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Small, J.W. 448; C. M. Challender, P.M. 323; A. C. Goodridge, W.M. 3; C. Wilkinson, J. Mansell, J.O.; A. J. Blake, M.O.; G. Gregory, P.G.S.; M. T. Tuck, M.O. 485; W. George, S.D. 485; W. Blackburn, P.M. 236; A. Tucker, P.M. 236; W. D. Seaton, 236; C. H. Perryman, Sec. 284; M. J. Taylor, S.D. 173; W. G. Bridges, I.G. 173; W. H. Toye, 173; J. H. Frye, M.O. 485; J. Robinson, I.G. 199; A. D. Jones, 199; J. W. Goodridge, J. Bayne, 199; H. F. Adlard, Stafford Trego, 199; W. W. Lee, and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. A. STEWART BROWN, J.G.D., P.G. Sec., moved that the present P.G.M. should be recommended for re-appointment to the office. Having served under Bro. Col. Cook for two years as P.G. Secretary, it afforded him the greatest pleasure to make the proposition. He was speaking from the hearts of every brother in the province when he said that a Prov. G.M. more indefatigable in the discharge of the duties of his high position could not be found through the length and breadth of the land.

Bro. A. McDOWALL, P.A.G.D.C., seconded the proposition, which was unanimously agreed to.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER returned grateful thanks for the compliment, which he regarded as a proof that his efforts in the last three years had met with their approbation. If the M.W.G.M. were pleased to accede to their recommendation, his services would be at their disposal as in the past.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was adopted, showing an increase of 37 members, making a total of 180 brethren, exclusive of a new lodge recently formed.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then referred to the difficulties experienced by the head of a province in the appointment of Prov. Grand Officers,

especially in a new province, where he was anxious to absorb in it some of the old and distinguished officers of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey. When he appointed a brother to a junior post he hoped he would accept it, for, although it might not fully represent his merit, he would be promoted in years to follow. He wished the province to understand that Masters or Past Masters should not refuse a minor office, for in the minds of the executive it meant promotion in the future. He also hoped the Secretaries of lodges would send notices of their meetings to the executive, as it was a rule to do so.

The roll of lodges was called, and all were represented.

Bro. Major Clifford Probyn, P.G.S.B., was unanimously elected P.ov. Grand Treasurer.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed:

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.	...	D.P.G.M.
" A. McDowall, W.M. 485, P.A.G.D.C.	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. Ward Verry, P.M. 173, P.G.S.B.	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. Blackburn, P.M. 236	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" G. Rice, W.M. 284	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" A. P. Little, P.M. 199	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Major Clifford Probyn, P.G.S.B.	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Millner Jutsum, M.O. 173	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" A. Stewart Brown, P.M. 448, J.G.D.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. Hartzorne, P.M. 357	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. G. Bridges, P.M. 350	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M. 284, G.S.B.	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. C. Gooding, W.M. 3	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Toye, W.M. 173	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. S. Trego, S.W. 199	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Simmonds, P.M. 181	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Watkins, W.M. 350	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Dr. J. H. Frye, Sec. 485	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" C. Wilkinson, 357	...	
" F. G. Mitchell, 448	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from the Pro Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Bros. Capt. Walls, G. Everett, W. H. B. Scott, F. Richardson, L. Steel, Dr. Lawrence, and W. A. Scurreah.

The sum of five guineas was unanimously voted from the Benevolent Fund to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the list of the Prov. G. Master.

Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and after banquet the proposing of the various toasts was proceeded with.

"The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were first given, after which

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Grand Officers," and with reference to the Pro G. Master and the Dep. G. Master said that they could congratulate themselves on the fact that one had been present on two occasions and the other on one occasion of their provincial meetings. He deeply regretted the absence of the Grand Secretary owing to an accident which was likely to prove more serious, and would keep him at home for some little time. They all knew what a genial spirit Bro. Matier was, and what he had done for the Mark Degree and the Mark Benevolent Fund. He (the Prov. G. Master) could honestly congratulate the province that two brethren, Bros. Stewart Brown, and Knightley had received Grand Office honours. Bro. Stewart Brown had been appointed as G.D., and none were more deserving of it, and he also congratulated Bro. Capt. Knightley, for he was one to whom a Provincial Grand Master might always turn in time of trouble. There was also present with them Bro. Stiles, who was a Grand Officer and a P.P.G. Officer of Middlesex and Surrey. Perhaps in the future Bro. Stiles would belong to Middlesex, which would be their gain, but also their loss, as he would presently be called upon to reply for the visitors.

Bro. A. STEWART BROWN, J.G.D., said that was the first time he had had the honour to reply for the Grand Officers. He was extremely proud to reply on behalf of those excellent Masons at the head of Grand Lodge, for they studied neither time nor distance in the discharge of their duties. It was only 48 hours previously that the Pro Grand Master consecrated a Mark lodge at Eastbourne, supported by five Present Grand Officers, and 10 or 12 Past Grand Officers, which showed that in this Degree they took an interest in the Order in which they had received honours. With regard to Bro. Knightley and himself, they considered their appointment as an honour to the province to which they belonged.

Bro. Capt. C. J. KNIGHTLEY, G.S.B., said he had a difficult task to perform in proposing "Success and Prosperity to the Prov. Grand Master," but the brethren would agree that they had the right man in the right place. It was not many years ago that at Hampton Court he (Bro. Knightley) made bold to go to Col. Cook and assure him, as a Prov. Grand Officer, that he would gain the esteem and friendship of the province, and that had been carried out to the letter. The Prov. Grand Master had done his level best for the province, and the brethren would do their best for him in fair weather or foul. They had seen from the report that the province was increasing, and he was confident it would continue to increase under the able guidance of Col. Cook.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, P.G.M., in reply, said the hearty endorsement the kind words of Bro. Knightley had received had afforded him a great deal of pleasure. When he undertook the office he knew and felt there were many difficulties to be contended with, and that he had a somewhat difficult task. As the proposer of the toast had said, he had succeeded in getting rid, as it were, of some of the disagreeables of the position, and he thought the province might be said to be fairly started on a good way to success. He could not but thank them again for having recommended him to the M.W.G.M. for re-appointment. If his efforts had been appreciated in the right way, and he had carried out the object with which he was put into the position—that of smoothing down things that would naturally occur—he was more than gratified. He thought he could say he had succeeded, and could not tell them how proud he was that he had been recommended for another term of three years. Nobody was more pleased than he was at the increase of their numbers. A new lodge had been started and he believed they would have another soon. He was proud to be in the position of Prov. G. Master, grateful for the reception he always received, and pleased to see such large numbers present.

In proposing "The Dep. Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Officers," the PROV. G. MASTER said the Dep. Prov. G.M. could be honestly excused at that critical time owing to his many duties. He was very seldom brought officially into contact with the Prov. G. Officers except at a consecration, when he found he was well supported. He would couple the name of Bro. McDowall, who was the first Master of the Highbury Lodge recently consecrated, when the arrangements made by him were excellent.

Bro. A. McDOWALL, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. S.G.W., regretted the absence of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Sir Reginald Hanson, whom he had known for 25 years, and as a member of the London Rifle Brigade. It afforded him great pleasure to reply for the Provincial Grand Officers and return thanks for the honour conferred upon them. One and all would endeavour to assist the Prov. G. Master in carrying out his duties. On behalf of the members of the Highbury Lodge, he had to thank the Prov. Grand Master for the great honour done them by appointing him S.W.

Bro. Dr. H. W. ROBERTS proposed "The Visitors," for which Bro. W. M. STILES, P.G.S.B., responded.

Bro. G. GRAVELEY, P.P.G.W., submitted "The Mark Benevolent Fund," which was responded to by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

FAITH, OR THE TWO STRONG ARMS.

[ADAPTED FROM THE GERMAN.]

There was a scholar once, a learned man,
Among the wisest, wise beyond compare,
Whose life from early youth in study spent
Had made his name the theme of every tongue;
With affluence blessed, devoid of anxious care,
High on the scroll of Fame, possessed of all
That happiness could crave, within his soul
He felt a void, a longing undefined
For something better than this world affords—
Long had he sought in earnest prayer to God
The straight and narrow path which leads to Heaven.
Clouds still obscured his gaze, not yet vouchsafed
Celestial light and vision to behold.

One Sabbath morn as to the house of God,
In meditation he had bent his steps,
He met a poor old man, "Good morrow friend!"
"I thank you, sir," he reverently replied,
"But every dawning morn is good to me."
"Good fortune, then, be thine," the scholar said.
"Thank God! ill fortune I have never had."
The scholar, wondering at these strange replies,
Besought their meaning might be rendered clear.
With joyful willingness, the poor man spoke:
"No morrow ever yet has sorrow brought,
"Though pinched by hunger, or oppressed with thirst,
"I still love God, for 'tis His bounteous hand
"In Mercy gives—His Wisdom that withholds—
"The Summer's heat, the Winter's piercing cold,
"Rain, hail, or snow, the pealing thunder storm.
"Midst every change contented I love God,
"And thankfully acknowledge His good—
"Good fortune ever to my lot has fallen,
"For I resign myself, and know full well
"That what the Lord appoints cannot be had.
"Whatever, then, His Providence decrees,
"Sorrow or Joy, Pleasure, or even Pain,
"Each, as they come, I thankfully receive,
"Assured, to those who put their trust in God,
"All things that happen must be for the best."

Struck with such childlike confidence and trust,
The scholar further still to prove his faith,
Enquiring, sought what the poor man would do.
Were God to plunge him into deepest Hell;
"That He will never do, but, if He should,
"I have two arms, the arms of Faith and Love,
"With these I'd grasp and cling and hold so fast,
"That I should follow, wheresoe'er He went,
"And whilst with Him, contented I would stay,
"For, though in Hell if God my Lord were there,
"The joys of Heaven I'd not wish to share!"

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UNFURLING OF A NEW BANNER OF THE CARVILLE LODGE, No. 2497, AT WALLSEND.

On Monday, the 10th instant, the interesting ceremony of the unfurling of a handsome new banner, and of presentations to the W.M. of the Carville Lodge, Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec. Durham, took place at the Masonic Hall, Wallsend, in the presence of a large number of the officers and members of the lodge, visitors from Northumbrian lodges, and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.

