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CHRISTIANITY AND FREEMASONRY.

We reproduce elsewhere a letter which appeared in the *Church Times* of the 14th instant, on the subject of "Christianity and Freemasonry." The writer, who signs himself "OFFEIRIAD," takes as his text the proposal that was made some time since to the effect that "a gathering of clerical and lay Freemasons might well be included among the informal function of the Church Congress week." "OFFEIRIAD," however, is not only opposed to any such gathering being so included, but is of opinion that "all English Churchmen would surely do well to refuse to countenance it (Freemasonry) in the slightest degree. That there are already good Catholics in the Fraternity is a hindrance to the Faith." How he has managed to arrive at this extraordinary conclusion, is a marvel to us. We agree with him that a considerable section of "Continental Freemasonry"—not the whole of it, as he affirms—"is well known to be the rallying point of all those forces which are hostile to Christianity, and is rightly and virtually under the ban of the Church in those countries which own allegiance to the Roman see." As he states, and our readers know, our Grand Lodge has severed all connection with the Grand Orient of France, in consequence of the elimination some years since from its Constitutions of that Article of Faith to be subscribed by all Masons of belief in God and the immortality of the soul. There are also other Grand Orients with which the Masons of England do not exchange representatives, and the not unreasonable inference is that those likewise are to a greater or less extent tarred with the same anti-religious brush. But our Grand Lodge is in alliance with those of Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Greece, and other European countries; because it is a fact, beyond dispute, that the Masonry practised, as well as professed, by them has the same religious basis as ours. He is, therefore, perfectly justified in admitting "that English Freemasonry is totally different" from that section of Continental Freemasonry from which we have openly separated, or with which we are not on terms of amity. But here our agreement with him ends. He evidently knows but little about English Freemasonry, and for this reason alone we think it would have become him better if he had abstained from rushing into print and laying down the law so absolutely as to what line of conduct English Churchmen should or should not adopt towards our Society. He is desirous of learning "whether the separation between English and Continental Freemasonry is more than merely nominal." To this query we

are in a position to answer unreservedly that it is; the more so, that we have a vivid recollection of the case of Sir ROBERT STOUT, who, four or five years since, was deprived of his rank and privileges in Freemasonry for having been a party to the establishment in New Zealand of a lodge with a warrant from the Grand Orient of France. Whether all the atheistic lodges of the Continent are under the same ban we are not in a position to say. We have already pointed out that there are other Grand Orients in Europe with which our Grand Lodge has never troubled itself to exchange representatives, but neither our Grand Lodge authorities nor we are able to determine whether all lodges in those countries with which we have no Masonic intercommunication are theistic or atheistic, any more than it is in the power of the heads of the Romish and Anglican Churches to determine whether all who profess Christianity according to the tenets of the one or the other of those Churches are truly Christian. It is enough for us that our Grand Lodge will have nothing to do with that section of Continental Masonry which has openly and avowedly declared itself to be non-religious; nor, where we have done all in our power to dissociate ourselves from those who have eliminated belief in God and a future state from the articles of their Masonic faith do we feel that we are called upon to give further guarantees that we are a non-sectarian religious body. But, inquires "OFFEIRIAD," have the Welsh lodges followed the example of the English? To this we reply, that as the Welsh lodges derive their warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, of which, indeed they are constituent members, it follows as a matter of course that they are bound equally with the English lodges by the edicts of our Grand Lodge. But, proceeds this most inquisitive of correspondents, "Even if they have repudiated the atheistic lodges, is the separation so complete that an English Mason would not be bound to recognise and assist a Continental Mason?" The question is an absurd one. If we repudiate what he calls "the atheistic lodges," it is impossible for us to recognise the members as Masons, seeing that repudiating and not recognising people as members of any fraternity are equivalent terms. If, however, he intends asking if an English Mason is bound to assist a man of some other nationality who calls himself a Mason and is in distress, it is impossible for our answer to be otherwise than most uncomplimentary to his sense of manhood. Whether we are Masons or non-Masons, Christians or non-Christians, it is our duty to assist a fellow who is in distress. We find him in need, and we give him what we can, without inquiring as to his religion or morals. All men are under an obligation to do this, and therefore, such a deed must tell not against Freemasonry, but in its favour. But if "OFFEIRIAD'S" question is simply as to whether we are bound to recognise and assist the Continental Mason in his crusade against religion and constituted authority, have we not already said that our repudiation of him as a Mason is a guarantee that, having no sympathy whatever with him and his works, we are not likely to aid and abet him in his evil designs? As for the penultimate paragraph of his letter, we are unable to see the force of the example he furnishes in the sentence—"For example, a Christian Mason is able to render aid to one only of two equally necessitous persons, who have asked his aid, the one as a Freemason (non-Christian) the other as a Christian. Here is the material for a very pretty dilemma. He is constrained to sin or to break his Masonic obligation." We fail to see where the dilemma comes in in the example he has selected. A man who is a Christian and a Mason does what he can towards

assisting two necessitous persons, of whom, as he suggests, one is a Christian and the other is not; nor because he is unable to assist both does he commit any sin or violate any obligation. Neither Christianity nor Freemasonry exacts impossibilities of its followers. We recommend OFFEIRIAD to read up his New Testament and expend the modest sum of eighteenpence in the purchase of our Book of Constitutions. When he has mastered the contents of these volumes he will be better qualified to sit in judgment on the conduct of those English clergymen and laymen who have not thought it derogatory to their character as ministers of religion and educated men to enrol themselves as members of our Fraternity. He might at least do worse than acquaint himself with the nature of Christian as well as of Masonic Charity. A knowledge of these virtues would materially assist in divesting him of the absurd prejudices he appears to have formed against our Society.

THE PROVINCE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire—of which we published a full report in our issue of last week—were of more than usual interest, and, consequently, there was not only a very large attendance of the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and of the representatives of private lodges, but there was also a considerable muster of Grand Officers, amongst whom were the Grand Secretary, Bros. HUGHAN and LANE, Bro. MCLEOD, the Secretary of the Boys' School, and Bro. Col. JOHN ELLIOTT, the Past District Grand Master of Barbados. The occasion which brought together so many of our most distinguished brethren was none other than the installation of a new Grand Master of the Province—Bro. the Hon. Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE—whom, on the resignation being announced of Bro. Viscount EBRINGTON, his Royal Highness was pleased to select as his lordship's successor. Thus at the outset of the meeting the retiring Prov. Grand Master very impressively and at the same time very gracefully discharged the duty of Installing Master, and inducted the new Provincial Grand Master into the chair of the Province in strict accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft. Bro. Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE was then proclaimed and saluted, and Bro. DAVIE, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presented him, on behalf of the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges in Devonshire, with a hearty address of welcome, and, in doing so, not only uttered a few words of congratulation to their newly-installed chief, but, at the same time, tendered a plain, but heartfelt, tribute of respect to Bro. Viscount EBRINGTON for the many valuable services he had rendered during his 17 years' tenure of office, and for the exceeding care and kindness with which he had watched over their interests. The PROV. G. MASTER having acknowledged the address, and eulogised the services of his predecessor, proceeded to invest, as his Deputy, Bro. DAVIE, whom he thanked for consenting to retain that office, and to whom an address of thanks was presented by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER of the premier lodge in Devonshire—that of St. John the Baptist, No. 39, Exeter—for his eloquent oration at the recent opening of the new Masonic Hall at Exeter, and his general services to Freemasonry. Then followed the business, which is ordinarily transacted at these annual gatherings, and from the reports that were submitted, it is evident that both as regards membership and funds, the Province is in a prosperous condition, the total number of subscribing members on the books of P.G. Lodge being 3318, while the Prov. Treasurer's closing balance for the past year was in excess of that with which he opened the account. It was likewise shown that the Fortescue Annuity Fund was doing good and greater work than in the past, the number of annuitants being at the present time 11, as against nine in the year 1894-5. Nor were the services of the Rev. Bro. W. WHITTLEY, as the representative in London of the Provincial Petitions Committee, unforgotten, and the opportunity was taken of his retirement in favour of Bro. WESTLAKE, to present him with a silver salver in recognition of the able manner in which he had performed the duties that had devolved upon him. Lastly, on the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge having unanimously adopted a resolution of regret at Bro. Lord EBRINGTON'S retirement and in warm

appreciation of his services, his lordship acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his gratitude to the Province generally, but more especially to its officers for the loyal and ungrudging support he had always received at their hands. It is a long time since so important a programme of business has had to be disposed of at a Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, and we heartily congratulate our Devonian brethren on the marked success of this memorable meeting. We have no doubt its honourable traditions will be as worthily maintained under the guidance of the new Provincial Grand Master as they were under his distinguished predecessor.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 21st prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd June for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Special Grand Lodge of the 29th July for confirmation.
3. To read acknowledgment of address from Grand Lodge to his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the occasion of the 21st Anniversary of his Installation as Grand Master.
4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

A brother of the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 947, Stockton-on-Tees	£50 0 0
A brother of the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend	50 0 0
A brother of the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry	50 0 0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:

TITLE OF OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Catalogue of Library of Lodge Archimedes, Gera, Germany	Paul Fischer, Librarian.
A Handbook of Jamaica in 1896	W. A. Feurtado, P.M. 1836.
Official and Other Personages in Jamaica	
Royal Arch Clothing of the late Earl of Zetland	Lord Bolton, Past G. Warden.
Curious Old Workbox, with Masonic Emblems	
A Masonic Manuscript (French)	Ishak Ibrahim (Alexandria).
History of Freemasonry in Rhode Island	Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary Rhode Island.
Warrant of Walmsley Lodge, No. 14, Nova Scotia	Col. F. R. Sewell, D.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland.
History of Lodge St. John, No. 16, Scotland	George R. Urr, P.M. 16.
Old Masonic Jewel (silver)	J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B.
Old Royal Arch Jewel	Dr. J. Wilkie Burman, P.M. 663.
Celebration of 150th Anniversary of the Massachusetts Lodge	Samuel W. Creech, jun.
German Masonic Jewel	F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O. Devon.
Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar	
Book of Constitutions and Sundry Proceedings of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Kentucky	H. B. Grant, G. Sec. Kentucky.

The Board also submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of August inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £6992 1s. 7d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 18th August, 1896. President.

A Report of a Special Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 28th July, 1896, will be laid before Grand Lodge, in which the following proposed alteration of Rule 18, and the addition to Clause 1 of the Widows' qualifications, then agreed to, are submitted for approval.

That Clause 18 be expunged, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

In consideration of the grants from Grand Lodge, the Master of every lodge in the London District shall at every election for Male Annuitants be entitled to two votes, and at every election for Female Annuitants to one vote. Every Provincial Grand Master, or his Nominee, shall at every election for Male Annuitants be entitled to two votes, and at every election for Female Annuitants to one vote for every lodge in his province. And in consideration of the grants from Supreme Grand Chapter, the First Principal of every London Royal Arch chapter shall at every election for Male Annuitants be entitled to two votes, and at every election for Female Annuitants to one vote. Every Superintendent of a province, or his Nominee, shall at every election for Male Annuitants be entitled to two votes, and every election of Female Annuitants to one vote for every chapter in his province. In the case of a province where there is no Superintendent, the votes shall be sent to the First Principal of the respective chapters. The number of lodges and chapters claiming in the provinces to be determined by the number of lodges recorded in the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for the current year.

That in Clause No. 1 of the Widows' qualifications, after the word "Lodge" in the third line, the following words be inserted:

Unless in the case of her last husband's petition having been accepted by the Committee, and he had died before his election, in such case her application will be considered eligible.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2616, The St. George's Lodge, Barbadoes.
- 2617, The Murchison Lodge, Cue, Western Australia.
- 2618, The Lodge of Friendship, Helena Vale, Western Australia.
- 2619, The New Brighton Lodge, New Brighton, Cheshire.
- 2620, The Cavendish Lodge, London.
- 2621, The Military Lodge, London.
- 2622, The Beach Lodge, London.
- 2623, The Etekwine Lodge, Durban, Natal.
- 2624, The Excelsior Lodge, Eron, Queensland.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday, the 1st prox. :—

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 2nd June, 1896.
2. Report of the General Board.
3. A motion will be made that the report be taken as read.
4. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.
5. Recommendation arising out of the report—
"That Grand Lodge do confirm Bro. Edward Bush in the rank and privileges of Past Master."
6. A motion will be proposed that the report be adopted.
7. Presentation of Charity jewels to the Stewards of the last Benevolent Fund Festival.

THE FAMILY OF GRAND LODGES.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

(Continued from page 457).

It is greatly to the credit, or, perhaps, it may be a preferable expression, if I say it is only what might be expected from the able and conscientious brethren who review the *Proceedings* of other Grand Lodges for the benefit of their own particular jurisdictions, that with scarcely an exception, they censured the indecent haste displayed by the Grand Lodge of Texas in its recognition of the Gran Dieta, and assumed with a confidence—which, however, seems to have been thoroughly misplaced—that the example thus set would certainly not be followed, for some time at least, by any of the remaining Grand Lodges in the U.S.A.

