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SIR CHARLES DALRYMPLE, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## THE PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The proceedings at the recent annual meeting, at Selby, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire must have been especially gratifying to the Marquis of ZETLAND, Prov. Grand Master. His lordship has presided over the Craft in this district for upwards of 21 years, and during that period has witnessed—as there is no doubt he must have had a hand in bringing about—an increase in the number of lodges and the prosperity of Masonry, of which both he and our North and East Yorkshire brethren have good reason to be proud. Of the 32 lodges now on the roll of the Province, 10 or 11 have been consecrated since his lordship's installation as its Grand Master, there being six lodges in Hull where 21 years ago there were only three; three in Middlesborough instead of one; and three in Scarborough in place of two; while in the city of York—the ancient home of English Freemasonry and for many years the seat of the Grand Lodge of *all* England—the one lodge which existed in 1874 has increased and multiplied to such an extent that it has developed into four lodges, the Eboracum, Agricola, and Albert Victor Lodges having been consecrated at intervals since the advent to power of the Marquis—then Earl—of ZETLAND, after the death of his uncle, THOMAS, the second Earl of ZETLAND. Indeed, since 1817, when Yorkshire was formed into two Provinces, of which this North and East Yorkshire was one, it has known no other ruler than the head for the time being of the DUNDAS family, Lord DUNDAS, who was created Earl of ZETLAND in 1838, having been appointed Provincial Grand Master at the constitution of the Province in 1817. On his death in 1839, his son and successor in the title, THOMAS, second Earl of ZETLAND, was appointed by the Duke of SUSSEX to succeed his lordship, and he in his turn was succeeded by his nephew, who three years ago was advanced to the dignity of a Marquis. Well knowing, therefore, as his lordship must know, that Freemasonry in his Province has been fostered and encouraged by the successive heads of the DUNDAS family for more than three quarters of a century, its present condition must be, as we have said, especially gratifying. The 32 lodges on the roll muster among them some 2300 subscribing members, their affairs are well administered, and their duties strictly and punctually carried out. Moreover, the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge were found to be in so healthy a condition that, on the proposition of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, a sum of 100 guineas was voted towards the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which has been selected to receive the bulk of the support from the Province in 1896. There is, too, a Provincial Educational Fund, which was established some half-dozen years since, and has been fairly well maintained ever since, though from the Provincial Grand Treasurer's statement respecting it at this meeting, it would appear that only about one-third of the brethren in the Province subscribe to it annually.

However, this is a shortcoming which the mere mention of it in Prov. Grand Lodge will suffice to remedy, nor is there much reason to doubt that next year the Prov. Grand Treasurer will be in a position to announce that the appeal he considered it his duty to make at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Selby on the 24th July, 1895, has been generously answered, and the 800 subscribers he then referred to have been greatly augmented in number. Similarly we are not without hope that the amount which the Province generally will subscribe to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival in February next, headed, as it will be, by

the donation of 100 guineas recently voted, will be worthy of North and East Yorkshire. We must not, however, concern ourselves too particularly as to any inequality which may appear to exist between the sums annually subscribed and the benefits received by this or that Province in the case of any one of our three Central Institutions. It is our duty to assume that a Province subscribes according to its means, and that if the value of the benefits it receives is in excess of the amount it has contributed, the fault lies not with the Province on the ground of the paucity of its subscriptions, but is to be attributed rather to the existence of an undue proportion of needy Masons or of the families which needy Masons have left behind them as the inheritors of their poverty. However, we have no doubt the matter was mentioned rather with the idea of stimulating the brethren to subscribe generously to an Institution which has a hard battle to fight annually in order to obtain its means of support, than because the Prov. Treasurer thought they were wanting in their duty in respect of these Charities. At all events, the Province has been working well for many years past in the several fields of Masonic labour, and we are confident it will maintain its reputation in the future, especially while it continues under such a chief, and has such distinguished Masons in its ranks as Bros. ORDE-POWLETT, JOSEPH TODD, M. C. PECK, W. H. COWPER, T. B. WHYTEHEAD, and others.

## FREEMASONRY IN HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

There is no doubt that the congratulations which Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was pleased to offer to the brethren of his Province at their recent annual meeting at Winchester, are fully justified by the circumstances of the past year. Freemasonry does prosper most abundantly in the district over which Bro. BEACH has presided for upwards of a quarter of a century, nor are we straining a point for the mere purpose of paying him a passing compliment when we ascribe in great measure to his zeal, ability, and uniform courtesy the existence of that prosperity. He takes a prominent part in whatever is calculated to promote the welfare of his lodges and chapters, and there are few occasions—as we had the opportunity of pointing out a short while since—on which he does not personally interest himself in the proceedings of those under his charge, or himself suggest or initiate proceedings which will reflect credit upon them. Thus it has come to be an almost invariable rule that when our Hampshire and Isle of Wight brethren meet in Provincial Grand Lodge, the reports of the executive officers should be of a highly satisfactory character. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's report at the recent meeting showed a balance in hand, after satisfying the claims of the Central and local Charities, and voting £66 to necessitous brethren or their widows, amounting to £228, the assets, moreover, being £1443, while the liabilities were *nil*. The Prov. Grand Secretary's returns showed there were in the Province 3503 subscribing members, there being an increase of 135 over the previous year's total. The Prov. Grand Master himself reported that the working throughout the lodges was excellent, that the brethren generally throughout the Province took a keen interest in their duties, and that the minute books of the lodges were kept methodically and in order. But the event of the past year to which Bro. BEACH very properly assigned the greatest prominence was the entertainment given to the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and their friends on the occasion of

their visit to Winchester, when, though the time for preparation was of the briefest, the Prov. Grand Master himself and the principal officers of his Prov. Grand Lodge extended the hospitality of the Province to its distinguished band of visitors in a manner which has since elicited the heartiest acknowledgments. The Quatuor Coronati Lodge is a body which devotes itself to the encouragement of Masonic literature; it sets a brave example by publishing its Transactions, in which are included some of the ablest and most philosophical treatises on abstruse Masonic subjects which have ever been issued from the printing press, while the contributions to our literature, for which it is not itself responsible, are carefully considered and dispassionately criticised. Thus in the reception of such a body of brethren, who are devoted heart and soul to pursuits which are not usually to be found in our Masonic curriculum, the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has done itself an almost unique honour, which we trust will be repeated by other Provinces which may chance to be visited by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge at its annual outings.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN ESSEX.

There is no doubt whatever that Freemasonry thrives well in Essex. It is not so very long ago that we described the progress which has been made—especially during the dozen years or more that Bro. the Earl of WARWICK has been Grand Master of the Province—in Craft Masonry, and it is manifest from the address delivered by the Grand Superintendent—Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C.—at the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter that Royal Arch Masonry is equally prosperous. Thirteen years since, when he was installed in office, there were but four chapters on the roll, but now, as he was careful to point out, there are 12, with every prospect of the number being still further augmented. Indeed, a warrant for a new chapter to be attached to the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, which meets at Rainham, was granted at the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter held early in the present month, and Comp. PHILBRICK mentioned incidentally, as an open secret, that a movement was on foot to obtain a warrant for a chapter to be attached to a lodge in the north-east corner of the county. At all events, there is a fair proportion in respect of numbers between the lodges and chapters in the Province, and when time enough has elapsed for the recent alteration in the law as to the period of probation through which a Master Mason must pass before he can be exalted to produce any material effect on the strength of the Royal Arch Degree, the proportion will, in all probability, be still more favourable. But it is not in the mere matter of numbers only that Royal Arch Masonry is so prosperous in this county. The present state and future prospects are encouraging, because the companions hold the Degree in high estimation. As the Grand Superintendent so aptly expressed himself, they valued its privileges “as a further development of those secrets which are not expounded to the Master Mason, secrets which, while they had a mystical meaning, had a very real meaning to all their hearts.” Bro. PHILBRICK was in a position to address those present in such terms of eulogy, because he had had many opportunities of noticing very critically how admirably and at the same time how conscientiously the duties of the chapters under his direction were carried out. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that Comp. PHILBRICK should have concluded an address, which of its kind is more than usually interesting and instructive, by complimenting his companions “on the happy and united condition of the Province—there was no element of discord amongst them, the Province was never worked better, and for himself he felt that he had the loyal support of them all.” We trust this state of things may long continue, and that so long as Comp. PHILBRICK presides over the Degree in this county, the same friendly relations, the same feeling of mutual confidence, will exist between him and the chapters under his administration.

By permission of the Duke of Westminster, the members and friends of the National Sunday League, of which his Grace is a vice-president, visited Grosvenor House on Sunday last, the number present being 4200. Since 1889 the Duke has granted this privilege on two Sundays in each autumn, and so highly is the privilege appreciated that it has been found impossible to admit all applicants.

#### MASONIC SERVICE IN DONAGHADEE.

SERMON BY THE REV. L. A. POOLER.

Under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down, a service was held in Donaghadee Parish Church on the 11th instant. The brethren, wearing their regalia, assembled at the Market House at half-past three o'clock. The following lodges were represented: Nos. 193, 447, 175, 106, 272, 709, 1000, 243, 481, 565, 314, 155, 46, 198, 686, 180, 664, 92, 746, 665, 254, 609, 114, and 170.

The officers present were: Bros. Major Leslie J. Thompson, D.P.G.M. of Down; Alex. A. Lutton, P.G.D.C.; James Fitchie, P.G.R.C.; N. J. Ledgerwood, P.K.; G. M'Comb, P.P.J.G.D.; D. B. Galway, R.A.C.; Thomas M'Keown, R.A.C.; Samuel Paden, P.K.; James Nesbitt, P.K.; Wm. Edgwick M'Lean, P.K.P.H.; George Murdoch, R.A.C.; J. Hewitt, R.A.C.; John M'Cune, P.K.; and S. G. Semple, P.K.

Bro. Lutton had charge of the arrangements in regard to the procession, which marched two deep from the Market House to the church. Exclusive of the brethren, who numbered about 300, there was an exceedingly large congregation. The service commenced with the singing of a hymn, after which the proper Psalms, 8, 15, and 21, were chanted. Evening prayers were said by the Revs. R. H. Coote and C. Bassett, and the lesson was read by Bro. Rev. C. Knox Pooler.

Rev. L. A. POOLER (minor canon of Downpatrick Cathedral), who preached the sermon, selected as his text St. John i., 4—“The Life was the Light of Men.” He said: There are three great mysteries—three problems of human thought—self, the world, and God! I do not say that everyone here has consciously said to himself, “These three final existences sum up all being.” But I do say that everyone does take up a definite position in regard to these three. Each has answered the questions for himself. It is generally when we come to think about Christianity that these three mysteries force themselves upon our notice. But Christianity did not create them. Christianity deals with mysteries which already existed. In all ages we see men standing in perplexity in faith before them—in Egypt 3000 years before Christ, in old Babylonia, in Assyria, India, Greece, Alexandria, and Europe, down to our own day, down to the books that are being written now—at the back of all human thought lie these three—self, the world, and God. Someone says, “When you talk of books you are thinking, I suppose, of philosophical works, treatises on metaphysics, theology, and such like, and I wouldn't be paid to read them.” Certainly not, I am thinking of all books—even the flimsiest novel of the day; even the blasé society sketch, which would persuade you that truth and manhood, purity and modest womanhood, have ceased to exist in that little circle which is called society; and that the majority of men are merely healthy animals or clever scamps; while the woman of the future is a loud and vulgar female who has doubts, and poses as intellectual. Even in these flimsiest of books, so far as they attempt to deal with human life at all, they have to deal with these three great mysteries—self, the world, and God. The unbeliever, I know, proceeds to solve the difficulty by leaving out one of the factors. He eliminates God. For him, he says, there are but two mysteries—self and the world. But this does not simplify the solution; it rather intensifies the difficulty. It is like trying to make a triangle with only two angles. But suppose for a moment that this position is true, and that there is no God. To most minds this is unthinkable, but suppose it. Then you are still left face to face with two of the great mysteries—self and the world. What answer have you? If there be nothing above man but blind force, then man becomes the end of all things, for man is the crown of creation so far as we know. But then the crown of creation is the only discontented part of creation. He is conscious of longings and desires which find no satisfaction in this world. “He feels he is not made to die.” But if there be no God he is made to die, and so an infinite melancholy steals over him, for all his aspirations are in vain, or, as a modern writer puts it, “A waste of moral energy.” No wonder the same writer calls his history of humanity “The Martyrdom of Man,” and ends it in these words, “Mental anguish is at hand. The hope of immortality must die; a sweet and charming illusion will be taken from the human race as youth and beauty vanish, never to return.” Thus unbelief starts from matter, and it ends in matter. It begins from the mud, and it ends in the mud. But let us look a little more closely at these three, “self, the world, and God.” We shall first take “self.” There is no one, I suppose, who has not in some form or other asked himself the angel's question to Hagar, “Whence comest thou and whither wilt thou go?” What is the origin of myself? Shall I go out at death as a candle that is burned out, or shall I live on under altered conditions of which at present I can form no clear picture? If I am to live on, how far am I responsible for my life, and how far am I the slave of circumstances into which I was born, and of a nature which I have inherited? Nay, at times I seem almost to feel as if I were two men. At one time I long for what is pure and true; and at another something within me, “a certain baseness in the blood,” urges me to what I know to be unworthy, and I have a real fellow-feeling for the man who wrote—

“Within my earthly temple there's a crowd—  
There's one that's humble, and there's one that's proud;  
There's one that's broken-hearted for his sins,  
And one that unrepentant sits and grins;  
There's one that loves his neighbour as himself,  
And one that only cares for greed and pelf.  
Of much corroding care would I be free,  
If anyone would tell me which is me.”