The W.M., Bro. R. Hudson, presided, and the officers were Bros. George A. Allan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; Matthew Murray, S.W.; Rev. W. M. O'Brady Jones, P.M., P.P.G.C., J.W.; George A. Allan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Wm. Philipson, Sec.; Summers Hunter, S.D.; Joseph Shenton, J.D.; Roger Brand, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., I.G.; Joseph Welch Surtees, Tyler; and George Robert Stephenson and George Hollings, Stewards.

Among the visitors were officers from the Province of Durham—Bros. T. G. Mabane, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Hartley Jennings, Prov. G. Chap.; F. Wade, Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Coulson, Prov. J.G.D.; John Robinson, Prov. G. Std. Br.; T. Dunn, Prov. G.D.C.; V. J. Jobson, Prov. D.G.D.C.; J. H. Johnson, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; J. Joel, Prov. A.G. Sec.; H. Soderberg, Prov. G.I.G.; J. C. Moor, P.P. J.G.D.; A. Dodds and T. R. Short, Prov. G. Stewards; G. L. Wooley, W.M. 1862; M. J. Todd, P.M. 80; R. Stewart, P.M. 424; Thos. Lewins, P.P.S.G.D.; E. W. Turnbull, P.P.G.O.; H. E. Hollis, P.P.G. Stwd.; and J. Daglish, P.A.G. D.C. Northumberland.

After other business, Bro. SUMMERS HUNTER, S.D., asked the W.M., on behalf of the officers of the lodge, to accept and unfurl the handsome new banner, which had been worked by the Ladies' Needlework Guild of the Diocese of Newcastle, and which bore the arms of the Carr family of Carville, the arms of the W.M. and of an officer of the lodge.

The W.M., Bro. R. HUDSON, expressed, on behalf of the officers of the lodge, the great pleasure it gave him to comply with their request, and unfurl the new banner, and hoped it would be a rallying point round which the brethren of the Carville Lodge might assemble from meeting to meeting, and that they would look up to it with pleasure and profit.

Bro. Rev. W. M. O'BRADY JONES, J.W., having offered the dedicatory prayer,

the banner was unfurled, amid applause, by the W.M., Bro. Robt. Hudson. The anthem, "Hail, Masonry Divine," was then sung.

Bro. G. A. ALLAN, P.M., on behalf of the officers of the Carville Lodge, presented to the W.M. a beautifully designed founder's jewel, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to the Worshipful Brother Robert Hudson, Past Grand Sword Bearer England, Secretary of the Province of Durham, from the Officers of Carville Lodge, No. 2497, Northumberland, as an evidence of affection and esteem, on the completion of his occupancy of the chair as first Master, 1895." Bro. Allan thanked Bro. Hudson for his kindness in becoming their first W.M., and was sure that if the lodge continued as he (Bro. Hudson) had placed them, it would be second to none in the harmony and efficiency of its working.

Bro. HUDSON said that when he took the chair last year he little expected that there was such a pleasant year in store for him. He hoped that the harmony would long continue, and would ever remember the year he had presided over the lodge.

Bro. JOHN DIXON, on behalf of the members of the lodge, then presented to Bro. Hudson an excellent photographic portrait of himself, framed, for the walls of the lodge.

This was also suitably acknowledged by Bro. HUDSON, who said the portrait would be hung next to that of so worthy a Mason as the late Bro. Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., and next to that of Bro. G. A. Allan, I.P.M.

The W.M. moved, and Bro. W. PHILIPSON, Sec., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Summers Hunter, S.D., for the gift of the banner to the lodge, which was passed with acclamation.

Bro. M. MURRAY, S.W., proposed "That the best thanks of the members of the Carville Lodge be accorded to Mrs. Wilberforce for her permission granted to the Diocesan Needlework Guild to make the banner just unveiled, and to Mrs. Frere and the ladies of the guild who have so kindly executed the work, and the Secretary be instructed to convey the same to the ladies named."

Bro. the Rev. W. M. O'BRADY JONES, J.W., seconded the motion, and mentioned that the ladies had gratuitously done the beautiful needlework of the banner.

The motion was carried with acclamation, after which the provincial visitors from Durham, and representatives from about 30 lodges in Northumberland and Durham, expressed their "Hearty good wishes," which were duly acknowledged by Bro. R. Hudson, and the meeting shortly after terminated by the singing of the closing hymn.

PRESENTATION TO COMP. F. M. LORD VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c.

On Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., the Military Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland met for refreshment at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, and this festive meeting was made the occasion of the presentation of a Past King's jewel to the outgoing King, Comp. F. M. Lord Viscount Wolseley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c. As his lordship, in addition to vacating the chair of the chapter, is shortly to relinquish his military command in Ireland, this was, to all intents and purposes, a farewell dinner to him, but it is unnecessary to add that all the Irish Masonic bodies with which he is connected earnestly desire that his promise of revisiting them as soon as possible may be speedily fulfilled, and that they do but say *au revoir* to one who has proved himself so worthy of the confidence and esteem of his Queen, country, and Masonic brethren.

After the companions had partaken of a very excellent dinner and the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the jewel was presented to the M.E.K. by Comp. Lieut.-Col. A. Vesey Davoren, senior P.K. of the chapter in the following happy terms:

M.E.K.—I have much pleasure in presenting you with a P.K.'s jewel from the companions of the Military Royal Arch Chapter in commemoration of your second consecutive year of office as M.E.K. Though this offering may have no intrinsic value, still the members of this Royal Arch chapter, which is the offspring of your mother lodge, flatter themselves with the pleasing belief that you will be good enough to value it in some degree as emanating from the warmest feelings of brotherly love from the companions of our chapter, and as a very inadequate testimony to the high esteem and regard we entertain towards you. Much as I am honoured by being the fortunate companion selected by the members of this Royal Arch chapter to offer this trilling memento for your acceptance, yet no one can be surprised if I feel some diffidence in doing so, considering that the presentation is to one who has previously had the well-merited honour of being decorated and invested with all that a Most Gracious Sovereign and a grateful country can bestow on the brave, the victorious, or the great; but companions, those who have had the good fortune to be acquainted with our noble and distinguished countryman, as we have had, during his useful and honourable command in Ireland, will have recognised his affable bearing, and his very happy power and will of attracting all to him by his unvarying courtesy and kindness of manner, which renders my performance of this duty a true and unalloyed pleasure. This jewel, which I am happy to say you have been entitled to wear for a considerable time, is presented to you at this period of the year, as it may be unfortunately the last opportunity, for some time at least, of our having the great pleasure of meeting you at our festive board. We sincerely hope, however, that it will not be the last time, and that after the exigencies of the service have called you elsewhere to continue your active and valued career, whenever either business or pleasure shall bring you back to old Erin, that you will be kind enough to give us early notice, so that we may arrange our meetings to suit your lordship's will and pleasure, as well as our own great pleasure in receiving you amongst us again. The inscription on the jewel is—"Presented to F. M. Lord Viscount Wolesley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., by the Military R.A.C. 728, to commemorate his two years of office as M.E.K.—1894-5." I have now the honour and pleasure of investing your lordship for the second time with a well-earned Masonic distinction.

His LORDSHIP, in reply, thanked the companions for their gift and fraternal feelings towards him and referred to the pleasure it had given him to pick up again more intimately the threads of the Masonic life inaugurated in Lodge 728 more than 40 years ago. He assured the companions that no matter where duty or pleasure called him, the recollections of his brethren and companions in Dublin must ever remain as one of the pleasantest and brightest pages in his life's record, and that whenever opportunity offered he should always esteem it at once a duty and a great pleasure to take his place once more amongst those Masonic friends whom he was now leaving behind him.

After a very pleasant evening, enlivened by good music, instrumental and vocal, the companions parted, Comp. Dr. W. Power O'Donoghue playing "The British Grenadiers" as his lordship left the banquetting-room.

Amongst those present were Comps. Lord Wolseley, M.E. King, 18; J. F. Goodman, Deputy King of G.R.A.C. of Ireland, 32; H. A. Auchinleck, Chief Scribe of G.R.A.C. of Ireland, 18; Thomas W. Kinahan, Royal Arch Capt. of G.R.A.C. of Ireland, 30; Col. A. V. Davoren, Representative Grand Lodge of Spain, 32; Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, 31; Thos. Falls, Registrar 728, 18; J. W. Goddard, Past King 728, 18; Jno. Stanley, Past King, 728, 18; H. T. Grubb, 18; F. Lochrane, 18; Major R. G. Mansell, 18; W. P. O'Donoghue, Mus. Doc., Past G. Org. G.L. Ireland; and A. E. Murray, Past King 728.

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Hilkey "	10 17	12 38	3 38	5 17	...
Harrogate "	10 23	1 0	2 22	3 33
Scarborough "	11 20	2 55	3 15	4 30	6 3	...
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Filey "	11 38	3 11	3 35	A	1 18	6 21	...
Bridlington "	11 20	1 51	3 0	3 20	1 3	5 52	...
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Harrogate "	...	6 17	8 20	...	12 0	5 20
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Whitby "	...	7 26	...	8 57	...	10 2	6 20
Filey "	...	6 11	9 11	6 12
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By order of the R.W.P.G.M., Earl Amherst.
ALFRED SPENCER,
Prov. Grand Sec.

Maidstone, 11th June, 1895.

BUSINESS.

Minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge to be considered.

Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer to be considered.

Election of Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Appointment of the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.

Notices of Motion received by the P.G. Secretary at the Preparatory Meeting to be considered.

Presentation to the V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. James Smith Eastes.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The Rt. Hon. the EARL OF ONSLOW, G.C.M.G.
R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER DESIGNATE.
W. Bro. FREDK. WEST, P.G.D. (Eng.),
Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge.

June, 1895.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY HALLS, GUILDFORD, on SATURDAY, the 6th day of JULY, 1895, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, The EARL OF LATHOM, will perform the Ceremony of Installation.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G.R.,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.
Albert Institute Chambers,
Charles-street,
Blackfriars-road, S.E.

BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Lodge.
To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.
To instal the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master.
To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.
To receive the Report of the Provincial Charity Committee.
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
General Business.

Luncheon at Two o'clock punctually.

The Entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge has been entrusted to the Lodges meeting in and near Guildford.
N.B.—Luncheon will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

INSTALLING OFFICER.

