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THE CRAFT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In one of our recent numbers we mentioned in a Note that Freemasonry was very strongly represented in Lord SALISBURY'S administration, there being as many as nine members of his lordship's Cabinet who have attained to positions of eminence in the Craft, while among Ministers below Cabinet rank are to be found several who have more or less distinguished themselves as Craftsmen. Since then we have glanced down the list of members of the newly-elected House of Commons, and there, too, we have found a large number of them who are Masons, while it is more than probable there are many others, of whose connection with, or status in, our Society we have no knowledge. At all events, as it is a matter which can hardly fail to interest our readers, we give the names of those M.Ps. who we know—or have good reason to believe—are Masons. Among Cabinet Ministers are included Bros. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., Chancellor of the Exchequer, who sits for one of the Divisions, of Bristol, and is Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire; Sir M. WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., Home Secretary, who represents a Lancashire constituency, and is Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland; Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P. for the Ealing Division of Middlesex, Secretary of State for India, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex; A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, M.P. for the St. Augustine's Division of Kent, H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, Past Grand Warden of England; and W. HUME LONG, M.P. for the Derby Division of Liverpool, President of the Board of Agriculture, Past Grand Deacon of England. In addition are Bro. JOHN AIRD, M.P. for North Paddington, P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, Past Grand Deacon of England; Bro. HAMAR BASS, M.P. for West Staffordshire; Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P. for the Andover Division of Hampshire, Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight; Bro. Lord HENRY BENTINCK, M.P. for South Nottingham, Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland; Bro. Sir ALGERNON BORTHWICK, M.P. for South Kensington; Bro. W. E. BRYMER, M.P. for South Dorset, Past Grand Deacon of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Dorsetshire; Bro. T. BUCKNILL, Q.C., M.P. for the Epsom Division of Surrey, Deputy Grand Registrar; Bro. Sir H. BULLARD, M.P. for Norwich, a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Norfolk; and Bro. W. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P. for Westminster, Past Grand Deacon of England. Bros. the Marquis of CARMARTHEN, VICTOR CAVENDISH, and TANKERVILLE CHAMBERLAYNE represent Brixton, West Derbyshire, and Southampton respectively, and we have seen on several occasions Sir E. CLARKE, senior Member for Plymouth, with the prefix "Bro." to his name. Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, who sits for Ipswich, is the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and Bro. Alderman DAVIES M.P. for Chatham, Baron HENRY DE WORMS, M.P. East Toxteth Division of Devonport; Sir CHARLES DILKE, Forest of Dean Division of Gloucestershire; and Sir F. DIXON-HARTLAND, M.P. Uxbridge Division of Middlesex, we have reason to believe are Masons. Bro. the Hon. A. DE TATTON EGERTON, M.P. for the Knutsford Division of Cheshire, ranks high among the Cheshire brethren, and Bro. Sir JAMES FERGUSON, who sits for North-East Manchester, is a Past Provincial Grand Master under the Scottish Constitution. Bro. W. HAYES FISHER, M.P. for Fulham, was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1877. Bro. Sir JOHN E. GORST, one of the representatives of Cambridge University and Vice-President of the Council, is a Past Junior Grand Warden of England; and Bro. A. F.

GODSON, M.P. for the Kidderminster Division of Worcestershire, Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire. Bro. T. F. HALSEY, Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire, has been again returned for the Watford Division of that county, and Bro. Sir R. HANSON, Bart., Past Grand Warden of England, still represents the City of London. Sir W. HART-DYKE, Bart., M.P. for the Dartford Division of Kent, is a Past Senior Grand Warden of Kent, and Lord A. HILL, M.P. for the West Division of County Down, Comptroller of the Queen's Household, is Provincial Grand Master of Down. Bro. Sir F. SEAGER HUNT, Bart., is M.P. for Maidstone, and Bro. W. L. JACKSON, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, is M.P. for North Leeds, as he was in the last Parliament. Sir F. LOCKWOOD, Solicitor General under the late administration, is junior member for York, while Col. LOCKWOOD, M.P. for the Epping Division of Essex, is Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Essex. Bro. G. LODER has been again returned for Brighton, and Bro. W. G. ELLISON MACARTNEY for South Antrim. Bro. J. W. MACLURE, M.P. for the Stretford Division of Lancashire, is a Past Grand Deacon of England and Past Provincial Grand Warden West Lancashire, and we have always understood that Sir J. B. MAPLE, M.P. for Dulwich, Sir F. MILNER, M.P. for the Bassettlaw Division of Notts, and R. J. MORE, for the Ludlow Division of Shropshire, are Masons. So, too, we believe, is Sir JOHN MOWBRAY, senior member for Oxford University, while Bro. Sir H. STAFFORD NORTHCOTE is a prominent member of the Mark Degree. Bro. the Hon. D. R. PLUNKET, M.P. Dublin University, is a Past Senior Grand Deacon of Ireland, and Bro. Baron F. DE ROTHSCHILD, M.P. for the Aylesbury Division of Bucks, has a lodge bearing his name, which meets at Waddesdon. Among others are Bros. ABEL SMITH, Past Senior Warden Hertford Lodge, No. 403; Sir GEORGE TREVELYAN, Bart., Viscount VALENTIA, Past Grand Warden England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Oxfordshire; R. T. HERMON HODGE, Past Provincial Grand Warden Oxfordshire; and Bro. H. SHAW-STEWART, M.P. East Renfrewshire, Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West. The names of other brethren who have seats in the New House must be reserved for a further issue.

EARLY MENTION OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

There is no more important section of Part I. of Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY'S "Cæmentaria Hibernica" than that in which he treats of the Royal Arch, adducing evidence, which has never previously been brought to light, from a Dublin newspaper of the 10-14 January, 1743, that the Degree was then known in Ireland. We quote the passage in full so far as it is necessary to our purpose of elucidating Bro. CRAWLEY'S theory that the Arch, long before it was worked as a separate Degree, was understood at all events to be an integral part of Ancient Masonry.

"St. John's Day, celebrated by the Lodge in Youghall, No. 21.

Imprimis, the first Salutation on the Quay of Youghall, upon their coming out of their Lodge Chambers, was the Ships firing their Guns with their Colours flying.

Secondly, the first Appearance was a Concert of Music with two proper Centinels with their Swords drawn.

Thirdly, Two Apprentices bare-headed, one with the twenty-four Inch Gage, the other a Common Gavel.

Fourthly, the Royal Arch carried by two excellent Masons.

Fifthly, the Master, with all his proper Implements, his Rod gilt with Gold; his Deputy on his left with the Square and Compasses.

Sixthly, the two Wardens, with their Truncheons gilt in like manner.

Seventhly, the two Deacons, with their Rods gilt also in the same manner.

Eighthly, two excellent Masons, one bearing a Level and the other a Plumb Rule.

Ninthly, then appeared all the rest most gallantly dressed, following by Couples, each of them having a Square hanging About his Neck to a blue Ribbon."

Hitherto the earliest mention of the Degree has dated from 1744, and is to be found in Dr. FIFIELD DASSIGNY'S "Serious and Impartial Enquiry," which was published in Dublin in that year shortly before the author's death. The passage in which it occurs was quoted by Bro. HENRY SADLER in an article which appeared in this journal on the 27th October, 1894, and in which he traversed certain statements by Bro. JACOB NORTON to the effect that the Royal Arch was introduced into England by Bro. LAURENCE DERMOTT, the Grand Secretary of the "Ancients." This passage we take leave to reproduce.

"Now as the land marks of the constitution of Freemasonry are universally the same throughout all kingdoms, and are so well fixt that they do not admit of removal, how comes it to pass that some have been led away with ridiculous innovations, an example of which I shall prove by a certain propagator of a false system some few years ago in this city, who imposed on several very worthy men under a pretence of being Master of the Royal Arch, which he asserted he had brought from the city of York; and that the beauties of the Craft did principally consist of the knowledge of this valuable piece of Masonry. However, he carried on his scheme for several months, and many of the learned and wise were his followers, till at length his fallacious art was discovered by a brother of probity and wisdom, who had some small space before attained that excellent part of Masonry in London, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false; whereupon the brethren justly despised him, and ordered him to be excluded from all benefits of the Craft, and altho' some of the fraternity have expressed an uneasiness at this matter being kept a secret from them (since they had already passed thro' the usual degrees of probation), I cannot help being of opinion that they have no right to any such benefit until they make a proper application, and are received with due formality, and as it is an organis'd body of men who have passed the chair, and given undeniable proof of their skill in Architecture, it cannot be treated with too much reverence, and more especially since the character of the present members of that particular Lodge are untainted, and their behaviour judicious and unexceptionable: so that there cannot be the least hinge to hang a doubt on, but that they are most excellent Masons.

"I cannot help informing the brethren that there is lately arrived in this city a certain itinerant Mason, whose judgment (as he declares) is so far illumin'd, and whose optics are so strong that they can bear the view of the most lucid rays of the sun at noon-day, and altho' we have contented ourselves with three material steps to approach our *Summum Bonum*, the immortal God, yet he presumes to acquaint us that he can add three more, which when properly plac'd may advance us to the highest heavens."

Here, then, as Bro. SADLER points out in his article, we have evidence that the Degree was introduced into Dublin from York "some few years" before 1744, and also "some small space before" from London, nor is it a wholly unreasonable inference to draw from the facts recorded by DASSIGNY and the familiarity with which he speaks of "that excellent part of Masonry" and of Royal Arch Masons as being "an organis'd body of men who have passed the chair," that it must have been known and practised as a separate Degree some time previous to its introduction into Dublin, which might have taken place say about the year 1740. Organised bodies of men do not spring into existence suddenly. The work of organising them must be spread over some time, not necessarily a protracted time; but it cannot be done in a moment. Some time too must have been consumed in evolving the Royal Arch as a separate part from the whole system of Masonry, and in determining who were those upon whom it might be conferred. At all events, this not unreasonable inference lends countenance to the theory propounded by Bro. CRAWLEY that the Arch was designedly introduced by ANDERSON into the Frontispiece of his Book of Constitutions and in the text, and as designedly adopted by PENNELL in his Irish Constitutions of 1730. The passage in which this theory is set forth is as follows:

"Taken by themselves, ANDERSON'S verbal and pictorial allusions cannot be considered pointless or purposeless; taken in connection with PENNELL'S deliberate repetition of the design and elucidation of the language, their relation to the Ritual cannot be ignored. Let those who can read between the lines appreciate the elaboration with which ANDERSON'S intended climax is wrought out by the more skilful PENNELL. ANDERSON would never have introduced the formula, PENNELL would never have taken the pains to recast the paragraph so as to end with this carefully-planned culmination, neither would have adopted the allegorical design, if the succession of symbolic events in the esoteric Ritual had not supplied them with an analogy which they felt sue the brethren would grasp.

"We can fairly infer first, that the Ritual led up to, and ended in, the Arch; secondly, that the nomenclature Royal Arch was unfamiliar to the writers; and thirdly, that the ceremonial had not yet become consolidated into a separate step or Degree. This consolidation took place within the lifetime of the founders of the Grand Lodge of England, for we have a crowd of evidence to show that the Royal Arch was widely spread and in full working order before the year 1743."

We say this is a theory which contains within itself a large amount of probability; whether we shall ever be in a position to prove to a demonstration when, how, and where the Royal Arch became "that excellent part of Masonry" which DASSIGNY describes it as being, is a point on which, in the present state of our knowledge, it is impossible to offer an opinion.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. Comp. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Grand Superintendent of Bucks, occupied the position of G.Z.; Comp. Bruce Seaton, that of G.H.; and Comp. General J. C. Hay, that of G.J.

