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## THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The voting papers for the October School elections have been issued and we are in a position to call attention to such matters in connection with the circumstances of the different candidates as are likely to prove of interest to our readers.

The election into the

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

will take place at the Quarterly General Court which will be held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 8th October. There are in all 28 candidates, of whom five remain over from April and the other 23 have had their names placed on the list since then, while the number of vacancies to be filled is 19. London furnishes five candidates and has a part interest in the success of five others; the remaining 18 hailing from the Provinces and Stations Abroad. The London five are No. 2, who polled 872 votes at her first attempt in April, and Nos. 13, 16, 26, and 27, while the five in which London and some one or other of the Provinces have a joint interest are as follow: No. 5, who hails from Middlesex and London and has already to her credit 1020 votes; Nos. 6 and 15 from London and Surrey, of whom the latter has this one and only chance of obtaining admission; No. 7, from London and Berkshire; and No. 25, from London and Hertfordshire. Of the 18 Provincial candidates, West Yorkshire is responsible for Nos. 14, 18, and 22, and Warwickshire for Nos. 20 and 28, the latter having only this chance of success. Of the rest, No. 1, from Hants and the Isle of Wight, who has no further chance than this of winning a place, has already figured at four elections, and brings forward 329 votes to this ballot. No. 3, from Devonshire, scored 520 votes in April last, and No. 4, from Cheshire, 95 votes. All the others are newly-approved candidates, No. 8 being from South Wales (W.D.); No. 9 from Surrey; No. 10 from Dorsetshire; No. 11 from North Wales; No. 12 from Northumberland; No. 17 from Kent; No. 19 from Cyprus; No. 21 from Middlesex; No. 23 from North Wales and South Wales (W.D.); and No. 24 from Durham. Of the whole 28 girls, 24 are fatherless, two have lost both parents, and two have both parents living; but the mother of one of the fatherless children is insane, so that the poor girl is practically without father and mother. As regards the parents through whom they derive their claims to have been accepted as candidates, more than half of them had been subscribing members of lodges for 10 years and upwards, while sundry among them had won distinction in lodge

and Province, but only a very small proportion of them had done any service as Stewards or supporters of our Institutions.

The election into the

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

will take place at the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 9th October. The number of vacancies to be competed for is, unfortunately, limited to 14, but the number of candidates is 44, of whom 20 remain over from the April election, and the other 24 have since had their names placed on the list. London is directly responsible for 18 of these children, and has a part interest in the success of one other, while the Provinces and Districts Abroad contribute the remaining 25. The London candidates are as follow: No. 1, who has taken part in five ballots, and, as a result, has 2046 votes standing to his credit; No. 2, who has only this chance left him of securing admission. However, he starts with 1469 votes to his credit, and if his friends and supporters exert a sufficient amount of energy in his behalf, there ought to be very little doubt about his winning a place. No. 3, who has also stood three Elections, will start on this occasion with 1850 votes, while No. 4 brings forward 1118 votes from his three previous ballots. Nos. 9 and 10 began their candidature in October, 1895, and start, the former with 1206 votes and the latter with 750 votes from their two previous attempts, while Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20 were all candidates for the first time at the Election in April last, and received, respectively, 811, 115, 45, 235, 529, and 1352 votes. The others, namely, Nos. 25, 26, 28, 30, 35, and 39 are newly-approved candidates, and of these No. 30 has this one and only chance of obtaining admission into the School. No. 27, in whom London and Berkshire have a joint interest, is also a new candidate. Of the Provincial 25, Staffordshire furnishes Nos. 22 and 43, but the rest are distributed singly among Provinces and Districts. Thus No. 5, who brings forward 35 votes from the last two elections, hails from Herefordshire; and No. 6, whose name has been on the list for the same length of time, but who starts on his third and last attempt with 1426 votes to his credit, is an Oxfordshire lad. No. 7, from Cumberland and Westmorland, has 47 votes to the good from the elections in October, 1895, and April, 1896, and No. 8, from Essex, has 362 votes. No. 11, from West Lancashire and Madras, brings forward 2212 votes from last April, and No. 12, from the Argentine Republic, 555 votes; while No. 13, who has only this chance left him, hails from Somersetshire and Wiltshire, and will enter upon his last attempt with 736 votes in hand. No. 19, from Middlesex, brings forward 145 votes from April, but all the rest are newly-approved candidates—that is to say, No. 21, from Devonshire; No. 23, from Cheshire; No. 24, from Surrey; No. 29, from Northants and Hunts; No. 31, from Derbyshire; No. 32, from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; No. 33, from West Lancashire; No. 34, from North Wales and South Wales (W.D.); Nos. 36 and 37, from North and East Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire respectively; No. 38, from Suffolk; No. 40, from Cornwall; No. 41, from Guernsey and Alderney; and Nos. 42 and 44, from Kent in the former case, and Warwickshire in the latter. Of the whole 44 boys, 36 have lost their fathers, and five both parents, while the other three have both parents living. In the case of a considerable number of the children, the father had won distinction in his lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, while in between one half and one-third of the cases he had subscribed to a lodge

or lodges for 10 years and upwards, but only in one-fourth of them had he done anything in behalf of our Institutions.