These are a few of the questions which the word “self” suggests to us, and which each of us does practically answer every day. Or take the thoughts suggested by “the world.” The duration of the universe, we are told by scientific men, is essentially finite. It had a beginning, and it will have an end. The Bible says so too. But is the Bible right when it tells us that it was God who in the beginning created the heavens and the earth? Is this world what the great German called “the visible garment of God.” Can the ear of faith indeed hear the voice of God behind the whisper of the winds and beneath the murmur of the stream? Or is it rather true that “nature is one with rapine, a harm no preacher can heal?” Will the world end simply in a great catastrophe, or is there “one far off divine event to which the whole creation moves?” These are some of the questions suggested to us by “The World.” These thoughts lead us into

the presence of the third mystery—the idea of God. Man feels there must be some one who will be the realisation of his longings after goodness; he feels that his life is finite, and the world is finite, but behind the finite there must be One who is unchangeable and eternal. He feels that the world had a wise designer, a designer who may indeed dwell in light unapproachable, and robed in awful majesty, and yet who may be loved by men, because He Himself is loving. My brethren, what answer does your Christian's faith give you to these mysteries of existence? Christianity assumes three things:—1. That the world was made by God. 2. That man was made in the image of God. 3. That man by self-assertion has broken his rightful connection with God. Further back than this it does not go. It does not explain the origin of evil, but it recognises its existence, and promises its extinction. Christianity, I say, assumes these three, and it does so, first, on the authority of revelation, and, secondly, because they have the instinctive mark of truth. We learn from revelation—1. That in the beginning the Great Architect of the Universe created the heavens and the earth, and that when the work was finished He looked on it and it was good. 2. That God created man in His own image. 3. The Bible gives us another picture, and whether literal or allegorical we know that it is true, and the closing scene of it is this—"And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, 'Where art thou?' And Adam answered, 'I was afraid.'" This is the Bible account of "self" and "the world"—two of the mysteries which puzzle us. But is man to be left so—a creature half good and half evil—a soul that grovels and aspires in turn? Is that the end? The answer of Christianity is the incarnation. It is the sole and adequate explanation of the puzzles of existence. The old mysteries are alone solved as we stand in the presence of a greater mystery—God manifest in the flesh; and we realise that wide and far-reaching as are the results of the fall, the results of the incarnation will be at least as wide and as far-reaching. In Jesus Christ man and God once more meet. The old barriers are broken down. The human brother is united to the eternal Spirit. The life of Christ is the light of men. Once more take the question of "self." Take the angel's question—"Whence comest thou, and whither wilt thou go?" And God incarnate answers—"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; again I leave the world and go unto the Father. In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you." Ah! how it comes to us, this voice of God, breathing peace over troubled minds. "In my Father's house are many mansions." "The life is the light of men." There is no human experience; there are no human personal questionings; there are no human aspirations that the life of Jesus does not satisfy. In its light human life ceases to be pitiful and paltry, for it becomes eternal and progressive. "Whither shall I go?" And Christ speaks to me of a Father's house here and hereafter; and the world is God-loved and God-directed; and even in the darkest hour we can realise that the great world's altar stair, though it be in the darkness, yet it slopes through darkness up to God. My brothers in the Masonic Order, we, too, recognise the existence of the mysteries about which we have thought to-day. Above the world we recognise the Great Architect of the Universe, whose wisdom has contrived, whose strength supports, and whose beauty adorns His works. As Masons we recognise, too, the mystery of existence. We see around us pain, and suffering, and sin. But we believe that these are but the concomitants of "this little while;" that heaven, in spite of these, is joined to earth, and Faith, and Hope, and Charity, these three are steps on a celestial stairway. And we believe that in the realisation of our human Brotherhood and in the bearing of one another's burdens we become likest God, until we pass from the lodge below into that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and rules for evermore. My brothers and my Christian brethren, I pray God that you and I may so live our lives, so do our work as under the eye of the Great Master Builder, and amid the darkness which enshrouds the future may so keep our eyes fixed upon the Bright and Morning Star that in the great hereafter we may be united in the eternal world, where in the realised presence of our Father, amid the glory of that temple whose polished ashlars are the souls of men, the mysteries of life shall be made plain, and sorrow and orphanhood shall be no more; neither shall be any more pain, where God himself is moon and sun.

The collection, which was in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools, was then taken up by the following gentlemen acting as collectors: Brigadier-General Leslie, R.A.; Bros. Dunbar-Buller, D.L., J. Stevenson, James Fitchie, John Horner, Alex. Woods, John Gregg, J.P., Wm. Milligan, W. L. Wheeler, Wm. Morrison, J. Hamilton, R. A. Nesbitt, M.D., N. J. Ledgerwood, J. Kennedy, and Hugh McCready. A handsome sum was realised.

The service concluded with the singing of a hymn and the pronouncing of the benediction.

### THE ANTI-MASONIC CONGRESS.

The most hopeful augury for the future of society on the Continent is to be found in the efforts now being made by foreign Catholics to rally their forces from the state of helpless disorganisation which condemned them to political extinction despite their great numerical preponderance. No defenceless mob in front of troops armed with weapons of precision, no rabble of the inferior races of Africa before a Zulu impi, could have been reduced to greater impotence than the Catholic multitudes on the Continent in presence of the disciplined ranks of the secret societies, rallied to the watchwords of the revolution and backed by all the influence of the press. Branded as clericals, jeered at as tools of sacerdotalism, they were so injured to see their religion daily outraged and their rights of conscience trampled on, that they had grown to accept these wrongs as inseparable from the present order of things, and their position of subjection as no less than irreversible than a law of nature. It is only now, after a century of oppression and humiliation that they have begun to borrow the tactics of their adversaries, and to learn from them the lesson of self-assertion and common action. The truth that they have only to do so in order to become irresistible is thoroughly realised in the opposite camp, and the panic there at any symptoms of intelligent resistance on the part of their hitherto submissive victims is absolutely ludicrous. All the well-worn revolutionary platitudes as to the indefeasible rights of majorities, and the unanswerable logic of numbers, are thrown to

the winds in the insolent assumption that liberty, justice, and moral and intellectual progress are identified with the triumph of their particular views. Belgium has taken her place in the front rank of the Catholic re-action, and the movement there has been carried to its ultimate aim in the restoration of the political supremacy of the party. The victories of the Catholic lists in the recent municipal elections in almost every commune in Italy is a symptom of the same concerted action of the majority in that country. Catholic France, enslaved to the all-pervading influence of officialism, is still left far in the rear by her more enterprising neighbours, but there, too, the effect of their example and the strenuous efforts of Leo XIII. to secure political unity cannot fail eventually to encourage her to shake off the odious yoke of sectarian intolerance.

The community of action by which Catholics in different countries are preparing to meet the universal propaganda of the secret societies is apparent in the proposal for an international anti-Masonic Congress, the organisation of which has been undertaken by a French Committee elected on July 26th, to work on the same lines as the Roman Committee of the anti-Masonic Union of Italy. The newly-constituted association has lost no time in beginning its labours. In two preliminary meetings, on August 1st and 2nd, it created a permanent staff consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer, decided to hold weekly sittings for dispatch of further business, and compiled a programme for the proceedings of the Congress to be submitted to the Roman Committee in order to secure perfect co-operation between the two associations. The objects of the movement are declared to be—"1. To prove to the world, by the most convincing evidence, the evils and disasters of which Freemasonry has been the cause to mankind at large and to the Catholic Church in particular. 2. To find the remedy for its sinister action, and to constitute from all the active forces that can be induced to co-operate in the struggle a permanent organisation against this infernal society." The opening proceedings of the Congress are to be directed to inquiry into the aims and methods of Freemasonry, with a view to enlightening public opinion in regard to them. Thus its action will be shown to have been detrimental to the cause of revealed truth by the discredit cast on Christian faith and belief in the Divinity, and to the interests of Christian civilisation by its depreciation of all progress due to the influence of the Church, and its exaltation of everything done by paganism and the enemies of religion. The ruin of social peace will be brought home to it by evidence of its fomentation of class enmities and its abolition of industrial corporations, and its responsibility for national dissensions and aggressions shown by a recapitulation of its action in encouraging wars and revolutions in accordance with its own prejudices and interests. Lastly, its active hostility to the Church will be demonstrated by the part it has played in all recent history, more especially in reference to the occupation of the Pontifical dominions. The methods by which it has attained so large a measure of success will be examined, and the secret of its power analysed, the latter being shown to depend mainly on the diffusion of error by the distortion of history, while its organisation, its discipline, its secrecy, and the crimes from which it has not shrunk in order to propagate its doctrines have secured it a triumph, assisted by the complicity of the civil authorities, no less than by the indifference, the ignorance, and the cowardly apathy of Catholics. Its designs for the future will also be examined in the light of documentary evidence furnished by all countries, in order to show how far it has advanced towards the fulfilment of its designs and how much yet remains to be done in order to complete its programme. The second part of the Congress will be devoted to the discussion of the best means of counteracting its pernicious influence. Of these the most efficacious would seem to be, after the invocation of the Divine assistance by prayer and increased religious fervour, the creation of a universal organisation like its own, embracing the world in a federation of committees under the guidance of a central body which should control and direct their action. The utilisation of the Third Order of St. Francis, and its possible modification for the purpose, will be among the subjects mooted, as will also be the practicability of providing some substitute for the mutual assistance rendered to each other by the Freemasons of different countries, especially in the case of sailors and traders.

In a letter to the editor of the *Unità Cattolica*, M. Leo Taxil gives the substance of some of the conclusions arrived at by the preliminary conference as to the arrangements for the Congress, with the arguments on which they were based. As regards its place of meeting, Brussels is provisionally recommended, the Governments both of France and Italy being too much under the dominion of the secret societies to render it probable that it would be allowed to meet unmolested in either of those countries. September 29th was decided on, always subject to the assent of the Roman Committee, as the date for the assembling of the Congress; the Feast of the great Archangel, the champion of the Church Militant, being considered especially propitious for its deliberations. The debate as to the secrecy or publicity of its proceedings closed with a unanimous vote in favour of the latter, leaving to the sect to be combated its special methods of mystery and melodrama. The projected Masonic Convention in Rome on September 29th will thus have its counterblast in the Congress of Brussels, and the challenge of the one to the faith and religious freedom of Catholics will be taken up and answered by the other. The unanimity of French Catholic opinion in its adherence to the views of the promoters of the Congress was shown in the large representation of the press at the preliminary meeting, which was attended by nearly all the principal Catholic journalists of Paris, as well as by many from the provinces. The enthusiasm with which the idea, originated by the Roman Committee, has been adopted in the sister country, augurs well for the success of the movement thus initiated. Much attention has recently been called to the doings of the various sects of Freemasons abroad by the sudden conversion of one of their high priestesses, Miss Diana Vaughan, ex-Grand Mistress of the Luciferians or Palladians. The strange perversion of mind by which an intelligent and high-souled woman dedicated herself to the worship of Lucifer did not blind her to the degrading character of the rites practised by her fellow-worshippers, and her first move was her secession from the "Triangles," as she termed the branch of Masonry of which Signor Lemmi is the Grand Orient, and the attempt to found a reformed sect under the name of the Regenerated Palladium. The divergence of views between her and her former associates, and her condemnation of the Satanic rites practised by them, drew down upon her a rebuke from the heads of the Order, to which she replied by withdrawing

from it altogether. She promises the publication of revelations under the title of "Memoirs of an ex-Palladian of the Perfect Rite," in which the meaning of many of their ceremonies and symbols will be explained. A visit to a relative in a convent, where she asked permission to be present at Mass, was followed by her conversion to Catholicism. It had been the object of many devout prayers, and the sudden death, on the very day that she left the convent in an altered frame of mind, of Père Delaporte, a pious priest who had offered up his life for it, gave it in the eyes of many a miraculous character.—*The Tablet*.

### PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF DORSET.

The annual Provincial Priory of Dorset was held under the banner of All Souls' Preceptory, No. 31, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, and was, as is usually the case, a most pleasant meeting. The popular and hospitable Prov. Prior, Sir Knight Sir R. N. Howard, presided, and was supported by a goodly number of sir knights from the county.

The Treasurer's report, with statement of accounts, was received and adopted, which showed a good balance in hand on both the General and also on the Alms Fund Account, and Sir Knight the Rev. W. M. Heath, P.G. Prelate England, was re-elected Treasurer.