There were also present:

Comps. Edward Letchworth, G.S.E.; F. Ernest Pocock and Geo. E. Fairchild, G. Std. Brs.; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S., G.D.C.; Howard H. Room, Asst. G.D.C.; Harry Tipper, A.G.D.C.; W. Lake, A.G.S.E.; Eugene Monteuuis, P.D.G.D.C.; Wm. P. Brown, P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Minstrell, P.A.G.D.C.; S. Valentine, P.A.G.D.C.; Alfred C. Spaul, P.G.S.B.; C. Herbert J. Adams, P.D.G.D.C.; S. V. Abraham, P.A.G.D.C.; W. G. Lemon, P.G. Std. Br.; T. W. Whitmarsh, P.G.D.C.; Edwd. Stanton, P.G. Std. Br.; Fredk. Mead, P.D.G.D.C.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.G. Std. Br.; Ritchie, P.D.G.S.B.; J. C. Hay, P.A.G.S.; G. H. Hopkinson, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Lennox Browne and Chas. Belton, P.G. Std. Brs.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; P. H. Waterlow, P.D.G.S.B.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.D.G.D.C.; Ralph Gooding, P.A.G.S.; F. W. Macdonald, P.G.S.; G. H. Hopkinson, P.G. Std. Br.; Edgar Goble, P.G. Std. Br.; Alfred Savill Tomkins, P.G. S.B.; Peter de L. Long, P.G.P.S.; William Vincent, P.Z., S.E. 1604; Henry A. Tobias, P.Z. 241, 1502, H. elect 1017, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancs.; W. Smithett, M.E.Z. 58; J. Noyes, P.Z. 58; W. A. Scurrah, P.Z. 2271; C. Trevor Mold, P.Z. 617; F. G. Swinden, P.Z. 254, 587, 729, 1630, Prov. G.S.E. Warwickshire; B. A. Smith, P.Z. 1556, P.P.G.J.; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507; W. Darley Hartley, P.Z. 1824; Walter Adams, M.E.Z. 73; C. W. Brander, P.Z. 1503; C. Filhon, M.E.Z. 1305; J. G. Milbourn, M.E.Z. 79; E. Cutler, 2060; F. W. Robinson, H. 1423; W. J. Collins, P.Z. 3; and T. J. Eckle, P.Z. 141.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Comp. SCURRAH, the report of the General Purposes Committee, which follows, was taken as read:—

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th April, to the 16th July, 1895, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£801 19 9	By Disbursements during the Quarter	£377 9 8
„ „ Unappropriated Account	203 12 8	„ Balance	804 7 6
„ Subsequent Receipts..	438 10 11	„ „ Unappropriated Account	202 6 2
	£1444 3 4		£1444 3 4

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have also to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Thomas William Faulkner, as Z.; George Augustus Mursell, as H.; Henry Haven Wheeler, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Medina Lodge, No. 35, to be called the Asher Barfield Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Cowes, in the Isle of Wight.

2nd. From Comps. Walter Wellsman, as Z.; Oliver Claud Robson, as H.; Edmund Robert Bartley Denniss, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Willesden Lodge, No. 2489, Willesden, to be called the Willesden Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

3rd. From Comps. Henry Bond, as Z.; John Gabriel Albert, as H.; Arthur Dutton, as J.; and 11 others for a chapter to be attached to the Avondale Lodge, No. 2395, to be called the Avondale Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, London.

4th. From Comps. Charles Jolly, as Z.; Thomas Ringrose, as H.; John George Hammond, as J.; and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, to be called the Victorian Chapter, and to meet at the Phoenix Hotel, Rainham, in the county of Essex.

The foregoing petitions being regular, the Committee recommended that the prayers thereof should be respectively granted.

The Committee had likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Chapter of Israel, No. 1502, from the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, to Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-street, Southport.

The St. Aubyn Chapter, No. 954, from the Ebrington Masonic Hall to the St. Aubyn Masonic Hall, Moon-street, Morice Town, Devonport.

The Hamer Chapter, No. 1393, from the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, to the Alexandra Hotel, Dale-street, Liverpool.

The Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, from the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, to the Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

The Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 143, from the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, to the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly.

The Committee reported that the Priory Chapter, No. 1863, Tynemouth, had ceased to meet; they recommended that the chapter should be summoned to show cause why it should not be removed from the roll of chapters.

The report, was signed by the President, Comp. Robert Grey, and the several recommendations were, on the motion of Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, agreed to unanimously.

There being no other business, Grand Chapter was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Results of the South Kensington Examinations, June, 1895:

Practical Plane and Solid Geometry 14 Certificates.
Geology 8 "

The results of the Mathematics and Drawing Sections are not yet received.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh, on Monday, the 29th ult., under the banner of the Adair Lodge, No. 936. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 12.30 by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, when the following were present:

Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; S. R. Anness, P.S.G.W.; James Hodges, P.J.G.W.; George Abbott, P.P.G.S.B.; C. E. Tempest, P.J.G.D.; Rev. W. B. Coyte, P.P.G.C. Cambs.; L. J. Woodard, P.P.S.G.D.; J. B. Marchant, P.G.P.; Alfred Spalding, P.A.G.S.; Charles H. Downes, P.G.R.; W. J. Roberts, P.G.S. of W.; F. S. Smith, P.S.G.D.; W. W. Walesby, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. J. Wright, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Palmer, P.P.G.O.; J. Talbot, P.P.G.S.B.; James Napier, P.P.J.G.D.; Arthur S. Gross, P.G.T.; Edward Smith, P.P.G.P.; W. J. Wilton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Jonathan Nobbs, P.P.G.S.; C. J. Hayward, P.P.G.R.; R. B. Wrightson, P.P.J.G.W.; J. M. Canova, P.P. G.S. of W.; Mitchel Reid, P.A.G.P.; E. H. Adams, P.P.G.S.B.; W. T. Brunger, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. Barker, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. E. Smith, P.P.J.G.D.; J. M. Franks, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Blunderfield, P.P.G.P. Suffolk and Norfolk; C. H. Vincent, P.P.G.R.; R. Titlow, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Cooper Vincent, P.G. Stwd.; James Bardwell, P.G. S.B.; Joseph Fintham, P.P.G.T.; B. B. Syer, P.G. Tyler; Rev. L. D. Kenyon-Stow, P.P.G.C.; W. Inglis Mason, P.P.S.G.W.; Henry C. Casley, P.P.J.G.W.; James Harvey, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Hall, P.P.J.G.W.; T. B. Read, W.M. 114; George Booth, jun., W.M. 81; Alma Cocks, W.M. 959; T. S. Poll, W.M. 305; Francis Curry, W.M. 1592; G. Stephenson, W.M. 332; H. Rix, W.M. 1452; R. S. Joy, W.M. 1224; J. Durrant, W.M. 1631; T. Stevenson, W.M. 388; W. Barker, W.M. 936; F. G. Haines, W.M. 516; H. C. Monteith, P.M. 376; Charles Markwell, P.M. 959; Harry Cockrell, I.P.M. 225; J. Waskett, P.M. 936; J. Taylor, P.M. 936; J. W. Brook, P.M. 1452; E. Butcher, P.M. 636; Barker Stanford, P.M. 388; C. H. White, P.M. 1983; J. Oakley Green, P.M. 388; R. C. Mayhew, P.M. 936; George Andrewes, P.M. 388; M. W. Shee, P.M. 126; Walter Brooke, P.M. 81; Cyril C. Tuck, P.M. 516; W. Balls, P.M. 555; G. F. Hawkins, I.P.M. 1224; C. W. Harper, W.M. 1663; H. J. Riches, S.W. 1663; F. C. Peacock, S.W. 516; S. Calver, S.W. 936; Rev. H. S. Hume, P.M. and Chap. 1452; and a number of other brethren, the total present being about 115.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers and the lodges in the province having been called over, and the reports presented, Bro. G. S. Elliston, P.M. 114, was elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Master next appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

Bro. Pryce Morris, P.M. 388	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. C. Monteith, P.M. 376	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. S. Hume, P.M. 1452	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. Manners Smith, J.W. 1823	...	...
" W. Brooke, P.M. 81	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracy	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Taylor, P.M. 936	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. C. Tuck, P.M. 516	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. Cockrell, P.M. 225	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Franks, 376, P.P.S.G.D.	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. C. Kersey, P.M. 71	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.

Bro. P. H. Wright, P.M. 1631	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Nobbs, P.M. 305	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" C. H. White, P.M. 1893	...	...
" C. H. Youngman, J.W. 305	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Spalding	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" M. Reid, P.M. 1224	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Balls, P.M. 555	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" R. C. Mayhew, P.M. 936	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. O. Green, P.M. 388	...	...
" H. Calver, S.W. 936	...	...
" B. W. Syer	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The report of the Board of General Purposes showed that there had been a marked improvement in the numerical strength of the Order, there having been an increase of 59 initiations and 19 joinings, as against 55 initiations and 20 joinings last year, whilst the losses had been 34 resignations, 19 by death, and nine exclusions, against resignations 36, deaths 22, and exclusions 22 last year, resulting in a gain of 16 members, bringing the numbers in the province to 1001, as against 985 in the last report. The financial state was apparently not so favourable, as, after providing for the liabilities, which were rather heavier this year, there remained a balance of £83, as against £87. But as the fees of honour of this year had not been taken into account, and as they amounted to about £21, the result was really more favourable.

The report was adopted.

The Suffolk Masonic Charity Association's report stated that for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held in February, there were nine Stewards, whose lists amounted to £655 17s.; for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held in May, the lists of three Stewards amounted to £125 9s. 6d.; and for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held in June, the lists of two Stewards amounted to £59 17s., making a total to the three Institutions during the year of £841 3s. 6d.

The report was adopted.

The brethren afterwards marched in procession to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, where Divine service was conducted, Bro. the Rev. H. S. Hume preaching a brief but eloquent sermon, based upon "Charity," Bro. the Rev. J. Manners Smith reading the lessons. Bro. T. Palmer, Mus. Bac., P.P.G.O., presided at the organ.

Upon the resumption of the lodge, the PROV. GRAND MASTER briefly addressed the brethren, congratulating the province upon its strength.

Subsequently the usual banquet, which was excellently served, was held at the Brudenell Hotel. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, presided.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were given from the chair and heartily received.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was also given from the chair, and responded to by Bro. THOS. J. RALLING, Prov. G. Sec. of Essex.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Henniker," said it was now some years since his lordship had presided over them, and the grace and dignity with which he had presided over them that day he felt sure would commend itself to all Masons. But it was not only in Masonry that Lord Henniker took a personal interest, for it was well known that he also took a leading part in all county matters, and it was with the greatest pleasure that he gave the toast of the Prov. Grand Master.

The toast was received with full Masonic honours.

The toast of "The R.W.D.P.G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn," was also warmly received, and Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN, in responding, said it was an immense pleasure to be with them all that day, and although he was now parted from them by some 200 miles, he could assure them that Suffolk would always command his services, and whenever he could come amongst them he would. In concluding an eloquent speech, Bro. Martyn said they could congratulate themselves on the progress that Masonry had made in the province during the past year, and he hoped that the 1001 brethren now comprising the province would strive to do their utmost to maintain the great principles of the Craft, and he had no fear that the Province of Suffolk would not continue to prosper.

Other toasts included "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," responded to by Bros. H. C. MONTEITH, P.J.G.W., and H. C. CASLEY, P.P.S.G.W.; "The Masonic Charities," replied to by Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.B.I. for Boys; "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province."

It is worthy of note that the only two brethren present at the Provincial Grand Lodge at Aldeburgh in 1870 who were also present in 1895, were Bros. J. Taylor and J. L. Woodard.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Ebbw Vale was the scene of great Masonic enthusiasm on Thursday, the 1st instant. In the first place, a new lodge was consecrated by the style and title of the Glyn Ebbw Lodge, No. 2556, and when that important function had been carried out, the W.M. installed in the chair of K.S., and the officers for the ensuing year appointed and invested, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire was held under the presidency of its respected chief, Bro. Col. Lyne, who was supported by his Deputy, Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. R. Lyne, the officers, Present and Past, of his Provincial Grand Lodge, and the representatives of the lodges on the provincial roll.

In the course of the proceedings the following were appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the new year, viz.:

Bro. R. A. Forsyth, 683	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. L. Phillips, 2556	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. M. Bidwell, 457	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. T. Theophilus, 1098	...	...
" Charles Cullum, 1429	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Godfrey Seys, 2180	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Brook, 1429	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. P. Skrimshire, 1258	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Jas. Dixon, 471	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.

Bro. W. J. Williams, 818 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" B. Willans, 1562 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Jno. H. Hughes, 1429 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Fred Phillips, 683 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Thos. Edwards, 2226...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" N. L. Wilputte, 2556...	...	...
" A. W. Thomas, 683 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" D. L. Davies, 1098 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Wm. North, 1098 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Jas. Johnston, 1098 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. L. Herbert, 1098 ...	...	...
" R. J. Meadows, 1258...	...	...
" Thos. Acland, 1562 ...	...	...
" Arthur Price, 2186 ...	...	...
" M. J. S. Lyons, 2556...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Henry Richards, 1429 ...	...	...

When the rest of the business appointed to be done was dispatched, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the Central Hall.

As it is some eight years since the last lodge consecration took place, there was, as every one expected, an unusual amount of interest exhibited by our Monmouthshire brethren, and not only was the attendance exceptionally large, but the meeting was in all respects from first to last a complete success.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY IN THE VICTORIA HALL, ADELAIDE, S.A.

The ceremony of installing seven Worshipful Masters of city and suburban lodges was performed in the Victoria Hall, Adelaide, on Monday, June 24th, when there was a large and influential gathering of Freemasons, of whom about 250 were present, including the M.W.G. Master, Bro. his Excellency the Hon. S. J. Way, and the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Philip Sansom. Nearly all the city, suburban, and country lodges were represented, as well as lodges in England and the other colonies. This was the third year of the combined installation, and on each occasion the holiday on Accession Day was chosen. In 1893 eight lodges took part in the ceremony; in the second year only five lodges joined together, whilst on Monday the perfect Masonic number of seven was reached. Much of the success of the present gathering, as well as of those previously held, must be accorded to Bro. J. T. C. Hantke, Chairman of the Committee, and Bro. A. W. Badger, the indefatigable Hon. Sec. Reference must also be made to Bro. A. W. Mortimer as musical director, and Bro. J. Shakespeare as D. of C.