The observations of the Corps of Reporters (U.S.A.) at this juncture supply very interesting reading, but events have since moved so fast that the commentaries of the "Guild" had better be reserved for a later stage of this article, when the evidence has been more fully laid before the reader.

But to this plan I shall make one exception, and quote a few words from the Report of "The Grand Old Man" of Pennsylvania Masonry (my honoured friend) the late Richard Vaux, presented at the annual Grand Lodge meeting held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1893, "of the bizarre performance," to borrow a phrase from Bro. Joseph Robbins of Illinois, "christened by G.M. Tyler, of Texas, the Treaty of Monterey," Richard Vaux wrote: "This whole proceeding, as it is given in the Statement of the M.W.G.M. of Texas, is so astonishing, so wholly without due Masonic authority, so entirely at variance with the principles which the Grand Lodges of the States of the United States have asserted as essential to the recognition of bodies claiming to be Grand Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, that we felt it a duty, most painful in its performance, to deny the Masonic validity of the action by the M.W.G.M. of Texas We do not comprehend on what ground [the Gran Dieta Simbolica] can obtain Masonic recognition by any Grand Lodge of the States of the United States. It is without Masonic capacity. It is a mixture of Rites. It is composed of any body that claims to be Masonic, even though one of the constituents is in hostility to the Sovereign and Supreme Rite of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. A body that inherently possesses, as it claims, the Masonic faculty to act in the Symbolic Degrees [the Supreme Council, 33°, of Mexico], though it may profess to renounce such action, cannot be recognised by a Grand Lodge of Masons that denies such a faculty in any other body but itself. Besides, this Symbolic Diet was endorsed by the M.W.G.M. of Texas, thus giving it a colour of authority, under circumstances, and by a process, that is unknown to Masonic jurisprudence. If such a proceeding is ever acknowledged as within the scope of Masonic Grand Lodge action, then the door is open for the entrance of any body of men which can by treaty, without other process or examination, investigation, test, or historical inquiry into its Masonic standing, come into our temple, fraternise with our Craft, and be left at liberty to destroy the very foundation of ancient Masonry." (*Proceedings Grand Lodge Pennsylvania, 1893*)

To proceed, however, with the narrative. On November 12th, 1893, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the report of the Committee appointed in the previous year to consider the expediency of continuing Toltec Lodge, No. 520, at the city of Mexico, was received and adopted. The Committee say they propounded to Bro. Ermilio G. Canton, G. Sec. Gen., a number of questions concerning the formation and present status of the Gran Dieta. "While the Committee cannot say that the answers to these questions were wholly satisfactory" [italics mine] "they yet believe and earnestly hope that the difficulties which have beset Masonry in Mexico are in progress of settlement." The report winds up with a recommendation to the Grand Master that the authority given to Toltec Lodge, No. 520, should be withdrawn and annulled, but with an assurance to the members thereof of the appreciation by the Grand Lodge of Missouri of their loyalty and fidelity to the principles of Freemasonry, and of the regret experienced by the same Grand Body "at the necessity of the severance of their connection as a lodge." (*Proceedings Grand Lodge Missouri, 1893*)

A little later the following appeared in the *Constellation*, published at St. Louis (Mo.), over the signature of "John D. Vincil," Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri: "The Gran Dieta was recognised by the Grand Lodge of Texas within the last three years, and the demand instantly followed that we should withdraw Toltec Lodge, No. 520, from the jurisdiction covered and occupied by the Gran Dieta aforesaid. This placed the Grand Lodge of Missouri in an awkward position. Having planted and maintained a lodge in that country for 10 years, it seemed a hardship for the parent body to desert her child, or, what was worse, kill it 'outright.' The report rendered to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, at its last session, embodied the sentiments of myself and other members of the Committee, touching the status of affairs in Mexico. We could not but regret the

necessity of such action as we recommended, but we did regard it as the best thing to be done." (*Proceedings Grand Lodge District of Columbia, 1894*.)

In an article written at the time (1894), I criticised the action of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in the following terms: "American writers are fond of lecturing the Grand Lodge of England on the impropriety of its ways, and particularly with regard to the practice of maintaining on its roll lodges in foreign parts, after local Grand Lodges have been established and lay claim to Exclusive Jurisdiction. But if we are slow in this country (and it is to be hoped we shall ever remain so) to cut adrift any Colonial or foreign lodges that are desirous of preserving their allegiance, the American doctrine (if the recent action in Missouri is to be viewed as a precedent) seems to err very much in the opposite direction. English warrants, in effect, continue to be held during good behaviour. But the Grand Lodge of Missouri recalls the charter of a subordinate, not for any fault committed, nor because the Gran Dieta of Mexico has satisfactorily established its claim to Exclusive Jurisdiction in that Republic, but in order not to stand in the way of so desirable a consummation!" (*Ars Quatuor Corporum, vii., 75*.)

The scene must now be shifted to Mexico City, where, in February, 1894, a Charter was granted by the Gran Dieta to Toltec Lodge, No. 520. The latter retained its old title, but became No. 214 on the local roll, and was placed under the immediate jurisdiction of the State Grand Lodge, Valley of Mexico, No. 1. The *Boletín Masónico* of February, 1894, from which I quote, also states that the lodge was solemnly installed—February 5th—by the G.M. of the Grand Lodge, Valley of Mexico, No. 1.—Bro. Ermilio G. Canton—amid the happiest omens with respect to its future career, but of what these consisted, and whether in part of services dutifully rendered as "Grand Officers" in their respective stations, by Clio, Euterpe, Calipso, and Armonia does not appear, and must, therefore, afford food for speculation.

We now approach one of the most remarkable episodes of the curious story I am relating, but a word or two with regard to the involuntary transfer of allegiance by Toltec Lodge, now No. 214, must be found room for. This body, according to Past Grand Master Matthews, in his Report on Correspondence "presented December 4th, 1894, is now working contentedly in the York Rite, by virtue of and under a charter granted it by the Gran Dieta. (*Proc. G.L. Texas*). Upon which, with a grim pleasantry, Dr. Joseph Robbins remarks: "His reference to Toltec Lodge working contentedly under a charter from the Gran Dieta reminds us of the man who was asked by a friend whom he had informed of the death of his mother-in-law, if she was resigned. 'Resigned! She had to be.'"

Toltec Lodge, as we have seen, affiliated with the Gran Dieta of Mexico, in February, 1894, and four months later the latter body was duly recognised as a Sovereign Masonic Power by the Grand Lodge of New York. On the 7th of June, 1894, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported: "The charges made by the Master of Toltec Lodge, were so fully met by the Gran Dieta [italics mine], that the Grand Lodge of Missouri have revoked their Charter of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, and the members petitioned for and have received a Charter from the Gran Dieta Simbolica, which ends all dispute, and leaves the Gran Dieta in undisputed control of Symbolic Masonry in the Republic of Mexico. We, therefore, recommend that the Grand Symbolic Diet of the United States of Mexico be duly recognised by this Grand Lodge and welcomed to the Circle of Symbolic Grand Lodges,"—which recommendation was adopted. (*Proceedings Grand Lodge New York, 1894*.)

The Grand Lodge of New York rules over the largest number of lodges and brethren in any Masonic jurisdiction of the U.S.A., the lodges under its obedience forming a total of 734, with an aggregate membership of 88,573. The moral effect, therefore, of the resolution passed by this Grand Body on June 7th, 1894, was very great. Not, indeed, that the vigilant and well-directed criticism of the Guild of Reporters was in any way relaxed, for a proof of which I turn to some out-spoken remarks by a brother for whom I entertain a great respect and esteem, and who is frequently referred to by his fellow members of that *confrérie* as the "Ajax of the Corps."

After reviewing the facts (already recorded) of the Initiation of Women into Masonry in Mexico, certainly as early as 1889, and of Doctor (or Doctress) Montoya having been approvingly referred to in the *Boletín Masónico* as the W.M. of No. 27, Bro. Robbins continues: "That they were in print, accessible, and undiscovered by the New York Committee, is strongly confirmatory of the internal evidence furnished by their report that no such first-hand inquiry was had as the gravity of the situation demanded.

The nearly identical language of the reports of the Missouri, Texas, and New York Committees, indicate the extent of the investigation made by the latter, while the absence of reference to those portions of the Missouri report adverse to the claim of established regularity on the part of the Gran Dieta, emphasise an apparent disinclination to find anything that would forbid a recommendation for recognition. Whether accidental or designed, the contrast in the attitude of New York towards Grand Lodges whose constituent lodges are known to be composed of lawful Free and Accepted Masons, and the regularity of whose organisation is conceded, and so-called Grand Lodges of Scottish Rite parentage, whose constituents of questionable legitimacy rest under the added suspicion of disregarding the conceded landmarks of the Institution, is too striking to escape notice. The former are kept knocking for admission for years upon the plea of courtesy towards parent bodies; while the latter, with less scrutiny than would be given to a visitor to a lodge, are admitted with little delay. It is inevitable, under such circumstances, that the composition of the Committee should attract attention; and in view of the wide-spread feeling that an active propaganda exists which loses no opportunity to further the pretension of some of the imperialists that Scottish Rite 'Masonry' has, under certain conditions, the same right to establish Symbolic lodges as the Masonry from whose original plan it is a dissenter, and that the lodges it so establishes can form Grand Lodges recognisable as governing bodies of Free and Accepted Masonry. It is an unfortunate coincidence that the Chairman of the New York Committee, and presumably the author of its whitewashing report, is the Grand Secretary General of the Holy Empire." (*Proceedings Grand Lodge Illinois, 1894*.)

The "Chairman" referred to is Bro. Clinton F. Paige, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York and the Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33°, U.S.A., Northern Jurisdiction.

This circumstance may tend to explain much that is otherwise mysterious in the positive statement made, without the toil of inquiry, by the Committee

on Jurisprudence, and accepted on their authority by the Grand Lodge of New York.

The influence, nevertheless, brought to bear upon the alleged legitimacy of the Gran Dieta was very great, and at the close of the same year Bro. G. W. Tyler, whose name has been previously mentioned in connection with the "Treaty of Monterey" (1891), in a tone of jubilation, which, however, subsequent events can hardly have failed to reduce to a much lower pitch, wrote as follows: "Texas is proud of her action in recognising the Masonry of Mexico, represented by the Gran Dieta, the Supreme Masonic Power there, and already realises, and is realising day by day, the beneficent influence that such recognition has wrought in our intercourse with their people, and not a single event has occurred thus far to mar our pleasant relations, or to cause regret for the action we have taken." (*Proceedings Grand Lodge Texas*, December, 1894.)

Commenting on the remarks of P.G.M. Tyler, from which the foregoing is an extract, Bro. W. H. Upton very forcibly observes: "That Brother, in a three-page article, tells us nothing. Facts and categorical answers to the charges made by Bro. Chism are what the Masonic world wants to hear from Texas, not arguments, or abuses, or evasions. And facts and direct answers are just what Mexico and Texas have spent four years in not giving." (*Proceedings Grand Lodge Washington*, June, 1895.)

A wealth of information is next forthcoming from a very unexpected source. The *Chicago Legal News* of July 20th, 1895, has:

"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 Theodore Sutton Parvin, of Iowa, Past Grand Master, etc., is a fourteenth Degree Mason, Lodge of Perfection, and was the Worshipful Master of Martha Washington Lodge of Master Masons in Mexico. Bro. 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 Masons' Lodge, and the son's wife would be the Worshipful Master."

The number of letters written in consequence of the above to Grand Secretaries, Reporters on Correspondence, and Masonic periodicals by Bro. T. S. Parvin has been immense. The Gran Dieta, he informs us, in a letter dated August 10, 1895, "while its constitution did not provide for or permit it, still by resolution it authorised the initiation of women, and its Grand Secretary organised Lodges of Women and presided at their initiation." In one of these lodges (we are further told) his daughter-in-law was initiated, and became its Master, but had since retired from it. In five of the States of Mexico women had been made Masons, and, though the law permitting this had been repealed, the Gran Dieta "failed to deny to the women already initiated the rights previously conferred upon them, President Diaz was nominally the head both of the Supreme Council and of the Gran Dieta, but the former body was governed by the Deputy, Dr. Pombo, and the latter by the Grand Secretary, Canton." The writer (Bro. T. S. Parvin) then goes on to say—"I recognise the Masonic bodies of the various grades and rites which I visited in many places as legitimate under their law, and by their law, and their law only, can we judge them, so that when I went to Rome I did as the Romans did. I visited their lodges and Grand Lodges, Consistories, and Supreme Councils. I am glad that I did, and I would do it again were I to go there." (*Voice of Masonry*, Chicago, September, 1895.)

It is evident that when—to use his own expression—our Bro. Parvin "went to Rome," he fully succeeded in convincing himself that he was a Masonic pilgrim at an orthodox shrine. But, from the point of view of others, his visits to the lodges and Grand Lodges of Mexico may cause them to remember and apply the verses of du Bellay, which are to be met with in the *Mémoires de Marguerite de Valois*—

"Thus Rome in Rome was sought for round;

But nought of Rome in Rome was found."