The PROV. PRIOR addressed the sir knights on the state of the Order generally, special allusion being made to the new regulations about to take effect and issued by Great Priory.

The Provincial Officers for the year were appointed as follows:

Sir Knight	H. Tizard	George	...	...	Prov. Sub.-Prior.
"	Zillwood	Milledge	...	...	Prov. Prelate.
"	Russell	Patey	...	...	Prov. Chancellor.
"	Rev. F.	Mondey	...	...	Prov. Constable.
"	W. Barlow	Morgan	...	...	Prov. Marshal.
"	H. J.	Groves	...	...	Prov. Registrar.
"	Rev. W. M.	Heath	...	...	Prov. Treasurer.
"	J. A.	Sherrin	...	...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
"	F. W.	Hetty	...	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
"	B.	Browning	...	...	Prov. Almoner.
"	M. C. C.	Burke	...	...	Prov. Capt. of Guard.
"	Sidney S.	Milledge	...	...	Prov. Herald.
"	The Earl of	Portarlington	...	...	Prov. Std. Br.
Frater Harris	...	...	...	...	Prov. Outer Guard.

At the conclusion of the business, carriages were in waiting to convey the sir knights to Greenhill House, the charming residence of the Provincial Prior, where a most sumptuous and *recherché* repast was served, and from the terrace the weekly yacht racing of the Weymouth Corinthian Sailing Club, the arrival of a despatch vessel from the Fleet, together with the arrival and departure of steamers, yachts, and ships, were seen to great advantage.

The weather was lovely, and the meeting of 1895 will long be remembered as a most enjoyable one.

### AN UNFORTUNATE COMPLICATION.

The cable recently informed us that at the June Communication of the Grand Lodge of England two nominees of the Cambrian Lodge of New South Wales had been elected to the Colonial Board. It is impossible without further information to estimate the precise significance of this, further than that it shows that a most unfortunate dispute is likely to be prolonged. The dispute is one which has in it many dangerous elements likely to create scandal, and which, unless great care is exercised by the English Grand Lodge, may produce very serious and disastrous results. As a good deal more will, no doubt, be heard of the matter, and important principles are involved, it may not be without interest if we briefly recapitulate the main facts. The dispute dates back to the time when, through the personal intervention of Bro. Lord Carnarvon, the trouble which existed between the New South Wales Freemasons and the Freemasons working under the English Constitution in that Colony was apparently healed by the formation of the present United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. All the lodges in New South Wales formally agreed to the new order of things and joined the United Grand Lodge, as a matter of course surrendering their original charters. Amongst these lodges was the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, E.C. The United Grand Lodge was instituted in August, 1888. A minority of the Cambrian Lodge, it appears, dissented from the determination to transfer its allegiance, after the charter had been handed over a Past Master and 18 members asked the former D.G.M. of the E.C. that it should be returned to them. He replied that this could not be done. The P.M. and nine of these brethren have since given in their adhesion to the United Grand Lodge, and one has died. The remaining eight, "of a more determined character than the others," persist in claiming to still adhere to the English Constitution, although it is quite clear that the Grand Lodge of England does not want them, and would be very thankful if they would save them from a difficulty by joining the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales as the other lodges have done. The Grand Lodge of England at once recognised the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales when formed, and a Commission was sent out to Grand Master Bro. Lord Carrington, authorising him to cancel the original English charters, and then return them as mementoes to the lodges they had originally belonged to. This was done, the Cambrian charter being amongst those cancelled and returned. The cancellation was effected by a large stamp. The Cambrian Lodge, under the United Grand Lodge, received back the cancelled charter, and held it until one day a dissident brother called at the place of business of the W.M. and asked to be allowed to see the charter. It was handed to him for examination, but instead of giving it back after examination, he put it in his pocket and walked off with it. It was retained by the dissentients until December, 1892, when one of them—Bro. Baskett—armed with a power of attorney from the

others, produced it before the Colonial Board of the Grand Lodge of England. It then bore the cancellation stamp. The Colonial Board somewhat readily accepted the *ex parte* statements of Bro. Baskett and his party, and in June, 1893, a recommendation was made to and accepted by the Grand Lodge of England, that the Cambrian charter should not have been cancelled, and that relief should be afforded to the dissentient brethren by the issue of a Warrant of Confirmation to enable them to continue working under the English Constitution. In the meantime the minority members of the Cambrian Lodge had by chemical or other means removed the marks of the cancelling stamp on the original charter, and proceeded to re-open the lodge under it, which had then been extinct for several years. Bro. Lord Jersey, then Grand Master of New South Wales, endeavoured, but without success, to win over the minority. He subsequently informed the Grand Lodge of England that they would listen to no reason. They actually had the audacity not only to instal a Master and make Masons, but also to enter an action in the Supreme Court to recover from the United Grand Lodge £500, as the value of the property of the old lodge, and damages for its conversion, hinting also that if successful they would claim the whole of the Charitable Fund formerly possessed by the D.G. Lodge of New South Wales, E.C. (upwards of £20,000), which had been transferred to the United Grand Lodge on its formation and the dissolution of the District Grand Lodge, E.C. The United Grand Lodge was naturally indignant at these proceedings, and formally complained of them to the Grand Lodge of England. The Colonial Board, on further consideration, saw reason to refrain from further action in upholding the dissentient Cambrian brethren. The Warrant of Confirmation was withheld on the Grand Registrar's advice, and a request for a grant of money to prosecute the lawsuit was refused. It was seen by the Grand Registrar and Board that to re-charter the Cambrian Lodge under the E.C. would be an invasion of the sovereign rights of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and would lead to serious complications. So when the Cambrian Lodge, claiming to be No. 656, E.C., sent Home returns and fees, the Colonial Board refused to recognise or register them. This gave great offence to the Cambrian sympathisers, amongst whom a Bro. Eve took a prominent position, and after some bickering between him and the Colonial Board on matters of form, he, at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of England in December last, asked what steps had been taken by the Grand Secretary or the Colonial Board to give effect to the resolutions of Grand Lodge of the 7th June, 1893, in respect to the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656. The Grand Secretary read a long reply from the Colonial Board detailing the facts, but rather shirking the questions of principle involved, excusing inaction on the ground that the question of whether the dissentients were legally the old Cambrian Lodge or not was pending before the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and that Grand Lodge should not prejudice this action by doing anything. Bro. Eve then moved—"That the Colonial Board and the Grand Secretary be instructed to take prompt action to assist the loyal brethren of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, in upholding their rights." On this a long debate, not altogether free from strong language, ensued. Bro. Lord Jersey strongly opposed the motion, and took decided objection to describing the dissentients as "loyal" brethren. "It ought not," he said, "to be expected that those brethren who followed the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales were actuated by disloyalty to the Grand Lodge of England, and that those who did not join merit to be called the loyal brethren in contradistinction." This opinion might be of value to some New Zealand brethren. The Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., and the Deputy Grand Registrar, Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, also spoke strongly against the motion, which was ultimately negatived. Nothing further of importance has been done since except what the cable refers to. There were already one or two strong supporters of the Cambrian minority on the Colonial Board, so that possibly the election referred to will not alter the position much. For the Grand Lodge of England to re-charter the Cambrian Lodge would be to invade an independent Masonic territory and to violate the sovereign rights of a sister jurisdiction. Should the Grand Lodge of England do this, the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales would be justified in resisting the action in the most decided manner, and it would, in doing so, be sure of the sympathy and support of the sister Colonial Grand Lodges. We sincerely hope that it will never be so ill-advised as to do anything of the kind.—*New Zealand Craftsman*.

### THE PRESIDING GENIUS AT A BANQUET.

Among the ancient Mexicans, Mr. Dorman tells us, in his "Origin of Primitive Superstitions," Omacate was the god of mirth. His image, which was that of a man, was brought in and presided at the banquets. If this was neglected, the gods could mix hairs with the food of the guests, which was a great disgrace, as well as a great discomfort, to the participants.

Every Freemason has been present, now and then, at Masonic banquets, which have had, as it were, hairs mixed with the food. The fault was not with the caterer, but the Master. The hairs were not literal hairs, not filaments growing from the skin of an animal, but metaphorical hairs, which, however, were as unpleasant mentally as the real hairs would have been physically.

Some Masters do not know how to act as the presiding genius of a banquet, and, so far as they are concerned, they might as well, or better, be absent. The proper presiding genius certainly is absent, and as a result figurative hairs are mixed with the food.

A Master who takes his lodge, or High Priest his chapter, down to the banquet hall at or near 11 o'clock at night, has at the outset provided hairs, which will run through every course. It is impossible for the large majority of members to enjoy a late banquet. They cannot and will not give the necessary time to it to make it enjoyable. They can only eat and run. Now there is nothing Masonic about that. A Masonic banquet is not simply a contribution of solids and fluids to a stomach that possibly is already full, and that only requires at the time rest, and the entire body and mind sleep; but it is a tickling of the palate with toothsome viands in order that the social propensities may be awakened and enlivened, the hearts of all present beat in unison throughout the entire assemblage, the tongues be loosed so as to break forth in pleasant speech, story, and song, and the mind prepared

for the reception of all that is said and done for the benefit of Freemasonry and the healthful pleasure of all the participants. The proper genius, therefore, does not preside at a banquet unless the brethren or companions sit down to enjoy it at a timely, early hour in the evening.

The presiding genius, in the person of a Master who is Master, being present, he must see to it that the entertainment is general and common, that it is not confined to a section here and a section there, but is universal around the tables. To secure this he must have arranged some general programme in advance, he must have selected, in his mind at least, and better still by communicating somewhat in advance with the brethren themselves, those upon whom he will call to contribute to the pleasures of the intellectual feast.

Of course the waiters must be sent out of the room, of course order must be maintained, of course there must be a Master who is the director of whatever occurs, and who selects all of those who share in entertaining the brethren. Never should the entire table, nor any one present at it, be permitted to run the feast. Only the Master can properly govern it, and make its enjoyment what Masonry intended it should be.

It is a good rule never to call upon any one out of mere compliment whom you know cannot satisfy either himself or others. It is another good rule to call upon visiting brethren of ability, because their voices will be new to the company, and on that account alone will attract attention. Besides it is a proper courtesy, which is always appreciated.

At a Masonic banquet every brother should be ready and willing to do his best to contribute to the general entertainment. He should be gratifying himself while he is gratifying others. He should have some good contribution ready, in case he is called upon. He should study to please. His brethren and himself are one, and all should be ready to throw something into the common fund for the common benefit.

If every brother, from the Master down, were faithful in following these suggestions, the presiding genius and many other geniuses, would always be present at a Masonic banquet, and there would be no hairs mixed with the food.—*The Keystone*.

### ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE ANCIENT BRAZEN LODGE, No. 17, LINLITHGOW.

The annual excursion in connection with the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 31st ult., Dollar being this year selected as the destination. A company of about 50 brethren and friends left Linlithgow by coach at half-past seven in the morning. The route taken was via Airth and South Alloa, and the weather being of the most favourable description, the drive was much enjoyed. Dollar was reached about mid-day, and on arrival the party set about enjoying themselves in various ways. An excellent dinner was partaken of in the Castle Campbell Hotel. Thereafter Castle Campbell was visited by most of the party, and the beautiful walks through the glen traversed. Other places of interest in the neighbourhood of Dollar were also visited. Through the kindness of the executive of the local bowling club permission was given to the party to make use of the green. As the company included a number of prominent bowlers, the kind permission was largely taken advantage of, and some enjoyable friendly games were played. Before leaving the bowling-green the whole party were arranged in a group and photographed. On the whole the day's outing proved a most enjoyable one. Having partaken of tea in the Castle Campbell Hotel, a start was made for home shortly after six o'clock. The drive home was a lengthy one, but despite this, Linlithgow was reached with all the members of the party in excellent spirits.

### BRO. JAMES BROWNE, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BENGAL MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

In this number we have the pleasure to present our readers with an excellent portrait of one of the best known and hardest working Masons in the District of Bengal, Bro. James Woodfall Browne, who, among his particular friends, is hailed as "Jim" Browne. After a busy Masonic career of 41 years, he still holds many appointments, and is also the active and popular Secretary of True Friendship (his mother lodge), to which he was appointed in 1880. The writer of this sketch has carefully watched his career, and it is not too much to say (indeed, we have the District Grand Master's eloquent confirmation of the fact) that by a 30 years' conscientious and faithful working, combined with a persistent and exemplary advocacy of the beauty and usefulness of at least two degrees, he has been mainly instrumental in saving the Knight Templars and Rose Croix from falling into abeyance. Those who are conversant with the highly elaborate and interesting rituals of these degrees will fully understand what a loss Masonry would have sustained but for the efforts of Bro. Browne. But we must not go apace! Bro. Browne arrived in India on the 16th June, 1851, and three years after was initiated in True Friendship, then No. 256. To be correct, this happened on the 28th March, 1854. After ascending the usual stepping stones, we find him Master in 1860. He was a genial, able and successful ruler, and such was the confidence placed in him by the members that he was, after a prolonged residence out of India, again in 1870 elected to the chair. In appreciation of his labour in his mother lodge as Master, he was presented with a magnificent tea and coffee set, and later on, for his equally valuable work as Secretary, he received a Past Master's jewel and address.