The following Grand Lodge Officers were present :

Bros. his Excellency the Hon. S. J. Way, Lieut.-Governor, Grand Master; Philip Sansom, Dep. Grand Master; M. V. Adams, J.G.W.; the Rev. Canon Poole, G. Chap.; H. M. Addison, President of the Board of General Purposes; A. M. Simpson, G. Treas.; T. C. Holland, G. Reg.; P. Dakers, G. Inspector of Lodges; the Rev. F. W. Samwell, G. Lecturer; T. J. C. Hantke and J. G. Outlaw, S.G.Ds.; R. McMichen, J.G.D.; A. S. Cheadle, G. Supt. Wks.; J. Shakespeare, G.D.C.; Jasper Bee, Dep. G.D.C.; J. W. Caire, A.G.D.C.; D. H. H. Weir, G.S.B.; A. W. Badger, G. Std. Br.; A. W. Mortimer, G. Org.; W. D. Ponder, Asst. G. Sec.; J. Evans, G. Purst.; E. Cook and A. A. Fairweather, Board of General Purposes; T. H. Atkinson, F. J. Cunningham, J. Goodwin, J. Hall, F. Johnson, M. C. Coopinger, W. S. Reid, and R. K. Thompson, G. Stwds.; and N. Kildael, G. Tyler.

The lodge was opened shortly after 5.30 p.m., the chairs being occupied as follows: Bros. T. H. Atkinson, acting as W.M.; J. Evans, as S.W.; J. Skinner, as J.W.; W. de Passey, as S.D.; A. Schedlich, as J.D.; C. E. Harvey, as I.G.; Rev. W. A. Swan, as Chap.; T. J. C. Hantke, as D.C.; and A. W. Badger, as I.P.M. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the choir and brethren sang "Hail Eternal, by whose aid."

The minutes of Harmony, United Tradesmen's, Faith, Mostyn, Concordia, Holdfast, and Emulation Lodges relating to the election of the different Worshipful Masters were read and confirmed. After this a Board of Installed Masters was held in another room, when the various Masters were inducted into the chair according to ancient custom, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Philip Sansom, ably carrying out the duty of Installing Master. Bro. W. E. Slade, as W.M. of Lodge of Harmony, No. 3; Bro. H. W. Waterhouse, as W.M. of Mostyn Lodge, No. 18; Bro. W. Knick, as W.M. of Concordia Lodge, No. 28; Bro. C. G. Gurr, as W.M. of Holdfast Lodge, No. 30; and Bro. J. E. Gooden, as W.M. of Emulation Lodge, No. 32. Bros. T. G. Blackwell and R. Hosking having been re-elected as Worshipful Masters of the United Tradesmen's Lodge, No. 4, and Lodge of Faith, No. 9, were inducted into their chairs without further ceremony.

The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, the members of Grand Lodge were received in due form, the choir rendering a vocal Masonic march—"Hail Masonry."

The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. H. CUNNINGHAM, read the ancient charges, and the newly-installed Worshipful Masters were then conducted to the pedestal.

The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the newly-installed Masters were placed in the chairs. Proclamation was then made in the East by the G.D.C., Bro. J. SHAKESPEARE, and the working tools of the Degree were explained by Bro. T. C. HOLLAND, G. Reg.

The lodge was reduced to the Second Degree, and proclamation in the West was made by Bro. JASPER BEE, A.G.D.C., the working tools in this Degree being presented by Bro. PHILIP DAKERS, Grand Inspector of Lodges.

The lodge was then reduced to the First Degree, and proclamation in the South was made by Bro. J. W. CAIRE, D.G.D.C. The working tools of an Entered Apprentice were explained by Bro. J. G. OUTLAW, S.G.D.

The warrants and other documents were presented by the G. Sec., Bro. J. H. CUNNINGHAM, after which the newly-installed Masters were addressed by the D.G.M.

The choir then sang "Support to the Masters that rule by the square."

The following Wardens were then invested: Bros. J. McDowall, S.W., and W. B. Caw, P.M., J.W., Lodge of Harmony; C. J. Chittleborough, S.W., and J. H. Cooke, J.W., United Tradesmen's Lodge; E. J. Lawton, S.W., and J. Skinner, J.W., Lodge of Faith; J. E. Morley, S.W., and C. A. Unbehaun, J.W., Mostyn Lodge; H. Neuenkirchen, S.W., and A. Schedlich, J.W., Concordia Lodge; G. F. Harvey, S.W., and C. H. Sparks, J.W., Holdfast Lodge; and Rev. W. A. Swan, S.W., and S. G. Jones, J.W., Emulation Lodge.

After the choir had sung "Support to the Wardens," the brethren were addressed by Bro. P. DAKERS.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Canon POOLE, M.A., delivered an eloquent oration on the three cardinal principles of Freemasonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Then the final proclamation was made by Bro. Philip Sansom, and the Grand Lodge officers retired.

The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Albert Hall, where about 200 brethren partook of a supper provided by Bro. F. C. Addison.

The banquet took place in the Albert Hall in the evening, about 200 sitting down to table. The chair was occupied by the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. his Honor the Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor, who had beside him as assessors at the cross table the newly-installed Worshipful Masters. Bro. T. J. C. Hantke, S.G.D., acted as Toastmaster, and Bro. A. W. Mortimer, A.R.C.O.G.O., as Musical Director.

The toast of "The Queen and Craft" was duly honoured.

Bro. H. W. WATERHOUSE, W.M. Mostyn Lodge, in proposing the toast of "The M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge," said he greatly appreciated the honour which had fallen to his lot, but he recognised his own inability to do the toast that justice which it merited. In that respect, however, he felt that where he might fail those present would supply the want by the loyalty and fervour with which they would respond to his call. The privilege and honour which was his had an added value, because it was the first occasion upon which his Excellency had been the subject of a toast since he had again occupied the exalted position of Grand Master. He felt that that was not an occasion, nor was it a toast when the ordinary after-dinner humorous speech would be becoming. When they considered the high office of him who was the subject of the toast, and when they also bore in mind the solemnity of the ceremonial through which they had just passed, he felt that that was an occasion which called for every expression of decorum and respect, more particularly when they were in the presence of him who occupied the highest position in our land—politically, socially, and Masonically. Their regret at the departure of his Excellency Lord Kintore—their Immediate Past Grand Master—had been minimised to a considerable extent by the thought that it presented to them an opportunity of expressing their appreciation, esteem, and loyalty to him who succeeded the departed Governor in the vice-regal position. But great as the excellences of the present Grand Master were, without the support of such officers as those by whom he was surrounded, a deal of their value and importance might be lost. He asked them to rise and drink to the toast.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The M.W.G.M., Bro. the Hon. S. J. WAY, Lieutenant-Governor, in reply, thanked those present for their cordial reception of the toast presented, as far as he was concerned, in such a flattering manner. It was a matter of great gratification to him that the first occasion on which he had an opportunity of meeting his brethren of the blue lodges since his re-election was on this important Masonic occasion. He was glad to perceive by the manner they had received the toast that the unanimous vote of Grand Lodge has the fortunate approval of the general Order. He looked back with pride and satisfaction on the five and a half years during which he had had the privilege and the high honour of filling the office of Grand Master of South Australia. During that term of office they happily consolidated what was previously a divided Craft into a united whole, and the task upon which they entered, and which at the time was thought to be an adventurous task, had the approval and met with the recognition of all the Grand Lodges encircling the world, and so successful was Masonic union in South Australia that it was imitated and the same benefits were obtained in the Colony of New South Wales. He was sure they looked back to the five-and-half years which followed his tenure of the Grandmastership with pride and admiration—to the administration of the office by his Excellency the Earl of Kintore. During his tenure of the Grandmastership their ritual was revised and placed in a form that satisfied the most careful critic of Masonic ceremonial. During his Grandmastership the South Australian Constitution was placed in a position superior to either of the sister constitutions of this Continent in the presentation by the Trustees, who in yielding up their trust to the Grand Lodge of South Australia, presented to them magnificent premises as the home of the Craft, valuable in themselves, convenient to their occupation, and without a shilling of debt upon them. The Grandmastership of the Earl of Kintore gave to the Craft on the other side of the world a representative who would always be ready to serve the South Australian Constitution in whatever department of Masonry, whether in England or Scotland, he might be exercising his high gifts. However diffident he might feel at following such a Grand Master as the Earl of Kintore, he felt that he had behind him a loyal and enthusiastic Craft who would give him fraternal and loyal support. A few days ago they were gratified by the discovery of a new proof of philanthropy by the action of our fellow-colonist, Bro. R. Barr Smith—in giving from his generous heart, and at great cost, a lifeboat to save life at the most dangerous point on our coast; and he hoped that during the term, long or short, that he would have the honour of being at the head of the Craft there would be new territories of brotherly love to conquer for the benefit of mankind. During the 11 years' existence of the South Australian Constitution the keynote was struck of the Masonic union in the self-sacrifice which had been shown by Bro. Addison and other members of the Craft. The music of the ceremonial which they had attended was by their Grand Organist, Bro. Mortimer, and it was a very felicitous idea of his to place an imaginary stranger in their midst to testify to the character of the ceremonial they had witnessed. They had, however, a real stranger present in the person of Bro. Thomas, Past Grand Officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, and he asked him whether the ceremonial they had witnessed in dignity and magnificence was not worthy of anything he had witnessed in the grand old English Constitution

of the mother country. He was glad to have his confirmation of their own impression of the character of that ceremony. He desired to take this public opportunity of acknowledging the fraternal courtesies which he received when in England from one of the grandest old Masons in the mother country whom it was his privilege to meet—Colonel Starkie, the Prov. Grand Master for many years past of the important provincial Constitution from which Bro. Thomas came. He wished also to compliment Bro. Sansom and the other brethren of the Grand Lodge who assisted him, for the admirable manner in which the ceremony of that afternoon was conducted, and he wished to call their attention to the fact that for 13 years past Bro. Sansom had issued the admirably-compiled "Handbook of Masonry in South Australia," a work indispensable to everyone who wished to know the condition of the Craft, and that this little work had been published by him for 13 years at a loss, until in 1895, in despair, he was about to give it up. He hoped this distinguished assembly would decide to support this deserving enterprise and make it a profitable undertaking. They had listened to an admirable oration from the Grand Lecturer last year, but never had he listened to a more eloquent address than that of the Grand Chaplain that day. It was with much regret that he noticed they were about to lose in a few weeks one whose gifts and character had been of such value to them. He felt certain he was only expressing the wish of every brother here present that Bro. Poole's career in the adjoining colony of Victoria might be as honourable, as distinguished, and as useful as his career in South Australia.

The M.W. the GRAND MASTER, in proposing the toast of "The Newly-Installed Masters," said that occasion was the third of a joint installation in the history of Freemasonry in South Australia. He had thought when Canon Poole was speaking of the uniformity of Masonry that happily there was room for diversity. There was a good deal to be said in favour of separate installations as maintaining the individuality of the various lodges, and also the honour and dignity of the high office of Worshipful Master. In a joint installation the Worshipful Master had to sink his identity and to divide his dignity—on the present occasion into seven parts. But after all there were compensations. The new system saved money, which was a good thing in these times, and it also saved valuable time. It was a great gratification to him, not merely to be able to make his bow to the W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony—to whom he owed special fealty—but also to be able to pay his respects to the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges who by the suffrages of their brethren had been placed in their present proud positions. To him—who confessed a reverence for the past—they had on that occasion an opportunity of expressing their sense of gratitude to the different Constitutions which made up the sum of South Australian Freemasonry. But in proposing this toast he wanted to prevent the brethren from being too exalted at the success of that united installation. They owed a great debt of gratitude to Bro. T. J. C. Hantke, D.G.D., to Secretary Bro. Badger, and to the Committee for the success of the grand ceremonial they had just witnessed and also for the success of that banquet. The new Worshipful Masters were beginning their year of office under the most auspicious circumstances. They had the inspiration of the ceremony they had just witnessed, they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had the good wishes of all the visiting members, and they already enjoyed the mark of the confidence of the brethren of their respective lodges. He felt sure that the new Worshipful Masters would perform their onerous duties to their utmost abilities, and he asked those present to encourage them in that undertaking by drinking to the toast.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

Bro. C. G. GURR, W.M. Holdfast Lodge, in replying, said while the standard of Freemasonry was very lofty, still they would do good to themselves and others by striving after it. As newly-installed Masters of their respective lodges, they were deeply sensible of the important trusts and grave responsibilities of their positions. To become efficient Masters was their earnest desire, and they meant to use every effort to strengthen and improve their lodges in the manner best approved by the teachings of the Craft. Masonry established for all a lofty ideal of virtuous life and moral conduct. They personally recognised that as Masters of their respective lodges it was not only an important duty to assiduously promote the best interests of their lodges while at labour, but the individual life and well-being of each member of the lodge should and must be a matter of interest and concern if they would truly perform their obligations, and ensure that on the expiration of their year as Masters, they might look back with satisfaction and hand over the insignia of their office to their successors bright pure, and their lodge stronger and more active.