The Most Ex. Companion THE EARL OF LATHOM,
Pro Grand Z.

The M.E. Comp. the Rt. Hon. The EARL OF ONSLOW,
G.C.M.G.,

Grand Superintendent Designate.

The Ex. Companion FREDERICK WEST,
Provincial Grand H. in Charge.

June, 1895.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY HALLS, in the County of Surrey, on SATURDAY, the 6th day of JULY, 1895, at 3.45 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.,
Provincial Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.
Albert Institute Chambers,
Charles-street,
Blackfriars-road, S.E.

BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

To call over the Chapters in the Province.
To instal the M.E. the Grand Superintendent Designate.
To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
General Business.

Luncheon at Two o'clock punctually.

N.B.—Luncheon will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets. The Companions will lunch with the Provincial Grand Lodge. No refreshment will be provided after P.G. Chapter.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The E. Comp. Rt. Hon. LORD GEO. F. HAMILTON, M.P.
Grand Superintendent.

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15th June, 1895.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST CONVOCATION of the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER, will be held at the GREYHOUND HOTEL, HAMPTON COURT, on SATURDAY, the 6th JULY, at FOUR o'clock p.m. precisely.

By command of the E. Grand Superintendent.

WILLIAM HENRY LEE, P.Z.,
Prov. G. Scribe E.

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To Correspondents.

The following have been received: Industry Lodge, No. 48; Wolsey Lodge, No. 1056; Nightingale Lodge, No. 706; Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745; Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320; Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88; Urnston Chapter, No. 1730; Boscawen Mark Lodge, No. 101; Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 226; Consecration of Boscawen Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 101; Masonic Bazaar at Lurgan.



SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that arrangements have been made to give a cordial welcome to the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, on the occasion of their visit to Winchester to-morrow (Saturday), the 29th instant. By command of R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Prov. Grand Secretary has addressed a circular to the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge and the representatives of private lodges, calling attention to the fact that it is intended to entertain the visitors to a banquet at the Guildhall, Winchester, at 6 p.m., and the Prov. Grand Master expresses the hope that there will be a large attendance of the brethren on the occasion. Morning dress will be the order of the day, and Masonic clothing is not to be worn. It is a kindly and thoughtful act on the part of the Prov. Grand Master to have such an entertainment, nor have we the slightest doubt either that our brethren of Hants and the Isle of Wight will respond most readily to the invitation of their chief, or that the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge will appreciate most fully the hospitable reception which is being prepared in their honour.

We publish elsewhere a full report of the proceedings at the meeting which was held at Aylesbury on Thursday, the 20th instant, when Bro. Lord Addington was installed Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire in succession to Bro. Lord Carrington. It will be seen that in every respect the meeting was a success. The attendance of Provincial Officers, Present and Past, and of the representatives of lodges was exceptionally large, the arrangements were admirably carried out, and when we add that the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M., the reader will have no difficulty in understanding that the scene was a most impressive one. We congratulate our distinguished brother upon his induction into office under conditions so auspicious, and we trust his administration of the Province may be as successful as that of his predecessor.

Having thus welcomed the coming—it becomes our duty to speed the parting—ruler. On the death, in 1890, of the lamented Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., conceiving no doubt that the constitution as separate Provinces of the two counties, which for many years previously had been combined under one ruler, would be beneficial, was pleased to appoint Bro. Lord Carrington—who at the time was a Past S.G.W. of England, and had rendered signal service to Freemasonry as the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales—to be Prov. Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, and his lordship was installed in office in May, 1891, a few days after he had presided as Chairman at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. At the date of his installation the new Province consisted of 12 lodges, and, as showing how beneficial has been the sub-division into two parts of the old Province of Berks and Bucks, we have only to refer our readers to the Grand Lodge Calendar, in which they will find that during the administration of Lord Carrington the number of lodges on the roll has been augmented to 18. Such an augmentation as this in so limited an area is almost unexampled in the annals of English Provincial Masonry.

Nor is it in this respect only that the course adopted by the M.W.G. Master five short years ago has proved to be so judicious. Under Lord Carrington's auspices, Buckinghamshire has shown itself to be a regular and generous supporter of our three great Masonic Institutions. In 1891, when, as we have already said, his lordship presided at the Girls' School Festival, the Province raised what, for a Province of such moderate size, must be set down as the very considerable sum of £511 1s. In 1892, the year of the Benevolent Jubilee, its contributions amounted to £705 15s., while the year following they were £479 16s. In 1894 they reached £590 10s., while at the two Festivals which have thus far been held during this current year of grace, the sum distributed between the Benevolent Institutions and the Girls' School is £262 10s. The total of these Returns is within a small fraction of £2550. The provision of so large an amount is as creditable to the ruler in whose administration it was raised as to the province itself which raised it, and we may be sure that Lord Carrington in his retirement from active Masonic duty will enjoy the same respect and affection among his Buckinghamshire brethren as when he presided over their Province and so strenuously promoted its interests.

Several important Provincial meetings will be held in the course of the next few days. To-morrow (Saturday) Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, will meet the brethren of his Province at Teddington, and, as his lordship has promised to take the chair at next year's Festival of the Benevolent Institution, we may anticipate that there will be a full muster of Provincial Officers and brethren. On Wednesday, the 3rd prox., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will take place at Maidstone under the presidency of Bro. Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master. On this occasion a presentation will be made to Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in recognition of his long and faithful services to the Province. The subject of "Masonic Vagrants," which has been so fully discussed in these columns during the past few months, will also be considered. On Saturday next, the 6th prox., as we announced last week, Bro. the Earl of Onslow will be installed as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Surrey in succession to the late Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B.

Nor must we omit to mention that opportunity will be taken of the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Suffolk, on Monday, the 1st prox., to present to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M., an address, in recognition of his services to the Mark Degree as Deputy G.M.M. of the Province of East Anglia. Bro. Martyn has resigned the post, and our East Anglian Mark brethren are anxious to convey to him through this medium their grateful sense of the services he has rendered to their Province.

The annual meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berkshire, at Reading, on Tuesday, the 25th instant, and of that of Lincolnshire, at Lincoln, on Thursday, the 27th instant, have been held in accordance with the arrangements made, and we trust we shall be in a position to include reports of the proceedings which have taken place in our next issue.

It is unfortunate that the Festival in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution should have been arranged for the same day as the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We presume the occurrence of the two meetings on the same day was unavoidable, but at all events, it is useless now to regret what cannot be altered. We can only hope that the two Festivals will be as successful as they deserve to be, and that the East Lancashire fête with its 350 Stewards will, in its more limited sphere, be as productive as that of the Boys' School, for which, as we mention elsewhere, over 500 ladies and brethren have given their services in the same capacity.

There is one other important function which must not be overlooked, though we referred to it last week—the consecration in the great hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital to-morrow (Saturday) of the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546. At this ceremony, which will be performed by the Pro. Grand Master, H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., will be present.

Correspondence.

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

THE COLONIAL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As "Observer" has personally alluded to me as "one of Bro. Lamony's nominees," and to my low position on the poll, allow me in fairness to explain:

1. I never sought election.
2. I was *not* nominated by, or in consultation with, Bro. Lamony: who, I may remark, did not nominate any one.
3. I was nominated, with three others, by my own lodge, the "Cambrian of Australia, No. 656, E.C."

We were nominated, I believe, as a protest against the treatment of my lodge by the late Board—a treatment which my lodge rightly, or wrongly, consider to have been illegal and unjust.

We have not canvassed for support, and as Grand Lodge voluntarily elected two out of our four nominees, the lodge will, I have no doubt, be as grateful as I am for this continued proof of Grand Lodge's determination to support us in the cruel difficulties under which we have been, without fault of our own, so long suffering.—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

S. R. BASKETT,
P.M. 656.

June 25th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I trust you will permit me the privilege of replying to a correspondent, in your last, who signs himself "Observer."

Brother "Observer" is entirely wrong when he asserts that I nominated any one for a seat on the Colonial Board.

His gratuitous—and, possibly, authoritative—assurance that I might have been elected on the Board, had I not done certain things, is valueless, for two cogent reasons. Firstly, during my 30 odd years' connection with the Craft I have never asked for a single vote, and, on that account there is no slur in my being at the bottom of the poll at the recent election. It would be as well if some other candidates, whose figures ran into hundreds, could say the same. And, secondly, I have never hesitated to condemn existing abuses. On these two grounds, therefore, let me assure your correspondent that the odds are a thousand to one against my coming successfully out of a contested election for either the Colonial or any other Board.

In one sense I do agree with "Observer," and that is, as to the touting and circularising which, unchecked as it is by those in authority, is a scandal on English Masonry. Before the recent elections I received several circulars, and it may interest those who sent them to know that they did not get my vote. Were a general stand like this made against the pernicious system, it would disappear from our elections. As it is, the condemnatory remarks uttered in Grand Lodge years ago by the late Lord Carnarvon, seem to have dropped out of remembrance.

In conclusion, I would humbly suggest that "Observer," should he reply to this communication, will have the courtesy and courage to sign his name instead of hiding his light under a *nom de plume*.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

June 22nd.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

While agreeing with the first portion of Bro. Lovegrove's letter in your last issue, I feel sure it will be the wish of a very large majority of the brethren to see a provincial brother elected next year.

As candidates we have Bro. C. W. Hudson, who has already contested two elections, and Bro. W. H. Bailey, both of whom are certainly brethren of good means and social position, old and experienced Masons, ardent supporters of all our Charities, and in every way qualified to maintain the dignity of the Craft, and prestige of the office.

It is greatly to be hoped that one of these brethren will for the present gracefully retire, so that in the event of no London brother being nominated, one of these provincial representatives may be elected without the turmoil and many disadvantages of a contested election.—Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL.

June 24th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The suggestion of my good friend, Bro. Henry Lovegrove, in your issue of the 22nd inst., cuts the Gordian knot with a vengeance.

Here are the provinces suffering under a manifest injustice already; the very reason which brought about the opening of the correspondence; and yet Bro. Lovegrove calmly suggests that this disfranchisement shall be perpetrated for another year. Truly an admirable manner of redressing a grievance!

For three consecutive years a London brother has filled the coveted office, and now or never is the turn of the provinces.