At this time True Friendship was probably, though not quite the oldest, the leading lodge in the District, both for numerical strength of members, and a succession of popular Masters. The banquets were always largely attended, and the harmony and good fellowship of visitors and members well sustained.

However, Bro. Browne's labours have by no means been limited to private lodges; he is a cosmopolitan, indeed, and all branches claim his sympathy, and none more so than our most deserving local Charity—the Bengal Masonic Association—in whose interests he has worked unremittingly for 21 years. As a Committee-man, a Vice-President, Auditor—he

worked diligently enough, but what shall we say of the brother who, through his own individual efforts, has succeeded in contributing some Rs 14,000 to the fund of this Charity! Many may cavil at the means adopted, but we opine that there can be only one opinion as to the unselfish character of these efforts of our estimable brother, and who is quite prepared to meet objectors with the good old motto that "Charity covers a multitude of sins." The assiduity evinced by Bro. Browne in all offices held by him is shown by the length of time he has occupied several of them. For example, he has been 17 years Treasurer of Royal Arch Chapter Hope, Registrar and Treasurer in Sepulchre Knights Templar 14 years; Auditor of District Grand Lodge accounts 14 years; Registrar and Treasurer Provincial Grand Priory 15 years; and 20 years as Recorder and Treasurer of Sandeman Rose Croix Chapter. This is a fine record. Our brother's love for the Craft is unbounded, and increasing years have apparently only increased his desire for further knowledge and research, the acme of which will perhaps have been reached when he attains the dignity of the 30°. A reference to this was made in our last number, in which will be found full particulars concerning the reasons for this great honour being conferred upon our veteran brother.

*Apropos* of these remarks, it may be mentioned that official intimation reached Calcutta by the last mail that Bro. Browne had been advanced to the 30th Degree, and that this intelligence was accompanied by the hearty congratulations of the superiors on the event. Long may he live to enjoy his Masonic honours.

The following is a list of some of the principal offices Bro. Browne has held: Steward of the Prov. Grand Lodge; P.J.G.W. in 1864; P.S.G.W. in 1881; P.Z. R.A. Chapter Hope; D.G. Reg., S.N. and P.J. in District G. Chapter; twice Master of Capstone Mark Lodge; Preceptor of Royal Kent, K.T.; and G. Chancellor of the Prov. Priory.

He also took the English Degree of S.E. attached to True Friendship, and the old Degree of "Ark and Mark," but these Degrees are now abolished.

In 1881, at the suggestion of Bro. Browne, a Fund of Benevolence was established in Hope, and is still working well in connection with this chapter.

Promotion has been slow with our worthy brother, who was Junior Grand Warden in 1864 and 17 years afterwards promoted to Senior, where he now remains. Nevertheless his zeal for Masonry is unflagging, as the writer knows. He is now hard at work for his favourite object—Charity—in increasing the funds of the Bengal Masonic Association, actively preparing Returns for five Masonic bodies, making up the accounts of six Treasurerships, auditing two sets of Masonic books, and quite ready during the week to give Degrees in Blue and Royal Arch Masonry. With his long experience in the Craft, and knowing all the difficulties that our distinguished District Grand Master has to contend with in making his selection of the Superior Officers, we know our worthy brother is too good a Mason to cavil at juniors being placed over his head, and there is no brother who is a stauncher supporter of Masonic authority than Bro. James W. Browne; and although the last appointments may have surprised some brethren, doubtless the District Grand Master had good and sufficient reasons for making them and acting on the basis of his own motto *Ride si sapiis*, Bro. Browne would work just as cheerfully whether appointed District Grand Master or District Grand Tyler.

A sketch of our Masonic friend would perhaps be incomplete without a reference to his efforts in the fine arts, especially in connection with Masonry. By the elaborate designs which he has furnished for the decoration of the Rose Croix, Templar, and Royal Arch Degrees, he has considerably added to the perfection of the working of these beautiful Orders, and has earned quite a reputation for the illumination of Masonic addresses. Especially did his talent shine forth in the one presented to the Queen-Empress on the occasion of the Jubilee. He has executed similar work for several District Grand Masters and distinguished Past Masters in the Craft, all showing that taste, skill, and ingenuity in design for which he is quite famous. His last effort in this direction was the address presented to Bro. Martyn-Wells when the recipient tendered his warmest thanks to Bro. Browne for the time and labour he had expended on the address, which was certainly one of the most beautiful he had ever seen. Although Bro. Browne has passed three points round 60, he may be said to be quite gay in spirit, and is, considering the visitations of his old enemy, wonderfully cheery and active, and ready at any time to assist in working any Degree he may be called upon to give. This perfect knowledge of all the treasured landmarks of the Craft, his ability in wielding the Hiram, and his unique intimacy with the intricacies and mysteries of the Higher Degrees, mark him out as one of the most successful, enlightened, and able Masons of the day.—*Indian Freemason*.

HURE.—Said to be an English hotel-keeper, at whose house, in 1725, in the Rue des Boucheries, the first assemblies of the Freemasons in Paris were held; but, as we have before said, the early history of Freemasonry in Paris is involved in much obscurity, and the "textus receptus" of the French Masonic annals will have, we think, to be yet much altered. We do not at all feel satisfied with the evidence as regards Lord Derwentwater and Lord Harnouester or the French account generally of the early state of Freemasonry at Paris. Bro. W. J. Hughan, in his indefatigable industry, has disentombed from the dusty pages of the "St. James's Evening Post," where they have long lain unnoticed and unknown, because forgotten, the following passages which throw quite a new light on the French Masonic chronicles. "St. James's Evening Post," September 7, 1734.—"We hear from Paris that a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was lately held there at her Grace the Duchess of Portsmouth's house, where his Grace the Duke of Richmond, assisted by another Englishman of distinction there, President Montesquieu, Brigadier Churchill, Ed. Younge, Esq., Registrar of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and Walter Strickland, Esq., admitted several persons of distinction into that most ancient and honourable society." September 20, 1735.—"They write from Paris that his Grace the Duke of Richmond and Dr. Desaguliers, formerly Grand Master of the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, and now authorised by the Grand Master (under his hand and seal and the seal of the Order), having called a Lodge at the Hotel Bussy in the Rue Bussy, his Excellency the Earl of Waldegrave, her Majesty's Ambassador to the French King; the Right Hon. the President Montesquieu, the Marquis de Lomuren, Lord Dursley, son to the Earl of Berkeley; the Hon. Mr. FitzWilliams, Messieurs Knight, father and son; Dr. Hickman, and several other persons, both French and English, were present; and the following noblemen and gentlemen were admitted to the Order: namely, his Grace the Duke of Kingston, the Hon. the Count de St. Florentin, Secretary of State to his most Christian Majesty; the Right Hon. the Lord Chewton, son to Lord Waldegrave; Mr. Pelham, Mr. Arniger, Mr. Colton, and Mr. Clement; after which the new Brethren gave a handsome entertainment to all the Company." All this is quite new to Masonic students.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1895.

**M**asonic Notes.

We regret to announce that a very successful burglary was effected at the premises of this journal some time between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, a large quantity of jewellery, chiefly Masonic, having been abstracted from the cases, in which it had been left safely stowed away overnight. The resident manager, on descending into the shop early on Thursday morning, seeing what had happened, at once com-

municated with the police, by whom measures were promptly taken to discover the authors of the burglary—with what success remains to be seen.

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Arrangements are said to have been made for the holding of an International Anti-Masonic Congress on the 29th September. As the Governments of France and Italy are supposed to be too much under the influence of secret societies to render it probable that such a gathering would be allowed to pass unmolested in either of those countries, the City of Brussels has been chosen for the meeting, the objects of which are announced to be firstly to prove to the world by undeniable evidence the evils and disasters which Freemasonry has caused to mankind at large and the Roman Catholic Church in particular, and secondly, to provide a remedy for its sinister action and establish a permanent organisation against "this infernal Society." All this sounds very terrible, and if we were anything else than Freemasons we suppose we ought to be quaking in our shoes at the terrible fate in store for us. But somehow we are quite indifferent as to whether the proposed Congress meets or not, and if it does, as to the measures it may see fit to adopt for getting rid of "our infernal Society." See the article we quote elsewhere on the subject.

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A correspondent has kindly informed us that our suggestion as to Bro. Alderman H. Bemrose, M.P., and Bro. H. Arnold Bemrose, P.M. and P.Z. No. 253, being one and the same individual is incorrect. Both, it seems, are brothers, but Bro. Alderman Bemrose and Bro. H. Arnold Bemrose stand to each other in the relation of father and son. Bro. H. Bemrose, the father, who has just been elected M.P. for Derby, was, he tells us, S.W. of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby, in 1873, but has never passed the chair. We thank our correspondent for his information.

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We have also to thank sundry other correspondents for having kindly furnished us with further information on the subject of "The Craft in the House of Commons." One of them enumerates as many as four members of the new House who, to his certain knowledge, are members of the Craft; while a second mentions two. We also have made some additional discoveries, and if others among our readers who may chance to know of M.Ps. who are Masons, will send us particulars, we shall shortly be in a position to publish a third list of Masonic members of the present House of Commons.

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It will be seen, from announcements made in our last and present issues, that the pupils of our two Schools have been again distinguishing themselves, and demonstrating the excellence of the training they receive. Last week the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys informed us that at the recent examinations in Science and Art by the South Kensington Department, the number of certificates awarded to pupils of that Institution was 45, as compared with 31 last year. Of these 14 were granted for practical Plane and Select Geometry, eight for Geology, two first and six second class Model Drawing; six passes in Mathematics, Stage 1, and two first and seven second class in Stage 2. The Girls' School candidates have been similarly successful, as will be seen from the paragraph which appears in another column.

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The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord on the 15th May last under the presidency of Bro. Chas. C. Hayes, M.W.G.M. There do not appear to have been many knotty questions to exercise the minds of the brethren present, but it was decided that in the case of a brother who desires to be advanced to the Second and Third Degrees after having remained an E.A. for several years inquiries should be made as to whether he was in the same position as at his initiation, or whether there had been such changes in his character and moral standing as might render his further progress in Masonry undesirable. Bro. C. C. Hayes and George P. Cleaves were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively.

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The Grand Lodge of Iowa held its 52nd annual Communication in Marshalltown on the 4th, 5th, and 6th June last, under the presidency of Bro. Liberty E. Fellows, M.W.G.M. There was a good deal of business transacted, but it was principally of local interest. Five new lodges received charters, the number now on the roll being 464, with an aggregate subscribing membership of 26,103. Bro. George W. Ball was elected and installed Grand Master in succession to Bro. Fellows, while the veteran Bro. T. S. Parvin remains at his post of Grand Secretary.

Bro. J. Ross Robertson's motion, to which, and the criticisms referring to it by the *Canadian Craftsman*, we had occasion to refer last week; does not seem to have experienced the same condemnation in Grand Lodge Canada which was meted out to it in the columns of our contemporary. Indeed, the motion was approved by a majority of the brethren present, but not by a two-thirds majority, and therefore the limitations which Bro. Ross Robertson proposes to enact as regards foreign working will not be imposed. It is, however, satisfactory to us to find from the vote of Grand Lodge that a majority of its members are of the same mind on this subject as Bro. Robertson. It is reasonable enough to be allowed to exemplify in Canadian lodges other than Canadian work under certain well-devised restrictions, but if our Canadian brethren attach any particular value to their own ritual—and it is evident from the vote of Grand Lodge that they do—they will assuredly not desire that their lodges should be free to submit any and every foreign kind of work to be exemplified at their meetings.

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It may be as well, perhaps, that we should offer some explanation upon the concluding remarks in our final note last week on this subject. We said, "But there is no reason why each jurisdiction should not have its own standard or system of work, and forbid the introduction into it of anything peculiar to other standards or systems." At first sight, this may appear to suggest that every jurisdiction has its own mode of work, and people will naturally ask what becomes of the unity of Freemasonry, if every country works differently; or different jurisdictions in the same country have different systems of work? Of course, our remarks were intended to apply only to the comparatively unimportant details of the work, not to the essentials, which are the same for all jurisdictions. Every jurisdiction is justified in setting up its own standard or method of work, provided the heart and soul, as it were, of that work remain unaffected. And as we have said before, every jurisdiction has the right to insist on its own standard or system being maintained to the exclusion of all other standards or systems, save under certain proper restrictions and for the harmless purpose of illustration.