Bro. J. E. GOODEN, W.M. Emulation Lodge, also replied. He took it that the kindly sentiments expressed by the proposer were particularly meant to honour the various lodges which the newly-installed Worshipful Masters represented. On behalf of those lodges he thanked the brethren heartily for the way in which they had received the toast.

Bro. OLIFENT, P.S.G.W., proposed "The Newly-Installed Wardens" in appropriate terms.

Bros. J. McDOWALL, S.W. Lodge of Harmony, and J. H. COOKE, J.W. United Tradesmen's Lodge, suitably responded, expressing the hope that all would do their best to forward the noble doctrines which Freemasonry tended to foster.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. the Rev. F. W. SAMWELL, proposed "The Installing Officer" in complimentary terms.

Bro. PHILIP SANSOM, Dep. G. Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he joined the most worthy the Grand Master in his congratulations to the newly-installed Worshipful Masters, and reminded them that as rulers of the Craft they had now committed to their care a sacred trust. It was theirs to preserve the honour and to maintain the ancient purity of Freemasonry. And how could this be done? Was it by admitting into the bosom of the Fraternity men of doubtful character, or by accepting all and sundry who chose to seek admittance? Undoubtedly no. Personally he always gave the benefit of the doubt in favour of the welfare of the Order, and that was his advice to them as Masters of their lodges. We could not expect to build a house except upon a firm foundation, but when the house was so built we should support its walls against every blast that beat against it. The Order of Freemasonry was the most important institution in the world. The lodges were little republics, where every brother was taught that he was a unit in the great organisation of which he was a member, and in which he could rise step by step to the highest positions in its gift. Thus a laudable ambition was encouraged in the minds of young Masons, which reached its full fruition in advancing years. And so, too, in the lodge-room the impetuosity of youth was softened by the milder counsels of age and experience. The old and the young were on an even plane—equal in their rights—and yet every member had to earn his reward by long and

faithful service. Promotion in their Order was not often a matter of accident, and never should be gained by electioneering devices. It should come as the breath of heaven comes, to strengthen and invigorate, not to weaken or destroy. Freemasonry held out to every good man a higher and a loftier aim in life than that afforded by the reward which comes of gratified ambition. It gave every member an opportunity to benefit his fellow men. The consciousness of duty performed, the belief that he has lived with a purpose, and that purpose a noble one; that he has made bright spots along the pathway of others; that he has given to the poor and cared for the sick; that he has buried the dead and made glad the heart of the stranger—these were among the higher aims and loftier purposes of Freemasons and Freemasonry. He further reminded them that Freemasonry was a select organisation whose very purpose was to band together for certain good ends the very best men in the land, and whose power and effectiveness for good depended upon the moral and intellectual character of the men who composed it. Hitherto, all honour to her glorious name, she had kept her escutcheon bright, and it was to be hoped that Masonry would continue to be what it had heretofore been—a grand, great, magnificent institution—one that would keep pace with the civilisation of the age and maintain its ancient purity. Might she under the wise and discreet rule of these new Masters pluck new laurels and gather new trophies! He concluded by expressing the hope that they would, by adhering to true Masonic principles, move on a peaceful and prosperous path, and thus advance the interests, not only of their several lodges, but of the Craft generally.

Bro. M. V. ADAMS, J.G.W., proposed "The Visitors."

Bros. M. THOMAS, P.M., P.P.G.D. East Lancs.; W. S. REID, W.M. Corinthian Lodge; and C. H. S. WILLIAMS, W.M. Leopold Lodge, responded.

Bro. J. H. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Secretary, proposed "The Chairman and Secretary of the United Installation Committee."

Bro. HANTKE responded.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. A. J. Bradford, J. T. Cooke, F. H. Wilde, F. O. Gaze, and a quartet with a solo (written especially for the evening by Bro. A. Wyatt Mortimer, G. Org.), by Bros. J. T. Cooke, E. Scrymgour, F. O. Gaze, and F. H. Wild.

CONSECRATION OF THE TYLDESLEY LODGE, No. 2572, AT TYLDESLEY.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Public Hall. The following were the founders: Bros. Dr. Wm. Duncan, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Dr. Robert Sephton, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Dr. Rd. Martin, J.P., S.W.; C. H. Arrowsmith, Treas.; F. T. Wright, Sec.; W. H. Dale, S.D.; John Burrows, J.D.; William Cooling, Org.; W. H. Ramsden, I.G.; and Peter Eckersley, Tyler.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec., assisted by Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg., as S.W.; T. W. Rice, P.M., as J.W.; G. R. Bradley, P.P.D.G.D.C., as D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.G. Org.; and W. H. Arnott, P.M., as I.G.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer with his assistants, together with such other Prov. Grand Officers as were present, entered in procession, when the Presiding Officer took the chair, and opened the lodge in the three Degrees, and a hymn was sung.

The PRESIDING OFFICER addressed the brethren in regard to the object for which they had met together, after which the Chaplain, by his direction, offered up prayer.

The founders were properly arranged, and the Consecrating Officer inquired of them whether they approved of the officers named in the warrant, and the brethren having signified their approval in Masonic form,

The CHAPLAIN, at the request of the Presiding Officer, gave an impressive oration, expatiating on the leading principles upon which the Craft is founded, and of the brilliant illustration which those principles receive in the benevolent exercise of Masonic Charity, and the pure and disinterested policy which form the basis of unanimity and goodwill. He concluded by exhorting the members of the lodge now consecrated ever to strive and maintain these principles in their active exercise and integrity, and trusted that each of its members would be a faithful exponent of the moral features of which he had briefly reminded them, and thus be as faithful in their transmission of these principles to posterity as antiquity had been faithful to them.

The Presiding Officer proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge with musical responses, and the ceremony was brought to a close with the final benediction.

Bro. Dr. Wm. Duncan, P.M., P.P.G.D. (the first W.M. designate) was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Goodacre, by Bro. G. R. Bradley, P.P.D.G.D.C. After the usual formula, a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, Bro. Dr. Duncan was duly installed, the whole of the ceremony being performed in a most impressive style.

The W.M. then invested his officers as before mentioned. The working tools in the Third Degree were presented by Bro. Rice, and the Second and First by Bro. J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Bradley, whilst Bro. Goodacre addressed the brethren. Two candidates were proposed.

The lodge was furnished in a most elaborate manner, every thing being of the finest quality, the W.M. wearing an unique founders' jewel of exquisite beauty.

At the conclusion of all business, the lodge was closed, and the members with their guests adjourned to a banquet. The tables were profusely decorated with rare flowers and plants.

The usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and all were heartily given and responded to. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs, glees, &c.

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To Correspondents,

The following has been received: Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, but—as will be seen from the report which appears elsewhere of the proceedings—nothing of exceptional interest took place. It will doubtless have been noted from the Agenda we published last week, that of the five petitions for new chapters which were recommended by the Committee, two were chapters to be attached to lodges in London; two in the Provinces, one being in Essex and one in Hants and the Isle of Wight; and one in Queensland.

We call the attention of our readers to the report we publish elsewhere of a combined installation of the Worshipful Masters of no less than seven of the lodges meeting in and near Adelaide, South Australia. It appears to have been the third occasion on which the ceremony has been thus performed, there having been eight Worshipful Masters installed at one meeting in 1893, and five the year following. Whatever may be our opinion as to the desirability of thus installing Worshipful Masters in batches or groups, there appears to be little or no reason to doubt that everything was done in order, especially as Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, M.W.G.M. of South Australia, was present. We shall probably take occasion to offer some remarks on the meeting in a future issue.

We are glad to see that the *Canadian Craftsman* is in favour of retaining the system under which Grand Lodges appoint Representatives at and receive Representatives from other Grand Lodges with which they are, or desire to be, on terms of amity, or between which the relations are so intimate that questions of delicacy, oftentimes requiring the utmost nicety of adjustment, are certain to arise from time to time. The duties of these Representatives may not be very onerous; indeed, years may, and often do, pass without their being ever called upon to exercise their kindly offices. But we do not estimate the value of the system less highly on this account. If for no other reason than that an exchange of Representatives between two Grand Lodges is an act of courtesy on the part of each towards the other, we should be sorry to see the system abolished.

Our contemporary, however, calls attention to an instance in which it declares that the services of these Grand Lodge representatives "were frequently in demand and were found to be very beneficial." The occasion was when "the difficulty was pending between our Grand Lodge and the brethren of Quebec before our recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec." Then, it declares, the Grand Lodge representatives rendered services which proved "beneficial both to the Grand Lodge of Canada and also to the newly-formed Grand Lodge of Quebec." Moreover, as it very justly points out, "circumstances may arise at any time when it would be detrimental to our interests not to have a representative at some particular Grand Lodge," and it very pertinently proceeds to argue "as no difficulty or danger has ever arisen on account of the custom as it exists at the present time, it is difficult to understand what good purpose could possibly be served" by abolishing it.

The 20th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in Friendship Hall, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, the 12th June last, under the presidency of Bro. T. Tweed, M.W. Grand Master. There was a full attendance of the brethren, and the Grand Master in his address had occasion to congratulate those present on the increase of membership as exhibited by the various reports of the Dist. Dep. G. Masters, and the existence of the most complete harmony throughout the jurisdiction. Subsequently, Bro. C. N. Bell was elected and installed M.W.G. Master, while Bro. W. G. Scott, of Winnipeg, was re-elected to the post of Grand Secretary.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of copy of the address delivered by M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Z., at the 38th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada (Province of Ontario) held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto, on the 16th ultimo. The address is a long one, but not too long if we consider the ground traversed and the subjects to which Comp. Robertson conceived it to be his duty to call the attention of Grand Chapter. One of the matters referred to by him will give rise to the liveliest feelings of satisfaction in this country. We allude to his announcement that according to advices received from Melbourne from the Grand Superintendent of the Canadian Royal Arch Chapters there located, a "union on terms honourable to our companions in the Australian District and to those of the Grand Chapter of Victoria" had been agreed upon, and that the fusion of the two was to be consummated on the 20th ult. Thus one of those jurisdictional difficulties, which every now and then arise and create infinite disquietude among all true Masons, has been summarily disposed of, and that, too, in a manner honourable to both the parties concerned.

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.]

RE THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I do not wish to add another word to the controversy beyond saying, in reply to Bro. Lovegrove, that the bona fides of Bro. Bailey's claim to represent the Province of Staffordshire is best evinced by the fact that the R.W.P.G.M. of that province, our Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, is Chairman of the Committee to secure his election. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, R.W.P.G.M. of Devonshire, and the Earl Ferrers, R.W.P.G.M. of Leicester and Rutland, are both members of the Committee.

Referring to a previous allusion to Bros. Woodall and Murray, P.G. Treasurers, I may add that both those brethren are also supporters of Bro. Bailey's candidature.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEPHENS,

Hon. Sec. of Bro. Bailey's Committee.

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MASONIC VAGRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with considerable interest the various letters on the above subject which have appeared in your columns.

Each writer recognises these begging brethren as an evil and a nuisance, but appears to think that it is a duty to take no end of trouble in dealing with them, lest by any chance some unfortunate, but really deserving, brother may be sent away empty handed.

I do not think there is the slightest fear of such being the case. The really honest poor do not beg, and by assisting those who do, we only encourage mendicancy.

When I first became a Mason, I found that these pests were frequent applicants to lodges and lodges of instruction at which I attended, and I was struck with the punctuality with which they presented themselves, proving that they diligently studied the Calendars, and had reduced their application to a science. Being rather an active worker, I was usually made the investigator in these cases, and, being somewhat of a judge of character, speedily arrived at the conclusion that these men lived entirely by cadging, and were utterly unworthy of help. I therefore decided to reply in all such cases that we had no funds for casual relief

but that if the applicant would bring a recommendation from some one known to us, we would do our best to help him by personal donations. In less than six months all such applications ceased, and as a proof that these gentry are systematic in their particular industry, and carefully mark their victims, I may state that though I have been Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex for seven years, I have never had a single application of such a nature during that time.

I believe that if Provinces and private lodges had the courage to deal thus with these cadgers, their experience would be the same as mine. I cannot understand why, if a man has at some remote date been made a Mason, he should have any right to live on the Fraternity. The dirty certificates show how the owners have made use of them for begging, and for how long this has been done, while the illiterate scrawls sent in prove that the applicants belong to a class for whom Masonry was never intended; and if a Mason has so far lost touch with his own lodge as to prevent him from getting the legitimate relief for which we all subscribe, I fail to see that he has any claim to live on the Craft.