About the same time—August 26, 1895—a circular letter, headed—"A Communication from Mexico," was issued by the Master, Past Master (Bro. Agramonte), Secretary, and Treasurer of Anahuac Lodge, No. 141, which states: "On the 24th day of June, 1895, the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, No. 1, of the Federal District of Mexico, opened its labours in due Masonic form with several females present (alleged to be members of female Masonic Lodges), which action was contrary to all precedent and in contravention of the established laws and usages of the Order." Vigorous protests were made against the said actions of the Grand Lodge, and on August 24th, 1895, it was decreed by the Gran Dieta Simbolica, "That all Charters held by so-called female Lodges should be at once withdrawn, and that no recognition should ever be made of women as Masons, the decree to take effect immediately, and also that the Holy Bible, Square and Compass should be used in all Masonic Altars in the Symbolic Lodges of the Republic of Mexico. At the same session of the Gran Dieta, the suspension was announced of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, No. 1, of the Federal District, and also of the Grand Secretary and several of the members of the Grand Lodge, which committed the irregularity above referred to on the 24th of June, 1895." (*Square and Compass*, Denver, Colorado, September, 1895.)

The following remarks from the pen of P.G.M. Joseph Robbins, are dated September 25th, 1895, and appears among the introductory observations prefixed to his Report on Correspondence for that year: "The full extent of the scandal involved in the recognition of the Gran Dieta Simbolica of Mexico by Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons is just now becoming apparent to the whole world of regular Masonry. We have only time to refer our readers to our report, and particularly to our review of New York for the facts, and to say that while the discovery that the allegations of Bro. Chism that Mexican Lodges subordinate to the Gran Dieta admitted women and excluded the Bible from their altars is important, it should not cause Masons who are, and want to be, loyal to the landmarks, to forget the utter illegitimacy of the Lodges for reasons entirely apart from these disclosures, and that during the outcry and confusion consequent on these scandals is the time when they should be most watchful against the machinations of those who would seek to commit them to the doctrine that some other Masonry than the Masonry of the Charges of a Freemason—Free and Accepted Masonry—may under certain conditions create Lodges that are recognisable as a lawful basis for a Grand Lodge." (*Proc. G.L. Illinois*, 1895.)

It may be here observed that the chief interest in the present controversy, which, in the first instance, had centred in the Initiation of Women, is now veering round to the competency (or otherwise) of bodies of the so-called Scottish Rite to constitute Symbolic (or Craft) lodges.

With one conspicuous exception, all recent writers on the subject, who have themselves attained to what is called the 33rd Degree of the said Rite, seem to entertain no doubt whatever as to the perfect legitimacy of the lodges established in Mexico by the Supreme Council and Grand Orient which united in the formation of the Gran Dieta.

The dissenting Inspector General, 33°, is Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, a Masonic scholar of the first rank, for long years the trusted friend and councillor of Albert Pike, and one of the most respected as well as one of the oldest living members of the Mother Supreme Council of the World.

P.G.M. Fellows writes: "Last year we stated that it would not be safe to acknowledge as legitimate any Grand Lodge which could not 'trace its genealogy,' and intimated that it was necessary for them to show that they were first formed by a convention of Lodge representatives, they representing a majority of the lodges in such country or independent State, and that these lodges derived their existence from a legitimate source, to wit: legitimate Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodges of Germany, Northern Europe, and all Grand Lodges in countries where the English language is spoken, can trace their origin and have shown their right to exist under, and in accordance with, the above rules. We have yet to see that any others can so trace their descent. Most of the others of this class are formed by Supreme Councils, who never had the rightful power to create lodges or to initiate the profane. Such lodges and Masons seem to us to be irregular or clandestine. All Supreme Councils claim to be derived from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and it claims to be the Mother Supreme Council of the world, established in Charleston, South Carolina, on the 31st of May, 1801. The first members (nine in number) of that Supreme Council were Master Masons, and had received their degrees in a regular Lodge of Freemasons, under all the obligations and restrictions which such a degree implies, and of which we are all familiar as Master Masons. They could not aid in admitting into the Fraternity any profane, except in a legally constituted lodge, which lodge must have possession of a legal charter, emanating from some Grand Lodge empowering them to work; and they could not convey to anyone upon whom they might confer the 33rd degree, any power beyond what they themselves possessed; not having any such power, all persons initiated by them were clandestine, and all lodges formed and composed of persons thus initiated, were clandestine lodges, and had no power to form a legitimate Grand Lodge. Grand Lodges thus formed cannot properly be 'recognised.'" (*Proceedings Grand Lodge Louisiana*, 1896.)

The law which should prevail on the subject, could not possibly be laid down in better or clearer terms, but I must return to the Gran Dieta Simbolica, whose fortunes during the present year have again been in the ascendant, and on the 20th of February last it was duly recognised by the Grand Lodge of Kansas, under circumstances that will next be related.

(To be continued.)

THE MASSACHUSETTS LODGE, 1770—1895.

A petition from Bro. Joseph Tyler and seven others was presented to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge on Friday, May 11th, 1770, praying "that they might be erected into a New Lodge to be held in Boston under the title of the Massachusetts Lodge," and duly read, being its consecration deferred until the following Monday, when the desired charter was granted.

An account of the petition and other particulars are noted in the very interesting volume, entitled "Proceedings in Masonry, St. John's Grand Lodge, 1733—1792, Massachusetts Grand Lodge, 1769—1792," &c. (Boston, 1895), by the esteemed Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. D. Nickerson, P.G.M.

Bro. Tyler, the first Master, was an initiate of the St. John's Lodge, held at Portsmouth, N.H., which was authorised on June 24th, 1735, by the Prov. Grand Lodge (known subsequently as the "St. John's Grand Lodge"), but, though dating from then, the probability is it was working some years before then, for the brethren had their own "Constitutions" on petitioning in 1735, which may mean they had a copy of the "Old Charges."

On May 17th, 1895, the 125th anniversary of the Massachusetts Lodge was celebrated in the Masonic Temple, Boston, in a most dignified, appropriate, and hearty Masonic manner, and on December 16th a Committee of five was appointed by the W.M. "to prepare and publish a report of the Proceedings, of whom W. Bro. Samuel Walley Creech, Jr., shall be chairman." With him were associated W. Bros. John F. Neill and George R. Emerson and Bros. William H. Lott, S.W., and Arthur W. Clapp, Treasurer.

On January 20th, 1896, these brethren were requested "to prepare and publish with the Proceedings of that celebration an appendix containing such historical matter as they thought best, together with the By-laws of the Lodge and list of the members."

In response to these fraternal wishes, and to do honour to the lodge, a handsome volume has been published, profusely illustrated and containing some 150 pages of most readable matter, the printing having been entrusted to that past master in the art of book-making, my esteemed friend, the R.W. Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, P.G.W.

I consider the work quite a model Commemorative Volume, and fit to take its place, side by side, with the one issued by the "Columbian" Lodge, whose Centenary Proceedings have lately been published in most perfect style by the same eminent firm.

On the day named, the lodge was opened in the Egyptian Hall, "in the Master Mason's degree," with the W.M., Major G. E. Henry, and the other officers (14 in number), when, a procession being formed, with the addition of 11 Past Masters, the brethren walked to the Sutton Hall, in the same Temple, where they were received by some 60 members of the lodge. The Grand Marshal then announced the advent of "the M.W. Bro. Edwin B. Holmes, Grand Master, and his suite," who were in an adjoining apartment for the purpose of participating in the exercises of this memorable occasion.

A number of most distinguished Craftsmen then entered, at which time the hall "was completely filled with the Brethren of the Lodge with their ladies and guests from other Lodges," all of whom were warmly welcomed in a neat and effective address by the Master. A copy of the Charter was

then read of A.D. 1770, being in facsimile, by authority of the Grand Lodge, the original having been destroyed by fire, April 5th, 1864—a fate that overtook the Maronic Temple soon after this eventful meeting.

The Chaplain offered prayer prior to this reading, and the "Myron W. Whitney Quartette" was in request during certain parts of the proceedings, and they also sang the Ode composed for the occasion by Bro. W. T. Adams ("Oliver Optic,") who also wrote the Centenary Poem for the same lodge. The W.M. then introduced the W. Bro. Samuel Walley Creech, jun. (W.M., 1877-8), who delivered the Historical Oration. I should like to quote from this able production, but cannot make up my mind to take it to pieces, or to divide it up in any way, for as a Commemorative Address, it is as near perfection as possible. There was no lack of material to select from, and amid the embarrassing riches of Records and suggestive surroundings, the orator skilfully dovetailed the several interesting portions into a most homogeneous and attractive whole.

The lodge first assembled in the historic Green Dragon Tavern, the home of the famous St. Andrew's Lodge, of A.D. 1756, in which hall "the meetings were held of the citizens who listened to the counsel of those who were the leading spirits in the struggle for independence." At that time "The few watchman of the town carried tin lanterns, which shed but a flickering light from the feeble candles enclosed, and after the ringing of the curfew, the outside world was still and in darkness."

The Grand Master in 1770 was the revered General Joseph Warren, who often visited the lodge, and in such stirring times the names of those heroes who graced the lodge roll would alone furnish abundance of facts and suggestions for several orations. Bro. Creech concluded with this wish for the members, to which I add *So mote it be*—

"May they have faith in the Supreme Being, hope in immortality, and may their charity in good words and works extend to all mankind as long as time shall last."

The Grand Master's address then followed, and was an eloquent tribute to the lodge for "its work done, its Charity dispensed, its loyalty shown to the principles of Masonry and to the Grand Lodge, and the character of its membership," which M.W. Bro. Edwin B. Holmes aptly described as "a precious memory."

Of course, the inevitable banquet was subsequently served, twice 125 participating, and finally the brethren adjourned to Egyptian Hall, when the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 10.30 p.m., the proceedings from first to last occupying nearly six hours. Thus ended one of the grandest celebrations in connection with the Craft.

Bro. Creech has added a number of historical notes and biographical sketches, which considerably increase the value of the volume, and the code of by-laws being printed, and complete lists of the Past Masters and members supply what else might fairly be looked for in such a volume.

The numerous portraits of departed and present worthies and other illustrations are special features of this artistic production, and, for these and other reasons, I much appreciate the gift of this beautiful book from the esteemed historian and orator, Bro. S. W. Creech, jun., whose services the lodge doubtless will long most gratefully remember.

Wm. Js. HUGHAN.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT ILKLEY.

On Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst., the laying of the foundation-stone of new Masonic-rooms took place. It is over 21 years since the Olicana Lodge was constituted, and for the greater part of that period the brethren have met in a room in the yard of the Crescent Hotel, Ilkley. Of late years, however, the membership has increased until it had become absolutely necessary to have more commodious and better adapted premises. Plans were therefore prepared by Bros. E. Critchley and A. Adkin for the erection of Masonic-rooms on a piece of land in Cunliffe-road, which is very central. The brethren of the Olicana Lodge, together with representatives of the Provincial and other lodges, assembled on Saturday in the Crescent Yard, and walked in procession to the site of the new building. Several of the Past Masters bore the implements and vessels necessary for the ceremonial, which was of an impressive character, and was witnessed by a large gathering of the general public. In addition to the W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge 1522, there was a good number of visiting brethren, among whom were: Bros. J. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Matthewman, P.A.G. Sec.; A. T. Akeroyd, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; F. Read, P.P.G.D.; Watson, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Bradfield, P.P.G.D.; C. M. Wilson, P.P.G.R.; A. Scarth, P.P.G.D.; D. Salmond, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Ambler, P.P.G.D.; J. Pollard, 1522; R. C. H. Bonsor, 1018; J. W. Dry, 384; G. Starsfield, 600; F. Cobby, 1108; G. H. Clemons, 1311; J. Whitaker, 1302; R. Suttle, W.M. 1108; W. Tomlinson, 81; J. M. Mann, 265; Irton Smith, 753; W. Hoffman Wood, 1522; A. Riley, 2330; Chris. Cooper, 1108; H. Woodhead, 304; J. E. Fox, 917, and others.

Bro. J. W. Monckman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., directed the ceremonies, which commenced with the singing of the 100th psalm, followed by a prayer by Bro. the Rev. Irton Smith, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Ilkley.

On behalf of the Past Masters of Lodge 1522, Bro. JOHN ILLINGWORTH asked Bro. J. Gaunt, P.M., P.P.G.D., to lay the stone, for which purpose he was presented with a silver trowel. The Superintendent of Works (Bro. W. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.) placed the plate in position. Bro. Gaunt then proceeded to lay the stone in orthodox fashion, Bro. Johnstone proving its position by the plumb, rule, level, and square. According to ancient custom, gold coins for the workmen were left upon the stone.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then delivered an address on the antiquity and beneficence of Freemasonry.

Bro. J. GAUNT also spoke, and subsequently the brethren banquetted together at the Middleton Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured and congratulatory speeches delivered.

CHRISTIANITY AND FREEMASONRY.