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We learn from the report of the last Quarterly Convocation of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria and the Report of the Board of General Purposes which was then presented, that sundry lodges under the Victorian jurisdiction "have introduced innovations in the ceremonies of opening and closing the Board of Installed Masters," and that in consequence it has drawn "the special attention of Worshipful Masters of Lodges to the fact that such practice is opposed to the antient usage and established customs of Freemasonry, and was ruled irregular by the Grand Lodge of England some years ago. The Board, therefore, strongly deprecates such practice by any lodges in this jurisdiction." The passages we have quoted were contained in a circular addressed by the Board to the Worshipful Masters of lodges in consequence of the complaints which had been made to it upon the subject, and we are glad to see that the clause of the Report dealing with the matter was ultimately adopted.

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But it was not adopted until after a long discussion, in the course of which Bro. W. B. Edwards, P.G.D.C., was very persistent in his opposition, and even went so far as to call in question the act of the Board in issuing such a circular, his point being that the Board had no authority to issue it. "The United Grand Lodge of Victoria had declined to authorise a ritual. How then could the Board without the authority of the Grand Lodge tell the Worshipful Masters what ceremonies they should not perform?" Bro. Edwards' argument seems ingenious; but the President of the Board had no difficulty in combating it successfully.

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What were Bro. Edwards's reasons for opposing the action of the Board in issuing the circular we are unable to see. He himself quoted a clause from a letter written by the Grand Secretary of England, in which it was laid down distinctly that "the ceremony of opening and closing, which you mention as having been recently introduced into your district by a brother from England, is quite irregular and unauthorised by the Grand Lodge of England or by the leading Masonic authorities. It imposes fresh and additional qualifications quite unknown to the general body of Installed Masters, thus placing them in a false position. It is practised in a few instances in our outlying districts of England, but on reference here it has always been ruled to be quite irregular, and you would be fully justified in forbidding its use in your district."

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After such an expression of opinion from so high an authority we fail to see what object Bro. Edwards can have had in questioning the action of the Victorian Board of General Purposes. However, if he wishes further information on the subject, he had better consult that valuable little work "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," by Bro. Henry Sadler. After reading that he will see his way, perhaps, to approving the action of the aforesaid Board.

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We notice that in the number of the *Australasian Keystone* containing the report on which we have been commenting, there is a letter from Bro. W. F. Lamonby on the subject of "Uniformity of Working." Bro. Lamonby, so far as our memory serves us, is in the main correct as to his facts. The Grand Lodge of England did adopt a motion, which, we believe, was brought forward by Bro. James Stevens, in favour of uniformity, and at the Quarterly Communication next ensuing that portion of the minutes containing the resolution was non-confirmed. But it is equally true that the installation working which Bro. Lamonby tells us he is not ashamed of having introduced into Victoria has been declared irregular by our late Grand Secretary, and also by his successor, the present Grand Secretary, nor will the Grand Lodge of Victoria be wrong if it prefers adopting the official declarations of a responsible officer of our Grand Lodge to that of a brother who, however estimable and capable a Mason he may be, is not the accepted authority on ritual in this country.

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It is quite true the installation ceremony is worked in some of our lodges in the manner in which Bro. Lamonby is proud of having introduced into Victoria, and far be it from us to suggest that the lodges in which this mode of working has been adopted are not "well-worked lodges." But it is equally true that the method

has been declared irregular, and if our Grand Lodge is in no hurry to enforce the declarations of its responsible officers, it must be because it is prepared to show respect for established usage, and is willing to permit a certain amount of latitude in details, provided the essentials of our work are upheld. We can only repeat the advice we have already given in a previous note. Let Bro. Lamonby study carefully Bro. Sadler's "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation." He will soon discover that his method of working the installation ceremony is beyond all question what it has been officially pronounced to be—irregular.

## 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.]

### CANDIDATES FOR INITIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Rule 184 of the Book of Constitutions provides for the name, address, age, and occupation of a candidate, with names of the proposer and seconder being printed and sent with the summonses to the members of the lodge for the meeting when the ballot is to be taken. Among certain lodges it is customary, prior even to the proposition, to put upon the lodge circular, as part of the business to be transacted, a notice as follows:

"Bro. Smith will propose, as a Candidate for Initiation in the Lodge, Mr. John Johnson, of &c., &c."

An experienced P.M. recently stated that such a notice was altogether wrong, and that the name of a candidate ought not to go upon the lodge summons until after he had been proposed at a regular lodge. I disagreed with him, as I considered such a notice most useful, as by such means every member of the lodge would get notice of the candidate coming forward, and in case of objection, he might be withdrawn, and avoid a Black Ball.

My object in submitting this point to the readers of the *Freemason* is to elicit opinions regarding the propriety, or otherwise, of the notice referred to.—Yours fraternally,

EX-SECRETARY, P.M.

### THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you permit me the opportunity of saying that I lodged an appeal to Grand Lodge, at its ensuing Communication, asking Grand Lodge to decide whether I am or am not entitled to a seat on the Colonial Board, under the provisions of Article 283, "Book of Constitutions," I being a Past Master of two Colonial lodges, whereas, as at present constituted, the Board includes two members only who have passed the chair of lodges abroad.

The appeal was laid before the General Committee of Grand Lodge to-day (Wednesday), when, on the recommendation of the Grand Registrar, it was rejected, as not being within the cognizance of Grand Lodge.

Under these extraordinary circumstances, three months have been cut to waste, for those who were present at the June Communication will remember that the Deputy Grand Registrar remarked, in reply to a question from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, D.G.S.B., that the attempt to explain the meaning of Article 283 would be "an insult to common sense," and that a ruling could not be given until after the elections.

Now, simple matter as it appeared in the words of the Deputy Grand Registrar, no decision whatever was given after the election. On the other hand, I was officially informed that I must appeal to Grand Lodge for a ruling, I have appealed, and the General Committee, on the advice of the V.W. Grand Registrar, decline to allow said appeal to come before Grand Lodge.

The fact is, those immediately concerned have landed themselves in a dilemma, and in this opinion I am strengthened, in view of the peculiar incident that the V.W. Grand Registrar appeared to avoid in his arguments before the General Committee any reference to the important words "if practicable," in Art. 283.

As matters stand, no official opinion whatever has been given as to whether or no I am entitled to be a member of the Colonial Board, and, as I am precluded—unwarrantably, as I think—from asking Grand Lodge to say "yea" or "nay," the question is still in abeyance.

However, I am not yet done with the subject in dispute, and shall soon put it to another test.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

August 21st.

### MASONIC VAGRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I enclose an extract from the *New Zealand Craftsman* on the subject of "Masonic Vagrants," which has engaged so much of your attention for several months. It will be seen that other jurisdictions besides England are afflicted with this pest, and, what is more to the purpose, it shows likewise that other jurisdictions do not consider it beneath their dignity to take measures for the prevention of its ravages.—Yours faithfully and fraternally.

London, 20th August. Q.

The following is the extract:

"The Grand Orient of Italy has been obliged to take stringent measures to put down 'begging' Masons, who may not be worthy of assistance. It is unfortunately the case in all countries, and New Zealand is not exempt in this respect, there are always a number of brethren who travel from place to place, relying on the assistance given to them en route by the Craft. Many may deserve help, but a large number are generally impostors, and this is the class which the Grand Orient of Italy is endeavouring to put down. Instructions have been issued to its lodges not only to adopt the usual precautions, by examining diplomas and papers when an application is made for relief, but to obtain from the applicant particulars respecting the address of the lodge to which he states that he belonged. If his papers are not satisfactory, a wire is immediately sent to the address indicated, asking if the case is a deserving one, and in a great number of cases the reply has exposed the impostor. The plan adopted by the Grand Orient of Italy is now being tried by the German and Swiss lodges, and is reported to be working satisfactorily. It may be mentioned that if an Italian Mason leaves his lodge, he must within 12 months join another one, otherwise he is posted as being an irregular Mason."

A NUMBER of old-pattern muzzle-loading brass guns, weighing half-a-ton each, have been shipped from Bombay for London, where they will be melted down and converted into a statue of Bro. Lord Roberts, which is about to be erected in Calcutta.

Reviews.

"MASONIC TIDINGS"—Milwaukee, Wis.—The August number contains an ample supply of news, notes, and articles, both original and quoted. The principal leader contains "Something about Morgan," which adds slightly to our knowledge of that person as a man and a Mason, but throws no new light upon the circumstances of his disappearance. There is also a short article on "The Past Master's Degree," communicated by Bro. the Rev. John D. Vincil. But the news columns furnish the best reading, and include reports of the meetings at Sioux Falls during the second week in June of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Commandery of South Dakota, and the laying of the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall at Ashland by the Grand Master of Wisconsin.

"THE FREEMASON"—Cowan and Co., Toronto, Canada—for July contains a full account of the annual meetings of the Grand Chapter of Canada on Tuesday, the 16th of that month, and of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the two following days. There appears to have been a large attendance at both gatherings, the most important feature in connection with the Chapter being the address of Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Z. The reports of the various Committees were presented and adopted, and Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected, the Three Grand Principals—Comps. J. Ross Robertson, M. Walsh, H.; and W. G. Reid, J.—the Grand Scribe E.—Comp. T. Sargent—and the Grand Treasurer, Comp. Hugh Murray, being re-elected to their respective offices. At the 40th Communication of Grand Lodge there appear to have been present about 1300 brethren. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C., M.W.G.M., occupied the throne, and was supported by his Deputy, Bro. W. Gibson, M.P., and Bros. Daniel Spry, the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q.C., Henry Robertson, Q.C., J. K. Kerr, Q.C., R. T. Walkem, Q.C., Hugh Murray, A. A. Stevenson, and J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Masters. The first day was occupied chiefly in the delivery of the usual address by the Grand Master, who passed in review the principal events of the preceding 12 months. The next day was occupied in disposing of the various resolutions, of which due notice had been given, that of Bro. Ross Robertson—to which we referred in our "Notes" of last week—receiving the support of the majority of those present, but not of the two-thirds majority which is required to give it legal effect. Bro. D. Spry's motion for the abolition of the representative system was dropped, while of the two motions by Bro. R. Cuthbert—one for the appointment by the Grand Master of certain officers who are now elected by Grand Lodge, and the other for conducting the business of private lodges in the Third Degree—the former was rejected and the latter withdrawn. Most of the editorial notes and comments relate to these meetings or incidents which occurred at them, while the letters in the correspondence columns treat of subjects of interest to our Canadian brethren.

"THE AUSTRALASIAN KEYSTONE"—Hearne and Co., Paragon Printers, 208-210, Little Lonsdale-street, Melbourne.—The interest in the July number of this ably conducted periodical centres in the report of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, which was held in Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 17th June last under the presidency of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W.G.M. The reports of the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes were submitted, and the latter gave rise to a considerable amount of discussion. The Grand Treasurer's balance-sheet showed an increase over the previous quarter, and there was an election of 14 brethren to serve on the Board of General Purposes. Sundry motions were not reached in time, and therefore, if dealt with at all, will have to be considered at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

"THE NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN"—Herbert James Williams, Featherston-street, Wellington.—The second number of this new issue is characterised by the same excellence as the first. This is particularly noticeable in the number and fullness of the reports of various Masonic bodies, but the most important feature is the full list of the officers of the so-called Grand Lodge, and a roll of the lodges under its obedience arranged in their several districts. Reports of meetings of bodies belonging to the other Constitutions will also be found in the number.

"THE KEYSTONE"—Masonic Publishing Company, 237, Dock-street, Philadelphia—for the 3rd August contains, in addition to the article on "The Presiding Genius at a Banquet," which we quote elsewhere, a highly interesting budget of news, interspersed among which are to be found at intervals excerpts from other Masonic periodicals, with editorial comments, where deemed necessary, appended. Among these excerpts is an article headed "Friends or Foes?" which originally appeared in these columns, but which is ascribed by our worthy contemporary to the *Indian Masonic Review*, which only borrowed it, and that, we presume, without acknowledgment. The *Keystone* also quotes from us the valuable paper by Bro. W. J. Hughan, on "Masonic Templary in England." Bro. D. Murray Lyon's interesting article on some "Curiosities of Discipline," which originally appeared in the *Scottish Freemason*, finds an honoured place in this issue of our contemporary.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

The Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 24th June, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Sir H. T. Prinsep, District Grand Master. Among those present were Bros. P. C. Dutt, Dep. Dist. Grand Master; W. B. Mactavish, Past Dep. Dist. Grand Master; A. R. Westerhout, Dist. S.G.W.; J. C. G. Kiernauder, Dist. J.G.W.; S. P. Sarbadhichary, Past D.J.G.W.; R. F. Dedrickson, Past Pres. District Board of General Purposes; J. R. Maples, Past Pres. District Board of General Purposes; H. M. Rustomjee, Past D.S.G.W., D. G. Sec.; W. H. Miles, D.S.G.D.; W. Franks, D.J.G.D.; T. S. Cecil, Past D.J.G.D.; C. N. Banerjee, P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Clarke, D.G.D.C.; G. Hopewell, P.D.G.D.C.; W. B. Chambers, P.D.G.D.C.; M. A. Valenza, D.G.S.B.; J. C. Hopper, D.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Cole, D.G. Org.; M. M. Massom, D.G. Purst.; J. S. Booth, D. McN. Urquhart, C. M. Rustomjee, and S. B. Wells, Dist. G. Stwds.; and H. T. Herbert, Dist. G. Tyler; together with the representatives of sundry lodges, and several visitors.