I do not think there is any necessity for a conference on this subject. Let us deal with these pests as I have done, and I venture to assert that in a very short time their voices will not be heard in the land.—Yours fraternally,

HOWARD H. ROOM,
Provincial Grand Secretary for Middlesex.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I rejoiced when I read your article under this heading in your issue of July 27th. When the principal organ of the Craft in England begins to take an enlightened view of this question, there is hope that peace, harmony, and brotherly love may once more abound in the Britain of the South. The alteration in the matter of the Colonial Board I regard as important to this end. I quite agree with you that members of the Colonial Board and Board of General Purposes have not been always elected for their fitness. Indeed, I think it is no secret that a great deal of tooting has been done by brethren anxious to have their names brought prominently forward by being elected on one or other of these Boards. The Colonial Board has been regarded very much as a sort of refuge for those ambitious brethren who could not attain to the Board of General Purposes, and if this has been the case (and I only repeat what I have heard openly stated in London), can it be a matter of wonder if Colonial affairs have been pretty well bungled? The New Zealanders are very anxious that all breaches should be healed, and they are prepared to do anything in reason to contribute to that end.

It goes without saying that such a prosperous and coming country will have its own way eventually, whether in Masonry or anything else. New Zealand is the future mistress of the South Pacific Ocean, and she knows it. Her future as a maritime nation is unlimited, and the wealth of her minerals is untold. Few English people realise the magnificence of those islands, but our descendants will some day—and that not a distant day—see New Zealand, the leading nation of the Southern Hemisphere. The self-consciousness of her value must be the excuse of her sons for their rather precipitous action in the formation of their own Grand Lodge. That their movement would have been a success, if left to itself, no one can doubt who knows anything at all about the matter; but meddlers, actuated by personal motives, interfered, and brought about the discord. This will soon die a natural death, and if England will meet her daughter in a fraternal spirit, the family will become more really united than ever.—Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

August 2nd.

Reviews.

"INDIAN MASONIC REVIEW"—Addison and Co., Mount-road, Madras—well sustains its reputation in its July number, the principal articles being occupied with the subject of "Masonic Knight Templary" and "Masonic Sweepstakes," in the latter of which the *Review* very strongly condemns the association of betting of any sort or kind with the support of Masonic Institutions. In addition to this will be found Notes and Correspondence on current topics, and a considerable number of reports of meetings, in which are included those of the District Grand Lodges of Bombay and the Punjab on the 30th March; of the District Grand Mark Lodge of Bengal on February last; and of the Prov. Priory of Madras on 25th April.

"THE FREEMASON'S REPOSITORY." G. L. Freeman and Son, publishers, No. 3, Westminster-street, Providence, R.I. The July number of this excellent periodical is, as usual, well furnished with ably written articles and news. Among the former, which, by the way, include a number of quoted papers from other Masonic publications, will be found one entitled "True Masonry," in which is recorded an incident that occurred to the writer during the late civil war, and a biographical sketch of Bro. E. H. Rhodes, lately M.W.G.M. of Rhode Island, whose portrait forms the frontispiece to the number. There is also an "Oration by Past Grand Master Josiah Drummond," at the recent celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

"MASONIC ADVOCATE." Martin H. Rice, editor, Indianapolis, Ind. The number for the current month contains several contributions that are well worth reading, among them being "A Little Giant," by S. C. Crane, written especially for the *Advocate*; a sketch of the life of Sir Knight E. W. Patrick, Past G. Commander of Indiana, and his Masonic Record by the editor, and "Masonic Reminiscences," by Daniel McDonald, P.G.M. There are also reports of the laying of the corner-stone of the Scottish Temple in Indianapolis, on the 24th June last, by the Grand Master of Indiana and of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indiana on the 28th May.

"CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN." Published by the *Canadian Craftsman* Publishing Company of Toronto (Limited), 78, Bay, Toronto.—The June number, which completes Vol. 29, contains a short account of the consecration of a new lodge at Emsvale, District of Pavey Sound, a sketch of the life and Masonic career of Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of Canada; a report of an emergent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the 22nd May last; a short paper by Bro. John Yarker on "Aprons and Girdles;" and a well assorted budget of Craft Tidings.

"THE MONIST." Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co.; and London: Watts and Co., 17, Johnson's Court, Fleet-street, E.C.—The issue for July, which completes Vol. 5 of this important quarterly, contains several elaborate articles, which need to be carefully studied, but which will materially enlighten the reader who grapples with them. Among them we have noticed as particularly prominent one on the "Metaphysical x in Cognition," by the Editor (Dr. Paul Carus); "The Unseen Universe," by Sir Robert Stawell Ball; "The Present Problems of Organic Evolution," by Prof. E. D. Cope; and the "Science of Mentation," by Elmes Gates. Sundry Criticisms and Discussions and Reviews of Books and Periodicals will also be found in the number.

"THE RELIQUARY AND ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST."—London: Bemrose and Sons, Limited, 23, Old Bailey, and Derby.—No. 3, for July, of this excellent quarterly includes in its contents three articles, which will be read with great interest. In the first of these Mr. Leader Scott describes "the Roman Thermæ at Fiesole;" in the

second Mr. Elias Owen furnishes a most readable account of sundry "Churchyard Games in Wales;" while in the third Mr. Hugh M. Young describes the "Discovery of an Ancient Burial-place and a Symbol-bearing Slab at Easterton of Roseisle."

"THE WINDSOR MAGAZINE" for August contains full particulars of M. Andrée's proposed expedition to the North Pole by means of a balloon, and should be read by all who are interested in Polar research.

"THE GUIDE TO SOUTH AFRICA."—For the use of Tourists, Sportsmen, Invalids, and Settlers, with coloured maps, plans, and diagrams. Compiled annually by A. Samber Brown and G. Gordon Brown, for the Castle Mail Packets Company, Limited.

CONSECRATION OF THE WEST ESSEX LODGE, No. 2561.

The Provincial Grand Master of Essex, the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, visited Buckhurst Hill on Wednesday, the 25th ult., for the purpose of consecrating the West Essex Lodge, No. 2561, which is designed as a place of meeting for the hunting men of the district of Epping Forest.

The ceremony of consecration was at once proceeded with the Prov. G.M. conducting it with the dignity and grace which characterise him. The brethren who assisted were Bros. John J. C. Turner, P.P.S.G.W., as S.W.; F. S. Guy, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. F. Haslock, Prov. G. Chap., as Chap.; T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., as Sec.; Albert Lucking, Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.; and Harold Francis, Prov. J.G.D., as I.G.

In the course of a thoughtful oration, the PROV. G. CHAP. said Masonry had ever gone hand in hand with religion, and had done more than any other earthly system to band together men of widely differing opinions in mutual love, esteem, and respect.

The Prov. Grand Master having solemnly constituted the lodge, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., proceeded to install Bro. the Rev. Thomas

Lloyd as first Master of the lodge in his usual impressive manner, and Bro. Dr. Dring, P.M. 2318, P.P.S.G.D., having been asked to act as I.P.M. for the coming year, and been duly invested, the first officers were invested as follows: Bros. Col. Lockwood, M.P., W.M. 2504, S.W.; Robert Woodhouse, J.W.; S. Chisenhale Marsh, Treas.; E. A. Ball, Sec.; Egerton Glyn, S.D.; Howell J. J. Price, J.D.; H. H. Francis, I.G.; P. S. Lee, D.C.; and John Ives, Tyler.

Bro. Col. Lockwood having been elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, votes of thanks were passed, on the motion of the W.M., to the P.G.M. and those officers who had assisted him, and to Lord Dungarvan and the Ven. Archdeacon of Essex (the Rev. T. Stevens) for gracing the occasion by their presence.

An elegant dinner was subsequently served by Bro. Smith, the host of the Roebuck.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

Bro. Lord Ebrington, the Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, held the Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at Barnstaple, under the banner of Loyal Lodge, No. 251. The local lodge gave a hearty welcome to those attending the Provincial meeting. There were nearly 300 brethren present. The Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the new parish room, which had been prepared and decorated for the occasion.

The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Major G. C. Davie, P.A.G.D.C. of England, presented a satisfactory report, which, on the motion of Bros. DAVIE and BREWER, was adopted.

It was resolved that in future the reports be printed in time to be in the hands of brethren attending the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. Allsford, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., presented his accounts, which showed a balance in hand at the commencement of the year of £255 10s. 7d., which brought the total receipts for the year up to £662 7s. 1d. The expenditure had been £400 16s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £281 12s. 4d.

The report was adopted. The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund was read by Bro. C. M. Clapp, 112, who, it was stated, had been elected Secretary in place of Bro. F. Pollard. During the past year two additional annuitants had been elected to the fund, and £136 16s. 10d. had been placed on deposit, leaving a balance in hand of £37 10s. 1d., as against £40 8s. 2d. last year. Another election would occur in October for an additional annuitant.

Bro. J. Gover presented the report of the Committee on Petitions. During the year the Committee had been successful in paying all the votes they were indebted to other provinces. For the first time for many years, they were not only clear, but had a good balance, which would enable them at the next election to elect one of the aged brethren, who had that day been adopted. At the same time, the Committee wished to remind the lodges that, as a province, they were receiving amounts from the great Charities very much in excess of the subscriptions.

Various grants having been made, the report was adopted. The Prov. Grand Master, appointed and invested the following as his Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, namely:

- Bro. Major G. C. Davie, P.M. 251, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. Prov. Dep. G.M.
" Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, C.D., M.P., P.M. 112 ... Prov. S.G.W.
" Capt. Quin, R.N., P.M. 954 ... Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. C. Atherton, W.M. 328 ... } Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Preb. Smith, P.M. 1332 ... }
" F. W. Quicke, P.M. 39 ... Prov. G. Treas.
" W. A. Roberts, P.M. 251 ... Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Brewer, P.M. 251 ... Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Hawker, P.M. 189 ... } Prov. S.G.Ds.
" E. W. Locke, P.M. 444 ... }
" J. J. O. Evans, P.M. 303 ... }
" H. R. Gover, P.M. 1135 ... }
" G. Hooper, P.M. 1486 ... }
" J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247 ... }
" J. Cole, P.M. 710 ... }
" J. W. Atherton, P.M. 248 ... }
" G. Pollard, P.M. 489 ... }
" H. J. Barter, P.M. 1247 ... }
" R. Carter, P.M. 1212 ... }
" F. Orchard, P.M. 230 ... }
" J. T. Gardner, P.M. 1135 ... }
" Robert Harper, 251 ... }
" H. W. Percelly, P.M. 1099 ... }
" W. Britton, P.M. 372 ... }
" A. W. Spinney, P.M. 105 ... }
" H. Roberts, P.M. 159 ... }
" F. Karslake, P.M. 282 ... }
" E. Chapple, P.M. 797 ... }
" J. Taylor, P.M. 1042 ... }
" W. Lavers, P.M. 1255 ... }
" H. Shooter, 112 ... }
" ... } Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. S. JONES, seconded by Bro. W. A. ROBERTS, Bro. F. W. Quicke, P.M. 39, was elected as P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year. Bro. QUICKE replied.

On the motion of Bro. J. BREWER, seconded by Bro. R. LORD, Bros. E. J. Fulford and J. Stocker were appointed Auditors, and Bro. Whiteley was nominated for election on the Board of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

In the evening the banquet was held at the Fortescue Hotel, Bro. Viscount Ebrington presiding.

THE FIRST International Co-operative Congress will be held in the rooms of the Society of Arts, Adelphi, Strand, on Monday, the 19th instant, under the presidency of Earl Grey. When the business part of the congress is over, the delegates will attend the National Co-operative Festival at the Crystal Palace.

WHY DO MEN JOIN THE MASONS?

This pertinent question was recently asked in one of our secular papers, and was fittingly answered. As far as the outside world is concerned the question may be answered in many ways, any one of which would be a satisfactory reply. As far as those who do not know what Masonry is are concerned it is perhaps enough to say that they join very much for the same reason that they join other organisations, for profit, for social intercourse, from curiosity or from some such reason. But why do men join Masonry? An excellent answer is as follows:

"Men join that famous Order or Society generally unsolicited, because they have formed a favourable opinion of it from what they have been told and what they have read about it, and very few ever leave it voluntarily. It possesses the attraction of fellowship with men who have been found worthy to be accepted in its ranks and who, therefore, will be pleasant companions. It is based on allegory, and teaches many valuable lessons in morality, and its tendencies are towards the knitting together of a brotherhood of man. As it is in all societies where men are brought together in intimate relation, each one feels a responsibility for the success of the fraternity resting on his shoulders. Unworthy men may get in, but they soon find that they have wandered into the wrong fold, and will get out again. The Order is so organised that if a man joins for mercenary motives he soon becomes marked, and is either radically cured of his error or drops out. Many men join because they think it is a good thing to belong to an order as universal as Masonry is, and which gives him the privilege of visiting kindred lodges all over the world, with his Masonry as a practical letter of introduction to those who would otherwise be strangers. Others desire to find a body of men with whom they can become intimately acquainted and maintain pleasant relations.