It only remains for us to make our usual earnest appeal to Governors and Subscribers who are not already committed to the support of any particular candidate to give all their votes to, and exercise all their influence in behalf of those children, both girls and boys, who, if they fail at this election, will have their names removed from the lists and be thereby deprived of all chance of obtaining those educational benefits of which they have been adjudged worthy, and we make this appeal on the usual grounds, that others can wait for a further six months, but these unhappily-placed candidates cannot. The children who are thus circumstanced rank as Nos. 1, 15, and 28 on the Girls' School list, and as Nos. 2, 6, 13, and 30 on that for the Boys' School election.

### CHRISTIANITY AND FREEMASONRY.

The letter signed "OFFEIRIAD," which appeared under the above heading in the *Church Times* of the 14th ult., and which we reproduced and commented upon in our issue of the 29th ult., has not unnaturally evoked a considerable amount of discussion in the columns of our contemporary, some of those who have taken part in it expressing opinions which are in sympathy with those of OFFEIRIAD, while others as strenuously defend Freemasonry from his uncalled-for onslaught. We do not suppose that the controversy, if it is continued for an indefinite period, will ever be allowed to terminate in favour of either side. Parties to a religious difference are never convinced. The views of each are orthodox in their own estimation, while those of their opponents are heterodox, and if it were possible that we who are witnesses of the present discussion, who read carefully the letters which are appearing, and it may be even go so far as to contribute a few remarks, could return to this mortal state two centuries hence, we should find that a church congress was going to be held in some part or other of the habitable globe, and that an animated discussion as to whether professing Christians were or were not justified in countenancing Freemasonry, had arisen in connection with it and was being conducted with all the fervour of the most bigoted zealot. We do not, therefore, imagine that such opinions as we may deem it our duty to express will have the slightest influence upon our opponents and induce them to exhibit more of the true spirit of Christianity in their writings, or treat those who differ with them somewhat more in accordance with what one of the chiefest of the Apostles so beautifully sets forth in one of the many Epistles he addressed to the professing Christians of his day. But while we do not object to professors of this or that form of Christianity, or, indeed, of any religious creed, putting their own interpretation upon the tenets of their own particular faith—which we assume they have made themselves acquainted with, and are therefore qualified to interpret according to the light that is in them—we most decidedly object to their putting their own interpretation upon the principles and tenets of a Society of which they are not members, and cannot possibly possess the slightest knowledge, except what they derive from hearsay evidence. If such persons as these were summoned as witnesses in an action at law, and when called upon to give evidence as to certain important facts, were in a position to say no more than that they had heard this, or read of that, their testimony would be summarily rejected as worthless. What right then have such people to come forward and denounce Freemasonry, of which the only knowledge they possess has been obtained secondhand, either from the casual statements of men who are Masons, or from books professing to explain what Masonry is? We pointed out in our former article of a fortnight since that "OFFEIRIAD" knows little or nothing about our Society, and yet a correspondent, signing himself "SIGMA," whose letter appears in the *Church Times* of the 28th ult., describes his ("OFFEIRIAD'S") original letter as "calm and weighty," while the communications in the same issue from Bro. the Rev. J. W. HORSLEY and others, who have some knowledge of what they are writing about, are spoken of slightingly. It is also a curious fact, and one that cannot fail to have its effect upon the minds

of those who are not prejudiced one way or the other in this discussion, that, while all those who condemn Freemasonry, beginning with "OFFEIRIAD" himself, who started the controversy, conceal their identity from the public by writing anonymously, nearly all those who defend the Craft write in their own names, without any attempt whatever at concealment. However, as we have expressed our opinion that nothing in the shape of argument will convince these opponents of Masonry, we do not propose to do more than publish sundry of the letters which have appeared in support of, or opposition to, that of "OFFEIRIAD'S" of the 14th ult., and for those letters we must refer our readers to another part of our columns.

### GREAT PRIORY STATUTES.

The new edition of the Statutes of the "Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof" is now ready for delivery, and makes a fine handsome volume. It has been edited with considerable care and efficiency, and is "Published by Authority." This edition will doubtless long be known as that of 1896 under the *new régime*, and will be diligently examined and studied by fratres of the "United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta," whether connected with the English Great Priory or those of Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the United States of America.

The "Convent General" ceased to exist from and after the 19th July, 1895, each "Great Priory" becoming wholly independent and separate (as before 1872-3 and the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, 7th April, 1873); the funds also have been divided *pro rata* between the Great Priories of England and Ireland.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has most graciously consented to be Sovereign of the Order in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and is likewise Past Supreme Grand Master of Canada. Both are honorary appointments, and much appreciated by the fratres of these Great Priories, especially because his Royal Highness continues to take interest in the welfare of Knight Templary throughout the Masonic world.

The present Regulations combine those of the "Convent General" and "Great Priory," subject, however, to necessary alterations and additions, so that no little attention will have to be paid to the Statutes of 1896, that the various changes may be duly mastered and understood.