A Committee has been formed, with the Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire (Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth) as its Chairman, to secure the return of Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.S.G.W. Staffordshire, 1894-5—and a Staffordshire Mason of over 20 years' standing—who is as well known in London as in the provinces; and I might also venture to say with every prospect of success.

With my own strong convictions as to the indefeasible rights of the provinces to representation next year, I have not hesitated to undertake most willingly the office of Honorary Secretary on Bro. Bailey's behalf.

May I be permitted to add, that I do not for a moment say one word against Bro. Vaughan Morgan, or his claims to the position; on the contrary, he is a gentleman for whom I have the greatest possible regard, and, but for the reasons above stated, would have supported to my utmost.—Yours very faithfully,

JAMES STEPHENS.

Elads, Maida Vale, W., June 26th.

"OLD MASONIANS" CRICKET CLUB.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Might I be permitted to point out to you that our old Association has taken a new departure, and we have formed among ourselves a Cricket Club. I am glad to say it has met with a very good response on the part of our members, and we shall, I feel sure, form a club which will be a credit to the Association.

Our one difficulty is the ground, and I know it is only necessary for me to appeal through the medium of your valuable paper, to those amongst the Freemasons who have a suitable ground which they can offer us within easy access of the City at a nominal rent.—I am, dear Sir, your Obedient Servant,
GEO. INNES-KER, Hon. Sec.

13, St. Julian's Farm-road, West Norwood, 20th June.

WHO IS MY BROTHER?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

Will you kindly insert the list of contributions to the support of "Our Brother's" bed in the Free Home for the Dying at Clapham, with our best thanks for their help. Further donations are asked, especially from lodges, as the total amount to date is £32 12s. 6d. of the £100 required for 1895.—Fraternally yours,

W. PORTLOCK-DADSON, 1383.

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Honorary Secretary.

For List of Contributions already received, see page ii.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOSEPH TODD, GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

There was a numerous gathering of members of York Lodge, No. 236, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday evening, the 17th inst., owing to the fact that, in addition to the business of the regular lodge, a presentation was to be made to Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., Treas., P.G. Treas. N. and E. Yorks, and G. Std. Br. Eng., of an address of congratulation and Grand Lodge clothing and jewel, and subsequently the recipient to be entertained to a banquet.

The lodge was opened in due form. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Edwin Carter, presided, and was supported by his officers, and the following brethren: Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. Eng., D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap.; J. Todd, P.G. Treas., G. Std. Br. Eng.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Border, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Mark Rooke, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Foster, P.M., P.G.D.C.; G. Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Buckle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Garbutt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Draper, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Jones, P.M.; J. B. Sampson, P.M.; E. W. Purnell, P.M.; T. S. Brogden, P.M.; H. L. Swift, P.M.; M. Bryson, S.W.; F. S. Gramshaw, J.W.; A. Proctor, Sec.; F. W. Laughton, S.D.; J. Askew, J.D.; T. Saunderson, Org.; J. Strangman Shannon, A. G. Rayner, J. Biscoomb, D. Lockwood, W. Hepper, T. A. Collier, W. N. Stimpson, G. H. Osborn, E. S. Robinson, W. Wordsworth, T. A. Collier, J. Smith, W.M. 1611; J. W. Dow, W.M. 1991; F. Shann, W.M. 2328; C. Wilson, 1611. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, Prov. G. Master; Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng.; Bro. R. F. Gould; J. G. Butcher, M.P.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.S.G.D. Eng.; the Rev. C. Lindley, Chap.; and others.

The SECRETARY (Bro. A. Proctor) read the minutes of the last regular lodge which were confirmed, and a successful ballot was made for a joining member. The Worshipful Master then vacated the chair, and, at his request, the position was occupied by Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, J.P., D.L., P.G.W. Eng., D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, for the purpose of making the presentation to Bro. Todd.

Bro. the Hon. W. T. ORDE-POWLETT, having called upon the Secretary to read the address, said that he felt they were conferring a great honour upon him in asking him to come there to perform the ceremony of presenting Grand Lodge clothing to their worthy Bro. Todd, and also to present him at the same time with an illuminated address. He wished the duty had fallen into abler hands than his, but none could feel greater pleasure than he in what he was about to do. He thought there were very few Masons who could give such a record for services to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry as could Bro. Todd, and he was sure that there was no one who had the interests of Masonry more at heart than Bro. Todd, there was no one who had done more for the York Lodge, especially in looking after the valuable MSS. and books in the possession of the lodge. There might be some brethren present—chiefly amongst the junior members—who had no idea of the services Bro. Todd had rendered to Masonry, and, by permission of the W.M., he would like to read a list he had made out with regard to their worthy brother. It appeared that Bro. Todd was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 287, York, now the York Lodge, No. 236, on February 4th, 1861; was I.G., 1864-5; J.W., 1869; S.W., 1870; W.M. (installed 19th December, 1870), 1871; Secretary, 1873 to 1877 inclusive; Treasurer, 1878 to present time. He installed all the Masters of the lodge from 1878 to 1894 inclusive. He was Provincial Grand Registrar of North and East Yorkshire in 1879, and had the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden conferred upon him on the occasion of her Majesty the Queen's Jubilee, 29th September, 1887. He had held the position of Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Charities Association from 1885 to the present time; and was also Vice-Chairman of the Educational Fund since its formation in 1887 to the present time. He was the first Charity Representative of the York Lodge, No. 236, and held the office from 1880, until elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, by virtue of which he became an *ex-officio* member of the Association. As Provincial Grand Treasurer, he was elected unanimously at a special meeting at York, on 27th November, 1893, and since re-elected. He was Treasurer of the Educational Fund by virtue of that election. He was the writer of the history of the York Lodge, No. 236, published in 1875, and joint editor of the York Rolls of Constitutions in 1894. He is an hon. member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois and of several lodges. His most recent honour was the appointment of Grand Standard Bearer of England on April 24th, 1895. With regard to Royal Arch Masonry, Bro. Todd was exalted in the Zetland Chapter, 236, York, 27th October, 1869; S.N., 1871; 3rd Principal, 1872; 2nd Principal, 1873; 1st Principal, 1874; 2nd Principal (second Time), 1875; 1st Principal (second time), 1876; Provincial Grand J. of North and East Yorkshire, 1879; Treasurer of the Zetland Chapter, 1878 to the present time; Provincial Grand Treasurer, elected unanimously at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter at York, 27th November, 1893; since re-elected. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England, 1st May, 1895. With such a record was it surprising that honour should be done to whom honour was due? All Bro. Todd's friends and acquaintances must congratulate him on the honour conferred upon him by the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, his Royal Highness having

worthily recognised the labours of their brother. In conclusion the D.P.G.M. (turning to Bro. Todd) said: Brother Todd, it only remains for me now to ask you to accept on behalf of the brethren of York Lodge the clothing and jewel of the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England as a slight acknowledgment of the many services you have rendered to York Lodge and to Masonry in general, and may you be long spared to wear that clothing worthily, and to continue in those good works which you have so ably performed in the past.

Bro. Todd was then duly invested by Bro. the Hon. Orde-Powlett, assisted by the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Dr. Foster, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. N. and E. Yorks. He was also presented with an illuminated address, which ran as follows:—

"To Worshipful Brother Joseph Todd, P.M. and Treasurer of York Lodge, No. 236, P.G.T., P.P.G.R., and P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, and Grand Standard Bearer England:—

We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the York Lodge, No. 236, give you fraternal greetings and hearty congratulations on your appointment to the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England, and as a token of our esteem and regard for you, and in grateful recognition of the valuable services you have rendered to Freemasonry in general, and specially to our Lodge, for upwards of thirty years, we beg you to accept at our hands the accompanying gift of Grand Lodge Clothing and Jewel, and we trust the G.A.O.T.U. will give you long life, health and strength to enjoy the honours you have so well earned.

Dated at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, in the City of York, this seventeenth day of June, A.L. 5897. A.D. 1895.

Signed on behalf of the lodge—Edwin Carter, W.M.; Mungo Bryson, S.W.; F. Sydney Gramshaw, M.D., J.W.; Alfred Proctor, Sec."

Bro. TODD, who met with a most hearty reception, said: R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren—I am afraid it will be impossible for me adequately to express my deep sense of your kindness, and of the great honour you have done me this evening. In the beautiful and artistic address you have presented to me at the hands of our beloved Deputy Prov. Grand Master, congratulating me on my recent appointment to office in Grand Lodge, you have in most fraternal but far too flattering terms alluded to my work in Freemasonry, and especially in this lodge, of which I am proud to have been a member for the last 30 years. Recognising, as I do, the value of those great principles on which our Order is founded, it has been to me a real pleasure to have been of any service to an institution which has stood the test of centuries, which has been the means of administering comfort and happiness to thousands of brethren and their families, an institution calculated to promote, in no small degree, the well-being of its members, and which exercises a far-reaching influence on society at large. In the service of this great Brotherhood, I can truly say that I have spared neither time nor labour. With regard to what you are pleased to consider my special services to this lodge, I will only say that in the performance of any Masonic duty or service it has been my privilege to render, I have always endeavoured to maintain and uphold the dignity and high reputation of the lodge, and I have never lost sight of the fact that our lodge is associated with a city renowned and distinguished throughout the world for its Masonic history, having formerly been the home of a Grand Lodge of its own, and venerated as being the ancient seat of Freemasonry in this country. Brethren, believe me that I receive this address with grateful feelings. Especially do I thank you for the kind wishes it expresses, and let me assure you that I shall ever look upon this pleasing memorial of your fraternal regard as one of my choicest and most valued possessions. Accompanying the address you have also presented me with the clothing and jewel of the office to which I recently had the honour of being appointed by his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of England, the noblest, and in every sense the greatest, Grand Lodge in the world. Brethren, I regard this appointment, not only as an honour conferred upon myself, but upon the lodge with which I have been so long associated, and upon the province in the work of which I have for many years taken an active part; and, to me one of the most pleasing features in connection with my appointment is, that the same has received the warm approval of my brethren of York and of the province, and of many eminent and well-known members of the Craft. Another most gratifying circumstance, which all of us highly appreciate, is that our R.W. Brother, who so worthily fills the distinguished position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this province, has done the lodge and myself the honour of attending here this evening to make these presentations on your behalf. From him I have always received the greatest courtesy and consideration, and I desire most heartily to thank him for the exceedingly kind terms in which he has referred to me in making these presentations. Nothing could have been more in unison with my own feelings than to have received your generous gifts at his hands, for I know how much indebted I am to him and to our honoured Prov. Grand Master in regard to the appointment recently conferred upon me. My earnest wish is, and I am sure it is yours also, that both our honoured chiefs will long live to rule over this province, and to enjoy, as they assuredly do, the warm regard and approval of the brethren throughout its jurisdiction. During my long association with this lodge I have received from its members many acts of kindness, and I wish I could adequately acknowledge the generous favour shown me to-day. Brethren, I can only say that I thank you with all my heart, and assure you that the abundant kindness I have experienced from you on this, the crowning event of my Masonic career, will be held most warmly in my remembrance, so long as life and memory shall last.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed, and Bro. Dr. FOSTER seconded, a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for making the presentation, which was carried with acclamation, and suitably acknowledged.