District Grand Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the District Grand Lodge held on the 21st March taken as read and confirmed, the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER delivered his usual address, in the course of which, after announcing formally that Nripendra Narayan Lodge, No. 2446, had been consecrated at Cooch Behar on the 7th May by the Dist. Grand Secretary, assisted by other Dist. Grand Officers, and that sundry lodges which he had visited were in a prosperous state, while two had had the misfortune to lose their registers of members, Bro. Prinsep proceeded as follows: "I was particularly pleased with

my visit to Lodge Temperance and Benevolence, No. 1160. I found it in a most prosperous condition, with a very large number of members, who regularly attended. The work was correctly done, the books were all regularly kept, and the goodfellowship amongst its members was very remarkable. Every one combined in a desire to make the lodge successful and its meetings agreeable. For this the lodge owes lasting gratitude to the late Master, Wor. Bro. W. Gosling, who has imparted to it the true Masonic feeling and goodfellowship, in which he was pre-eminent, and he has a worthy successor in the person of Wor. Bro. H. White." Having impressed upon lodges the necessity of placing their lodge funds, if they amount to a considerable sum, in some bank to the credit, not of the Treasurer, but of the lodge, Bro. Prinsep spoke as follows respecting the lodge returns of members, &c., &c.: "And now I wish to make some observations on the practice which I introduced many years ago into this District Grand Lodge and carried out at our last meeting in giving you a succinct account of the state of Masonry in the District, our Funds and Institutions, the number of the lodges working, as well as their strength, and the amount of work done. Our example has been followed in other Districts; and as comparisons are to be made, I think it necessary to mention that the numbers of members of the different lodges are the actual numbers of subscribing members. It is an old custom in Indian lodges to place members on the absent list at a nominal subscription, if they leave India or the neighbourhood of the particular lodge, so as to be unable to attend its meetings, in order that they may be in a position to resume membership if they return to the place in which the lodge is held. The returns which I place before you, year by year, do not include such absent members, for what I desire to report to you is the actual numbers of the resident full subscribing members of our lodges. I know, however, that this is not the practice elsewhere, at least in one other District. I mention this because a comparison with our returns without this information will naturally not be a fair comparison to us. In the next place, I must confess my surprise at finding that the accuracy of the summary of our returns which I communicated to you at our March meeting has been doubted by a Masonic periodical in another part of India. I think that you will agree with me that before such doubt was publicly expressed, some inquiry should have been made, and that the person responsible for this statement should have at least given some reason for it. To act thus is not in accordance with the principles upon which our Order is founded. Our returns are open to examination by any member of our Order, and I challenge the strictest enquiry. The best corroboration of my statement of the returns is afforded by the large increase to our funds, which depend upon capitation fees on members of Lodges and on fees for degrees conferred." Having announced that by the receipt of sundry donations, their Building Fund had increased to 45,500 rupees, and having referred to the deaths of certain prominent members of the Order and other matters, Bro. Prinsep brought his address to a close. The Reports of the District Board of General Purposes and of the Grand Committee of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence having been taken as read and adopted, and apologies for non-attendance from many brethren having been read, a resolution of sympathy with the District Grand Lodge of Bombay on the death of Bro. W. H. Hussey, Past Deputy D.G.M., their District Grand Secretary, was unanimously passed, and the proceedings terminated.

LINKS OF LIFE.

How precious are the links of life  
Which bind us one by one,  
Forming a lengthen'd golden chain,  
In Childhood's years begun.

Time, who with sure, unerring force  
Loosens material ties,  
Rivets anew affection's chain,  
And weakening power defies.

Closely, more closely, do we draw  
The chain around our hearts,  
And fondly hope, unbroken still,  
To keep till life departs.

But ah! in vain—it may not be,—  
When nearer is enwrapt  
Around our hearts some precious link,  
By death's rude hand is snapt,

The dearest tie that bound our lives,  
Now severed and in twain,  
Still must we mourn the vacant place,  
Still bear our broken chain.

And thus, when from our shatter'd hearts—  
Link after link is fled,  
When, cheerless, hopeless, all alone,  
Stern Duty's path we tread.

God o'er our dark despairing souls  
Still sheds His glorious light,  
Assures us He our broken links  
In Heaven will re-unite.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The General Committee of Grand Lodge and also the Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, President, in the chair. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice President, acted as Senior Vice President, and Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., as Junior Vice President. Bros. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. Grand Sec.; W. H. Lee, and Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department; and the other brethren present were Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Henry Garrod, S. Valentine, S. V. Abraham, R. Loveland Loveland, George B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, George R. Langley, W. Fisher, R. H. Evans, J. H. Matthews, George Graveley, Robert A. Gowan, William Vincent, T. W. Whitmarsh, Walter Martin, William F. Smithson, W. M. Bywater, Joseph Mansfield, John L. Bewsey, W. F. Lamony, George W. Mitchell, James Joseph Hall, E. W. R. Smith, C. H. Webb, H. S. Timpson, Hy. K. Cheese, H. Wilkinson, D. H. McGowan, Stephen Richardson, J. W. Benyon, G. H. Newington Bridges, J. G. W. James, R. T. Whaites, H. Hooper, H. Keeble, Sidney W. Larkin, W. R. Boswell, C. R. Lyne, W. W. Butcher, Thomas Easterbrook, Robert Robinson, H. Massey, Henry S. Windsor, John K. Gwyn, John E. Pells, and Paul J. Kilby.

At the Board of Masters the paper of agenda for next Wednesday week at Grand Lodge was settled. At the Board of Benevolence, recommendations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the amount of £480 were confirmed. There were 20 cases on the new list, out of which there were only two from London. The remaining were from Liverpool (two), Shepton Mallet, Dartford, Ventnor (I.W.), Wallsend, Paignton, Gainsborough, Port Melbourne (Victoria), Newcastle-on-Tyne, Croston, East Looe, Birkenhead, Bristol, Wincanton, Newport (Mon.), and Mottram. Two of the cases were deferred and one petition was dismissed. The other applicants were relieved with a total sum of £495.

Grand Lodge was recommended to grant two petitioners £100 each and one petitioner £50, and the Grand Master was recommended to grant two petitioners £30 each. Immediate relief was given to seven cases in £20 each, four £10 each, and one petitioner received £5.

### MASONIC BANQUET AT HAREWOOD HOUSE, ROSS.

A banquet was given by Bro. H. H. Parry, J.D. of the Palladian Lodge, No 120, Hereford, at Harewood House, Ross, on Tuesday, the 13th instant. The members of the Palladian Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, Hereford, and the members of the Ross Vitruvian Lodge were invited. Bro. Parry presided. The Hereford brethren present were Bros. H. C. Beddoe, D.P.G.M.; E. Stephens, W.M.; J. Marchant, P.M.; W. Rowe, P.M.; D. Blinkhorn, P.M.; J. Norton, P.M.; W. Parly, P.M.; J. Barnes, P.M.; E. Shaw, P.M.; A. White, P.M.; and R. G. R. Evans; and Comps. Charles Rootes, A. S. Townsend, W. Stafford, C. E. A. Moore, W. W. Robinson, W. Margrett, W. Caldwell, Org.; J. Marsh, C. Vaughan, S. T. Phillips, W. Mason, W. H. Oswin, P. Morris, H. Matthews, W. Laphorne, Godsell, Stephens, F. S. Prosser, G. W. Meats, W. Haywood, and Yeomans. Amongst the Ross brethren who attended were Bros. J. E. S. Hewett, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Matthews, P.M.; S. G. Yates, P.M.; G. F. Minett, P.M.; the Rev. Douglas Seaton, P.M.; J. Lewis, P.M.; L. U. Wooler, P.M.; F. Cooper, J.W.; A. P. Small, S.D.; J. H. Hall, D.C.; W. Small, I.G.; F. Brendon, W. T. Casson, Allan Evans, E. Knibbs, W. H. Smith, Dr. E. M. Knapp, W. Thorpe, J. G. Wall, and G. W. Innell.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Parry for his kind reception by Bros. BEDDOE, D.P.G.M.; E. STEPHENS, W.M. Palladian Lodge; and J. E. S. HEWETT, P.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge.

To this Bro. PARRY suitably responded.

After the banquet the brethren inspected the beautiful grounds and park, and also the handsome church adjoining Bro. Parry's residence, which was built by a Freemason. In the park there is a fine echoing oak, and a holy thorn, the latter of which only buds on Christmas Day. A pleasant and enjoyable time was spent by all the brethren.

### Craft Masonry.

#### Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

Notwithstanding the holiday season, the regular meeting of this lodge held on Thursday evening, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, was very numerous attended, nearly 40 brethren of the lodge and visitors having assembled to listen to a further paper read by Bro. J. T. Last, I.P.M., on "Masonic Jurisprudence," dealing on this occasion with the subject of "The Freemason as a Visitor," and, judging from the many complimentary remarks made regarding the paper, the brethren felt themselves amply repaid for any trouble or self-denial they had been put to or had exercised in attending a Masonic lodge at this season of the year. In the absence of the W.M., who with his family were cruising round the British Isles for a well-earned holiday, Bro. J. T. Last, I.P.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Morton, S.W.; Saml. Robinson, as J.W.; J. Niven, P.M.; S. A. Auty, P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. Wilson, P.M., Chap.; J. Haigh, P.M.; W. Shaw Smith, Asst. Sec.; R. S. Hird, J.D.; T. P. Sykes, J. S. Hedley, W. Docksey, R. Harland, J. S. Marsland, R. B. Nicholls, H. Holmes, Tyler; J. J. Whittaker, J. Bland, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, Prov. A.G. Sec.; S. H. Stocks, P.M. 603, P.P.G.D.; Rev. B. Mayon, 974, P.P.G.C.; J. Clough, W.M. 603; S. Law, I.P.M. 603; G. Armitage, I.G. 603; T. Walker, 603; H. Woodcock, 600; J. W. Woodhead, 600; T. Henry, 600; D. C. Kershaw, J.D. 1018; W. Dickinson, 974; C. Meeker, 974, United States Consul at Bradford; T. E. Greenough, W.M. 1545; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous regular lodge were confirmed. Bro. Last, I.P.M., then read the paper referred to, which was very attentively listened to by the brethren. Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Haigh, P.M., seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Last for his very interesting paper. The resolution was supported by Bro. Matthewman, Prov. A.G. Sec., who stated that he had travelled from Horsforth to hear the paper, as he was confident that when Bro. Last had undertaken to deal with the subject it would be done thoroughly. He had listened very attentively with the object of seeing if any branch of the subject had been omitted, but he was able to say that every side of it had been discussed. He felt gratified—as he was sure all the brethren were—at having had the opportunity of hearing such an interesting paper read. The resolution was recorded on the minutes. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next regular lodge, and apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of the W.M. and a number of the brethren.

"Heartly good wishes" were tendered from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren dined together.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. J. T. Last, the acting W.M., on behalf of the lodge, gave them all a most hearty welcome, and stated that besides receiving the compliment of a visit from several Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, they were honoured that evening by the presence of the distinguished representative in Bradford of the Government of the United States of America, a country with whom the English nation was in amity, and the Grand Lodges of the respective Constitutions enjoyed fraternal intercourse. He (Bro. Last) regarded it as a compliment to English Freemasonry, that Bro. Claude Meeker, although an American citizen, had been received into the Craft through the medium of the English Constitution. Another of the visitors he would like specially to mention—Bro. Stocks, P.P.G.D.—was a Masonic veteran, who had given up visiting lodges years ago, but who, nevertheless, had made an exception that evening, and had travelled from a neighbouring town to be present and hear the paper which he (Bro. Last) had had the honour to read before the lodge. He most heartily welcomed Bro. Stocks as well as the W.M. and other brethren of the Zetland Lodge, No. 603, who had accompanied him, and he (Bro. Last) hoped to have the pleasure of their company as visitors at Lodge Acacia on future occasions.

Bro. S. H. Stocks, P.M. 603, P.P.G.D., responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and assured the acting W.M. and the brethren of the lodge that their visit that evening had been a great treat to them all. He thought he had given up Masonic visiting years ago, but he felt it a privilege to have heard the paper read in the lodge that evening. He was much gratified with the reception of the visitors, and, personally, he hoped to have the opportunity of again visiting the lodge. The acting W.M. had referred to the hearty welcome he had received as a visitor at the Zetland Lodge, he (Bro. Stocks) wished to state that if any of the brethren of Lodge Acacia would favour his lodge with a visit, they would meet with as hearty a welcome as Bro. Last had experienced.

Bro. T. E. Greenough, W.M. 1545, also responded, and, in referring to the paper read in the lodge, stated that they had heard much that was of interest to all, while many of the points that had been noticed were decidedly useful for a Master of a lodge to know.