The question of rank and precedence first requires consideration. The Supreme Head of each Great Priory is the M.E. and S. Grand Master (who, if a Prince of the Blood Royal may appoint a *Pro G.M.*), the next officer being the V.H. and E. Great Seneschal (virtually a Deputy G.M.) just as formerly with the Convent General, and previously the Grand Conclave. The Very Eminent Provincial Priors follow, and then the Great Prelate, Chancellor, First and Second Constables, Treasurer, Registrar, with Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders; the three prefixes being to distinguish the three classes of office as noted.

The remainder of the Great Officers are the Vice-Chancellor, the Marshal (who formerly came before the Treasurer, such taking rank as Past Second Constables), the Almoner, Warden of Regalia, Herald, two Standard Bearers, Banner Bearer, Sword Bearer (*moved up*), two Aides-de-Camp, Chamberlain, two Captains of Guard, (Past Sword Bearers, *prior to 1896*, rank before the next officer), Organist and Pursuivant, all of whom, with the Preceptors, Past and Present, are entitled to the prefix *Eminent*.

The Great Priory alone has the power of erasing Preceptories and expelling Knights, save when the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, or the Mark Grand Lodge have passed sentence, in which event it is operative in Great Priory subject, however, to appeal, duly provided for.

The Grand Master is to be elected for a term of three years, and may be re-elected. All communications to the M.E. and Supreme must be made through the Great Vice-Chancellor. The Grand Master, as the fountain of honour, has the exclusive prerogative of appointing Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders of the Temple, subject to the Rule 28, as respects the number of each Dignity, and, moreover, has the appointment of Provincial Priors and Great Officers (excepting the Treasurer) as heretofore. All the Grand Officers, excepting the Great Constables and Organist, must be Installed Preceptors. The Great Vice-Chancellor holds office during the pleasure of Great Priory.

The Great Marshal has the arrangement and direction of all processions and ceremonies of Great Priory, and a fine of half-guinea to the Fund of Benevolence is payable by any Great Officer who fails in his duty to the Great Priory, by non-attendance without a valid excuse duly made and forwarded accordingly.

In Provincial Priories the roll of officers includes the Sub-Prior, Chancellor, two Constables, Treasurer, Registrar, Vice-Chancellor, Marshal, Almoner, Warden of R., Herald, two Standard Bearers, Banner Bearer, Sword Bearer, two Aides-de-Camp, Chamberlain, two Captains of Guards, and Organist; also such Pursuivants and Guards as may be necessary.

Each Prov. Priory consists of the Prov. Prior, the Present and Past Prov. Officers, with the Preceptors, Past Preceptors, and the two Constables of each Preceptory, with those Present and Past Preceptors under the English Constitution who are members of any Preceptory in such Province.

The special feature adopted by the Great Priory as respects its representatives from the Preceptories is most commendable and strictly on the same lines as the Grand Lodge, viz., the Preceptor (as Master), Past Preceptors (as Past Masters), and the Senior and Junior Constables (as the two Wardens) are members of the Great Priory and of their own Provincial Priory, and in like manner, subject to subscription to a Preceptory, Installed Preceptors continue to be members after due service.

Every new Preceptory must be formally consecrated and constituted before any privileges of the Order can be enjoyed by its members, and no

Preceptory can assemble without its warrant being in evidence. The officers of a Preceptory are, according to precedence, as follows, those with an asterisk being subject to appointment if desired: 1, Preceptor; 2, Senior and Junior Constables; 3, Chaplain; 4, Treasurer; 5, Registrar; 6, Marshal; 7, \*Almoner; 8, \*Herald; 9, \*Two Standard Bearers; 10, Captain of the Guards; and 11, the Guard.

Knights are eligible to be elected as Preceptor, who have duly served as Constable in some registered Preceptory. In the Colonies, &c., service as Chaplain in a Preceptory qualifies, and in either the dispensation of the Grand Master would also qualify. If any Preceptory cannot assemble on the regular day, the requisite dispensation must be duly applied for so as to meet not more than seven days before or after the ordinary fixture. Knights cannot be preceptors of more than one preceptory at the same time, or continue for more than two years in succession, unless by dispensation.

In the event of the death, removal, or other cause of incapacity of the Preceptor, the Rule 89 provides for the meetings being summoned as with Craft lodges, and so also during the temporary absence of such officer, and in reference to the place of meeting when impracticable. The Preceptor in the chair is empowered to refuse admission to any visitor whose presence he has reason to believe would disturb the harmony of the meeting. Preceptories must have their by-laws printed after proper confirmation.

Candidates for Knight Templary must be Master Masons of one year's standing (unless by dispensation of the Grand Master) and Royal Arch Masons, and there are stringent regulations as to residence and the declaration prior to the ballot being taken, which must be unanimous. The minimum fee is three guineas, which may include the guinea payable to the Great Priory for registration and certificate.

The rules as to the fees, clothing, insignia, and jewels (with numerous illustrations) are ably defined, and the volume is from first to last full of interest and most efficiently edited.