"Undoubtedly there are many people ignorant of the Order and its objects who have many erroneous notions about the Order, such as for instance the supposed immunity from punishment for wrongs committed by aid of the Order, and the protection given by the members. This is absolutely false. On the contrary, the Order will punish wrong doing by its members; and will not conceal a member's misdoings.

As every one cannot join the Order, and therefore it is a mark of preference to become a member, some may join for that reason.

"The best reason I can give for being a member of the Order is that I thought I should like it, and joined; and having been an active member for over 35 years, have never regretted it; have been benefited socially, morally, physically, and financially in an economic way, and had I to do it over again, knowing what I do, I most certainly would join to-day if I were not already a member."

The foregoing from one whose long experience in the Institution and whose intimate relations with its workings, which he must have had to speak so confidently, is worthy of thoughtful consideration.

We judge of an organisation by what we see of its practical workings. Masonry is universal in its extent. The sun never sets on a Masonic lodge. The language of Masonry is a heart language, understood and read in every clime. The tenets of Masonry are of the noblest character, elevating the soul to the highest morality. The practical intention of the Institution is two fold. To benefit mankind morally, and to aid them in necessity. Masonry is a Brotherhood with one Father. Masonic truth teaches those who become Masons to be tolerant and kind, forgiving and merciful, just and honest. No institution ever had grander principles embodied in its lessons than has Masonry. Perhaps that is why men join Masonry.

The teachings and lessons of the Institution are one thing, and the practice of them another. The sublimest doctrines shining from the Divine word are useless to the stong heart that refuses to practice them. The great, ennobling, and purifying teachings of Masonry are useless except as they shine in the actions of Masons. We may each one take the question to his own heart, and ask—Why did I join the Masons? Was I actuated by idle curiosity? If so, why have I continued to belong to the Institution? Is my curiosity still unsatisfied? Have I mounted the chairs to the middle chamber of Masonic ceremony, and looked for other things to gratify my desire for novelty? Have I been benefited by the lessons and Degrees I have been taught? If so, do I fulfil the mission of my membership in the Institution? Am I a real genuine member of the Fraternity, with a heart love for my brother, because he has not seen the same light and drank from the same fountain? Am I a Mason because of the good I can do my fellows, or only for the good the lodge can do for me? Am I a selfish, sordid, exclusive, ease loving, good grasping professor of brotherly love, or one whose heart beats in tender sympathy with every one in distress? Why did I join the Masons?

The fact is, many men, more than we can easily number, are disappointed when once they see the inner workings of the Institution, and at once leave it, and are numbered with the immense army of "unaffiliates," while others, equally disappointed, remain members, but with an indifference that entitles them to positions among those who have dropped out. So that when those who are really interested enough in the Institution to give personal heed to the lessons and obligations taught are separated from the larger class of "indifferents," the number is smaller. Out of ninety thousand affiliated Masons in this State, perhaps twenty-five thousand are really interested. Why did they join the Masons?—*New York Dispatch.*

"DUCKS AND GREEN PEAS."

The little story I am about to relate is founded on an incident which occurred to myself and some Masonic friends. Many are now living who can vouch for its accuracy. Several years ago, more than I care to reckon, I became a member of one of the most important of the side Degrees of Freemasonry. The members of this distinguished fraternity were accustomed to have every year what they termed their "Summer Outing." It was usually held at a place a few miles distant from a town we will call Norton, a great resort for picnics, wedding parties, and other festive occasions. It was most romantically situated on the banks of a small river—the charming scenery, so essentially English, with which it was surrounded, seemed to invite all who visited it to lay aside, for awhile at least, their

worldly cares and anxieties, and drink their fill of beauty, so freely offered them. But as we are mortals, and beauty, after all, is but unsubstantial food, and will not take away "the keen edge of appetite"—to provide for the creature comforts of visitors—there was a capital hotel not far distant from the river, the enterprising proprietor of which was known far and wide for the admirable manner in which he catered for his numerous guests. This hotel the members of the important Masonic body had been accustomed to visit every year. As far as the business was concerned, it was of a very informal nature. A few "minutes" sufficed to dispatch it. After labour, then they adjourned for refreshment. An excellent dinner was provided, consisting of all the delicacies of the season. There was one especial dish on which the worthy host prided himself, and justifiably, too. This was the toothsome delicacy of "Ducks and Green Peas." This had a prominent place in the menu—the serving up of which was always under the personal superintendence of the host. Ah! it was a dish worthy of the gods themselves—how it was appreciated. There were more Olivers than one, all of them asking for more. Aye, and there was no deficiency—the landlord took good care of that, the wants of every one, at the table, were amply supplied and satisfied. On my first visit, I partook with my fellow companions of that good cheer—like others, I could enjoy the pleasures of this life. It was, therefore, with a lively remembrance of my first that I anticipated my second visit. The day arrived. The dim, grey morning augured favourably for a fine day—nor was the promise unfulfilled; the sun at a later period shone forth with splendid brilliancy. The glowing rays of Phœbus were tempered by the cooling Zephyr. The members of the august conclave met on this occasion with commendable punctuality at the appointed time. A couple of hours spent together in social chat whiled away the time. With some others, I strolled leisurely in an adjacent wood. On our return to the hotel, we all had good appetites, prepared to do full justice to the viands. At six o'clock behold us seated at the festive board. The banquet was served. The different courses were successively discussed, with great approval; and then the eventful moment arrived when the especial anticipated dish *should* have made its appearance. Note, I say *should* have made. Well, the landlord came, certainly, but unattended by the waiters bearing the savoury dish. Nothing was said, but blank looks of astonishment were interchanged. What could it mean? "Gentlemen," said the host, with a grave face, "I regret to say, there has been an unforeseen accident." "I am sorry to hear it," said the sympathetic Chairman. "Nothing serious, I trust, but where are the 'Ducks and Green Peas?'" "I will show you, gentlemen. Please come this way." The astonished guests did so, and looking out of window we saw before us an extensive kitchen garden, and in and around an adjoining pond a number of ducks and ducklings, which were sporting themselves in the water. "There, gentlemen, are your 'Ducks and Green Peas.'" Looks of indignant surprise were seen on the faces of us all, and we were not very amiably disposed towards our host. What did he mean by playing this practical joke upon us? "Bro. A.," said the Chairman, "will you please give some explanation of this extraordinary proceeding?" "Certainly, and I must ask your pardon, gentlemen, for my little joke, and patience for what I am about to say—the fact is, I have had a new head-waiter during this busy season, and, by some unaccountable mistake, he has given the 'Ducks and Green Peas' which were intended for you, to a party of visitors in another room, who have, long ago, disposed of the delicacy! But never fear, gentlemen, you shall not be disappointed. I cannot, indeed, provide you with Ducks—but I will substitute ducklings—all I ask for is a delay of about an hour, at the end of which time the dish shall be served up piping hot. Meanwhile, will you accept a magnum of champagne as some compensation for your disappointment and delay." To this generous offer we all acceded, and our worthy Secretary from his long experience, an excellent judge of wine, chose a brand which he knew would suit the taste of the brethren. The wag, or funny man of our convivial party (by the way, is there any large Masonic gathering which has not a specimen of this kind), observed "that their usual dish was not *in esse*" (was very evident whether it would be *in posse*, time would show—it appeared to him that, *at present*, it was running away." This was in allusion to the fact of certain unfortunate ducklings which were striving to avoid capture and subsequent metamorphosis, in conjunction with sage and onions. We returned to the table, the wine freely circulated—in song and lively sallies of wit the time was pleasantly engaged—never did an hour so swiftly pass away—then came the coveted delicacy, as near to perfection as we mortals can ever expect. Appetites had been keenly whetted by the delay, and then after the relishing viands had been thoroughly enjoyed by all present, there came to us that feeling of satisfaction which is experienced by those who have well dined. On the removal of the cloth, the few customary toasts were proposed and responded to. Soon, too soon, alas! did the "evening shades prevail," the hour of departure arrived, farewells were interchanged, and there was a general consensus of opinion that we had all passed a most enjoyable day.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

MASONIC SMOKING CONCERT.

By invitation of the Æsculapius Lodge and Chapter, No. 2410, a Masonic Smoking Concert, in honour of Medical Freemasons who attended the Congress, was held at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, on Thursday, the 1st instant. The concert was unique of its kind, for never before have so many medical Masons been gathered under one roof. There were over 300 medical brethren present, and among the distinguished assembly were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; G. H. Phillipson, M.D., D.C.L., Vice-President of the British Medical Association; Sir Charles Cameron; Dr. Wilson, P.P.S.G.W. Oxfordshire; Sir W. Miller, M.B., D.P.G.M. Donegal; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; G. Courtney, M.D., P.P.G.D.C. Cambs; T. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D.; W. Rose, F.R.C.S. Eng., P.M.; Willard B. Pineo, P.M. 4, U.S.A.; D'Arcy Power, M.D., P.P.G.W. Warwickshire; Cordes F. N. Prudener, M.D., Geneva; W. Darley Hartley, L.R.C., P.P.G.W. South Africa; Capt. W. Kiddle, P.M. St. Paul's, Cyprus; Mayo Collier, M.L. Lond.; A. Winkfield, M.D., P.P.S.G.W. Oxford; Swinford Edwards, F.R.C.S. Eng.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; L. Fabene, P.M.; T. Wakley, Jun., L.R.C.P., P.M.; J. W. J. Oswald, M.D., P.S.G.W. Middx.; F. W. Kerbey, L.R.C.P., P.P.G.T.; David M. Finlay, M.D., P.M. Frere, Cape Colony; Ernest H. Cartwright, M.D., 357; Frank Oldfield, P.M. 2410; E. H. Ezard, M.D., 2410; Haig Brodie, M.D.; A. B. Alexander, L.D.S. Eng., 2410; Herbert G. Blackmore, L.D.S. Eng.; H. W. Roberts, M.R.C.S., P.P.J.G.W. Middx.; Seymour Tuke, M.D., 357; Hubert Higgins, M.D.; Walter Blaker, M.R.C.S., P.M. 1726 and 2410; Ernest Clarke, M.D.

Jacob Pickett, M.D., W.M.; G. Crawford Thomson, M.D., W.M. elect; Brindley James, P.M.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D.; T. Dutton, M.D., F.M.; W. Arbutnot Lane, F.R.C.S.; C. Luxmore Drew, M.B.; Lennox Browne, M.E.Z.; P.G. Std. Br.; H. W. Kiallmark, P.Z.; Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.Z.; Charles Gross, M.D.; Anthony Nutt; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543; Harding, and R. T. West, 1744.

Bro. JACOB PICKETT, M.D., the Worshipful Master of the Æsculapius Lodge, occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings he said: Brethren,—On behalf of the Æsculapius Lodge and Chapter we most heartily welcome our provincial brethren and visitors with fraternal greetings, congratulations, and best wishes, and we hope you will enjoy yourselves. We have a varied miscellaneous selection of professional and artistic talent to get through, and I will not take up much of your time, but I should like to briefly explain how this concert first came about. When it was known last year that the British Medical Association was going to meet in London this year, the Secretary, Bro. Dutton, suggested the idea of giving an entertainment to the Masonic brethren who should attend the congress, and the present W.M. elect, Bro. G. Crawford Thomson, wisely thought it should take the form of a smoking concert. It was shortly afterwards brought before the members of our lodge and chapter, and a joint Committee was formed, with Bro. Lennox Browne as Chairman, Bro. Dr. Danford Thomas as Treasurer, and Bro. Dr. Thomas Dutton as Secretary. At our first Committee meeting Bro. Dr. Danford Thomas, with his usual kindness, placed at our disposal these beautiful rooms for this concert, and our best thanks are due to him for his kindness in so doing. If we had searched all over London we could not have found more convenient or suitable premises for our purpose. Our excellent companion, the M.E.Z., Bro. Lennox Browne, most kindly undertook the musical arrangements, and we are greatly indebted to him for the talent which he has succeeded in bringing here for our enjoyment. Our best thanks are also due to our honorary Secretary, Bro. Dr. T. Dutton, who has been most indefatigable; the secretarial work has been considerable, and when I tell you he had first of all to write to the Provincial Grand Secretaries of all the provinces in England for lists of medical Masons, you will see the work has been immense, but I am sure of this—that his zeal for Freemasonry has made it a labour of love. I again, brethren, most heartily give you a hearty welcome.

Bro. Pickett's address was received with great applause.