Sir,—Some time ago it was suggested that a gathering of clerical and lay Freemasons might well be included among the informal functions of the Church Congress week. I do not know whether the suggestion has been taken up and will be carried into effect. But if it is, this gathering of influential clerical and lay Masons will, by a curious coincidence, fall at about the same time that our Christian brethren on the Continent will be holding their first International Anti-Masonic Congress, at Trent in the Tyrol. The Congress is being organised by

committees in Paris, Turin, Lisbon, Valencia, and other great cities, and the opening and concluding ceremonies will take place in the Cathedral of Trent.

The coincidence of these two events will doubtless suggest anew to many minds a question which has already puzzled them for some time, and which seems to have a special urgency now that Reunion questions are to the front. Is it advisable, or even allowable, for Catholics in England to be Freemasons?

Continental Freemasonry is well-known to be the rallying-point of all those forces which are hostile to Christianity, and is rightly and naturally under the ban of the Church in those countries which own allegiance to the Roman see. It is avowedly connected with those manifestations of Anti-Christ which have for some time existed in France and other countries,—those obscure and obscene sects of which the members actually worship the devil, and are known as Luciferians, Palladists, and Satanists, who are pledged to keep the priests from their families, and who do not scruple to steal consecrated hosts for their impious rites. Continental Freemasonry is the focus of all that which, under the name of Liberalism, strives to overthrow the Church. In a word, it is Anti-Christian in the fullest and widest sense.

Of course, it is to be freely admitted that English Freemasonry is totally different in spirit from Continental. Among us it appears as a harmless, if somewhat ludicrous, society, patronised by Royalty, and, therefore, fashionable, given to the exercise of rites guarded with portentous secrecy, and derived in some measure from Benedictine sources; a society which combines benevolence with conviviality, to which many clergy belong, and for which human curiosity is probably the most powerful recruiting agent. We are told, moreover, that it is theistic, and, at least in the higher grades of Mark Masonry, Christian, and that it has excommunicated the atheistic Grand Orient Lodge of France. But we may still be pardoned for asking whether the separation between English and Continental Freemasonry is more than merely nominal. Granted that the Grand Orient is excommunicated by English lodges, are all the atheistic lodges of the Continent under the same ban? And have the Welsh lodges followed the example of the English? One hears that some at least have not. And even if they have repudiated the atheistic lodges, is the separation so complete that an English Mason would not be bound to recognise and assist a Continental Mason? Masons are wont to boast that Masonry is one fraternity all the world over. And if this is so, even in a limited sense, then the accession of an individual to Masonry in England is a gain to the strength of Masonry all the world over; and the Christian who is admitted to an English lodge is indirectly aiding and abetting the anti-Christian forces of the Continent. Unless it can be shewn that no fraternity or obligation of any kind exists between English and Continental Masons, either as lodges or as individuals, then Masonry is an institution which the English Catholic is bound to combat on every possible occasion, and by every means.

But even if it be proved that Continental Masonry is repudiated and abhorred of English Masons, it is by no means proved that English Masonry is to be countenanced by the Church. In its best aspect it is a philanthropic fraternity. But every Christian is already bound by a stronger obligation than any which Freemasonry can enforce to assist a brother in distress. There are, moreover, cases in which the performance of Christian duty would certainly conflict with the observance of Masonic obligation. For example, a Christian Mason is able to render aid to one only of two equally necessitous persons, who have asked his aid, the one as a Freemason (non-Christian), the other as a Christian. Here is the material for a very pretty dilemma. He is constrained to sin, or to break his Masonic obligation. Other cases of a different kind will suggest themselves, in connection with the confessional.

Innocent as English Masonry may be (it is a secret society, and we have therefore no absolute certainty that it actually is) I submit that English Catholics who become Masons assume a very grave moral responsibility. At the least they scandalize their fellow-Christians on the Continent, and raise another obstacle to Reunion. The general sense, in some countries the explicit condemnation, of the Church is against secret societies; her wisdom has already been more than justified by the history of Masonry. And all English Churchmen would surely do well to refuse to countenance it in the slightest degree. That there are already good Catholics in the fraternity is a hindrance to the Faith.

—Church Times.

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FREEMASONRY A POWER.

The Masonic organisation combines manifold elements of enduring strength. In its system, and plans, and expression it represents a social and moral force in the world. As a Fraternity it has attained a position of prominence, and is recognised as a potent factor in educating and helping humanity. It is established in all parts of the civilised world, having a fellowship among its members which passes the lines of all local and social limitations. It is everywhere represented by men of ability, having the confidence of the communities with whose interests they are respectively identified, and it has material resources which are by no means small in the aggregate, while it bears the touch of an ancient prestige which is greatly to its advantage.

Freemasonry is a power. Its claims to be such will not be questioned by those who give careful scrutiny to the Masonic Institution as it now presents itself. But just at this point there is need to guard the statement here made, lest it should be assumed that more is claimed for Freemasonry than is intended. Some one has said that Freemasonry is an influence rather than a power, and though such a distinction may not at the first appear plain, its purport is clearly evident. Freemasonry is not a "power" in the ordinary acceptance of the word, as having an objective aim in politics or in social reforms. It does not undertake to make itself felt in revolutions or other movements which may mark the progress of civilisation; it does not enter the field as a political party in any land, nor does it anywhere reach out for the dominion which belongs to the government of State or Church. It has power, however, or rather that influence already indicated, by which it makes itself felt in the most progressive communities on the face of the earth, helping forward great interests and enterprises, and thus blessing the world by a ministry whose force and extent are almost beyond estimate.

This immense influence rests upon no determinate policy or prescribed action, but rather belongs to the Masonic system as it is illustrated and enforced in its many declared truths and in its rich symbolism. The truths which Freemasonry has in charge, and which it enunciates in ways most significant, relate to most important subjects and bear upon the whole theory and practice of related life. They have to do with questions of responsibility and duty as they are presented to the good citizen, the reformer, and whoever believes in the everlasting verities of God and heaven. Freemasonry exerts an influence—is a power, therefore—because of these principles and teachings; because it is not trivial, frivolous, or superficial, but is a science in itself, a productive source of philosophy and morals, and so moulds human character, and touches the springs of action in society and the world. And then the Masonic system is permeated by that love which is the greatest thing in all the universe—that love which is the crowning element of a noble life, as it is the bud of perfectness and the fulfilling of the law. Freemasonry has power because of the great and sublime principles which are enwrought in its system, and not less because of that love toward God and man to which it exhorts with earnestness, and which it illustrates in some measure, at least, by word and by deed.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

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To Correspondents,

J.P.—We regret we are unable to help you. There are doubtless many gentlemen in that branch of the Civil Service who are Masons, but unless we have something to guide us, our inquiries would be useless.

D. OF C.—Your letter will appear next week.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

A regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd prox., the only business of moment being the receipt of the acknowledgment from the M.W.G. Master of the address presented to his Royal High-

ness on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of his installation as Grand Master, and the consideration of certain amendments adopted at the Special General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in respect of certain of its laws. It is just possible, however, that a discussion may arise on the question of the minutes of the Special Grand Lodge on the 29th ult. being confirmed.

It appears, from the paper of Agenda at the Communication, that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has granted warrants for the consecration of nine new lodges since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. Of these three—namely, the Cavendish, No. 2620; the Military, No. 2621; and the Beach, No. 2622—are located in London, and the New Brighton Lodge, No. 2619, meeting at the place bearing the same name, in Cheshire. Of the remaining five, the Murchison, No. 2617, Cue, and the Lodge of Friendship, No. 2618, Helena Vale, go to swell the number of lodges in the District of Western Australia, and the Excelsior Lodge, No. 2624, Eton, that of the lodges in the District of Queensland. The St. George's Lodge, No. 2616, Barbados, augments the number of lodges under the control of Bro. John Locke as District Grand Master Barbados to four, while the Etekwine Lodge, No. 2623, Durban, raises the number in the District of Natal to 18 lodges. We trust that the new lodges will prove valuable additions to the true strength of English Masonry.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st prox. From the report of the General Board which will then be submitted it appears that the number of Mark certificates issued during the quarter ended the 30th June last, is 337, and the number of Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 117. Four new Mark lodges have been warranted, of which the Star, No. 499, is located in London; the Royal York, No. 500, in Nottingham; the Massy, No. 498, Jullundur, in the District of the Punjab; and the Phoenix, No. 502, Simonstown, in South Africa. It is also announced that the Province of Cornwall will, for the present, remain in charge of the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., having resigned the office of Prov. G. Master, after holding it for 15 years, and that a portrait of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G. Master of Sussex, has been presented by that Province, and will be unveiled in Grand Lodge, on Tuesday next.

We publish elsewhere a letter we have received from "P.P.S.G.W.," who takes exception to certain remarks of ours in the article on the "Proposed Removal of the Boys' School," which appeared in our issue of the 18th July. Our correspondent does not appear to have noticed that the passage he quotes from that article had reference to a suggestion from a previous correspondent, that "a new and greatly enlarged Boys' School is, in the light of 'free education,' the many varied means of educational advancement so liberally provided by the County Council, and other public bodies, neither urgent nor even necessary."

We interpreted this as equivalent to a suggestion that Board and other Elementary Schools of a similar character were quite good enough for the children of our deceased and indigent brethren, and we very naturally resented it. We are as well aware as P.P.S.G.W. that there are excellent elementary schools both in town and country, where the children are well trained and educated. Our remarks had reference only to those of the lower order, among which we include the average Board School, and we regret we are unable to alter or modify our opinion of the training and education which children receive at those institutions. This, however, falls very far short of a wholesale condemnation, such as "P.P.S.G.W." appears to think our remarks amount to, of elementary schools generally.

It is evident, from the report we published last week of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting at Fareham of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, that the brethren of that Province have no part in the distrust which has latterly been exhibited by a few of our Provinces of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On the contrary, when the circular letter from the Province of North and East Yorkshire in opposition to the proposed removal of the School to a healthier and more commodious site had been read, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, who is Chairman of the

Board, addressed the meeting in explanation of the Board's proposal, with the result that a vote of confidence in the Board of Management was unanimously adopted.

We anticipate that other Provinces will follow the example of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Nottinghamshire, Berkshire, &c., and most cordially support the Board of Management in its scheme for the removal of the School. The Provinces which object to the proposal, cannot get over the fact that they are prepared to support the School if it remains where it is, that is to say, in a locality which is uncommodious, and having a clayey soil is held to be not conducive to health, but they seriously contemplate withholding their support in the event of the scheme for its removal to a commodious and healthy site being adopted.

We call the attention of our readers to a proposal by one of our correspondents to the effect that the approaching 60th anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the throne, or, to express the matter with greater accuracy, the approaching anniversary of the completion of the 60th year of her Majesty's reign, shall be celebrated Masonically, in a somewhat similar manner to that adopted at the celebration of her Jubilee. The proposal is one that naturally commends itself to Masons as loyal subjects of the Queen, more especially as she will be the first Sovereign that has occupied the throne of England for so prolonged a period.

Another proposal we have received is not equally to be commended, that in celebration of this auspicious event, "a ball or banquet" should be held in London, "to which the leading Officers in each Province, with their wives, should be invited." We are very much obliged to "Loyalist" for his suggestion, but we prefer a meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, such as was held at the Queen's Jubilee in 1887, with the Commemorative Jewel of our correspondent "W.M."

It is with deep regret we publish this week the announcement of the death of our respected Bro. George Mellor, Past S.G. Deacon of England, and for the last 20 years Deputy P.G.M. of East Lancashire. Bro. Mellor had been a member of our Society for upwards of 50 years, and during the whole of that period, in all the various offices he had held, whether in the private lodge, or in the Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge, he had won the esteem and respect of all his brethren. He was beloved of all for his uniform kindness and geniality, and he was respected for the zeal and care with which he fulfilled his duties and promoted the interests of the Craft. His loss will be deeply felt by the brethren of East Lancashire, as well as by the members of his family, and his large circle of friends. To all who are now mourning the decease of so eminent a Mason, we respectfully offer our sincerest sympathy.

The 41st annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario) was held at Belleville on the 15th July, under the presidency of Bro. White, Q.C., M.W. Grand Master, who had the supreme satisfaction of announcing that the difficulties in connection with the establishment of a so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario had been brought to an end. That body had ceased to exist, and its lodges had acknowledged allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and their members been healed in the regular lodges in the jurisdiction. Other matters of importance, but more especially the question of establishing a Masonic Home, engaged the attention of the brethren present, the meeting being one of the most successful ever held in Canada. Bro. W. Gilson is the new M.W. Grand Master, and Bro. E. T. Malone the Deputy Grand Master.

We gladly note that our respected contemporary, the *Australasian Keystone*, is of the same opinion as ourselves, that the Grand Lodge of Victoria has no right to warrant lodges outside the territorial limits of the Colony. "The Grand Lodge of Victoria," says the *Keystone*, "has no more right to establish a lodge in Perth or Fremantle than the Government of Victoria has a right to establish a custom house or fortress on the banks of the Swan River." We trust those of our Victorian brethren who appear to think their Grand Lodge has unlimited authority to set up lodges in British Territories which are not presided over by a local Grand Lodge will take this expression of opinion to heart.