Copies may be had from the courteous Great Vice-Chancellor (Bro. C. F. Matier, K.C.T.), Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., for half-a-crown each (threepence extra for postage), and I shall be much surprised if there are not numerous applications as the result of this article.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

At the above Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Wrexham, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Harlech, appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Edward Roberts	...	...	P. Prov. S.G.W.
" James G. Tuxford	...	...	P. Prov. J.G.W.
" R. L. Chamberlain	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Howel Davies	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. O. Jones (re-appointed)	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. John Fairchild	...	...	
" James G. Tuxford (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. Freme Clément	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Edward Roberts (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Moreton Prichard	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" William Jones	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" James Grant	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" William Thornton Jones	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Bromwich	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Parramore Hall	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Charles Whiskin	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John Jones	...	...	
" Frank Barlow	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Caradoc Rowland (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" D. D. Pierce	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Samuel Beresford Mold	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" R. A. Gregory	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" John Darroch	...	...	
" W. Angus Fraser	...	...	
" Dr. Thomas Jones	...	...	
" R. Jones Griffith	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. H. Lloyd	...	...	
" William Williams	...	...	

CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT CONSETT.

On the 2nd instant, the new Masonic Hall at Consett was consecrated by the D.P.G.M. Durham, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., in the presence of a considerable number of the officers of the province and of the Constance Lodge, No. 2135. The officers who officiated on the occasion, representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, were, in addition to Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, acting P.G.M.: Bros. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., acting D.P.G.M.; George Renton, acting P.S.G.W.; John C. Moor, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Hartley Jennings, P.P.G.C.; G. J. Christopher, acting P.S.G.D.; John Coulthard, acting P.J.G.D.; Wm. Logan, P.P.G.D.C., as P.G.D.C.; W. J. Sanderson, P.A.G.D.C.; James Robinson, P.G.S. of W., acting P.G.P.; and T. Grieve, P.G. Tyler. The officers of the Constance Lodge present were Bros. T. D. Dryden, W.M.; G. T. Hyden, P.M., acting S.W.; J. Hardy, J.W.; William Robinson, Chap.; George Murray, jun., Sec.; M. Hobday, S.D.; W. Eltringham, J.D.; W. D. Robson, I.G.; W. Daniels, Stwd.; J. R. Brodie, D.C.; W. Brotherhood, P.M.; G. Dryden, Tyler; Robert Jackson, T. L. Gledstone, and R. Murray. The visitors included Bros. Nicholas Lee, W.M. 2039; George Donkin, I.P.M. 1676; John Hughes, W.M. 2019; W. Anderson Bell, W.M. 2520; J. C. Doherty, 94; and T. Pickering, P.M. W.M. 24.

The consecration ceremony was very impressively rendered, the dedication being declared by Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., who also gave an eloquent address upon the symbols used in the ceremony and the principles of the Order. The prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. Hartley Jennings, P.P.G.C., Bros. G. Renton and J. C. Moor assisting the acting P.G.M., and Bros. R. Hudson, the acting D.P.G.M., and W. Logan very efficiently officiating as Directors of Ceremonies.

The first part of the music used on the occasion was specially composed by Bro. C. Stephenson, S.W., who was unavoidably unable to attend. The musical service was excellently rendered by Bros. T. D. Dryden, W.M.; G. Hyden, P.M.; John Nutton, John Hughes, W.M. 2019; J. W. Daniels, St. ward; M. Hobday, S.D.; George Arkless, D.C.; and George Dryden, Org.

At the close, Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM thanked the brethren for their attendance, and congratulated the lodge upon possessing such a commodious and suitable meeting hall.

At the banquet in the evening the W.M., Bro. T. D. Dryden, presided, and a number of toasts were duly honoured, Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM responding to the toast of the province.

CHRISTIANITY AND FREEMASONRY.

The following are the letters which were published in the *Church Times* of the 21st and 28th ult., and are referred to in our leading article:

"Sir,—As it was my suggestion in your columns that a meeting of Masons who are Churchmen (as the great majority in England are), might profitably and pleasantly be held at the time of the Church Congress and in the town at which it met, I may perhaps answer the letter of your correspondent 'Offeiriad.' That gathering will not be held at Shrewsbury (though the proposal attracted much attention, and I received letters from all parts approving the idea), because a high Masonic dignitary in those parts, who is also a well-known and respected Churchman, thought it might somewhat, though only for one evening, interfere with the attraction of the Congress. I hope, however, this objection may not be raised, or prevail, in another place next or some other year.

"It is to be regretted that 'Offeiriad,' when attacking Freemasonry does not give his name. It is obvious from his letter that he is not a Mason, and that he knows little of our principles and practices. This fairly detracts from the value of his assertions and arguments. The value of the opinion of a herring as to the merits of mountain air is not great. It is further to be regretted that as he has obviously put his views before some one who is a Mason, and has had his confusion of thought pointed out, that he still prefers his surmises to the statement of facts. His letter is really only an expansion of one sentence—'Rome condemns Masonry; therefore let us eschew it.'