The following artistes had kindly consented to give their services on the occasion, and many of them put in an appearance. No praise is too great for their skill, and they appeared to even surpass their usual cleverness for the benefit and delight of the doctors present: Messrs. W. L. Barrett, Deane Brand, Lionel Brough, C. Capper, Frank Celli, Walter Clifford, Franklin Clive, C. Collette, C. Conyers, Leslie Crotty, Dutch Daly, W. H. Denny, Gus Elen, James Fawn, James Fernandez, George Giddens, Charles Godfrey, John Le Hay, E. J. Lonnen, H. W. Pyatt, Jas. Stuart, Geoffrey Thorne, Arthur Roberts, Brandon Thomas, Frederic Upton, Frank Wheeler, and Arthur Williams; The Sisters Arundale, Misses Lillian Alexander, Billie Barlow, Kate Chard, Lottie Collins, Harriet Fawn, Lily Harold, Evelyn Hughes, Aida Jenoure, Alice Lethbridge, Florrie Robina, Katie Seymour, Alma Stanley, and Vesta Victoria.

The Musical Committee, consisting of Bros. Lennox Browne, F. Ernest Pocock, and G. Crawford Thomson, gave a very excellent account of themselves, as the programme they produced was a stupendous one, and it could not have been better.

Bros. G. Danford Thomas, Treas. of the lodge and chapter, and Thos. Dutton, Sec. of the lodge and chapter, as representing the Catering and Decorating Committee, performed their task in an able manner, that gave the greatest satisfaction, and the reception of the brethren and general arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Thos. Dutton, and there was nothing wanting on his part.

At the conclusion of the concert a hearty vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation to the Æsculapius Lodge and Chapter for the right royal way they had entertained the foreign and provincial medical Masons that night, and one they would long remember.

Comp. LENNOX BROWNE replied in very appropriate terms, remarking that the lodge and chapter were only too pleased to meet their medical Masonic brethren.

It is pleasing to record that the concert was a complete success, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The room was very prettily decorated by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

Obituary.

BRO. DR. H. ST. JOHN CLARKE, P.G.W.

This veteran, distinguished, and much respected Australian Craftsman died at Melbourne, on the 30th June, at the ripe age of 76. He was a very old Victorian Colonist, and for many years pursued an active practice as physician and surgeon. His connection with Masonry covered a long period. One of the oldest members of the Meridian Lodge and Chapter of St. John, No. 729, Melbourne, English Constitution, but now No. 152, Victorian Constitution, our late brother as far back as 1861 was appointed Deputy District Grand Master of Victoria, when the late Bro. Capt. Standish was installed District Grand Master, in succession to Capt. Clarke (now Major-General Sir Andrew Clarke, K.C.M.G.). He continued to hold the responsible office until the death of his chief in 1882, and for two years was in charge of the District, at a time when a firm and resolute administration was required, for it was then when an eventually unrecognized Grand Lodge of Victoria came into existence. In 1884, however, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., was inducted into the unique position of head of the three British Constitutions in the Colony, and Bro. Dr. Clarke—no relation, by the bye—was again appointed Deputy. Time rolled on, till the English District of Victoria numbered between 90 and 100 lodges. In the jubilee year of the Queen's reign, the deceased was honoured with the high rank of Past Junior Grand Warden of England. Then came the visit of the late Lord Carnarvon to Australia, and the subsequent joining of forces, recognised and unrecognized, culminating in the establishment of independent Grand Lodges in New South Wales and Victoria. To the latter Bro. Clarke was strongly and conscientiously opposed, and on the breaking up of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, consequent on its forming the main component part of the new Grand Lodge, he practically retired from Masonry, having been Deputy District Grand Master for 23 years. He, however, joined the Empire Lodge, in London, and, besides, Sir William Clarke, the Grand Master of Victoria, appointed him Past Grand Master of the Victorian Constitution. The late Bro. Clarke, it need scarcely be added, occupied many public positions during his long and honourable life in the Colony. He was one of the original directors of the Freemasons' Hall Company, Melbourne, and one of the oldest Justices of the Peace. The financial crash of three years ago, we are sorry to say, seriously embarrassed him, and, no doubt, shortened a vigorous life, that otherwise might have been prolonged for some years later.

BRO. GIOVANNI SEGOND, P.M. 515.

General regret will be felt at the death of Bro. Giovanni Segond, P.M. 515, Malta, which sad event took place in Valetta on the 20th ult., aged 76 years. Bro. G. Segond was initiated in the Union of Malta Lodge in 1859, subsequently joining Lodge St. John and St. Paul, No. 349, and Lodge Zetland, No. 515, in the last of which he was elected W.M. in 1879. Bro. Segond was a founder and the first M.E.Z. of the Resurrection R.A. Chapter, and was an enthusiastic Mason in all its branches, being a P.M. of the Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 107; P.E.P. of K.T. and K.M.; P.M.W.S. Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, and on a visit to Italy was specially honoured by being invested with the 33°. He served as Treasurer in the District Grand Lodge of Malta for a period of 26 years, which office he held at his death. Our distinguished brother was laid at rest in the Protestant Cemetery, Pieta, escorted by a number of brethren and friends, the pall-bearers being Bros. J. W. Starkey, P. Dep. D.G.M.; W. E. Cook, P.D.G.W. and D.G. Sec.; C. H. Horsfall, P.D.G.D.; T. Castillo, D.S.G.W.; Kingston, and Jenkins.

Craft Masonry.

Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Crowle, when there were present Bros. H. L. Burtonshaw, W.M.; C. Fox, I.P.M.; W. Pickering, S.W.; W. S. Scholey, J.W.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, Sec.; G. S. Fyack, J.D. and Chap.; A. W. Cundall, I.G.; Jos. Lee, Org.; T. Staniforth, Almoner; G. Naylor, Tyler; W. E. Cranidge, G. W. B. Kent, and J. G. Barratt.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. W. E. Cranidge, G. W. B. Kent, and J. G. Barratt were all duly passed to the Second Degree, the work being performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Staniforth and Fox. The lodge was then closed.

Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the lodge-room, Salthouse-road, Millom, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., and proved more than usually interesting. Bro. Mills, who is one of the founders of the lodge and the third W.M., was invited, after a period of 21 years had elapsed, to once more fill the chair. This is an honour which Bro. Mills has well merited, having from the foundation of the lodge, some 23 years ago, taken the greatest interest in Masonic affairs, and having filled various offices, both local and provincial, being now P.P.J.G.W. Bro. the Hon. H. V. Duncombe, the newly-elected M.P. for the Egremont Division, was expected to participate in the proceedings, but during the afternoon a message was received intimating his inability to attend.

Amongst those present were Bros. J. Bowness, P.M.; J. E. Howarth, S.W.; N. Griffin, S.D.; J. Radcliff, J.D.; S. Troughton, S.; R. A. Mitchell, P.M.; P.P. G.O.; J. G. Maddern, P.M.; P.P.G.O.; H. F. Fox, P.M.; P.C.P.; Geo. Hill, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. T. Lawrence, P.M.; Wm. Bradley, P.M.; Geo. Bradley, John Mills, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W.; W. Brady, H. Blumenthal, R. Sprague, H. Wayne, J. C. Fox, P.M.; W. R. Bell, Sec.; A. Jackson, W. Newton, J. B. Moore, Walter Croke, P.M.; W. Roberts, P.M. 1021; Rev. S. A. Adams, P.M. 1398; S. Woodley, S.D. 119; H. Hartley, 1660; H. G. Deason, S.W. 1398; R. Worrell, P.M. 1021; T. Blenkinsop, P.S.W. 872; R. Bennetta, 1390; and J. Coward, 1390.

The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers during the next 12 months: Bros. J. T. C. Fox, I.P.M.; W. Millar, S.W.; George Bradley, J.W.; George Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Bell, Sec.; J. E. Howarth, P.S.W., D.C.; J. E. Maddern, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; G. Griffin, S.D.; J. Radcliff, J.D.; S. Troughton, I.G.; T. Hartings, A. Jackson, and H. Wayne, Stewards; and Joseph Pemberton, Tyler.

After the installation ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. J. Coward, the catering giving the greatest satisfaction.

After the good thing; provided were disposed of, the usual toast list was gone through, those of "The R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, Bro. Lord Henry Bentinck," "The W.M.," and "The Visitors" being received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Songs were contributed during the evening by Bros. J. Mills, G. Hill, E. Griffin, W. Bradley, W. Millar, and others.

A PEEP INTO OUR LONDON SHELTER.—All the little people in all our Shelters are interesting to us, and doubly so because of the sufferings we have been able to release them from; but one is bound to admit that there are times when we have in our Shelters children who are especially winning, and in whom we feel even more than our usual interest. During the past few weeks we have had such in London; first of all there were the two dear little twins, small girlies of only five years old—oh! so white and thin and sad-looking, it made one's heart ache to look at them. They only spoke in sad little whispers, almost as if they were afraid to be heard. As they were refined children, with well-to-do relations, we could not let them mix with the rougher of our bairns; and so they were boarded with our matron and lived in the parlour with her. The loveliest of little girlies were the twins, so fond of being petted, and with such lots of whispered pleasures to tell of, enjoyed by them for the first time in their lives—the wonderful delight of having had a "beautiful warm bath," the delight, *delightful*, of having had "strawberries for tea," the daily telling, "I'm so happy here," the daily growing fatter and stronger in this wonderful new place, where everyone was kind and loving. A few days, and the whispers grew louder and dear little voices began to speak up, and the queerest and most pathetic little sounds were made, which was the twins laughing. Your Editor couldn't help crying when she heard the sounds for the first time, it seemed so sad that children of five years old should have to be taught to laugh. And then came the German boys, two of the manliest little fellows that ever were seen, who devoted themselves from the first to the service of the twins—always together they were all day long, until, tired out, the girlies were borne up to bed by their German champions. Such devotion could seldom be seen. It didn't matter that the German lads could speak no English, nor that of course the twins could speak no German. Somehow or other both seemed to have a language of their own, which took the form of kindly actions on the one side, and confiding love on the other. Arrangements are now being made for the twins to go into the country, and for the German boys to be returned to their parents in their own land. These manly little fellows were members of a German band, and are wearing their pretty band uniform. They were most cruelly treated, however, by the master of the band, and when they came to our care were much beaten and bruised. They are happy boys enough now, however, and will be happier still when they have got safely back to the Fatherland and to their parents.—*The Children's League of Pity Paper.*

THE HONORARY SECRETARY of the Leeds Musical Festival has received an intimation from Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan to the effect that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will arrive in Leeds on Tuesday, the 1st October, as the guest of Bro. E. Beckett, M.P., at Kirkstall Grange, and that his Royal Highness will attend the festival on Wednesday morning and evening and Thursday morning.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE MARQUIS OF ZETLAND has recently acquired the Friary Hall estate, which is situated in the centre of Richmond, Yorkshire, and includes the ancient tower of the Grey Friars.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHRISTIAN have left Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park, for Germany, the former having gone to Kissingen to take the waters, while the latter will stay for some time at Bad Nauheim.

THE EMPRESS EUGENIE, in the course of a few days, will leave Farnborough for the purpose of taking up her residence at the Castle of Abergeldie, which has been again placed at her disposal for the autumn by the Queen.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between Miss Gwendoline Peel, youngest daughter of Lady Emily Peel and the late Bro. Sir Robert Peel, Bart., and Mr. Walter Hamilton Blake, son of Lieut.-Col. J. F. Blake, late 3rd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY left London for Portsmouth on Monday, and at once crossed to Osborne, where he had an audience of the Queen. The First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. G. J. Goschen) also arrived on board the Admiralty yacht Enchantress.

BEFORE LEAVING TOWN towards the close of last week, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales transmitted to Herr Eduard Strauss a beautiful diamond and ruby scarf pin, in acknowledgment of the pleasure she had derived from her frequent visits to the Imperial Institute to hear the Strauss Orchestra.

MR. GLADSTONE attended the distribution of prizes to the successful competitors at the annual Hawarden Flower Show on Monday, the ceremony taking place on the terrace fronting Hawarden Castle, and the prizes being handed to the winners by Mrs. Gladstone, to whom a vote of thanks was passed by acclamation.

AT ISCHL ON TUESDAY the Emperor Francis Joseph visited the King and Queen of Roumania, who returned with his Majesty to the Imperial villa and joined the Imperial dinner party. Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, with the Imperial and Royal suites, had the honour of being invited.

ACCORDING TO ADVICES from Copenhagen, the King of Denmark was somewhat indisposed last week, suffering from a recurrence of the illness with which he was overtaken in December last. On Saturday last, however, his Majesty was reported better, and since then he has gone further on his way towards recovery.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR, on board his yacht the Hohenzollern, arrived off Cowes on Monday afternoon, and was received with the usual salutes. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Dukes of York and Connaught at once went on board and welcomed his Imperial Majesty, who subsequently landed at East Cowes and was driven to Osborne House, where he was greeted by the Queen, and a dinner party given in his Majesty's honour.

A PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUND on the Isle of Dogs, which covers about two and a half acres, and has been tastefully laid out with shrubberies, flower beds, grass plats, &c., was formally opened to the public on Saturday last by Mr. W. Crooks, the representative of Poplar on the London County Council and Chairman of the North-east Section of the Open Space Committee, in the presence of a large number of the residents in the district.