Bro. Meeker, 974, the United States Consul at Bradford, as a young Mason, considered it a privilege to be permitted to add a few remarks in acknowledging the kindness and cordiality with which the toast of "The Visitors" had been received. He was indebted to the acting W.M. for having spent an exceedingly pleasant evening. He referred to the paper read in lodge in eulogistic terms, and as that was his first Masonic visit to a lodge, he assured the brethren that when he returned to his own country he would always have most pleasant reminiscences of the enjoyment of the present evening.

"The Acting W.M., Bro. Last," was proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. Stocks, P.P.G.D.

Bro. Last, I.P.M., who suitably responded, remarked that owing to the absence of the W.M., who was enjoying a holiday, he had had the privilege of again presiding over the lodge, an experience that perhaps might never again fall to his lot. It reminded him of the exceedingly happy year he spent as W.M. of the lodge, and he was particularly grateful, not only to the brethren who had supported him that evening, but also to the many visitors—some of whom had come from a distance—who had honoured the lodge by their presence that evening. It was very gratifying to him to have heard the paper he had had the honour to read before the lodge so well spoken of, so that he felt more than repaid for any little trouble he might have been put to in preparing it; indeed, it was a labour of love when doing anything for the lodge.

Bro. T. E. Greenough, W.M. 1545, proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. John Niven.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by Bro. John Morton, S.W., in suitable terms.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and harmonious meeting to a close.

Songs, recitations, and violin solos by Bros. Sykes, Harland, Wilson, Clough, Henry, Dickinson, and Smith were interspersed with the toasts.

### The Craft Abroad.

#### CRAFT MASONRY.

##### Lodge de Goede Hoop (N.C.).

The above lodge—the mother lodge in South Africa—held its installation on the 22nd June in its Grand Temple. The band of the D.E.O.V.R. was in attendance in the grounds, and beguiled the time, while the ladies and little ones waited for the procession, with appropriate music. Within the lodge a numerous company assembled, including the Worshipful Masters, officers, and brethren of the various lodges in Cape Town under the English, Scotch, and Netherlands Constitutions, the M.W.S., Bro. C. C. Silberbauer, and members of the Goede Hoop Rose Croix Chapter, whose brilliant regalia was a striking feature in the procession. The Dist. G.M. South Africa, Western Division, Bro. Very Rev. C. W. Barnett-Clarke, M.A., was accompanied by the following District Grand Officers: Bros. Turner, 1860, D.S.G.W.; C. J. Hogg, 2537, D.G. Reg.; J. B. Wheelwright, 2379, D.G. Sec.; J. A. Yallop, 1735, D.G.D. of C.; G. McCann, 334, D.A.G.D. of C.; G. E. O. Bennett, 334, D.G.P.; and T. Healey, 2379, and E. T. M. Notcutt, 2537, D.G. Stewards.

As soon as the brethren were in their places, the Deputy Grand Master National, Bro. D. P. Faure, was announced, and was received with all due honours. He was accompanied by Bros. O. D. Douallier, Lodge de Goede Hoop, P.G. Orator; W. J. Matthews, Lodge de Goede Hoop, P.S.G.W.; G. Marshall, Lodge de Goede Hoop, P.G. Treas.; H. L. Wagner, Lodge de Goede Hoop, P.G. Sec.; J. W. Parrott, Lodge de Goede Hoop, P.G.D.C.; and F. T. R. Griesbach, Lodge de Goede Hoop, Inspector of Public Works. Besides the Worshipful Masters who were with their respective Grand Lodges, there were present: Bros. Bain, P.D.D.G.M., E.D.S.A.; Parratt, P.D.G.S.B.; Allan Wright, P.M. 398 (S.C.); J. Martin, P.M. 654 (S.C.); and W. Coward, R.W.M. 420 (S.C.).

After the opening hymn, the Deputy Grand Master expressed his pleasure on being there on that occasion, and in the course of further remarks said that the re-election of the W.M., Bro. C. E. Lewis, was a greater honour than the election last year. On that occasion the brethren had acted on faith, but this time of knowledge. Bro. O. D. Douallier presented the W.M. elect to the Deputy Grand Master, who administered the usual obligation and installed the W.M. in the seat of honour. The W.M. was then proclaimed and saluted in the accustomed manner, and forthwith proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. T. Amphlett, S.W.; H. Wilson, J.W.; D. Tennant, Orator; W. H. Tiffany, Sec. and Treas.; J. Jones, Ambassador; R. Rothkugel, Master of Ceremonies; F. L. St. Leger, Almoner; A. M. de Witt, Architect; J. C. Piton, 1st Prep.; A. L. Peters, 2nd Prep.; E. T. M. Notcutt, Dep. Orator; E. L. Ralling, Dep. Sec.; W. J. A. Wheeler, Dep. Treas.; P. H. Vom Dorp, Dep. Ambassador; C. T. Mills, Dep. M. of C.; E. J. Edwards, Treasurer of Benevolent Fund; A. Scharfscheer, Director of Music; A. Adamson, I.G.; and A. J. Roux, Tyler.

The W.M. made a presentation to Bro. W. H. Tiffany, and spoke very feelingly of the brother's visit to England, and fervently wished that he might be restored to them in perfect health.

Bro. Tiffany, in reply, thanked them and spoke of all the Past Masters of the lodge having attended on that occasion. He said that the Lodge de Goede Hoop was part of his life, and also of the great kindness he had received from all.

The Tyler, Bro. A. J. Roux, was loudly applauded as his well-known figure moved up the lodge, the W.M. remarking that the Tyler had served nearly as many years in that capacity as the W.M. had lived in this world.

The oration customary on such occasions was delivered by Bro. D. Tennant, who spoke of his predecessors as having raised the standard of the orations. The office had also to him a personal interest, as not only was a representative of his family among the founders in 1772, but another member of the family, a great uncle, was orator 63 years ago. They had met that day for a three-fold object; to celebrate the anniversary of their patron saint, for the closing of the old and the commencement of the new Masonic year. He alluded to the occupation in the profane world of the W.M.—that of education—a profession second to none in laying the corner-stones of all true advancement. Masonry in the assemblage before him well illustrated the principles of unity, brotherly love, and accord, for though of different creeds and politics, they were met together in peace and unity, demonstrating that grand truth of peace on earth and goodwill towards men. Liberty, equality, and fraternity, those terrible words to the outside world that had cost rivers of blood through men's mistaken notion of it, were fully illustrated within Masonry to a great extent. They were heirs to a great estate if they were mindful of their duty. Without a due sense of their duty all their beautiful forms and ceremonies became a meaningless farce and a mere toy. Had they in the heat and hurry and bustle of this nineteenth century ever turned aside to lend a hand to help a weaker or fallen brother. There was not so much difference between them, the Speculative and the Operative Masons of the middle ages. The Operative Masons wrought in the rough stones, and having fashioned them, placed them in the grand buildings they were rearing; while the Speculative Mason laboured upon the hearts of men to fit them for the Grand Lodge above. May they all so labour that there may be said to them: "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful in a few things, be thou ruler over many things!"

The Deputy Master, Bro. W. H. F. Pocock, being in Europe, was not invested with his jewel of office. Bro. O. D. Douallier, the retiring Deputy Master, considered that he should not hold office again at present, but should make room for others.

The usual procession was formed after the collection for the Masonic Education Fund had been made, and the brethren perambulated the grounds to the strains of the E.A. March.

On the return to the lodge, the W.M. thanked the visitors for their attendance, and expressed his pleasure at the cordial relations that existed between the Netherlands and English Constitutions.

The lodge was then closed, and the annual banquet took place in the evening.

THE QUEEN will hold a Privy Council at Osborne to-morrow (Saturday) for the purpose of signing the proclamation proroguing Parliament. A special train has been ordered for 10.15 a.m. to convey the Councillors from the Victoria Station of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway to Portsmouth, whence they will cross to Cowes in one of the Royal yachts. It has been arranged that the Queen will leave Osborne for Scotland on Tuesday next, the 27th inst.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**  
For the week ending Saturday, August 31, 1895.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26.**  
(No Meetings).

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.  
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.  
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.**  
(No Meetings).

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Stee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.  
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Eagle, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.  
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Sts., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.**  
(No Meetings).

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 41, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Cray Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney, 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tavern, 7, Newington Causeway, 8.  
Pinnure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-riding-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29.**

General Committee Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Derby Allerott, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.

High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.  
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.  
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.**  
(No Meetings).

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
Crossaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grave, Notting-hill, 8.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.30.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Ke Bridge, at 8.  
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31.**

House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, at 3.  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8.  
Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)**

For the week ending Saturday, August 31, 1895.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26.**

CRAFT LODGES.	Manchester ... 997	R.A. CHAPTER.	
Gateshead ... 48	Liverpool ... 1325	Chorley ... 730	
Jersey ... 491	Okehampton ... 1753	MARK LODGES.	
Callington ... 557	York ... 1991	Devonport ... 64	Liverpool ... 161

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.**

CRAFT LODGES.	Liverpool ... 1609	R.A. CHAPTERS.	
Derby ... 253	Brighton ... 1636	Birmingham ... 74	
Birmingham ... 1016	Liverpool ... 1075	Sheerness ... 158	
Manchester ... 1052	Sheffield ... 1779	MARK LODGE.	
Milton ... 1390	Fenton ... 1942	Redruth ... 73	
	Plymouth ... 2025		

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.**

CRAFT LODGES.	Brislington ... 1296	R.A. CHAPTERS.	
Winchester ... 76	Cleator Moor ... 1989	Ipswich ... 376	
Garston ... 220	Tunstall ... 2064	Liverpool ... 249	
Leeds ... 304	Hanley ... 2149	MARK LODGE.	
Liverpool ... 724	Cadroxton ... 2357	Swansea ... 179	
Jarrow ... 1110	Kingston-on-Thames ... 2444		

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29.**

CRAFT LODGES.	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Jersey ... 590	Hull ... 57
Hounslow ... 2523	Halifax ... 448

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.**

(No Meetings).

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31.**

(No Meetings).

**WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.**

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.  
Closed.  
DRURY LANE THEATRE.  
Closed.  
GAIRTY THEATRE.  
At 8, THE SHOP GIRL.  
PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.  
At 8, GENTLEMAN JOE.  
AVENUE THEATRE.  
Closed.  
LYRIC THEATRE.  
At 8.30, AN ARTIST'S MODEL.  
SAVOY THEATRE.  
Closed.  
TOOLE'S THEATRE.  
Closed.  
STRAND THEATRE.  
At 8.45, NEW YORK DIVORCE.  
TERRY'S THEATRE.  
At 8.30, THE PRUDES PROGRESS.  
ADELPHI THEATRE.  
Closed.  
GRAND THEATRE.  
At 7.30, CAMILLE.  
SURREY THEATRE.  
At 8, THE WORLD'S VERDICT.  
BRITANNIA THEATRE.  
At 7, MANKIND.  
ELEPHANT AND CASTLE THEATRE.  
At 7.30, A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE.  
EMPIRE.  
At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
ALHAMBRA.  
At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
LONDON PAVILION.  
At 7.15, AN UNSUCCESSFUL VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
TIVOLI.  
At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
OXFORD.  
At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
CANTERBURY.  
At 7.10, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
PARAGON.  
At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
THE ROYAL, HOLBORN.  
At 7.15, A BRILLIANT COMPANY OF STAR ARTISTS.  
METROPOLITAN.  
At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
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At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.  
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## Masonic and General Tidings.

WE ARE PLEASED TO HEAR that Bro. Sir George W. Elliot has so far recovered from his recent serious illness as to be able to be moved to Whitby.

BRO. AND MRS. B. I. BARNATO arrived on Sunday morning at Southampton from the Cape on board the steamship Norman, and proceeded to London to their temporary residence at No. 24, South-street, Park-lane.

NOTICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED at Aldershot that the Duke of Cambridge, the Commander-in-chief, will be with General Lick's Cavalry on the 28th and 29th instant, and also with the Duke of Connaught's Field Force about Broomey Plain.

THE ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY'S great annual Irish Horse and Sheep Show will be opened at Bull's Bridge, Dublin, on Tuesday next, and will remain open four days. The number of entries is 1,405, and is the largest on record. His excellency the Lord Lieutenant will visit the show on Wednesday.

NEWS WAS RECEIVED at Berlin from St. Petersburg on Monday to the effect that the Artillery Barracks at Tula, about 100 miles south of Moscow, had been blown up by a mine, which is said to have been laid by Nihilist conspirators. Some 300 soldiers and several officers are reported to have been killed, and the building to have been completely wrecked.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED in both Houses of Parliament on Monday that the Duke of Cambridge will be succeeded in the command of the British Army by Bro. Viscount Wolseley, who, however, will enter upon his duties on the 1st November and under altered conditions. Lord Wolseley will be succeeded in the command of the troops in Ireland by Bro. F.-M. Lord Roberts.

AT THE ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND at Upper Norwood on Monday, Miss Nellie Adams, a pupil of that Institution, who is only 16 years of age, was successful in passing the Second-Class Figure Skating Test of the National Skating Association, being highly commended for the excellence of her style and finish. At the same time Miss Emily Lucas, a fellow pupil, passed the Third-Class Test.