"Popes, beginning with Clement XII, in 1737, have condemned Freemasonry. Rightly, as regards the caricature of, and departure from, its essential principles as found in Italy, France, and perhaps Belgium. Utterly wrong as regards original and real Masonry. One might as well confuse and equally condemn the Church of England and the Plymouth brethren as assume, and even, as does 'Offeiriad,' assert in the teeth of facts and history that Masonry is responsible for the atheism and political action of the Grand Orient of France and other bodies which English Masonry has solemnly and utterly condemned. 'Offeiriad' has been told the truth as to our excommunication of those Continental bodies that now represent simply degenerate and spurious Masonry; yet he says he may be pardoned for asking whether the separation is more than merely nominal. I, for one, fail to see why he should be pardoned. And he further betrays his ignorance when he asks whether 'the Welsh lodges have followed the example of the English.' One might as well ask when England had declared war against Russia if Llanywrthll had done the same? In such matters the Grand Lodge acts for all, and not separate lodges, whether English or Welsh.

"But, he says, we have no certainty that even English Masonry is innocent, because it is a secret society. Any question that would prove or disprove its innocence can readily be put by 'Offeiriad' to any Mason, and would be freely answered. We have absolutely no secrets as to our principles. And whence comes his objection to a secret society? From the Jesuits of all people in the world! The names of all our members are sent by law to the Home Secretary. Will the Jesuits do the same? Our principles, our creed (which pledges us to a belief in God and immortality), our aims and purpose, are declared openly and with pride, and have been printed over and over again. True, we have certain secrets, useful to us, but useless to non-Masons, and harmful to none. So have most families, and most tradesmen. No society is bad because secret, but only if its secrets are to veil bad aims or actions.

"Freemasonry is not a benefit society, not a political society, not a religion, not an infidelity, not a feasting club, not a secret society; but it is a brotherhood of men of all classes, nations, races, colours, and creeds, who are found, or believed to be, believers in one sole personal God, and in the immortality of man; of good repute, free, sound, charitable, and loyal. It does not profess to be Christian, yet it never can be anti-Christian. Further dogma we leave to the priests and ministers of religion outside. We assert none, but neither do we controvert any. Were all the world Christian and did all Christians act up to their profession, then, from the moral point of view, Freemasonry would no doubt be needless, though still containing points of interest and advantage to men. But while the world and men are what they are, none but those who share the ignorance of the Pope and 'Offeiriad' will refuse its aid to morality and faith.

"J. W. HORSLEY.

"P.S.—'Offeiriad's' 'pretty dilemma' is too absurd to controvert. Not in his instance, or in any other, does the performance of any actual or conceivable Christian duty conflict with the observance of any Masonic obligation."

"Sir,—Why does not 'Offeiriad,' as he signs himself, come out like a man over his own signature? He has undertaken to write disparagingly of that with which he is evidently imperfectly acquainted—to talk of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons 'as a harmless, if somewhat ludicrous, society, patronised by Royalty,' &c. Let me, who have been a Mason six-and-thirty years, and have held various offices in the Craft, say that the society, as he calls it, often supplies acts of charity of which there is too evident a lack amongst Christians. If he had seen the Christian acts done by Freemasons, both in the U.S.A. and Canada during the war between North and South—as I did—he would know that Masonry is not merely 'harmless?' Harmless, forsooth! It is merely 'harmless' to save the life of an enemy? It is merely 'harmless,' or is it 'ludicrous,' to knock up a 'revolver' aimed at a man's head?

"As to being 'patronised by Royalty,' if the words are meant as a sneer, they fall flat, for though all Masons may not be Christians, they all 'Fear God and honour the King,' and that is more than can be said of all Christians. And there may come a time (which God forbid) when Royalty will find that Masonry to them is not 'ludicrous,' or a thing merely 'harmless,' but a strong bulwark of the throne."

"DAVID C. MOORE,

"Past Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia  
and a Clergyman.

"Westhide, Hereford."

"Sir,—Having acquired very decided opinions on this matter, I have been interested to note the replies of so-called 'Masons' to the letter of 'Offeiriad.' All the replies, excepting one (which entirely deprecates the discussion of the matter, and in so doing is consistent with the principles of Freemasonry), justify Freemasonry to the support of Christianity, by pointing to the amount of charitable work done, and to the principles of morality inculcated. Conceded that a large balance of the funds, after working expenses are paid, are given away to support Charities; and conceded that the published books of the 'Craft' do teach Theism and stilted morality—surely these are no reasons why a Christian should join a Society which embraces men of all creeds—Jews, Turks, infidels, and heretics—and be bound to them in such close bonds of fellowship and brotherhood as the constitutions demand. To a Christian 'Christ is all, and in all.' His morality, his rule of life, must date from the precepts and example of Christ. His fellowship is in the Church of Christ; his talents, his means of doing good—should all be devoted to the service of Christ and His Church. What, then, can we have to do with a Society which teaches a morality based simply on a belief in God and the immortality of the soul? 'What part hath he that believeth with an infidel?'

"Mr. Horsley says, 'None but those who share the ignorance of the Pope and "Offeiriad" will refuse its aid to morality and faith.'

"What morality? What faith? The Christian knows no other faith than Christ crucified, and no morality than that which emanates from Him.