Shortly after the business, a banquet was held in the lodge, when about 40 brethren were presided over by the W.M., supported by the guest of the evening, Bro. Todd, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the Dean of York, and most of the brethren above-mentioned.

The following toasts were duly honoured: "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Lodge;" "The Most Honourable the Marquess of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks;" "The Honourable W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, R.W.D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire, and the Provincial Grand Lodge;" "W. Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., Treas. 236, P.G.T. N. and E. Yorks, G. Std. Br. England;" and "The Worshipful Master of the York Lodge." The health of Bro. Todd was received with rounds of hearty cheering.

Craft Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035.

The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Liverpool, to install the W.M. elect, Bro. John Jones. The chair was taken by Bro. Z. Davies, W.M., supported by Bros. John Tunstall, P.P.G.P.; William Peters, P.M.; W. Doakin, P.M.; L. Peake, P.A.G. D.C.; W. Addison, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; E. C. Gaskill, J.W. 1750; R. Rawlinson, I.P.M. 1473; Edwin Kite, P.M., D.C. 823; Walter Sutherland, P.M. 1094; Philip Armstrong, P.M. 724; J. Wild, S.W. 1050; Joseph Tyson, P.M. 241; Rev. F. Powell,

Chap. 2463; Thomas Lea, S.W. 1473; T. C. Fargher, P.M. 2042; Henry Ashmore, P.M. 823; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; T. Chambers, S.W. 2335; C. T. Reid, S.W. 1756; T. Carr, S.W. 1092; James Wylie, 1094; Joseph Lawson, W.M. 1086; John Miller, I.P.M. 1086; J. M. Laren, J.W. 1086; and Dr. Joseph Ricketts, W.M. 1756.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. John F. Newell, J.P., P.M. 1035, P.P.S.G.W., after which the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. Zechariah Davies, I.P.M.; James Edwards, S.W.; H. B. Hankin, J.W.; F. B. Duncan, Sec.; W. Hudson, S.D.; Thomas Hurst, J.D.; George Roberts, I.G.; C. Burchall, P.M., D.C.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Org.; and S. Rawlinson, John McHugh, James McLean, and John Jones, Stwds. In addition to the usual Past Master's jewel, a handsome timepiece was presented to the retiring W.M.

After the ordinary business, a very pleasant evening was spent, a number of songs and recitations being given by several of the brethren.

Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Wilmington, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. There were present: Bros. W. E. Lucas, W.M.; Charles Hind, S.W.; A. H. Durnford, J.W.; P. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; T. W. A. Neech, Sec.; R. Wolfenden, S.D.; E. G. Croager, J.D.; T. B. Sandercock, P.M., D.C.; W. Swann Fisher, Org.; H. Parsons, I.G.; C. Berrall, and E. Thornton, Stwds.; T. F. Clarke, P.M.; C. Wallington, P.M.; W. Harper, P.M.; W. Drew Ingall, P.M.; C. C. Potter, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex; T. G. Baynes, P.M.; Tyson Crawford, P.M.; John F. Croager, P.M.; Arthur E. Croager, P.M.; H. P. Bunnett, P.M.; L. J. Dunham, P.M.; J. C. Millbourn, P.M.; and W. E. Hanshaw. Visitors: Bros. F. Baddeley, 2530; E. B. Wilks, 771; C. R. Stone, 1406; J. Jorgensen, 2530; J. Pickering, 1539; W. H. Tilling, P.M. 705; M. Hearn, I.P.M. 1381; H. Broadway, 1320; A. J. Hollebone, 862; H. Heerrell, W.M. 1967; H. Hicks, 1963; E. J. Hammond, 20; E. Inman, 483; J. Youlden, 548; M. H. Newton, 1963; C. Sheath, 2530; W. H. Clemow, P.M. 2262 and 1589, P.P.G.D.C. Bucks; W. G. Cannon, P.M. 1539; J. Williams, W.M. 20; H. S. Charlwood, P.M. St. George Lodge, No. 1152, Singapore; Thos. Jenkins, P.M.; W. J. Light, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. G. Turner, W.M.; H. E. Pearce, 299; H. Steward, 913; and George Randall, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wolfenden, one of the Auditors, presented the Treasurer's account for the past year, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Bro. Parsons, and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Hind, S.W., having been presented by Bro. T. B. Sandercock, P.M., the Installing Master, Bro. W. E. Lucas, proceeded with the installation, the ceremony being admirably performed by him as the outgoing Master. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. E. Lucas, I.P.M.; A. H. Durnford, S.W.; R. Wolfenden, J.W.; P. Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; T. G. Baynes, Sec.; E. G. Croager, S.D.; W. S. Fisher, J.D.; T. J. B. Sandercock, P.M. 303, D.C.; Harry Parsons, A.D.C.; C. Berrall, Org.; E. Thornton, I.G.; W. Drew Ingall, P.M., Charity Officer; Arthur E. Croager, and L. J. Dunham, Stwds.; and G. Randall, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Installing Master for the very efficient and eloquent manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and carried unanimously by acclamation. The W.M. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask Bro. Lucas to accept a Past Master's jewel from the lodge in recognition of the zeal and energy he had shown towards the lodge, and expressed a hope that he would accept it in the same spirit in which it was offered, which was not for its intrinsic value, but as a bond of union between himself and every member of the lodge; at the same time wishing him long life to wear it, and that he might be blessed with every happiness. Bro. Lucas, in reply, expressed his gratitude to the lodge for the expression of their appreciation of his services to the lodge. He would be glad if the lodge would accept from him a present of 10 guineas, to be expended in purchasing a vote for one of the Masonic Charities. The offer was unanimously accepted. The W.M. proposed, and the I.P.M. seconded, that Bro. S. M. Ingall be re-elected Charity representative, and it was carried unanimously. "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M. by the numerous visitors and the brethren present, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together in the splendid banqueting room adjoining the Temple, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted.

There was an excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bro. E. G. Croager, to which the following brethren contributed: Bros. W. Harper, P.M.; J. C. Millbourn, R. Wolfenden, T. J. B. Sandercock, P.M.; and C. Wallington, P.M.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2397.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W. Bro. Henry S. Wellcome, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. E. Jessurun, S.W.; W. J. Fisher, acting J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; W. J. Spratling, Sec.; F. Von Deuser, S.D.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., acting J.D.; and Col. F. W. Frigout, I.G. The special business before the meeting was that of the initiation of Mr. Benjamin Franklin Stevens. The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. B. F. Stevens, which proved unanimous. This gentleman being in attendance, was regularly initiated by the W.M. in a very praiseworthy manner, Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., acting as J.D.

An excellent banquet was subsequently served, and the following brethren attended to do honour to the occasion: Bros. Sir John Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.W.; J. Lochermann Taylor, Past Dep. Dist. G.M. U.S.A.; Dr. Darley Hartley, Past Dist. G.W. South Africa; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Clement Godson, M.D., P.G.D.; Lennox Browne, Past Dep. G.D. of C.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Charles F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Elbets, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. E. Rosenthal, 2190; J. W. Drysdale, 263; R. Hovenden, P.M. 21; W. S. Penley, P.M. 1319; W. J. Fisher, P.M. 2190; Gilbert Bartholomew, P.M. 1073; Charles Townley, P.M. 2190; W. L. Barrett, 1319; H. B. Chamberlin, 2; Edward Michael, 2190; Franklin Clive, 1319; Horace Townsend, Zetland Lodge; G. Harrington Clark, 1965; Walter Hill, 1081; Dr. G. W. Field, Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, H. Phillips, L. O. Johnson, J. R. Brough, R. Newton Crane, W. H. Toone, and B. F. Stevens.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was fittingly entrusted to Bro. Newton Crane, who, in the course of an eloquent speech, bristling with American wit and anecdote, referred with special emphasis to the high regard in which the Queen is held amongst the American people.

"The Health of the President of the United States of America" was proposed by Bro. Dr. Darley Hartley, Past Dist. G.W. of South Africa. He considered that his presence there that day might be taken as a significant proof of the universality of Freemasonry. South Africans, by their inherent disposition and the customs of their country—so far untrammelled by the conventionalities which appeared to obtain in the Mother Country—he felt, were peculiarly in sympathy with Americans, and it was, he thought, for that reason, and not on personal grounds that that particular toast had been entrusted to his care. He had, therefore, the greater confidence in commending it to their most cordial reception.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was proposed by Bro. H. B. Chamberlin.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was given by Bro. J. Lochermann Taylor, Past Dist. G.M. U.S.A., who, in a few incisive remarks, alluded to the fact—which redounded to the honour of Freemasonry in this country—that from the Prince of Wales and the other members of his illustrious family down through the ranks of eminent noblemen, statesmen, and others, there were always to be found men who did not only not deem it derogatory, but a high honour to be associated with our ancient Institution.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., after acknowledging the toast on behalf of his brother Grand Officers, referred in sympathetic terms to the "new baby" who had just been introduced into their midst. He was often asked by the uninitiated his reasons for joining the Craft, and what he had to say in commendation of it. To such he invariably replied that he had not hesitated to bring his three sons into the Craft the moment they had arrived at the qualifying age.