Correspondence.

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

THE REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a teacher of many years' standing in elementary schools, I was very sorry to find the undermentioned remarks in your issue of July 18th, which, owing to absence from home, I have just read: "We suppose this is equivalent to a suggestion that the children of our deceased and indigent brother Masons should be sent to Board and other elementary schools of the lower order, where they will have the children of labouring folk for their associates, and where, if they acquire anything at all in the way of knowledge, it will, in addition to a little reading, writing, spelling, and simple arithmetic, be a superior knowledge of bad manners and an inexhaustible store of impudence." Whatever be the advantages of the removal of the Boys' School, they will certainly not be believed in by brethren any more by attacks of this style. I may add that I am a Mason of 23 years' standing, and have worked hard for, and subscribed to, the Boys' School; but am not convinced of the necessity for its removal.—Yours fraternally,

P.P.S.G.W.

A SPECIAL MASONIC JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As the time approaches when our gracious Queen—the mother of our M.W. Grand Master—will have occupied the English throne longer than any English Sovereign, I write to suggest that as on the occasion of her Royal Jubilee, a special commemorative Masonic Jewel be prepared by Grand Lodge, which Freemasons, than there are no more loyal subjects, would be glad to wear in commemorative thankfulness of so remarkable an event. The profit on the sale of such jewels might be very fittingly devoted to augment the funds of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, or apportioned to each of the three great Masonic Charities.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W.M.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARK LODGE OF CALDENE, No. 501, AT HEBDEN BRIDGE, YORKSHIRE.

Whilst chronicling the formation of the latest Craft lodge in West Yorkshire, that of Headdingley, No. 2608, which occurred on the 10th July last. We took occasion to compare the relative strength in point of numbers between the neighbouring populous counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire, we showed that the difference in relation to Craft lodges was very great, and the contrast is maintained when we come to those of the Mark. In this Degree the whole County of Lancaster constitutes one province, which, it is almost unnecessary to add, is under the popular rule of the Earl of Lathom. It comprises some 35 or 36 lodges, of which Liverpool claims five, Manchester three, and Bury, Wigan, Southport, and Rochdale two each, whilst the rest are scattered amongst the numerous manufacturing centres of the Palatine County. West Yorkshire contains only 14 Mark lodges, and the North and East Province but seven, so that the total is 21 as against 36. The West Riding was constituted a province in 1871, and it had at that time but six lodges on its roll. For 14 years it continued almost at a standstill, and it was not until 1885 that it began to show signs of active progress. Since that time it has increased its numbers from eight to 14, two of which lodges have been added during the current year. The Yorkshireman is not as a rule hasty; he is prudent and cautious. He believes, in Masonic matters at any rate, in the old Latin maxim *festina lente*, and acting on this principle, he is not over anxious, looks carefully to the future, and does not hurriedly commence a new lodge.

In most of the enterprising manufacturing little towns in the West Yorkshire valleys a Masonic Craft lodge is to be found. Many of these organisations present interesting features to visitors from other provinces. The characteristics of the race come off prominently, and the lodge ceremonies are marked by, it may be sometimes a rugged, but always a conscientious, effort to do them justice. This is especially the case in the small centres, which, until the development of railway communication made them accessible, were self-contained and distinctly clannish. When we mention Bottoms, Eastwood, Elland, Brighouse, Mirfield, Haworth, Sowerby Bridge, and Hebdén Bridge, all Yorkshiremen and many outside its pale will understand our meaning. It was in the last-named of these communities that the new Mark lodge had its birth. Possessing a strong Craft lodge—one which, by the way, quite recently kept its centenary—and having a commodious, if homely, suite of Masonic rooms, some of its leading spirits, after due consideration and long deliberation, decided that the time was ripe for planting the standard of the Mark in their midst.

The founders of the Caldene Lodge are Bros. Wm. Cockcroft, T. Uttley, D. Bradley, M.D., Herbert King, James Simpson, and James Greenwood, all members, and the first four Past Masters, of the old Mark Lodge Prince Edward, No. 14, which holds its meetings at Bottoms Eastwood, near Todmorden. Of these Bro. Wm. Cockcroft, the first W.M., has long been a staunch and earnest Masonic worker. Initiated some 26 years ago, he has steadily progressed through the various stages, and, after passing the chair, for the last 16 years has undertaken the duties of Secretary of his lodge. He has not confined his attention to Craft matters, but has taken up with equal energy the Royal Arch and Mark Degrees. He is also founder and first Master of the conclave of the Secret Monitor called after his name. With six founders and 11 candidates—of whom eight were advanced by special dispensation previously—Bro. Cockcroft and his colleagues considered themselves justified in their course, and after the usual preliminaries secured their warrant.

The Prov. G.M., Bro. C. Letch Mason, fixed Saturday, the 22nd inst., for the consecration, and on that day it duly took place. Bro. Mason was supported by many Provincial Officers, both Past and Present, as well as by Worshipful Masters and brethren from various parts of his jurisdiction. Amongst those present were—

Bros. John Barker, D.P.G.M.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.G. Std. Br., who acted as Prov. S.G.W.; C. J. Schott, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.W.; Chas. Lingard, Prov. G.O.; W. J. Morris, P.G.O.; Herbert King, as P.G.O.; Rev. J. L. Brereton, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Joseph Matthewman, W.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Uttley, as P.G.D.; Wm. Cockcroft, as P.G.D.; W. E. Smithies, W.M. 493, P.P.G.W., as P.G.I. of W.; F. D. Harrison, Prov. G.D.C.; Alfred Wilson, P.G.S.B.; G. Patchett, as P.G. Std. Br.; John Brook, P.P.G. Org.; T. G. Howell, W.M. 137, Prov. G.S., as P.G.I.G.; J. T. Last, W.M. Old York; John Reed, P.M. 498, and D. Bradley, P.M. 14, Prov. G. Stewards; J. H. Newton, P.G. Tyler; G. W. Smith, P.G. Org. Lancs.; G. Hallas, W.M. 14; A. E. Dalzell, W.M. 58; James Greenwood, A. E. Mitchell, R. E. Heaton, J. Milligan, Rev. J. M. Walton, J. Jackson, G. Hoyle, A. Maude, H. Sutcliffe, J. W. Shaw, W. Chambers, G. B. Wright, W. Varley, W. Walker, W. Bourne, and T. Hodgson.

The Prov. G. Master, accompanied by his officers, entered at 3.30 p.m., and opened the lodge. After the usual salutes, the Prov. G. Sec. having read the petition and warrant, the founders were arranged and duly addressed.

The Prov. G. CHAPLAIN, on being called upon, gave a brief but very eloquent oration. He pointed out the great importance of the occasion which had brought them together that day, an occasion the importance of which was emphasised by the serious responsibility it involved. He did not think that was the time, nor did he believe it to be his place to go into the history of the Mark Degree, but he did wish briefly to impress upon them the great lessons which underlay its ceremonies. There were certain words in reference to that Degree, words which should be written in letters of gold and should be carefully treasured by them all—"The stone which the builders rejected became the head of the corner." Those words, he thought, should keep them from false, or even hasty, judgment. Though honest, they might be mistaken, as were those to whose discrimination the stone was subjected; only the G.O.O.T.U. had perfect knowledge, and they with their feeble powers might condemn where condemnation would be unjust. Such was the story and such the instruction in regard to the stone. Of the new lodge, he trusted the Great Overseer would bless the work begun that day; that He would inspire the founders and enable them to carry out the principles of Mark Masonry; that they might have faith in His guidance, hope in His help and support, and become firmly united in the bonds of Charity and love.

The consecration and constitution of the lodge then followed, all ceremonial details being carefully carried out and reverently rendered. The music, arranged by Bro. John Brook, added much to the effect, and the whole proceedings were of a most solemn and impressive character. This done,

The Prov. G. MASTER gave the following address:

Brethren,—It was my pleasing duty on the 14th of April last to consecrate the 13th Mark lodge in this province—the Lodge of Eland, 493, in the flourishing little town of Elland. To-day, with equal pleasure, I discharge that duty in relation to the Lodge of Caldene, No. 501, which is the 14th on the list. It may be interesting for one moment to look back on the progress of Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire. The lodges which formed this province at its constitution in 1871 were only six in number, viz.: Prince Edward, 14; Britannia, 53; Fearnley, 58; Integrity, 110; Copley, 111; and Portal, 127. Old York, then attached to the Hope Craft lodge in Bradford, held aloof for a time, but eventually joined in 1873. Between 1871 and 1885, a period of 14 years, only one new lodge was formed—the Lodge of Truth, No. 137, Huddersfield, so that we had, with Old York, only two additions to our roll during the whole of that period. In 1885, through the influence of the late Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a Mark lodge, called Prince Leopold, No. 352, was opened in Ripon, and in the following year, 1886, the St. Chad Lodge, No. 374, was formed in Leeds. Two years afterwards the Danum, No. 398, sprang up in Doncaster, and then, after an interval of five years, we had Legiolium, No. 457, established at Castleford. This was in 1893; we therefore see that between 1873 and 1893, that is in 20 years, four lodges only were added to our roll, a condition of things which certainly did not indicate rapid progress. We now come to the three years, 1893 to 1896, during which much vitality has been developed in Mark matters. This has been shown by more numerous-attended meetings, by greater enthusiasm, and by a large increase in our Charitable donations. Besides giving birth to two new lodges, this year, 1896, will be especially distinguished as being the 25th of our existence as a province, and the year during which I, as your Prov. Grand Master, was honoured by being invited to preside at the Mark Benevolent Festival. It was the first time that a Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire had taken the chair on such an occasion, and the success of that Festival was phenomenal and unprecedented. By means of the active and unceasing efforts of a few, and the loyal support of the many, the amount announced was greater than that of any previous year in the history of the Mark Benevolent Institution. But we did more than that, for our subscriptions not only exceeded those of any previous province, but even out-totaled great London itself. We may therefore consider this year, 1896, as an exceptional one, and I trust it is an augury of the continued success of Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire. It certainly looks promising to find that the new lodge which I have just constituted comprises six founders and eight newly-advanced brethren, making a total on its roll, to commence with, of 14 members. We cannot fail, therefore, to regard it as a distinctly vigorous Institution. Great discretion, too, has been shown in the choice of its name. To give a suitable name to a new lodge is not always a simple matter. It was a common custom of our predecessors to select some virtue or abstract quality as the distinctive appellation of a lodge, such as Integrity, Sincerity, Charity, and so on. Down to very recent times this example has been followed in this province, as witness the Craft lodge Prudence, founded in 1884. The Mark lodges do not appear, however, to have adopted this plan, for Integrity and Truth are the only two on our list so distinguished. The system now practised appears to be that of selecting the name of some worthy and distinguished Mason and perpetuating it, as in Fearnley, Portal, and Copley, or of taking that of some historical character or local celebrity, or it may be the patron saint of the district. This was followed in the case of Eland. In the present instance an ancient topographical name has been adopted, viz., Caldene, which is a short form of Calderdene, and means the hollow or valley of the river Calder, and is therefore distinctly descriptive of the locality. The town of Hebdén Bridge is situated in the gorge or valley through which the Calder flows, and the name is, therefore, suitable and appropriate. The word *dene*, or *den*, is common in all hilly districts of the north, and is found in many of the place-names of this neighbourhood, as Todmorden, Luddenden, Hebdén, Marsden, North Dean, and many more which will, doubtless, occur to you. With a strong constitution and a suitable name, this young lodge has every prospect of a prosperous future. I know it is in excellent hands, and leaving it so, I conclude by wishing it steady

and consist in progress. May it be an instrument for good, and fully illustrate the grand principles of Mark Masonry in this beautiful Calder valley, and may we ever have cause to rejoice in the day when we assembled in such numbers to celebrate its birth, and to wish it Godspeed on its journey through life.

The address was listened to with much attention, and the appreciation was very marked.

Before giving up the chair to his Deputy, Bro. C. L. MASON declared that the very efficient way in which the Chaplain had done his work that day called, he thought, for some expression of opinion on their part. He had, therefore, great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Rev. J. L. Breerton for his valuable contribution to the success of the ceremony of that afternoon, and his excellent address on the teaching of Mark Masonry.

This, seconded by Bro. JOHN BARKER, was carried unanimously, and the CHAPLAIN, in acknowledging it, said that he deserved no praise; he had simply done his duty; that it was the first time he had taken part in a ceremony of that kind, and he wished he could better have impressed upon them the principles which were involved in the words he had, he feared, but feebly done justice to.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then announced many apologies, and read a letter from Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., and a telegram from Bro. G. H. Parke, P.G.S., Prov. G.W., both expressing regret at inability to be present.

After offering words of welcome to Bro. G. W. Smith, Prov. G. Org. Lancs., Bro. Mason vacated the chair. This was taken by Bro. J. Barker, D.P.G.M., and Bro. Wm. Cockcroft, after presentation by the Prov. G.M., was installed in the chair of A. by the Deputy. Bro. Cockcroft having already passed the chair in a Mark lodge, the ceremony was considerably shortened.