AT A MEETING of the Sub-Committee of the Festival in aid of the Alpess Benevolent Institution, the Chairman, Bro. Robert Wylie, D.P.G.M., P.G.D. Eng., announced that Bro. Col. Baldwin, J.P., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. 3rd G.P.S., had consented to preside at the Festival, to be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport, on Wednesday, the 16th of October next, and we are pleased to say the arrangements are progressing satisfactorily.

THE BRITISH MINISTER at Peking, acting under orders from the Government, has presented to the Ministers and Council of the Emperor of China a series of demands calling for prompt and condign punishment of the perpetrators of the recent atrocious murders of British missionaries at the Ku-cheng. The result is that Imperial orders have been issued directing the execution of the offenders and affording protection to English missionaries in China.

A DEMONSTRATION was held in Chester Town Hall on Tuesday for the purpose of denouncing the outrages perpetrated on Armenians. The Duke of Westminster presided, and among those present were the Duchess of Westminster, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gladstone, the Bishops of Chester and Hereford, the Rev. Stephen Gladstone, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, M.P., and Lord Kenyon. The meeting was addressed at great length by the ex-Premier, whose speech on behalf of a resolution calling upon the Government to obtain reforms for Armenia was frequently interrupted by hearty cheers, and carried by acclamation.

THE RACE for the Queen's Cup on Tuesday ended in a walk or sail over for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Britannia, the other entries, which included the German Emperor's Meteor, Mr. J. Gretton's Hester, the Hon. Victor Montagu's Carina, and the Earl of Lonsdale's Verena, not putting in an appearance at the starting point. In the evening the annual Yacht Squadron dinner was held, as usual, at the Castle, Cowes. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided, and had the Emperor on his right, and the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin on his left, the other guests including the Duke of York, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Marquis of Ormonde (Vice-Commodore of the Squadron), the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, Bro. the Marquis of Carmarthen, M.P., Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, the Earls of Lonsdale and Kenmare, Lord Revelstoke, Bro. Lord Suffield, Lord Colville of Culross, Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, and Bro. Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of York and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, arrived at Southampton on board the Royal Yacht Osborne on Saturday last, when his Royal Highness opened the new graving dock—the largest in the world—which has recently been erected by the London and South-Western Railway Company. The Royal party was received on arrival by Bro. Wyndham Portal, Chairman, and several of the directors of the railway company, Sir Richard Webster, M.P., Sir W. Vernon Harcourt, M.P., and Lady Harcourt, Admiral Field, M.P., Bro. John Aird, M.P., one of the contractors, and others, while the Mayor and Corporation were present in state. The ceremony having been performed, and the Prince having graciously accorded permission to call it the Prince of Wales's Dock, the party adjourned to luncheon in a warehouse near by, the chair being occupied by Bro. Wyndham Portal, who was supported right and left by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, among the guests present being, in addition to those named, the Earl of Malmesbury, Bro. Lord Calthorpe, Bro. Earl de la Warr, Sir Simeon Barrington, Bros. Sir Harry Keppel, Sir Francis Knollys, and Sir F. Fitzwygram, Sir J. Baker, M.P., and Bro. Tankerville Chamberlayne, M.P.

THOUGH THE WEATHER was by no means favourable on Bank Holiday, there does not seem to have been any lack of visitors to the various pleasure resorts in and near London, or of excursionists to favourite watering-places. The railway traffic appears to have been enormous, over 73,000 travelling by the South Eastern Railway to Gravesend and Margate and other places on the coast, while the Great Eastern conveyed about 107,000 to Epping Forest, Broxbourne, Rye House, &c., Yarmouth, Harwich, Walton-on-the-Naze. About 50,000 journeyed by the Great Western, while the Great Northern, Midland, London and North Western, and London, Chatham, and Dover lines each furnished an enormous contingent to the general body. As to the Metropolitan resorts, upwards of 56,000 persons visited the Crystal Palace, 23,226 the Zoological Gardens, 20,000 Wembley Park, 15,397 the South Kensington Museum, over 10,000 the Imperial Institute, and close on 12,000 the Natural History Museum. Unfortunately the day did not pass without several accidents, the most noteworthy being that which happened at the firework display in Preston Park, Brighton, in connection with the Foresters' High Court, by which some sixteen persons were more or less seriously injured.

COMMERCE, WITH ITS SPREADING WINGS, has traversed the globe many times, and binds nations together with the strong ties of mutual self-interest. Through its influence London has become the metropolis of the world, and her merchants have amassed wealth sufficient to make them the envy of princes. Holloway's Pills and Ointment have now become essential articles of commerce with all parts of the world. They have effected cures which have seemed miraculous, and given relief in complaints when all hope had been lost. In all known diseases their success has at all times been wonderful. In cases of disorders of the stomach, bile, liver complaint, indigestion, fevers, ague, &c., they act like a charm, as the cure is speedy and certain.

THE QUEEN has appointed the Rev. Canon John Erskine Clarke, vicar of Battersea, and the Hon. and Rev. Arthur Temple Lyttleton, vicar of Eccles, Manchester, to be Honorary Chaplains to her Majesty.

"**MASONIC RECORDS, 1717-1894.**"—The list of subscribers for this most valuable and important work will be closed within the next day or two, so no time should be lost in sending in names, with 25s. for each copy, to the Grand Secretary.

R.W. FRATER THE REV. DR. LEMON, vicar of Poughill, Cornwall, Hon. S^o, has been presented by the Metropolitan College Rosicrucian Society of England, with a Past Celebrant's jewel, on the expiration of his twelve months of office in the chair.

AT A MEETING of the Leeds City Council it was resolved, at the instance of the Mayor, that an address of welcome should be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit in October to attend the Leeds Musical Festival.

THE SHAHZADA and suite visited the Empire of India Exhibition at Earl's Court on Wednesday, and were conducted through the buildings and grounds by Mr. Imre Kiralfy and Mr. Hartley. Before leaving his Highness expressed great delight with the exhibition.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH is fixed for the installation of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, in the place of the late Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart, M.P. The ceremony will be performed at Worcester by the Earl of Lathom, the Pro Grand Master.

IN ACCORDANCE with ancient custom the usual summer issue of venison warrants has been made by her Majesty's First Commissioner of Works, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor receiving two brace of bucks, the Sheriffs three bucks each, and the Recorder, Town Clerk, Common Sergeant, Remembrancer, and Chamberlain one each.

THIS YEAR there are on the Thames 379 swans, old and young, belonging to the Queen and the Dyers' and Vintners' Companies. The census is taken annually by her Majesty's Swanherd and the officials of the City Guilds, who mark the birds according to their ownership, and the voyage which is undertaken for this purpose covers about 60 miles of the river, from Southwark Bridge to Marsh Lock, Henley.

AN ACCOMPLISHED Russian lady, Baroness Héène Tornauw, who is a member of the Anglo-Russian Literary Society of London, is bringing out an interesting historical work, in French, on a new principle, bearing the modest title, "Petite Histoire des Siècles"—"dedicé à la jeunesse." It is being translated into English, German, and Russian, and may produce a wholesome revolution in the art of teaching history.

THE CRICKET WEEK at Canterbury opened on Monday under very unfavourable conditions as regards the weather. In the opening match, Kent v. Warwickshire, rain put a stop to play when the visitors had put together 128 for the loss of eight wickets. On Tuesday Warwickshire closed its innings for 144, and Kent, going in, made 278; Warwickshire were beaten ultimately in one innings by 15 runs.

AMONG THOSE to whom honours have been awarded by the Senate of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, are Lord Rayleigh and Professor Ramsay, Mr. F. A. Russell, to whom has been assigned a silver medal with honourable mention; and Mr. H. S. Maxim, who receives a bronze medal and mention. Mr. E. C. C. Daly, of London, and Mr. Cohen, of Leeds, have been mentioned.

THE DEATH IS ANNOUNCED of Bro. Thos. Bowman, of Stockton. The deceased, who had been in business for a considerable number of years, had of late suffered from a paralytic stroke. He was a highly respected member of the Craft, and was a P.M. of the Lodge of Fraternity, No. 1418, Stockton. Bro. Bowman was 62 years of age. The deceased's remains were interred in Stockton Cemetery, Oxbridge.

ON THURSDAY MORNING the German Emperor paid another visit to his ironclad Woerth, and bade farewell to the commander of the German squadron, after which the war-vessels left for Wilhelmshaven. His Majesty in the afternoon held a reception on board the Hohenzollern, and in the evening was present at a dinner party given by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to a number of guests on board the yacht Osborne. The Emperor leaves on Sunday morning for Lord Lonsdale's castle by special train.

HALF-DAY IN SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.—The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that, owing to the success of their half-day trips to Shakespeare's Country, they will, on Thursday, August 15th, run a cheap excursion to Stratford-on-Avon, leaving London (Euston), 12.30 noon, Kensington (Addison-road), 12.12 noon, Willesden Junction, 12.40 noon, and other stations in connection, returning from Stratford-on-Avon, at 7.40 p.m. the same day. The third-class return fare will be 3s. 6d.

THE MEDALS and decorations of Lord Nelson, which were recently purchased by the Treasury from Lord Bridport for the nation, have been handed over to the authorities of the Royal Hospital, Greenwich, and will shortly be placed with the other relics of the great Admiral in the Painted Hall. The Hospital has also become possessed of Nelson's gold sword hilt, presented to him by the captains who served at the Nile, and the gold box which contained the freedom of the City. These have been presented to it by Mr. J. A. Mullens, of Weybridge.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Bishop of Rochester to the Bishopric of Winchester, rendered vacant by the death of the Right Rev. Thorold. Dr. Dandren, who is thus translated to a higher dignity, was born at Edinburgh and educated at Harrow and Oxford. He was ordained in 1874 and married a daughter of Archbishop Tait, whom he served as chaplain and private secretary from 1877 to 1882. Subsequently he became Chaplain and Sub-Almoner to the Queen, Dean of Windsor, and Registrar of the Order of the Garter, and in 1885 was consecrated as Bishop of Rochester.

BRO. LORD NORTON, Master of the Shipwrights' Company, at a court held by permission at the Fishmongers' Hall, on Wednesday, presented the Duchess of Rutland, whose husband is a Past Master of the company, with a handsome marble bust of herself, by Signor Raggi, subscribed for by the members in recognition of her and her husband's services to the Guild. Among those present were the Duke of Rutland, Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., Bro. Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., Sir W. A. Ogg, and Sir J. H. Johnson. The Duchess gracefully acknowledged the gift, after which the Duke and the rest of the visitors were entertained at dinner.

A CHINESE FREEMASON'S FUNERAL.—Near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, the other day, Lee Jin Mun, a Chinese Freemason, died, and would probably have attracted no further attention outside his own little circle had not his funeral struck the American journals as grotesque even for a Chinese ceremony. After secret ceremonies at the house, the body was deposited in a casket. A table was spread with the provisions which are to sustain the spirit in its new home. These included a piece of fat roast pork, another of raw pork, two chickens, cooked with the heads and legs on, and all kinds of fruit and sweetmeats. At one end of the table was a box of sand, in which burned coloured candles and Joss sticks. Before this officials knelt and said their prayers. At the head of the procession was a horseman with a triangular red banner with Chinese characters. Then followed Masons in carriages. All the way to the cemetery tombs were beaten. After deciding to place the coffin endwise in the grave, Lee Tom Ma, Grand Missionary, delivered the funeral oration. Candles and Joss sticks were again burned, and small brass coins scattered on the ground to keep the devil busy picking them up, so that he will let Lee Jin Mun rest in peace. Then the worldly possessions of the deceased were placed in two piles at each end of the coffin and burned, and the grave was filled up.—*Echo*.

BRITISH MEDICAL CONGRESS EXHIBITION.—Nothing in the exhibition itself was equal in style to the "side-shows," if it is permissible to so allude to the very stylish and costly undertakings of Messrs. Oppenheimer, Sons and Co., Limited, and of Messrs. Hertz and Collingwood, in the Savoy Hotel next door. Messrs. Hertz and Collingwood's was of quite a different character. Special invitations were issued to the principal doctors attending the meeting to visit the "Princess Ida" rooms for the purpose of tasting the Laurent-Perrier's champagnes. The rooms were some of the choicest in the hotel, on the first floor, with a balcony attached overlooking the Thames Embankment. Elegant luncheons were provided, and with these the Laurent-Perrier "Santocru" champagne was served. Samples of the Laurent-Perrier "Coca-tonic" champagne, and of the firm's new wine, "Jerezona"—a fine old sherry, with which is combined an extract of cinchona—were also offered. Specimens of Jensen's cod-liver oil and of the Levico and Franz Josef waters were shown in a glass case. This was the only indication of any business intent visible. Some hundreds of the leading medical men of the country were entertained in this manner by Messrs. Hertz and Collingwood.