Looking at Freemasonry in this light, I do not consider it 'harmless.' I consider it usurps in many cases the place which the Church should occupy, and so is harmful. The ritual and quasi-religious character of the lodge meetings tend to strengthen this view.

"A further objection I offer to a Catholic presenting himself for initiation is, that he is kept in ignorance beforehand of the profession which he will be required to make, and so may unawares be forced to take a solemn oath not to divulge certain childish 'secrets,' and that, too, amidst such farcical surroundings as to make the mention of the Holy Name a profanation. I fear I have already trespassed too far on your valuable space, but should, in conclusion, like to remind 'Atticus,' who identifies his Society with the ancient trade Guild of Masons, that he has nothing in common with the noble band of men who built our cathedrals, except the nomenclature. They were Catholics, not Theists only; they learnt their craft by patient years of manual labour, and were not made Masons in a few weeks by the payment of a fee; they knew the practical use of the tools which their degenerate successors degrade into playthings to teach an absurd symbolism.

"ARCHITECT."

"Sir,—May I venture to add my testimony, as a Mason of 36 years' standing, to that of the Rev. J. W. Horsley and others as to the perfect compatibility of British Masonry with the teaching, not alone of the Church of England, but also of all pure and undefiled religion. The Christian virtue of Charity is beautifully set forth in Masonic ritual, and is exemplified daily in the loving and unselfish actions of true and loyal British Masons. Though with no time now for attendance at lodges, and though I have never myself had occasion to require Masonic aid in any part of the world, I have known almost innumerable instances in which aid of all kinds has been freely bestowed, where discomfort and suffering must otherwise have been endured. Other Christian virtues are so inculcated as to warrant the assertion that a good Mason must be a truly religious man. As a lay-member of the Church of England, I do not hesitate to add that Mr. Horsley and his colleagues are doing an excellent work for the Church in their efforts towards a gathering of Freemasons at the Church Congresses.

"NORMAN KERR, M.D.

"1, Hamilton-terrace, Regent's-park,  
London, N.W., August 24th."

### A VISIT TO CALCUTTA.

It occurred that not long since I had occasion to be in Calcutta, and like Mr. Micawber at Canterbury, I thought it rash to be in Calcutta without in some measure at any rate learning what was going on in the Masonic world of Calcutta. Accordingly, through the kind offices of a friendly brother, I received a list of meetings and invitations to attend them, which bid fair to engross every evening in the month and even more had I the faculty of being in more than one place at the same time.

There can be no doubt that a visit to a fresh province is bound to suggest new ideas, and perhaps the most firmly impressed idea which I have carried away is the system of a central Freemason's hall, vested in the District Grand Lodge, to which all lodges meeting in Calcutta duly pay rent, hire of furniture, glass, crockery, music, and other items.

In this building are the offices of Bro. H. M. Rustomji, D.G. Secretary, together with a wonderful collection of records all clearly indexed, which enable the student to find out the Masonic career of any brother at a glance, and by reference to another small book find the summons convening the meeting. Many of these records are yet unbound, others bound line the numerous shelves. While Bro. Rustomji, who takes a delight in his various registration schemes, rapidly shows the astonished visitor how such a brother was initiated so many years ago, here he shows the original summons, passed after a lapse of some years (summons again) and finally recently raised. The Masonic Historian of Bengal has much material to work upon; and under Bro. Rustomji's guidance, I had the pleasure of viewing the various curiosities of which the District Grand Lodge of Bengal has a large number. The four corners of the dining-room contain busts of Bros. Birch (D.D. (i.M. 1849) Blaguire, a remarkable Mason, who held the chair of Star in the East for 10 consecutive years, viz., 1831—1841, after being Master of the same lodge from 1812—1815 and 1820—1826, in all 17 years of Mastership in one lodge, Bro. Grant, the Apothecary General, and Bro. Burlton. All these four brethren whose busts form such an ornament to the room, held the office of Master in their respective lodges for at least three years. The walls of the room are embellished with handsome three-quarter length portraits in oils, notably Bro. Sandeman, who was the last Provincial and the first District Grand Master of Bengal, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., by H. S. Marks, which cost no less a sum than £200, John Blessington Roberts, a most interesting brother, whose signature as District Grand Tyler may be seen in the Dist. G. Tyler's book in 1848, and who rose to be Dist. G. Master in 1875.

This picture is perhaps as striking as any. It represents Bro. Roberts as a tall, somewhat florid man with remarkably fine features and long white whiskers of the then prevailing Dunder type.

General Ramsay and Bro. Hoff, Bro. Locke, the eminent Masonic Controversialist, and Bro. Prinsep, the present D.G.M., with Bro. P. C. Dutt, his Deputy, complete, with one exception, the portraits in this room.