"The Worshipful Master" was next proposed by Bro. Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, who paid a well-merited tribute to the effective manner in which the ceremony of initiation with the charge had been rendered that evening. It was indeed only what they had anticipated from a previous knowledge of Bro. Wellcome's capacity for work, and in

keeping with the ardent solicitude he had always brought to bear upon his Masonic duties, especially in connection with this lodge from its foundation to the present time, and they all trusted that his presence and services would be spared to the lodge for many years to come.

The W.M. having briefly returned thanks, proposed the toast of "The Initiate." It was, he said, a most gratifying privilege to him to have had the opportunity of initiating into Freemasonry his old and dearly respected friend, whom he might now call Bro. Stevens. Their initiate had always been known to possess the very traits of character which were characteristic of the true Freemason, and he was glad to think that Bro. Stevens' introduction to Freemasonry was purely the outcome of a voluntary act on his part, strengthened only in a remote degree perhaps by his (the speaker's) gentle encouragement. He was deeply gratified to see thus happily consummated the special object for which this emergency meeting had been called, and one more eminent man added to their number. Bro. Stevens was, he believed, the oldest living American resident in London, he was the American Government Dispatch Agent, which office he had honourably filled for many years, and chairman of the American Society in London, but it was more with the domain of the Historian, Bibliophile and Antiquarian that Bro. Stevens' name would be associated by many, both here and in America, and in this particular connection he could promise him much delightful research and study as his knowledge of Masonic traditions, ritual, and customs progressed. He had reminded them that one of the salient objects of the Columbia Lodge was to generate and foster goodwill and brotherhood between the scattered members of the Anglo-Saxon peoples. Bro. Stevens was held in such high esteem, not only in England, but in America, that he regarded his initiation into Freemasonry as an important event, and one in close harmony with the special objects of their lodge. He could, therefore, heartily congratulate both Bro. Stevens and the lodge, and sincerely hoped that he would be long spared to take an active part in their midst.

The initiate, Bro. Stevens, in response, made allusion to the deprivations he had suffered in the lodge, and asserted that their touching reception of him had almost had the effect of depriving him of his speech also. With the little voice that remained to him, however, he would ask them to accept his warmest thanks for the generous reception they had accorded him, and the assurance that he would put forth every effort to justify his initiation that day.

The proposal of "The Visitors" toast was entrusted to Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, who, referring to the long list of distinguished brethren present, facetiously intimated that it seemed to him that their visitors, as customary in that lodge, outnumbered the members. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. J. W. Drysdale, W.M. 263.

Bro. Drysdale, as an "Anglo-American," returned thanks in becoming terms for the "princely" reception accorded to him and his brother visitors, and took occasion to allude to the fact that he was probably one of the oldest English acquaintances their W.M. had made since his first arrival in this country, they having met in a remote corner of Europe some 16 years ago, practically at the outset of both their careers. Since then it had been his peculiar pleasure to watch the remarkably brilliant and deservedly successful career of Bro. Wellcome, whose name was now a household word throughout the world, and nowhere held in higher esteem than in his own native country—America. This fact was after all the best test of merit, and he (the speaker) had repeatedly heard compatriots of their W.M. at home sum up their opinion of him in the words, "We are all proud of him."

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Gilbert Bartholomew, and responded to by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who, after thanking the lodge for their past liberal help, gave a graphic outline of the work of the three Masonic Institutions, and stated that never before had so much work been attempted with similar success and with such marked support from the Craft. The Charity which he represented was very grateful to the Columbia Lodge for its generous support, as expressed in the contribution of the lodge and its members to Bro. Wellcome's Steward list for this year's Festival.

The attractiveness of the proceedings throughout was much enhanced by the excellent music discoursed at intervals by Bros. Franklin Clive, Charles Townley, W. L. Barrett, Harry Phillips, and G. H. Clark, the last-named brother presiding in an able manner at the piano.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most brilliant evening's enjoyment, which was evidently appreciated by all.

Royal Arch.

La Cesaree Chapter, No. 590.

The annual installation convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. J. C. Barrette, M.E.Z.; C. Marrett, H.; H. Becker, J.; H. M. Walden, S.E.; T. Leat, P.Z.; W. H. Chapman, P.Z.; C. Kynaston, and Thos. Cummings. Visitors: Comps. Dr. J. Le Cronier, P.P.G.H.; J. O. Le Sœur, P.P.G.J.; P. G. Hamilton, P.Z., S.E. 244, and P.G.S.E.; Rev. Dougherty, and Prusskelly.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed First Principals was then opened, when Comp. Dr. J. Le Cronier inducted Comp. C. Marrett into the chair of M.E.Z. and Comp. H. Becker into the chair of H. Comp. Baudains, who was absent owing to illness, was to have been placed in the chair of J. The following officers were invested: Comps. J. C. Barrette, P.Z., Treas.; H. M. Walden, S.E.; T. Cummings, S.N.; C. Kynaston, P.S.; and W. H. Hambly, Janitor. A vote of thanks was then tendered to Comp. Dr. Le Cronier for having performed the ceremony of installation. There being no other business, the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to the banqueting-room, and partook of supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the companions separating at an early hour, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

Yarborough Chapter, No. 811.

A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. H. W. G. Abell, M.E.Z.; H. Pearce, H.; T. Wickham, J.; W. Gill, P.P.G.S.N., Scribe E.; G. Rawlinson, Scribe N.; C. F. Hollands, P. Soj.; C. Bagaley, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. B. Higham, P.Z.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Scribe E., Hon. Mem.; Chapman, Corringham, Chatfield, and Barber. Visitors: Comps. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, G. Supt.; W. Wright, Prov. G.J.; C. E. Botley, M.E.Z. 40; E. G. Whittle, M.E.Z. 271, Prov. 1st Asst. G. Soj.; J. Wood, M.E.Z. 315; T. C. Woodman, P.Z. 271, P.P.G.P. Soj.; T. Clark, P.Z. 732; H. Kent, P.Z. 315, P.P. 1st G. Asst. Soj.; T. Berry, P.Z. 315, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. Lloyd, H. 732; W. Bennett, J. 732; H. Montague Williams, D.C. 271; H. Times, 1706; and W. B. Isworth, 315.

The chapter was opened, and after the formal business had been transacted, Comp. T. C. Woodman, P.P.G.P. Soj., delivered a lecture explanatory of the Royal Arch gavel, which was strictly "orthodox," but treated in an original manner, and illustrated by diagrams and models, by which means the lecturer was enabled to make clear the many hidden mysteries embodied in the subject. The explanation was listened to with rapt attention by the companions, and elicited great applause. The M.E.Z. expressed, on behalf of himself and the companions, hearty thanks to Comp. Woodman for his kindness in attending the chapter and giving such an intellectual treat.

At the close of the chapter the companions dined, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Comp. Lieut.-Gen. Randolph, G. Supt., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Chapter," expressed the pleasure he had felt in hearing the instructive lecture of Comp. Woodman for the first time, and complimented the M.E.Z. on the efficient working of the chapter.

The toast of "The M.E.Z., Comp. H. W. G. Abell," was given by Comp. W. Gill, who referred to the zeal of the M.E.Z. and his efforts to maintain the prestige of the Yarborough Chapter and sustain the interest of the companions, as evinced by his securing the services of Comp. Woodman for the evening.

The M.E.Z., in responding, expressed his thanks to the Grand Superintendent for honouring the meeting with his presence, at the same time regretting that so many companions whom he had invited were unable to attend.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by Comp. H. Pearce, H., and responded to by Comp. Henry Times.

Mark Masonry.

Benevolent Lodge, No. 67.

The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the White Lion Hotel, Stockport. Bro. Harry Gordon Small, P.G. D. of C., W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. H. Hartley and William Horsley were duly elected, and were advanced very impressively by Bro. Small. Bro. W. Cartwright, P.P.J.G.W., was duly elected Treasurer. The following brethren were present: Bros. H. Powell Jones, P.G.S., Sec.; John R. R. Jeffery, P.G.S., J.W.; Richard Newhouse, P.G.D. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire, acting J.O.; John Clayton, P.G.W., as S.O.; Geo. Brown, S.D.; L. Jagger, and N. L. Bourne, I.G. Visitors: Wm. Hayes, St. John's of Malta, acting M.O.; and G. S. Smith, P.G. Org., acting S.W.

During the evening a committee was formed to make arrangements for the Prov. Grand Lodge, which was held in the Mechanics' Institution, Stockport, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.W., Prov. G. Master Cheshire, will preside on that occasion.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Hill Wadham, W.M.; Dr. Kiallmark, S.W.; Larter, J.W.; Beard, M.O.; R. Lawson, P.M., S.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; and Huish, P.M. Bro. E. J. Day, 22, was a visitor.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. James Roosdale, P.M. 1017, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly advanced to the Degree by the Secretary. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Dr. Pocock, P.M.; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; P. Monson, P.M.; Skinner, P.M.; and D. P. Cama, P.M. The brethren heard with great regret of the continued indisposition of Bro. Parkhouse, whose genial presence was much missed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The W.M. presided most genially, and did his best to make every one satisfied with the evening's entertainment. Bro. E. J. Day enhanced the pleasure of the proceedings by his clever instrumental selections.

The brethren separated at an early hour.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Ollive, W.M.; Nicholls, S.W.; Lightfoot, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Saunders, P.M., Treas.; Stutfield, Sec.; Winsborrow, S.D.; Marriott-Matthews, J.D.; Beauchamp, I.G.; Holland, P.M.; Murdock, Thomas, Royle, and Austin Thwaites.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Murdoch, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. Bro. Murdoch answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Royle being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Nicholls was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

This lodge, which was formerly held at the York and Albany Tavern, Regent's Park, having been removed to the City of London Tavern, York-road, N.W., held their second meeting there on Monday, the 24th inst., under the guidance of Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor, when the Second Degree and ceremony of installation were admirably worked by Bros. Dixon, W.M., and E. C. Mulvey, P.M., assisted by Bros. Schwezel, S.W.; Gorden, P.M., J.W.; Taylor, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Gardiner, P.M., I.G.; Loder, Sec.; Slimon, P.M.; Maurice, and Cracknell, after which a ballot took place for a vote for the Boys' School, Bro. Dixon being the successful recipient.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 15th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, when there were present Bros. F. W. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W.M.; W. Jenkinson, S.W.; W. P. Dickinson, P.M., J.W.; H. F. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; H. A. Potvine, Sec.; J. Dyke, I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; T. W. Lyle, P.M.; J. B. Groom, P.M.; W. B. Stonham, P.M.; F. Blake, P.M.; L. W. Stansell, S. Dyke, W. Wilson, J. Wood, W. Ward, and W. Beecher. Visitor: Bro. H. F. Baker, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the brethren proceeded to work the first four Sections of the First Lecture in the following order: 1st Section, Bro. H. A. Potvine; 2nd, Bro. W. P. Dickinson, P.M. (these questions were put by Bro. F. W. Wright, P.M.); 3rd, Bro. T. D. Lyle, P.M.; and 4th, Bros. J. S. Dyke and L. W. Stansell (these questions were put by Bro. H. F. Whyman, P.M.). Bro. Wright proposed, and Bro. Whyman seconded, a vote of thanks to those members who took part in the Sections, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Wright spoke well of the work and progress of the lodge of instruction. Bro. Groom proposed, and Bro. Wright seconded, a vote of thanks to the Preceptor and Secretary for their work during the season, which was also carried with acclamation. The Preceptor and Secretary returned thanks, and the W.M. rose for the first and second times. The W.M. rose for the third time, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Mitre Hotel to supper, and were joined by more of the members and visitors, when they spent a very pleasant evening, consisting of the usual toasts, interspersed with a good programme of songs.