THE MARQUIS and Marchioness of Londonderry have been entertaining a large number of guests at Wynyard Park, Stockton, during the present week, among them being Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, Bro. the Earl of Durham, the Earl of Crewe, Viscount and Viscountess Curzon, the Countess of Derby and the Lady Isobel Stanley, Captain Machel, Sir Samuel Scott, Major Egerton, and Viscount Castlereagh.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES visited the Empire of India Exhibition on Saturday afternoon last, and was escorted through the jungle, the menagerie, the Queen's palace, and other buildings by Mr. Imre Kiralfy. In the evening, accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, he witnessed a performance of "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" at the Vaudeville Theatre.

THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS opened at the rooms of the Society of Arts, Adelphi, on Monday for the purpose of inaugurating a general International Co-operative Alliance. Earl Grey presided, and delivered an address, in which the objects of the gathering were set forth very clearly, among those present being delegates from France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Roumania, Switzerland, Germany, and the United States.

THE EXPEDITION under the command of Admiral Rawson and General Sir Lloyd W. Mathews, which left Zanzibar on the 12th instant for the purpose of attacking Mwele and punishing the insurgent chief, M'Baruk, accomplished its task on Saturday last, the casualties being limited to three killed, three severely wounded, and seven slightly wounded, among the latter being the General, Lieut. Kennedy of the Phœbe, and Midshipman Grogan of the St. George.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and the Princesses Victoria and Maud left Marlborough House on Monday afternoon on a visit to the King and Queen of Denmark. Their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York, drove to Charing Cross, where they took the train for Port Victoria. On reaching the latter place about 4 p.m., they were conducted on board the Royal Yacht Osborne, and half an hour afterwards left Sheerness Harbour for Copenhagen.

THAT VERY ENTERPRISING WEEKLY, *Great Thoughts*, which has been giving a railway insurance coupon for a long time past, has now gone one better than any of its rivals in the matter of insurance. By the coupon published this week anyone may, by simply signing their name upon the *Great Thoughts* insurance coupon, insure themselves for £2000 against accidents while travelling in railway trains, cabs, busses, or steamboats; or if a 12 months' subscription is paid in advance, either to the publisher or to the subscriber's local newsagent, and the receipt registered at *Great Thoughts* office, it is not necessary for such a subscriber to sign the coupon at all, which obviates the possibility of the insurance company invalidating the insurance through lack of the owner's signature.

TRULY, THE MASONIC WORLD MOVES.—The wife of T. W. Parvin, the daughter of a Past Grand Master, and the daughter-in-law of Most Worshipful Brother Theodore Sutton Parvin, of Iowa, Past Grand Master; Past Grand Commander; Past High Priest, and an active member of the Southern Supreme Council, 33rd and last degree, is a 14th degree Mason, Lodge of Perfection, and was the Worshipful Master of "Martha Washington Lodge of Master Masons" in Mexico. Brother Theodore Sutton Parvin was himself knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of Chicago, January 10, 1855. He never expected then to live to see the day when his son and son's wife would meet in the same Master Mason's lodge, and the son's wife would be the Worshipful Master.—*Chicago Legal News*.

BRO. THE EARL OF DUNRAVEN'S yacht Valkyrie, which left Tory Island on July 28th, arrived off Sandy Hook on Sunday, and met with a magnificent reception from the New Yorkers, who in tugs and steam yachts escorted her with cheers and salutes from steam whistles to the quarantine station, which was reached about 10 p.m. The Valkyrie experienced some rough weather on her voyage. She encountered a fresh gale from N.N.W. with high seas shortly after her departure, and on the 31st it began to blow again from the N.W., the gale lasting five days. According to Capt. Cranfield, who was in charge, the passage was a good one considering the weather she encountered. The yacht was greatly admired, and was stripped of her rigging preparatory to her going into dry dock on Monday. The pluck and perseverance of Bro. the Earl of Dunraven in returning to the attack are acknowledged on all hands, and hopes are expressed that the race for the America Cup will be free from the trouble previously caused by excursion steamers and other craft.

GEN. JOHN CORSON SMITH, ex-Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, on his second trip around the world, with his daughter Ruth, spent a few days this month at York, England. York Lodge gave the General a splendid reception on the evening of July 15th. The General presented the lodge with "Bradwell's Ancient Masonic York Rolls," with American Appendix, illustrated. He had the pleasure of again meeting personally Josh Todd, the custodian of the Rolls, who is the Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge of England, and a very earnest Freemason. It was "hee" and T. B. Whythead, one of the most prominent Freemasons and writers in York, who transcribed the Ancient Rolls from which the first 102 pages of "Bradwell's Masonic Rolls" were printed. J. Sykes Rymer, the five hundredth Lord Mayor of the city of York, in regular succession (a half-tone portrait of whom appears in "Bradwell's Masonic Rolls"), gave to Gen. Smith such a dinner as only an Englishman knows how to give to his friends. Bro. Rymer was entertained during the World's Fair at "Smith's Inn," 65, Sibley-roads. The health of the General and his daughter has been greatly improved by this voyage around the world. Gen. Smith was pleased to learn upon arriving at York that the "Ancient Companions" would be out in full force to attend the Triennial Conclave at Boston. The General will sail on August 3rd, on the Lucania, for America.—*Chicago Legal News*.

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THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE arrived at Dover from the Continent on Wednesday for the purpose of making his final inspection of the troops in the district.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK has been pleased, with the approval of the Queen, to appoint Lady Katherine Coke and Miss Georgina M. Tifnell to be Ladies-in-Waiting to her Royal Highness.

BRO. THE EARL OF DUNRAVEN, accompanied by the Ladies Rachel and Alicia Wyndham Quin, sailed for New York on Wednesday on board the White Star liner Teutonic, to witness the race for the America Cup.

THE 5TH ANNUAL AUTUMNAL MEETING of the Institute of British Carriage Manufacturers was opened at Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday, the delegates from all parts of the United Kingdom being received by the Mayor at the Town Hall.

BRO. LORD HENRY BENTINCK, M.P., has been appointed Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, in succession to the late Earl of Bective. His lordship will be installed by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, at Keswick, on Thursday, the 12th prox.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES left Charing Cross Station by special train for Dover, en route for Homburg, where his Royal Highness proposes to make a stay of some three weeks. The Prince was accompanied by the Duke of York on his way from Marlborough House, and was loudly cheered as the train moved out of the station.

BRO. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P., gave a dinner party at Holly Lodge, Highgate, on Wednesday, at which there were present, among other M.P.s., Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., W. H. Long, Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., Graham Murray, Sir James Fergusson, Bart., the Marquis of Carmarthen, and Lord Stanley.

THE 40TH ANNUAL FETE of the Ancient Order of Foresters was held at the Crystal Palace on Monday, when an ample programme was provided for the delectation of the thousands who attended this popular gathering. The profits of the fete will be devoted to the District Gifts' Fund, the Foresters' Asylum, and the Convalescent Home at Dover.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT paid a visit to the Queen at Osborne on Tuesday, crossing from Portsmouth to Cowes in the Royal yacht Alberta. The Duke and Duchess of York arrived at Portsmouth on Wednesday for the purpose of being present at the launch of the battleship Prince George. Their Royal Highnesses were the guests of Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, V.C.

IT IS SO COMMON and so easy in these times of unrest and novelties, and the insane desire to make Masonry "keep step to the progress of the times," to suggest all sorts of theories, which are set up to destroy the established law of Masonry, that our brethren must be careful and watchful that these schismatic theories do not taint our beloved Craft.—*Keystone*.

A BEAUTIFUL ALBUM, containing views of the English Lake District recently visited by the Emperor of Germany, has been presented, through the Earl of Lonsdale, by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood to his Majesty for the Empress, and Lord Lonsdale has expressed to them his sincere thanks not only for the gift they have forwarded through him, but also for the hearty welcome they extended to his Imperial Majesty.

A FIRE broke out at Appleby Castle, the Westmorland residence of Bro. Lord Hothfield, the Lord Lieutenant of the county, on Tuesday, but the fire brigade with the engine presented to it by his lordship quickly arrived on the scene from Appleby, and the fire was promptly extinguished, but not until it had done a considerable amount of damage to the building. Happily none of the valuable pictures and ancient records were injured.

THE FIRST MATCH—for the Albert Cup—at the annual regatta of the Royal Albert Yacht Club was sailed off Southsea on Monday, the entries including the Britannia and the Ailsa. The former obtained a good lead early in the match, and, improving her advantage, ultimately won the Cup, the second prize going to the Ailsa. Earl Dudley's Inyoni, the American Niagara, and Bro. the Earl of Dunraven's Audrey were placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in the 20-tonner race, while Maid Marion, Creole, and Heath passed the winning point in the order named in the match for cruisers.

NATIONAL DEPOSIT FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—The agents in the Berks and Hants branch of this society have presented a handsomely fitted travelling bag to Bro. George J. Cosburn, M.J.L., of the Caxton Printing Works, Newbury, on his relinquishing the office of county Secretary, after 23 years' service. The presentation was made on behalf of the agents on Saturday by Mr. F. H. Stillman, Chairman of the Newbury District Committee. The subscribers to the testimonial expressed the high esteem in which they held Bro. Cosburn, and also their best wishes for his future health and prosperity.

THE NORTH LONDON CYCLE CLUB held their annual 100 miles open race on the Catford track, on Saturday afternoon last. There was a good attendance of spectators, the number of entries being 22. The winner turned up in the person of F. D. Frost, of the Bath Road Club, who broke all previous amateur records from 54 to 100 miles, covering the whole distance in 3 hrs. 55 min. 47 secs, the previous best having been that of C. G. Wridgway, on the Herne Hill track, on the 6th July last, when he covered the distance in 4 hrs. 5 min. 30-1-5th sec. A. W. Horton, of the Catford C.C., beat the previous best times from 27 to 36 miles.

ROBERT MORRIS, a prominent Mason of Kentucky, was sent to Palestine some 18 years ago on a search for Masonic remains and trophies. He came back with quantities of baggage, but only the initiated know what he found. Among other interesting things, he conducted a lodge in this Bezetha quarry. All the American and English Masons in Palestine were gathered together, and the little lodge, with all its forms and symbolism was held in this smoke-stained quarry under the mountain where Solomon himself may have trod. It is related that these brethren from far lands washed themselves in the historic basins and set their lamps under the old smoke stains, but that is tradition. At any rate, they tried to bridge as far as possible the impossible gulf of 3000 years. (*Ex*).

THE ANNUAL BRASS BAND COMPETITION for prizes to the value of £45 took place in West Ham Park on Saturday last. The number of competing bodies was 10, each of them being required to play the piece by Schubert, which was performed at the recent Eisteddfod at Llanelly. The judge was Mr. George Miller, Mus. Bac., Cambridge, whose decision was given in favour of No. 8, which turned out to be the regimental band of the 4th V.B. Essex, which won last year. To this was accordingly awarded the first prize of £20, the second prize of £10 being received by the Romford Companies Band of the 1st V.B. Essex, the third, of £5 by the Thames Ironworks Band, and the 4th, of £3, by the Epping Forest and Loughton Band. There was also a quick step contest, while for the march round the 3rd V.B. Essex Bugle Band was the only entry. There was a large attendance of the general public.

THE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS of the Mutual Life of New York for the year 1894 continue to show a marvellous increase all along the line, and have received ample and favourable notice on all sides. It is worthy of being remembered that the company continues to be specially careful of the nature of its risks. It avoids unhealthy and risky lives. It also seeks only to establish its business in healthy and well-regulated districts. It is matter of common knowledge that the bulk of its risks are in the best parts of the United States and the British Empire. In search of good fields for life risks it came to Great Britain eight years ago. British life offices have a standing and repute all over the world. The Mutual Life came to share with them in the good business to be found in Great Britain, and it came to stay. In eight years the company has built up a premium income as large as offices of 60 or 70 years' existence, and in these last is included not their British business only, but their whole premium income, wherever derived from. This is a position the British policy-holders and agents of the company may well be proud of.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT happened to the Seaford, one of the Newhaven and Dieppe Cross-Channel Service of Steamers on Tuesday afternoon. The vessel had left Dieppe at 1.30 p.m., having on board 255 passengers and a crew of 42 all told, when within 25 miles of the English coast it was run into by the cargo steamer Lyon, of Dieppe. A dense fog prevailed at the time of the collision, but Captain Sharp and his officers and men remained perfectly calm and collected, the passengers were furnished or furnished themselves with lifebelts, and the boats were ordered to be got out. But the Lyon coming alongside, the whole of the passengers and crew were safely transferred to her decks, the only casualties happening to some ladies, one of whom fell into the water, and on being rescued was found to have broken her ankle, while two others had broken legs, and a gentleman a broken arm. The captain was the last to leave the Seaford, which sank stern first some 40 minutes after it had been struck. The Lyon also sustained great damage, but at once headed for Newhaven, and landed the passengers and crew of the ill-fated ship. It was impossible to save any of the luggage.