This one notable exception is a portrait of Warren Hastings, who was appointed as Lord Patron of Freemasonry in Bengal in 1813, which position he

continued to hold until 1822, when a farewell Masonic address was presented to him. The portrait is comparatively small, and represents the Earl in military uniform, the face clean shaven and hair powdered. These two circumstances render the heavy black eyebrows, beautifully arched, and the somewhat prominent nose all the more noticeable. The apron in this portrait is remarkable on account of its small size and segmental flap. There are also several prints in this room well worthy of notice, particularly an engraving by Bartolozzi from Stothard's picture of the Masonic Girls' School Festival, published by Jeffries in 1802. The bulk of the figures in this print are portraits, two Turkish Ambassadors being prominent in the foreground, though no clue is given as to their being Masons or not. Another print, probably dating from the time of Hogarth, represents a Masonic procession in London, a notable feature being a cart-load of indigent Masons; want of time and failing light prevented a closer examination of this print. In the waiting room outside the dining room are two old masters, one representing Faith, Hope, and Charity on three panels and another the Angel Gabriel, the last being the gift of a former D.G.M. From the waiting room opens out the D.G.M.'s room, which can be used by him as an office, most comfortably furnished. In this room is kept the celebrated True Friendship bowl. This bowl is one of the most cherished possessions of that lodge, and it is quite probable that Warren Hastings has in times gone by taken a glass of punch from its capacious depths. Now, the days of punch being over, it rests in state on a plinth of ebony and silver engraved with the roll of the various Masters who have at times held office in the lodge. The bowl, according to an inscription on the inner rim, was "presented to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of Lodge True Friendship, Bengal, No. 1 (note the old system of numbering), as a mark of esteem by their Brother Hugh Adams." Another inscription on the lower rim of the bowl records the fact, "This bowl made by Syng Ching, China Merchant, Canton, A.D. 1813." The face of the bowl presents four distinct devices:

1. A scroll bearing the words "Fide, spe et caritate," beneath which the "all-seeing eye" above the sun which rises from behind the V. S. L. open at 11. Chron. iii, to the right of this the moveable jewels, to the left the three lights, in the centre the five-pointed star, charged with G. The whole enclosed by the two pillars surmounted by globes, above which the moon and seven stars.

2. The compasses open on a sector at 90° enclosing the sun in splendour. The whole enclosed in inscription "Lodge True Friendship, Bengal, No. 1, G. L. E. No. 315." In this the number on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England also appears.

3. The "all-seeing eye," beneath which the patriarchal cross, entwined with a serpent, scroll beneath bearing words "sub cruce salus," to the right a Maltese cross, to the left an eight-pointed star, inscribed with a cross. Two scrolls and two cross bones occupy a curious position below these emblems.

4. A bridge of five arches spanning a stream, surmounted by a Latin cross, entwined by a serpent, flanked by two eight-pointed stars, bearing circular medallions, that on the right the cross entwined with the serpent and the inscription "Longe inde este," that on the left the cross with the implements of the Passion and inscription "In hoc signo vinces." A geometrical Greek Key pattern in purple and gold adorns the outer rim, while the inside is decorated with pink and white roses on a gold ground. By comparison with the bowl in Universal Charity, formerly the property of the Carnatic Military Lodge, the Calcutta bowl would hold about thrice the amount of punch; but the similarity of workmanship is such as to lead one to think that they must have come from the hand of one and the same workman, and that possibly the idea of a lodge bowl was borrowed either by Madras from Bengal or more likely by Bengal from Madras, as the finish of the Calcutta bowl, while preserving the characteristics of the Universal Charity bowl, is far superior and more elaborate. Among other remarkable objects on this floor of the premises are the dining tables, which have that polish only to be seen on really old furniture. Many lodges have small pieces of plate, which are produced at their meetings, a singularly happy idea being the cigar lighter of Lodge Fortitude with Humility, whose crest is that of an elephant and castle; the cigar lighter is a replica of the crest in silver, the castle forming the receptacle for "fire," while small wheels on the elephant's feet enable the whole to circulate with freedom among the brethren.

Proceeding upstairs we arrive at the vestibule to the lodge. In this it has been the pious custom of the Bengal Masons to erect small tablets to departed brethren of rank and merit, and by this practice a rather fuller scope is permitted in the matter of symbolical ornamentation. In addition to this, it is a happily-conceived idea to perpetuate the memories of illustrious brethren in this way within the walls of that building which was ever their principal sphere of action.

It was formerly customary (till March in the present year) to confer the 3° in a special room, painted dead black, with accessories of a very realistic kind, crossed swords, &c. The Master's light bearing a shade inscribed "Know thyself," the top being cut so as to cast a star upon the ceiling of the room. I was fortunate enough to see what must have been the last use of this room, and also the very next night to see the old custom replaced by working which resembles that in vogue in the Madras lodges and in England. Perhaps the principal drawback to the separate room was that two Degrees were frequently being worked by one lodge simultaneously, which naturally gave rise to questions as to the warrant or the Master's light.

The lodge room itself is rather longer than the breadth would justify, lighted throughout, even to the Master's and Wardens' lights, with gas. The latter are placed immediately in front of and not at the side of the pedestals, which rather obscures the principal officers while in the discharge of their respective duties. The warrant of the lodge at work is always placed in front of the Master's pedestal, the Master himself sitting some 12 feet behind his pedestal on a dais raised three steps higher than the usual dais which is occupied by the Past Masters; he has thus to rise and come down these steps for ceremonies. On each side of the three chairs are columns emblematical of the W.M. and Wardens standing full six feet high; these are distinctly fine works of the carver's art and lend dignity to the room.