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Premier Conclave.

A meeting of this old-established and distinguished conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Among those present were Sir Knights T. Graham Robinson, M.P.S.; J. J. Pakes, V.E., M.P.S. elect; G. Graveley, S.G.; W. A. Scurrah, J.G.; John Mason, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; L. Steele, H.P.; J. Purrott, I.P.M.P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S.; Nelson Prower, M.A., G.C., P.M.P.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a senate of sovereigns was duly opened and Sir Knight J. J. Pakes was most impressively installed as M.P.S. by Sir Knight H. J. Lardner. Subsequently a college of viceroys was opened and Sir Knight George Graveley was inducted as V.E. by Sir Knight H. J. Lardner. The following appointments and investitures were made: Sir Knights W. A. Scurrah, S.G.; L. Steele, J.G.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., H. Prelate; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., Treas. (vice Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, M.A., resigned); Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.P.S., Recorder (vice Sir Knight John Mason, resigned); G. Phillips, Prefect; G. Cooper, Std. Br.; and Frater F. Reinardt, Sentinel. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to

Sir Knight T. G. Robinson. Resolutions expressing the regret of the conclave at the respective resignations of Sir Knights H. H. Shirley as Treasurer and John Mason as Recorder was unanimously passed. Sir Knight T. G. Robinson, I.P.M.P.S. gave notice of motion that in future the installation meeting be held in the month of November instead of June as heretofore. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, G. Phillips, H. H. Shirley, and many others. A vote of thanks was passed amid acclamation to Sir Knight H. J. Lardner for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the dignified ceremonies in connection with the enthronement and induction that day. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, in reply, thanked the conclave but regretted exceedingly that ill-health had prevented their old friend and distinguished Sir Knight Shirley, who had done so much for the Order from attending to perform the respective ceremonies.

The conclave was then closed and a banquet followed. Sir Knight J. J. Pakes presided most admirably, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. CHARLES HIND, P.M., P.Z.,

Whose installation is reported in another column of this issue, was initiated 27th June, 1882, in the Emulation Lodge, No. 299. He was installed W.M. of that lodge in 1890, exalted into Royal Arch Masonry 5th July, 1887, in the Lullingstone Chapter, No. 1837, and installed M.E.Z. May, 1894. He is a Life-Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and served the office of Steward to that Institution in 1891, when Earl Amherst presided at the Festival; he joined the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, in 1892. Our brother is a very enthusiastic Mason, and met with a most hearty reception from the brethren of the Lullingstone Lodge on the 18th inst., when he was installed W.M., and they look forward to a very successful year for the lodge under his Mastership. Bro. Hind is prominent in the public life of Dartford, is a valued member of the Urban District Council of that town, and is associated with other public bodies in the district. He is known throughout Kent as a genial fellow and a valued friend.

ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING OF THE ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

The above ancient lodge gave their annual summer outing on Wednesday, the 12th inst., and it was a gigantic success. The party proceeded by special saloon carriages from Paddington to Windsor, where the newly-built launch "Bona-Fide" awaited and conveyed them to Marlow, music being freely indulged in en route. After a splendid hot lunch had been partaken of at the "Compleat Angler" Hotel,

The Worshipful Master, Bro. B. BRIDGMAN, who, it is needless to mention, always makes such an excellent Chairman, proposed the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," Bro. Leon Bridgman singing "The National Anthem," in his wonted style.

This was supplemented by the W.M. giving the toast of the day, "The St. Luke's Lodge."

"The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was proposed by Bro. F. THOMAS, S.W., elicited a sparkling and humorous reply.

The same brother, after resuming his seat for a moment then gave "The Ladies," which we need not say was drunk *con amore*.

Bro. S. C. MONTAGUE AUSTIN, who evidently is a very passionate admirer of the fair sex, being called upon to respond on their behalf, did so in a most complimentary manner.

The launch which looked remarkably bright as it steamed along was further embellished by the charming toilettes of the ladies, which presented a pleasing and animated picture.

Music on the homeward journey was as freely indulged in as when "outward bound," Bros. Leon Bridgman, F. Thomas, S.W., and S. Montague Austin, with their usual good nature, contributing very largely to the enjoyment of the guests.

Among the guests who assisted in the musical arrangements, and who deserve special praise, may be mentioned the Misses Saunders, who sang prettily and showed great cultivation of voice. Mrs. Leon Bridgman sang very charmingly "Killarney." Of Mrs. F. Thomas, much might be said of her masterly execution. Miss Bridgman caused a deal of amusement by singing a quaint little song, in which all joined heartily in the chorus; and Bro. Mun Graham, who sang, amongst others, "The Old Soldier" in admirable style, the chorus being heartily appreciated. Many others delighted their listeners, but want of space forbids further mention.

The whole arrangements for the day were carried out for the Master by the following thoroughly efficient Committee: Bros. A. Saunders, P.M.; F. Thomas, S.W.; A. Beauchamp, J.W.; and R. Illing, I.G.; with Bro. S. C. Montague Austin as their Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ELECTION OF SHERIFFS.—Polling took place on Thursday at the Guildhall for the election of sheriffs and bridgemasters for the coming year. Both contests excited the keenest interest. The poll closed at six o'clock, and at half-past seven the counting had been completed. The figures were as follow: For the shrievalty, Mr. Alderman Pound, Leatherseller, 1101, and Bro. J. R. Cooper, citizen and Farrier, 1053, elected; Bro. R. H. Rogers, deputy, citizen and Loriner, 1008, not elected. For the two bridgemasterships, Mr. W. H. Kemm, citizen and Loriner, 1099, and Mr. A. Norris citizen and Loriner, 812, elected.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales will give a dinner party and reception at Marlborough House to-morrow (Saturday) in honour of the Shahzada Nasrulla Khan.

THE 56TH ANNUAL SHOW of the Royal Agricultural Society was opened at Darlington on Saturday morning last, it being the first occasion on which the Society had visited the county of Durham.

THE BELLS AT WINDSOR were rung on Sunday last in celebration of the birthday of Prince Edward Albert, son of the Duke and Duchess of York, and great grandson of the Queen, who was born on the 23rd June of last year.

AT THE 48th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, held in New Orleans on the 12th and 13th February last, Comp. A. C. Allen was re-elected and installed G.H. Priest, and Comp. Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

THE CROWN PRINCE and Princess of Greece, on the conclusion of their recent visit to Copenhagen, left that capital and have arrived in England, where it is expected they will stay for a fortnight on a visit to her Majesty the Queen, returning to Athens in about a month's time.

THE ANNUAL FETE to the children that are being educated at the Commercial Travellers' Schools, Penze, was held on Saturday last, when the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., assisted Lady Esther Smith in the distribution of the prizes. The afternoon's programme also included recitations and vocal music.

THE TANTALLON CASTLE, with Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, Sir Donald Currie, and party arrived off Gravesend early on Monday morning, while Bro. Lord Brassey's yacht *Sunbeam*, with Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey on board, arrived about the same time. The distinguished party left almost immediately for London.

THE SPORTS CLUB, St. James's-square, was re-opened on Saturday evening last after the recent enlargement and redecoration, the occasion being celebrated by a dinner, at which Mr. Harry Macalmon presided, while Major Maundin occupied the vice-chair. The guest of the evening was Dr. W. G. Grace, who returned thanks for "The Visitors."

THE GRAND DUKE and Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and the Duke of Cambridge visited the Loan Collection of Pictures at the Guildhall on Sunday last, and afterwards lunched with the High Sheriff of London, and Mrs. Faudel Phillips. There were also present Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale, Bro. Christopher Sykes, and Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox.

THE KING OF DENMARK received in audience at the Bernstorff Palace, Copenhagen, on Sunday last, Bro. Sir John Pender, and several persons of distinction, who had been visiting the Baltic and North Sea Canal as guests of the Chairman of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company on board the cable steamer *Mirror*. Among them were Bros. Lord Wolseley, Lord Charles Beresford, Viscount Peel, and the United States Ambassador in London.

THE DUKE OF SANE-COBURG GOTHA, as President of the Royal Academy of Music, visited that institution on Tuesday, and after hearing a performance by the students under the direction of Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the Principal, his Royal Highness presented an album and old French timepiece to Sir Alexander, and a diamond pendant to Lady A. Mackenzie, which had been subscribed for by those connected with the Academy, as a congratulatory gift on the Principal having had the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by her Majesty.

THE RIGHT HON. W. C. GULLY, Q.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons, was entertained at dinner, at the Hotel Métropole, on Saturday evening last, by the members of the Northern Circuit, in celebration of his elevation to the Speakership. The chair was occupied by Bro. S. Pope, Q.C., who was supported on his right by the guest of the evening, and on his left by the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Herschell). Among the guests were the Lord Chief Justice of England and Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., and Littler, Q.C., C.B.

THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce that they will on Thursday, July 4th, run a cheap half-day excursion from London to Stratford-on-Avon, for "Shakespeare's Country." The third class fare for the full journey there and back will only be 3s. 6d., and the train will leave Euston Station at 12.30 (noon); Chalk Farm, 12.9; Kilburn, 12.15; Kensington (Addison-road), 12.12; and Willesden Junction, 12.40 p.m. returning from Stratford-on-Avon at 7.40 the same day. They will, on Saturday, July 6th, also run a cheap excursion to the Isle of Man for 10 days.

AMONG the later contributors to the Grace Testimonial Fund are sundry members of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, Waltham Cross. We notice also that among the letters with which for the past fortnight the *Daily Telegraph* has been inundated, is one in which it is suggested that our lodges should subscribe to the Fund. We see no objection, if lodges are desirous of doing honour to one who has upheld the manly sport of cricket, to their contributing. But in saying this we must not be understood to imply that cricket is one of those "arts and sciences" to which, at a certain stage in their career, brethren are enjoined to give their attention.

THE GRAND LODGE of New Jersey, U.S.A., held its 108th annual communication at Trenton on the 23rd and 24th January last, under the presidency of Bro. James H. Durand, M.W.G.M. There appears to have been a full attendance of Grand Officers Present and Past, and of the representatives of private lodges. According to the statistical returns, there are 164 lodges on the roll, with an aggregate membership of 15,245. The finances of the Grand Lodge were reported to be in a satisfactory condition. Bro. Charles Belcher was elected and installed M.W.G.M., while Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway remains at his post of Grand Secretary.

A PARTY of American excursionists approached a police constable in High Holborn the other evening and asked whether they could anywhere get a glimpse of the Prince of Wales that night. "I fancy you'll catch sight of his Royal Highness a-coming out of the Covent Garding Thayer after the Hopera" was the reply. Just as the excursionists were starting off in that direction a humourist followed them and said "That constable has made a slight mistake. The Prince is supping in there to-night (pointing to the Holborn Restaurant) and his state carriage is waiting for him over there (pointing to Southampton-street)." Surely enough a magnificent gilded equipage was standing in readiness with a coachman in all the glory of gold braid and silk stockings. Having surrounded the vehicle and surfeited their eyes on it for some time, the party presently had the delight of beholding its august owner, who, emerging from the restaurant, stepped into it and drove away. They went off overjoyed at having seen—a resturant!

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.—Train arrangements for the holiday season.—Extensive alterations and additions in train service are being made by the Great Northern Railway Company to meet the requirements of tourists travelling to the east coast watering places, Scotland, &c. The tourist express from King's Cross, at 10.25 a.m., will run to Scarborough and Whitby direct, from July 13th to September 21st inclusive, and an additional express to serve Scarborough, Whitby, Filey, and places between York and Newcastle, will leave King's Cross at 2.30 p.m., from 1st July until 30th September. The night services to Scotland will be improved by the addition of the Highland express—from July 22nd to August 9th (Saturdays and Sundays excepted), leaving King's Cross 7.30 p.m. and running in advance of the mail train from Perth to Inverness; whilst an additional express train will leave King's Cross at 10 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays excepted), until 30th September, giving an exceedingly smart service with Edinburgh, Glasgow, Craigendoran, Oban, Fort William, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c. Many of the express trains to Scotland, &c., have been accelerated.

"GRAND DAY" was celebrated on Tuesday by the Benchers of the Middle Temple, under the presidency of Judge Bagshawe, who is Treasurer of the Inn. The Earl of Rosebery was the principal guest.

THE DUKE OF SANE-COBURG GOTHA has returned to Clarence House from Kiel, where he had been to witness the opening of the Baltic and North Sea Canal, while the Duchess has concluded her visit to the Duchess of Albany at Claremont.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE gave a dinner party at Devonshire House, Piccadilly, on Monday, and on Tuesday the Duchess visited Eastbourne and opened a Fancy Fair in behalf of the three new Voluntary Schools which have recently been erected at a cost of £11,000.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, who was accompanied by the Duchess, visited the Queen's Hall on Tuesday, for the purpose of opening the national bazaar in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. There was a large and fashionable attendance during the day.

THE SECOND and final meet of the season of the Coaching Club was held on the Horse Guards' Parade, St. James's Park, on Wednesday, there being present 29 coaches, headed by that of Bro. Lord Hobbfield. The meet of the Four-in-Hand will take place on the same ground on Thursday, the 11th prox.

AT THE CANNON-STREET HOTEL, on Monday, Sir Henry Oakley presided at the 38th annual meeting of the Railway Benevolent Institution. Pensions were granted to 69 widows, and 14 children were admitted to the educational benefits provided by the fund. Lord Hillingdon was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

THE FANCY DRESS BALL which is annually given in aid of the Royal Caledonian Asylum and the Royal Scottish Hospital took place at the Hotel Métropole, on Monday evening, under the patronage of her Majesty the Queen, and many members of the Royal Family. Bro. the Duke of Atholl, K.T., President and Treasurer, spared no pains to ensure success.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK has very kindly consented to be present at the annual review of the London Fire Brigade, and distribute the medals awarded by the London County Council during the past 12 months to the officers and men for conspicuous bravery, or long service, and good conduct. The review will take place on Clapham Common, on Saturday, the 6th July.

THE FESTIVAL DINNER of the Philanthropic Society's Farm School was held at Sadlers' Hall on Wednesday evening. Bro. the Earl of Derby presided, and was supported by a number of influential guests, among whom were Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bart., Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Sir W. Vincent, Bart. The Subscriptions, including 100 guineas from the Chairman, amounted to about £750.

THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE, the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, Bro. the Earl of Dunraven and the Earl of Onslow, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, Bro. Lord and Lady Burton, Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., and the Right Hon. J. and Mrs. Chamberlain, were among the guests at the dinner party given by the Earl and Countess of Cadogan, at Chelsea House, Cadogan-place, on Wednesday.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, returned to Marlborough House from St. Leonard's Hall, Windsor, on Monday, and in the evening their Royal Highnesses, with the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz witnessed the performance of "Don Giovanni" at the Royal Italian Opera House, Covent Garden.

THE ANNUAL distribution of prizes to the children attending the Birmingham Bluecoat Schools took place on Friday, the 21st instant. Bro. Sir James Sawyer, Prov. S.G.W. Warwickshire, occupied the chair, and was well and influentially supported. The prizes to the girls were presented by Lady Sawyer, and those to the boys by the Chairman. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Sir James and Lady Sawyer, which was carried by acclamation, brought the proceedings to a close.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presided on Wednesday morning at a meeting, held at Marlborough House, of the Governors of Wellington College. In the evening he dined with the Hon. George and Mrs. Curzon at their residence in Carlton House-terrace, to meet his Highness the Shahzada, and subsequently was present at an evening party given by the President of the Board of Trade and Mrs. Bryce, at the Foreign Office, to the members of the International Railway Congress.

ON THURSDAY, the 20th inst., a capital treat was given to about 40 boys of the Formidable Training Ship, off Portishead, who are trained as a choir by Bro. E. Davey, second master, to lead the singing at the services on board. In charge of Bro. Davey they were taken in a brake to Yatton, where a good meal awaited them. They afterwards indulged in cricket and other games. Captain Still met them and witnessed their enjoyment. The lads were highly delighted with the outing.

THE COUNTESS OF ILCHESTER gave a garden party at Holland House, Kensington, on Wednesday afternoon, among those present being the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha and their daughters the Princesses Alexandra and Beatrice, the Grand Duke and Duchess of Hesse, the Crown Prince and Princess of Roumania, the Prince of Naples and the Count of Turin, the Infanta Eulalia of Spain, Prince and Princess Philip of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, the Duchess of Portland, the Duke of Grafton, and the Duchess of Abercorn, and others.

A COMPLIMENTARY benefit matinee will be given, under the patronage of the Duchesses of York and Teck, the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, the Duchess of Wellington, the Marchioness of Salisbury, and others, to the veteran actor, Mr. Henry Lorraine, at the Criterion Theatre, on Tuesday, the 2nd prox. The Committee includes, among others, Bros. Sir Augustus Harris, S. B. Bancroft, W. S. Penley, and J. L. Toole. The programme will comprise an act of "A Bunch of Violets," the second act of "The Case of Rebellious Susan," and the first act of "Richelieu," in which Mr. Lorraine will appear as Richelieu.

A COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET was given in the Victoria Room, Clifton, on Monday, to Dr. W. G. Grace, to commemorate the completion of his 100th century at cricket. The Duke of Beaufort presided, and was supported right and left by the hero of the evening, and the Mayor of Bristol, among the other guests being the Bishop of Hereford, formerly head master of Clifton College, the High Sheriff of Monmouthshire, the Dean of Bristol, the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers, the President of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, and several members of the Grace family, while letters regretting their inability to attend were received from Bros. Lord Fitzhardinge and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., and others. The toast of the evening was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK visited Darlington, on Tuesday, for the purpose of attending the Royal Agricultural Society's Show. Their Royal Highnesses were met on their arrival at the railway station by Prince Christian, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, Bro. the Earl of Durham, Sir Joseph Pease, and the Mayor and Town Clerk. They were at once driven to the Town Hall, where an address of welcome was delivered to them, and the aldermen presented. Subsequently they left for Wynyard Hall, where they stayed as guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry. On Wednesday they visited the show, and expressed themselves well pleased with the different classes of exhibits.

A NEW "DEPARTURE" IN THE NATURAL MINERAL WATER TRADE.—The "Carisbrook Castle" sailed from London for the Rhine on the 13th inst. with a cargo of Royal German Seltzer Water, consisting of 146,000 full bottles. These bottles were brought over to London from Germany last year, and it cannot be said that they are sent empty away! It is to be presumed that the large advertisements which have appeared in recommendation of this Water have not met with the anticipated response from the British public. What has occurred will doubtless act as a check upon those sanguine persons who are for ever introducing new German Table Waters into this country.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that in the whirl of unnatural excitement, and in the struggle for existence in this generation, no attention whatever is condescended to the most ordinary rules of health. When the muscles become relaxed, the nerves over-sensitive and delicately strung, and the brain wearied at the slightest task, these symptoms are part of Nature's warning that the delicate organism of the human frame is out of gear. In most cases a gentle stimulant and mild restorative is all that is required to impart fresh vitality to the jaded nerves, and it is a well-known fact that a few doses of Holloway's Pills work wonders and restore the lost tone of the nervous system.