Most of the officers were then invested, amongst whom were Bros. Thos. Uttley, I.P.M.; Dr. Bradley, S.W.; H. King, J.W.; J. Simpson, M.O.; J. Greenwood, S.O.; W. Chambers, J.O.; Rev. J. M. Walton, Chap.; James Jackson, Treas.; J. W. Shaw, Sec.; W. Varley, S.D.; H. Sutcliffe, J.D.; and G. B. Wright, I.G.

The addresses, given in the Deputy's best style, concluded the ceremony, after which the W.M., Bro. Cockcroft, was unanimously elected Charity Steward of the lodge, on the proposition of Bro. T. UTTLEY, seconded by Bro. H. KING.

Before closing, the W.M. said that he thought it was their duty to pass a hearty vote of thanks to their Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. L. Mason, to the Deputy, Bro. John Barker, and to the other Prov. Grand Officers who had attended that day, through whose valuable services the ceremony of consecration had been so efficiently carried out. He, therefore, proposed such vote.

Bro. T. UTTLEY seconded with great pleasure.

Bro. MASON, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the brethren of Caldene Lodge, declaring that so long as he possessed the confidence of the brethren of West Yorkshire it would always be a delight to him to do his utmost, and declared that the success of the function was largely due to the Prov. G. Chap., the Prov. G. Sec., and the Prov. G.D.C.

Founder's jewels were then produced, and, with appropriate words, were attached to the breasts of each by the PROV. G. MASTER.

The lodge was closed at half-past five, and the brethren shortly afterwards assembled at the White Horse, where the host of that well-known hotel, Bro. Jas. Winterbottom, had an excellent dinner prepared, to which about 40 brethren sat down.

When justice had been done to this repast, the toast list, comprising the usual loyal and Masonic toasts was commenced. Those of "The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Mark Masons," were given briefly but characteristically by the W.M. That of "The R.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl of Euston, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was entrusted to the S.W., Bro. Dr. BRADLEY.

Bro. HERBERT KING, J.W., proposed "R.W. Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G. Master; W. Bro. John Barker, D.P.G.M.; and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past." He declared how pleased the Caldene brethren were to receive the Prov. Grand Master and his officers, and so delighted were they by the way in which they had discharged their important duties that they would always be glad to offer them welcome.

Bro. C. L. MASON, Prov. G. Master, thanked Bro. King for the very hearty way in which he had proposed the health of himself and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. In relation to their proceedings that day, he was aware that some misgivings had arisen in the minds of a few, but he thought those doubts were needless. He believed the course they had adopted was the right one and that it would tend to the advancement and appreciation of Mark Masonry in that district. He hoped the action they had taken would not prejudice the interest of Prince Edward Lodge, which, having done so much and stood so long as an exponent of Masonic principles, should certainly be considered. Masonry was spreading very rapidly, and its tendency was to centre in certain localities. So strongly was the desire of concentration shown in that instance that he did not think the province acted unwisely in acceding to the request. He hoped that all the brethren of Caldene Lodge who were also members of Prince Edward would still support their mother lodge and continue to act up to and carry out the teachings which were to be found in that most interesting Degree. By that means Caldene would establish a right of existence and become a living factor in the Province of West Yorkshire.

Bro. MASON then proposed No. 5 on the list—"The Health of the first W.M. of the Caldene Lodge, Bro. W. Cockcroft." He had, he said, been associated for a very long time with Bro. Cockcroft in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry, and in him he had always found a thorough, generous, true-hearted Mason, one whose interest in the Degree was great and genuine. As an instance of his zeal and energy, he (Bro. Mason) might tell them that whilst the Caldene Lodge was yet unformed, Bro. Cockcroft had taken steps to have it represented in the Mark Benevolent lists in support of the chairmanship of their Prov. Grand Master. For that most loyal and effective help he especially thanked him. It was through the labours of Bro. Cockcroft and other enthusiasts that the wonderful success at the late Mark Benevolent Festival was brought about. Like a certain highly respected and most distinguished Freemason lately deceased, he (Bro. Mason) had no handle to his name, yet, by their active exertions, he had attained a result unprecedented, and had succeeded in amassing a larger total than had ever before been given to the Mark Benevolent Fund. He owed gratitude to many for support, and amongst others to Bro. W. Cockcroft, and he hoped the brethren with him would drink long life, health, and happiness to the first W.M. of the Caldene Lodge.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm, and

Bro. COCKCROFT, on rising to reply, had a very hearty greeting. He said that, having passed the chair before, he was not without some experience, and that he would do his utmost to make the new lodge a success. He was a man of few words, and had not much to say about what he meant to do. He, however, was a Yorkshireman, and Yorkshiremen, he declared, both say what they mean—however brief they may be—and mean what they say. He was one of that sort. He meant the new lodge to flourish, and if time and attention were needed to make it go, he was prepared to give both to the utmost extent possible. He thanked them, and especially the Prov. Grand Master, for the kindness shown to him upon that, to him, most interesting occasion.

The other toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," most ably proposed by Bro. T. UTTLEY, I.P.M.; "The Mark Benevolent Fund," which had an eloquent advocate in Bro. JAMES SIMPSON, M.O.; "The Sister Lodges," which was submitted by Bro. JAMES GREENWOOD, S.O.; and "The Officers of the Lodge of Caldene," which the WORSHIPFUL MASTER undertook.

Thus came to a close a very instructive as well as interesting function, and, judging by the favourable circumstances under which the Caldene Lodge has commenced, the able guidance under which it stands and the generous consideration which, from its W.M. downwards, the brethren showed to their guests, there is a bright prospect not only of immediate success, but also of continued and uninterrupted prosperity.

Craft Masonry.

King Harold Lodge, No. 1327.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Thursday, the 20th inst. There was a good muster of the members and visitors. Bro. John Mark presided, supported by Bros. G. S. Metcalfe, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Priddle, J.W.; W. A. Sproat, P.M., Past Prov. Assistant Grand Purst., Treasurer; Thomas Reilly, P.M., Past Prov. Grand Purst., Secretary; Henry Park, S.D.; William Bangs, J.D.; P. L. Blackmore, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., as D.C.; H. Trask, P.M. 2372, P.G.S. of Wks., as I.G.; G. J. Holdsworth, Org.; Platt and Witte, Stwds.; A. G. Young, Tyler; J. Tydeman, P.M., P.A.G. D.C.; J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. A. Rogers, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; G. Holdsworth, P.M., P.P.G.P.; F. M. Bilby, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Bickel, P.M.; W. Metcalfe, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Clifton, Lee, Capt. Count Peter Stiens, D. J. Shepherd, W. J. Robinson, Hodgson, Crockett, Dr. F. W. Foott, E. W. Newman, A. J. Williamson (I.P.M. 2518, P.G. Std. Br.), Blackburn, Maycock, Beal, Cohen, Chittenden, Burgrem, F. Godfree (J.W. 2372), J. Sharp, Rutherford, Harwood, Gregory, Stables, Welsh, Findlay, Eversfield, Wiggs, and Shelbourne. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. Bryant Wonnacott, 503; Stuart Leamon, 217; John Williams, W.M. 2518; Robert Tuffee, Org. 2372; James Elliott, 2593; Dr. W. P. Warren, W.M. 2372, P.J.G.W.; E. G. Twyman, 2372; John Black, P.M. 453; William Boggis, 1804; Charles Shepherd; George Worboys, 2372; T. P. Trounce, 453; and J. W. Wood, 145.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Mr. William John Nash, the new host of the Four Swans Hotel was initiated, and Bro. Capt. Count Peter Stiens was raised. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. S. Metcalfe, was installed by his predecessor, Bro. John Mark, in a most able and impressive manner, which elicited applause and a hearty vote of thanks. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Mark, I.P.M.; Joseph Priddle, S.W.; Henry Park, J.W.; W. A. Sproat, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; Thomas Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; William Bangs, P.P.G. Org., S.D.; Henry Trask, P.M. 2372, P.G.S. of Wks., J.D.; John Robinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; John William Crockett, Org.; E. G. Platt, I.G.; D. J. Witte and G. J. Holdsworth, Stwds.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. Three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation at the next meeting. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and after some formal business was transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren sat down to a very nice banquet, provided by the new host, Bro. W. J. Nash.

During the evening some excellent harmony was contributed by the following brethren: Bros. Twyman, Jones, Leamon, Shelbourne, Hodgson, Crockett, W. Metcalfe, D. J. Shepherd, W. J. Robinson, Williamson, and H. Park, J.W.

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

Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.

An emergency meeting of this important City lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, when there were present Bros. J. D. Geddes, W.M.; A. H. Church, S.W., W.M. elect; F. C. Lintott, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; T. T. Gething, J.D.; W. Finch, P.M.; A. Tucker, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; C. E. Luker, P.M.; W. D. Seaton, E. S. White, P. Becker, H. Green, A. W. Diamond, S. J. Edwards, C. R. Campbell, F. Moore, C. G. Diamond, E. J. H. Livett, E. W. Nash, J. H. Shipman, H. S. Dyer, and E. M. Edwards. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Bunker, P.M. 1158; E. J. Wickenden, W.M. 1599; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M., Bro. Geddes, rose and said: Before we proceed to the business of the evening, I wish to direct your attention for a few moments to the great loss sustained by us through the recent death of our much esteemed I.P.M., Bro. R. E. Fairclough. It is not necessary that I should attempt to detail his many virtues, nor try to place before you any ornately-phrased eulogy on his excellencies; he was so essentially of us and with us that he and his characteristics were and are as well-known to yourselves as to myself, nevertheless, you will allow me to say that to Freemasonry in general, and to this lodge in particular, the loss of so faithful, so true, and so enthusiastic a Mason is almost incalculable, and it seems hard to realise that our ceremonials will no longer have the dignity of his presence, or our periods of relaxation the accustomed sound of his cheerful voice, or tuneful hand. It is given to few amongst us to have such a power of concentration as he had, and to devote so much of that energetic power to the cause of Freemasonry; it is given to few to have such a tenacious memory, to few to have such forcible declamation, and so infectious an earnestness of manner; to few also is given such a gift as he had for harmony and music, and to few, indeed, to combine with these rare qualities such a capability for good fellowship, and such a simple, sympathetic, strong, and genial nature. Brotherly love, relief, and truth, were exemplified in our late I.P.M., and sad and terrible as his end appeared to us who are left, may it please the Great Architect that you and I may be prepared and as fit as our brother was to ascend to the Grand Lodge above when our time comes. I need now only ask you to endorse and confirm the action of our ever-thoughtful Secretary, Bro. Church, in sending in the name of the Clapton Lodge, a letter of sympathy to the family of our late brother, and at the same time instruct that a minute of this letter of condolence and sympathy be entered in the records of our lodge. In eloquent and pathetic terms, Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., and W. Finch, P.M., also referred to the sad death of Bro. Fairclough. The whole of the brethren then rose, and the "Dead March in Saul" was played. The W.M. passed Bro. F. W. Moore, and Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., then occupied the chair, and raised Bro. J. H. Shipman and E. J. Livett. The working of the ritual was—as it always is in the Clapton Lodge—well done. The Secretary reported that Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., was ill, which was the reason of his absence that evening, and he was instructed to convey to Bro. Campbell the sincere regret of the members, and their earnest wish for his speedy restoration to health.

The lodge was then closed, and a substantial supper followed, which was well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. P. Becker.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts,

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," observing that he had been an excellent ruler, and he was beloved by all. He had had a splendid year of office—no one could wish for a better—and when he went on the Past Master's shelf he felt he would continue to do his utmost for the welfare of the lodge. He came into the chair with their best wishes, and he would go out of office with their earnest thanks for his great services.

Bro. J. D. Geddes, W.M., said it was somewhat sad to have to respond for the last time as W.M., but against that it was a consolation to know that the little he had done had given satisfaction, and he appreciated the remarks of Bro. Church in proposing the toast. He had always been received in a cordial and kindly manner, which was an ample return for his services. He acknowledged the great assistance he had received from his officers, and he thanked them and the members for all their kindnesses to him, which he should never forget.

The W.M. proposed "The Worshipful Master Elect, Bro. A. H. Church." He said that no words of his were needed to commend the toast, because a Board of Installed Masters had that evening given him a good verdict. He had an excellent father to guide him, and his qualifications were of the highest order, and he would keep well to the front the well-known reputation of the lodge.

Bro. A. H. Church responded, remarking that the Past Masters had ratified his election, and he was beginning to realise the responsibilities of his high office. They would perhaps be surprised to know that he intended to reappoint the present Secretary. He hoped to fulfil his obligations to their satisfaction, as no effort would be wanting on his part. He would like to have a few initiates, but as they were a large lodge, there was no occasion to go in the bye ways to find new blood, and, in conclusion, he thanked the members for the great honour in electing him Master of the Clapton Lodge.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. W. Blackburn, P.M., gave "The Visitors," remarking that their guests were very few, but they were not strangers, and they were very glad to see them. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. E. J. Wickenden, who was son-in-law of their dear late Bro. Fairclough, and Bro. R. T. West.

Bro. Wickenden, in reply, thanked the members for their hearty welcome. When he was asked by the W.M. to come that evening he felt he could not refuse, and he accepted the invitation after much consideration. He was much struck with the way the members had testified to the esteem they felt for Bro. Fairclough's memory, and it was a great blow to him that he should never meet him again in a lodge. He was respected by all he came in contact with, and was beloved by all his family. Personally he was more than a father to him in every way, and had given him good advice on all occasions. He remembered when he (Bro. Fairclough) installed Bro. Geddes as his successor, that his last words were "it is well done, admit us to the Grand Lodge above." If we could live up to the principles he (Bro. Fairclough) lived up to, we should all be able to say it is "well done."

Bro. R. T. West also responded, and the Tyler's toast followed, which brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening Bros. A. H. Church, H. Green, P. Becker, and E. J. H. Livett entertained the brethren with some excellent songs.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, on Thursday, the 21st ult., and, notwithstanding the fine summer weather, was very numerously attended. Bro. Samuel Robinson, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Niven, P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec.; R. S. Hird, J.W.; C. J. Paul, as S.D.; J. W. Bland, J.D.; John Harland, I.G.; A. Swaine, Org.; T. P. Sykes, Steward; H. Holmes, Tyler; Hedley, F. Betteridge, R. B. Nichols, W. S. Smith, and F. Kinder. Visitors: Bros. C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, P.P.G.W.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 408, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Fisher, P.M. 1221, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. G. Dimery, P.M., W.M. 2009, P.P.G.P. Somerset; A. Robertshaw, P.M. 448, Prov. G.D.C.; E. W. Hainsworth, P.M. 304; W. S. Milligan, W.M. 408; R. Hodgson, P.M. 448; J. Milligan, I.G. 448; S. Hanson, 448; J. Whiteley, 448; C. Rose, J.D. 448; G. Whiteley, Stwd. 448; J. S. Hartley, 448; W. Oates, 448; H. E. Hodgson, D.C. 603; G. R. Pearson, Org. 1302; J. Douglas, 1302; James Buckley, Sec. 2069; G. J. F. Watson, 2069; W. Bailey, 1248; and C. F. Forshaw, 295.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the W.M. called upon Bro. Alfred Robertshaw, P.M. 408, P.P.G.D.C., who most ably assisted by a number of the brethren of St. James Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, most admirably worked the first four Sections of the Lecture in the First Degree, after which, on the motion of Bro. Last, P.M., Sec., seconded by Bro. Niven, P.M., and supported by the W.M., a most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Robertshaw and the brethren who had assisted him in working the lecture, which was directed to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Robertshaw suitably responded.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made for refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Robertshaw and the brethren who had assisted him with the lecture in the lodge room."

This was most cordially received, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Robertshaw, who expressed the pleasure it had afforded him and his colleagues to visit the lodge and work the Sections, and if it only had the effect of stimulating the members to study the ritual, and that which underlie the ritual, of Freemasonry, he was sure that they would be amply repaid for any trouble entailed, and he and his colleagues from No. 448 would be more than compensated for their visit to the lodge. He was impressed with the close attention which the brethren had given to the working of the Sections, and he appreciated the remarks which the members who had spoken had made regarding the work of the evening.

In submitting the toast of "the Visitors," the Worshipful Master gave them a very hearty welcome, and remarked that at a summer meeting, when there were so many outside counter attractions, he considered it a compliment to that or any other lodge when 28 visitors, principally from neighbouring towns, could be induced to visit the lodge, and he felt sure that they had all appreciated the treat which Bro. Robertshaw had afforded them. Lodge Acacia was always open to the reception of visitors, and he (the W.M.) hoped they would repeat the visit as early and as often as they could conveniently do so.

Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, P.P.G.W., responding for the visitors, stated that he was present at the consecration of the lodge, and was glad to have had the opportunity of paying a visit. As an old worker of the lectures, he had been much gratified at the very able and careful manner in which Bro. Robertshaw and his colleagues had done their work, and he recommended the members of the lodge to take up the study and working of the lectures, and he was sure they would feel themselves amply repaid.

Bro. W. S. Milligan, W.M. 448, also responded, and concluded a few interesting remarks by cordially inviting the members of the lodge to pay the St. James's Lodge a fraternal visit.

Other toasts, including "The Worshipful Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed a most pleasant and interesting meeting.

During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. Sykes, Swaine, Kinder, Milligan, Hanson, and Watson.

Lodge of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, E.C., when there were present Bros. Greig, W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; Spencer, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Meadows, Sec.; E. Croft Wise, S.D.; J. G. Robeson, J.D.; Cranston, I.G.; Emden, P.M.; Levy, Rix, Drake, Peppé, Hill, White, Callingham, C. Batt, and Shipman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Emden acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Shipman answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree. The lodge was then resumed in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Chapman acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree and closed in due form.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM HILL WADHAM.

We announce with regret the death of Bro. William Hill Wadham, S.D. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, P.M. Earl of Carnarvon Mark Lodge, and P.S.N. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter. The deceased had lived in retirement for some years at 154, Lancaster-road, North Kensington, where he died on the 7th instant from paralysis, at the age of 63 years. The funeral took place on the following Tuesday at Kensal Green Cemetery. The mourners who followed were Messrs. J. Wadham, E. Hill, J. Marks, G. Marks, W. Wadham, A. H. Pickman, J. H. Watson, and Goodlatte; and Bros. James Wadham, McGavey Dr. Pocock, D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Gray, Middleweek, and S. H. Parkhouse. Among those present at the funeral were the following members of the lodge and chapter: Bros. J. M. Huish, W.M.; Henry Foskett, S.W.; J. French, J.W.; R. C. Green, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Adkins, P.M., I.G.; H. Handover, Steward; W. J. Mason, P.M., P.G.D. Surrey; George Davis, P.M.; Philip Monson, P.M.; G. W. Passingham, Armfield, Montague, Dallaway, Ernest Day, and many others. Many splendid wreaths were sent, including a beautiful emblem, representing a square and compasses in pink and white flowers, from the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge.

BRO. GEORGE MELLOR, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. E. LANCASHIRE.

An old and honoured townsman of Ashton-under-Lyne passed away on the 14th instant in the person of Bro. George Mellor. For three years past he had been in very indifferent health, and though he occasionally drove out he was little seen in public, and was unable to take any part in public affairs. Though precluded, however, from any active participation in matters which at one time so much engaged him, his spirit was still in sympathy with all that concerned the welfare of his native town. Three weeks ago he was compelled to lay up, and, as already stated, he passed peacefully away in his 80th year on the day specified. Our deceased brother, who, for 20 years had held the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, was initiated in the Minerva Lodge, No. 300, on the 13th of April, 1843. On the 8th of January, 1857, he was installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Pitt, Prov. G.D.C. for East Lancashire. The records of the lodge show that on April 19th, 1862, Bro. George Mellor laid the foundation stone of the Ashton Parish Church Schools. In 1873 he was once more unanimously elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months, and about two years later was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in testimony of the high esteem in which he was held, and especially in recognition of his having a second time held the office of Worshipful Master. It was on the 5th of August, 1875, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province of East Lancashire appointed him to the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master on the death of Bro. W. R. Callender, who had previously held the office. On the 13th of April, 1893, a large number of brethren of the Minerva Lodge, and visitors from other parts of the province, dined at the Pitt and Nelson, and afterwards presented Bro. Mellor with a silver loving cup, to commemorate the attainment of his 50th anniversary in Masonry. The presentation was made by the then Mayor of the borough, Bro. Ely Andrew, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., who spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Bro. Mellor to the lodge and to the Craft generally. Again, on the 17th of May, 1893, Bro. Mellor was the recipient of a special mark of honour from the Masonic Order of East Lancashire. On that date the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Armoury at Ashton, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, F.G.W. of England, Prov. G.M. In his annual report to the Grand Lodge, Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec., thus refers to the matter: "Our Worshipful Deputy Grand Master is to-day the recipient of a mark of respect from the lodges and brethren of the province, from whom he has won their esteem and affection, and is worthy to receive all honour." The Prov. G. Master, in calling upon Bro. J. H. P. Leresche to make the presentation, spoke of him and eulogised his character in terms which will be re-echoed by all who knew him intimately, even outside the ranks of Freemasonry. He said "he could hardly do justice to the unanimous and fraternal affection which he knew was felt by that large assembly for one who was so worthy of receiving it. They had come there that day as Masons and as brethren to honour one who had for 50 long years trod the path of their ancient and honourable Order. Their Deputy Grand Master was one who had carried out with honour to himself and credit to the Order the principles of Freemasonry. It was not given to every man to have that nice, genial, kindly, and friendly disposition which was a distinguishing characteristic of their worthy brother, George Mellor. . . . He was beloved by his fellow townsmen and adored by the Masons of the province. He was also beloved and esteemed by his friends and relations. He was an honour to the borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, and a brilliant gem among the living ornaments of the Masonic Order. . . . He had during his life made no enemies, but gained many friends. . . . He had been distinguished by sound judgment, great discretion in speech, and his character stood in honour and dignity very high." A handsomely-bound address testified to the high regard in which he was held by the brethren of the Province of East Lancashire and their appreciation of his services as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and congratulated him on the occasion of the completion of his 50th year as a Mason and a continuous member of the lodge in which he "first saw the light of Masonry." In addition to the address, the presentation consisted of a valuable service of plate, comprising a massive silver tray, silver centrepiece, handsome silver bowl, and companion silver bowl; and for Mrs. Mellor there was a superb afternoon tea service and silver salver, lavishly decorated with gold and rich in renaissance chasing. Bro. Mellor married on March 17th, 1847, Frances Jane, daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Swire, of Portland House, Ashton, and leaves two sons (Mr. G. H. Mellor and Mr. A. E. Mellor), one daughter (Miss Annie Mellor, of Holly Bank), and was pre-deceased by another son, Mr. Herbert Mellor (whose death he deeply lamented), on the 24th of February last. The remains of our deceased brother were interred in the Dukinfield Cemetery, on Wednesday, the 19th instant. In accordance with his own expressed wish, the obsequies were of a quiet and unobtrusive character, only relatives and a few personal friends being invited in the capacity of mourners. The funeral cortege was, however, watched by considerable crowds of people, and at the Parish Church, where the first part of the burial service was conducted, a number of brethren and others were present as a last tribute of respect to the memory of a much esteemed brother and fellow-townsmen. Among the congregation, in addition to the regular mourners, we noticed Bros. John Clayton, P.G.S.W. Cheshire; Capt. Lingard, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Buckley, Walter Newton, P.P.G.D.; John Chadwick, P.P.G. Sec. East Lancs.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.S.B. Eng. (Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution); John Kelly, P.P.G. Chap.; Wm. Gouldthorpe, P.G.R.; James Newton, Prov. Grand Sec. East Lancs.; T. Bowers, P.P.G.S.B., and others.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)
For the week ending Saturday, September 5, 1896.

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 31.

House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, at 3.

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.
Marques of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 7.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
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.
Sincerity, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, 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, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

Colonial Board at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

1477, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1002, Beconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.

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, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, 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.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
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 Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Lew, 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, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 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, SEPTEMBER 2.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE, at 6 for 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

805, Temperance in the East, Town Hall, Stratford.

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.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Conscience, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 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.
Lanthonne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., 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, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, 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,

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

CRAFT LODGES.

1155, Excelsior, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1709, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
1603, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1603, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.

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.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
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.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montflore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
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.
Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Tredgar, 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.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
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), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 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, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
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, SEPTEMBER 5.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

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 Napier, West Side, London Fields, 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, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, New Cross House, 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.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE and suite witnessed the performance of "A Blind Marriage" at the Criterion Theatre on Wednesday evening.

THE CROWN PRINCESS (Archduchess Stéphanie) of Austria and her suite, has returned from her trip to Scotland and Ireland to the Hotel Albemarle, Piccadilly.

BARON VON ZEDTWITZ, who was killed in the collision between his yacht *Isolde* and the German Emperor's Meteor, was buried in the Holy Trinity Cemetery, Dresden, on Tuesday, both the Emperor and the King of Saxony being represented.

THE FOURTH International Congress of Criminal Anthropology was opened at Geneva on Monday, and will remain open until to-morrow (Saturday.) Great Britain is officially represented, and among those who will read papers is Mr. Francis Gallon, F.R.S.

THE AMERICAN yacht *Vencedor* and the Canadian yacht *Canada* tried conclusions near Toledo on Lake Erie on Tuesday. The *Vencedor* took the lead at the start, but was quickly overhauled by the *Canada*, which very soon was a good half-mile ahead of her antagonist.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY having received her Majesty's command to visit her at Osborne, left Walmer Castle for London on Tuesday, and, after spending a short time at the Foreign Office, proceeded to Portsmouth, whence the Royal Yacht *Alberta* conveyed him to Cowes.

GENERAL SIR LYON FREMANTLE, Governor of Malta, arrived at Plymouth on leave of absence on board the P. & O. Steamer *Arcadia*, on Sunday evening, and was met by his relative, Admiral Sir E. Fremantle, the naval commander-in-chief, and subsequently he continued his journey to London.

FROM EGYPT we learn that the expeditionary force will shortly make its advance on Dengola. We also hear that a case of cholera has occurred among the Indian Camp followers at Suakin, while the mail steamer from Bombay arrived on Monday, after a delay of 40 days, caused from want of sufficient fuel.

ACCORDING TO ADVICES from Buluwayo, the rebellion in Matabeleland is at an end, the chiefs having unconditionally surrendered to Bro. Cecil Rhodes, who visited the quarters of the rebel chiefs in the Matoppo, unarmed, and accompanied only by Mr. Colanbrander and Dr. Sauer, under the escort of Groatboorz.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT with their children, the Princesses Margaret and Victoria, and Prince Arthur, and Prince Napoleon, who is on a visit to the Empress Eugénie, at Farnborough Park, were present at the Rifle Brigade Sports which were held at the Army Athletic Ground, Aldershot, on Tuesday.

A GRAND BAZAAR will be held in the Kensington Town Hall, on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th December, under the patronage of the Princess Christian, the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, the Duchess of Connaught, and the Duchess of Teck, the purpose being to raise funds for providing free breakfasts and dinners for poor children during the ensuing winter.

MAJOR THE HON. CHARLES JOHN COVENTRY, son of the Earl of Coventry, and one of the officers who served with Dr. Jameson in the raid into the Transvaal, was released from Holloway Gaol on Saturday afternoon, the Home Secretary having, on the advice of the medical authorities, issued an order for his unconditional release, in consequence of the very serious change that had taken place in his health.

THE DEATH is announced of Lieut.-General Ben Lyshe Walton, formerly of the Bengal Staff Corps, who received his commission in the 53rd Foot in 1848, and the following year carried the colours at the battle of Goojerat. In 1851-2 he served against the Hill Tribes on the Peshawar frontier, and during the Indian Mutiny took part in the relief of Lucknow under Lord Clyde, being severely wounded in the storming of the Secunderabad.

THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR, Li Hung Chang, brought his visit to this country to a conclusion on Saturday last, when he sailed on board the American liner *St. Louis* from Southampton Docks for the United States. Previous to his departure his Excellency had an interview with Mrs. Moffatt, a sister of the late General Gordon, with whom he entered into conversation. The Ambassador expressed himself well pleased with his visit to this country.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT presented the stars awarded by the Queen to those officers and men who had served in the recent Ashantee Expedition. The distribution took place on the Corunna Barracks parade ground, the number of recipients being 114, including officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 2nd Rifle Brigade, Medical Staff Corps, Royal Engineers, Royal Artillery, Army Ordnance and Army Service Corps, and the Army Pay Department.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and her daughter, Princess Victoria, arrived at Copenhagen from Homburg on Saturday morning last, and were met at the station by the members of the British Legation. Subsequently they were received by the King and Queen of Denmark, the Crown Prince and Princess and their children, Prince and Princess Waldemar, and the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, and the Grand Duchess Olga. The Royal party afterwards drove to Bernstorff Castle.

WE LEARN from the 42nd annual report of the Post Office that there were transmitted through the post during the year ended 31st March last 1,834,000,000 letters, 314,500,000 postcards, 672,300,000 book-packets and circulars, 149,000,000 newspapers, and 60,572,000 parcels, giving a grand total of 3,030,527,000. There were 31,000 letters and 6462 parcels posted without any address, while the value of the property contained in letters opened in the Returned Letter Office was £550,000.

THE ANTI-MASONIC CONGRESS.—Our Vienna correspondent telegraphs: Preparations for the great Anti-Masonic Congress at Trient are being completed, and the president of the organising committee, Comendatore Alliata, has arrived from Rome to superintend. It is evident that a kind of Council of Trient is planned. The Congress will meet in a church, where 1200 seats have been prepared. It will, moreover, be opened in the beautiful Cathedral of Trient on the 25th September.—*Daily News*.

THE CZAR AND CZARINA left Peterhof at 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning on their foreign tour, which will last till about the end of October. Their Majesties were accompanied by several ministers, including Prince Lobanoff, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Aide-de-Camps, Gentlemen of the Chamber, the Court Physician, Princess Galitza, Grand Mistress of the Court, and a maid of honour. Their first visit was to Vienna, which was reached on Thursday, and where their Majesties were received by the Emperor Francis Joseph, and others.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughter, the Princess Victoria of Wales, will honour the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry with a visit at Wynyard Park on the 19th October next. On Monday the Prince drove from Homburg to Bad Nannum, accompanied by General Clark and Bro. Sir Christopher Sykes, and in the evening his Royal Highness dined with Lord and Lady Spencer, Lord and Lady Hillingdon, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Lord Brooke, who are staying at the Kaiserhof at the latter place.

DONCASTER RACES, 1896.—In connection with the above meeting, the Great Northern Railway Company are again arranging to run additional express trains between London and Doncaster. The ordinary service of fourteen through expresses will be maintained, and in addition a special express will leave King's Cross at 9.40 a.m. on each Race Day; a luncheon car for first class passengers being attached to this train. On Monday additional expresses will also leave King's Cross at 3.15 p.m. and 5.40 p.m. On the "St. Leger" day an express excursion will be run from Woolwich (Arsenal and Dockyard), Charlton, Meze Hill, Greenwich, Deptford, Blackheath, New Cross, and Spa Road, to Doncaster, returning same day only. An express excursion will also be run from King's Cross at 7.0 a.m., having connections from Moorgate, Aldersgate, and Farringdon, returning either same day or on "Cup" day at 6.25 p.m. For these excursions the low fare of 12s. 6d., third class return, will be charged. An additional express train will also leave Doncaster for London at 6.5 p.m. on each Race Day, a dining car for first class passengers being attached on the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and to enable visitors from town to return immediately at the close of the races on the "Cup" day, special expresses will start from Doncaster at 4.40 p.m. and 5.0 p.m., due at King's Cross at 8.0 and 8.20 p.m. On the latter train there will be a dining car for first class passengers. Third class passengers will be conveyed by all trains.

THE QUEEN, according to present arrangements, will leave Osborne next Monday evening upon her customary autumnal visit to Scotland. Balmoral will be reached on the following afternoon.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Earl of Waldegrave as Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard in succession to Bro. the Earl of Limerick, deceased.

A SHARP thunderstorm broke over the Isle of Wight on Wednesday. The coast-guard station at Atherfield was struck by lightning, and considerable damage was done to the officer's house, and also to a telephone instrument which he was using at the time. He received some injuries.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK, who came to town from Sandringham, en route to Osborne, did not complete the journey on Wednesday evening, but remained at Marlborough House, and left Victoria at 1.45 on Thursday afternoon for Portsmouth, whence they crossed to Cowes.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES attended the Baden-Baden races on Tuesday, and on his return to Homburg dined at the Hotel Stephanie with Count and Countess Festetics. Subsequently the party visited the gardens of the Kursul, and witnessed the fireworks from a stand specially erected for the occasion.

THE CEREMONY of securing the first pile of the deep-sea pier at Herne Bay was performed on Wednesday by Mr. Prescott Westley in the presence of a large company under the presidency of Mr. E. G. Collard. The new pier will extend three-quarters of a mile into the sea, so as to be available for steamers at all states of the tide.

LIEUT.-GENERAL DAVIS, commanding the Southern District, visited the Victoria Barracks, Portsmouth, after garrison church parade on Sunday last, and distributed among some 40 officers and men of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers, Army Service Corps, and Royal Artillery, the special award for service in the recent Ashantee campaign.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Institute of Journalists will be held at Belfast next week, when it is expected that quite 500 members from all parts of the United Kingdom and also from abroad will attend. The proceedings will commence on Monday, and, by invitation of the Lord Mayor and Corporation, the Council of the Institute will meet in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

THE DUKE OF YORK has just rescued two gallant old tars from the workhouse. They both fought at St. Jean d'Acre in 1840—the name sounds nowadays as if it belonged to a mediæval sea fight—and found their way in their old age to the refuge of so many old soldiers and sailors. They are now to be removed from Portsmouth Workhouse to the Haslar Hospital, where they will no longer be "paupers."

BY DESIRE of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, commanding the Forces in Ireland, presented, at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, the medal and diploma of the Order to a young man named Dennison, employed as porter on the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, who, at great personal risk, saved the life of a man at Dundoom on the 17th May last.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. H. Payne Whitney, son of the former Secretary to the Navy under President Cleveland, and Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, eldest daughter of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, and grandson of Commodore Vanderbilt, took place at Newport, Rhode Island, on Tuesday, the officiating clergyman being Bishop Potter, of New York. The marriage was extremely quiet, owing to the illness of the bride's father, and in consequence only the relatives of the bride and bridegroom were present.

GREAT EXCITEMENT was shown at Kospele on Tuesday, when the seven steamers which have passed the various cataracts on the Nile were moored alongside the river bank. The Sirdar and his staff met Colonel Hunter, and congratulated him on having brought the boats safely up the river. The boats are now receiving their armament, and the general advance is now being made, the first step having been taken on Tuesday, when the garrison of Suardah advanced and took possession of Absarat, a large convoy having also left, *via* the Desert, for the same destination.

AN UNRECORDED INCIDENT in connection with Li Hung Chang's visit to Mr. Gladstone has just been told to the London Correspondent of the *Manchester Courier*. One of Mr. Gladstone's little grandsons hit upon the happy idea of wearing a piece of yellow ribbon in his buttonhole in honour of the visit of the Viceroy. Yellow is the official colour in China, and the little fellow was hopeful that the great man would notice the compliment. The visit was almost over, and Li Hung was about to depart, when the ribbon caught his eye. Pointing an approving finger to the lad, the Viceroy patted him on the shoulder, and said in Chinese, "Thank you so much," Mr. Gladstone, who was not informed of the incident until later, was greatly delighted with his diplomatic grandson.

WE REGRET to announce the death of Bro. David Stroud, late of Rothsay House, High Road, Chiswick. The deceased was a member of Lodges 55, 2045, and 2090, besides chapters, &c. &c. He was a liberal supporter of the regular Masonic Charities, and always willing to help in any way to promote the good of Freemasonry. His loss will be, and is severely felt by a very large circle of friends and companions. The funeral took place on the 25th instant, at Nunhead Cemetery. The service was read in a dignified manner by Bro. Rev. W. H. W. Casely, Chaplain of the Crusaders Lodge, and Past Prov. G. Chap. of Herts. Among the mourners were Bros. W. P. Cockburn, A. Williams, J. Oliver, H. Tipper, and J. Elliott, all of 2090, and H. J. Woods, 1642.

THE WEATHER has been again a serious impediment to cricket, only two of the several important matches played during the past half of this week having been brought to a conclusion. At Tonbridge Yorkshire beat Kent by 107 runs, the scores being Yorkshire 104 and (innings closed) 124 for seven wickets; Kent 96 and 103. Hampshire beat Essex in a single innings by 113 runs; scores: Hampshire, 295; Essex, 98 and 85. In the Somersetshire v. Australians contest the former made 219 and 85 for the loss of six wickets, and the latter 129. In Sussex v. Middlesex the play was pretty level, the former scoring 162 and 120 for two wickets (innings closed), and the latter 166 and 44 for two wickets. Gloucestershire v. Surrey at Clifton was also a fairly even match, Surrey compiling 184 and 36 for three wickets, and Gloucestershire 157, while in the matches Warwickshire v. Derbyshire and Lancashire v. Notts, Warwickshire made 166 and Lancashire 284, rain preventing further play.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING a novel game of cricket was played at Thornton Heath. One side was composed of Mr. W. Bacon, a local postman, and his 10 sons, five of whom are in the service of the Post Office. Their ages ranged from 10 to 26, the father, who possesses the maximum number of good-conduct badges, being in his 48th year. The members of this family, who are all well known to local cricketers, were opposed by an 11 of Thornton Heath postmen, whose total reached 42 for nine wickets. Amid frequent applause the Bacon family ran their score to 73 for eight wickets, when the stumps were of necessity drawn owing to postal duties. Frank Bacon, aged 12, caught one out, bowled another, and himself scored four. The most promising form was shown by Robert Bacon, aged 10, who made some capital cuts for his 14. Other members of the Bacon family took a collection on the ground on behalf of the Croydon General Hospital, realising quite a substantial sum.

G. F. JÄRNISCH.—A Doctor of Medicine in Homburg, born in 1707, died in 1781. He was received into Masonry in the Lodge "Absalom" in 1743, and was made in 1759 Provincial Grand Master of Hamburg and Lower Saxony. He seems subsequently to have taken up with the Clermont and Templar systems, and to have become a warm supporter of the Strict Observance, so much so that, in 1765, he separated himself from the English system at Hamburg, and was installed by Schubart Commendator and Prefect under the Strict Observance in 1773. He, however, seems to have re-assembled the Provincial Grand Lodge, and did not actually or finally sever himself entirely from the English system. During his régime many High Grade bodies seem to have been formed in Hamburg, some of which afterwards attached themselves to the system of Zinnendorf. Mossdorf tells us that a medal was struck in his honour.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

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