The chairs in use are very old and curious, the oval cushion at the back being enclosed by the "endless serpent" which is gilt.

Immediately after the entry or departure of a brother the lodge is proved tyled, and no ceremony is proceeded with till this is done. Of the lodges which I visited in this building, none was more impressive than the working of the native lodge Anchor of Hope; the smartness and regularity of the officers and the Master were indeed beyond all praise and would form a very high standard for the imitation of other lodges. Not a few of the Past Masters of this lodge wore the Cooch Behar's Founder's Jewel, which literally blazed with brilliants. Another curious custom obtaining in Bengal is that of remaining seated while drinking the health of the newly-initiated brother and the good old custom of musical honours rendered Masonically, one particularly being "Hip, heart, and hand," which a brother tells me must be a corruption of "Lip, heart, and hand." Another Degree which I saw worked in this building was the R.A. Mariner, which with the Mark is exceedingly popular in Bengal; there were over 20 members present and two candidates, one of whom proposed to open the Degree in Simla.

The District Grand Lodge of Bengal has a building fund, to which each year a certain amount is credited with a view to building a Masonic Temple. Already some Rs.75,000 have been set apart for this purpose, but the D.G.M. wisely perhaps intends to wait until sufficient money has been raised in this way to erect a building worthy of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, and hand it over to them without debt or encumbrance of any kind.

It is impossible to see the work that goes forward in the Bentinck-street Masonic Hall without feeling what possibilities there are in Madras for a similar institution fully furnished and equipped by the District Grand Lodge and rented by the lodges meeting in Madras. It is possible for every one to have an idea of what such a building might be, suited to the requirements of all Degrees, with dressing-rooms, dining-room, and above all a library in which Masonic students could meet and read the current Masonic literature of the day or consult volumes of reference, which could be purchased by a library fee from each lodge meeting in the building. A permanent Tyler and Caretaker would act as librarian, and of course reside on the premises.

However these are but visions, but possibly they may be some day realised, and the mere mention of them now may perhaps lead some expert brother to lay before the readers of the *Indian Masonic Review* a scheme which will embody all the requirements of the case, as well as possessing the essential element of practicability.

F. S., in the *Indian Masonic Review*.

**FUNERAL OF BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL,  
P.G. TREASURER.**

The remains of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., D.L., C.C., F.R.G.S., Past G. Treas., were laid to rest in the family vault at Norwood Cemetery on Saturday afternoon last, many of the principal business establishments in Streatham, where the name of the deceased was a household word, bearing symbols of the mourning which is felt for our deceased brother.

The *cortège*, which was an imposing one, consisted of a car, on which the coffin lay buried amid the wreaths and floral devices which had been sent by relatives, friends, and others, eight mourning coaches, and four private carriages, while in the rear were several conveyances occupied by employes of the firm of Marshall and Son, and several boys and girls from the Orphan Working School, Haverstock Hill, of which the deceased was a Vice-President. The first portion of the funeral service was held in the Streatham Wesleyan Chapel, which was already well filled with employes and friends when the procession arrived. The coffin having been removed from the hearse, a procession was formed and moved down the aisle, headed by the Rev. W. Middleton (the pastor of the chapel), the Rev. J. Nettleton (of Hackney), the Rev. W. Cook (of the Mostyn-road Chapel, Brixton), and the Rev. D. A. Herschell, the chief mourners, who followed immediately behind the coffin, being Bro. Horace B. Marshall, M.A., and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. G. Siggs, Mr. W. Siggs, Mr. J. H. Selve, Mr. G. W. Stemp, Bro. Alderman Treloar, Mr. W. T. Stead, Mr. E. H. Stout (the two last named representing the *Review of Reviews*), Mr. A. Marshall, Mr. P. Marshall, and Mr. Grimwood (nephews of the deceased), and Mrs. M. Smith (niece). The firm was represented by the following heads of departments: Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. W. Smith, Mr. J. H. Forrester, Mr. W. Cook, Mr. J. Biden, and Mr. H. Jackson; Mr. Eskell Paget (the President), Mr. Leach Lewis, J.P., Mr. S. Alderton, and Mr. F. Kent (the Hon. Sec.) represented the City of London Tradesmen's Club; Bros. H. J. Lardner and T. Simpson, the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, of which the deceased was a member; Mr. P. Hazelgrove, the United Wards Club; Mr. W. Griffith (a Vice-President), Mr. J. T. Glazier, and Mr. A. C. P. Coote (the Secretary), the Orphan Working School; and Mr. S. Hayman, the Lambeth Pension Society. There were present also the Rev. Dr. Downen (Baptist Chapel, Brixton), the Rev. A. J. Du Bourg (curate of St. Saviour's, Herne Hill), Mr. G. Hammond, the Rev. A. Johnson (Margate), Mr. F. A. Towse (Bridgemaster), the Rev. G. B. Doughty (Wanstead), Mr. H. C. Armiger (Secretary of the London Orphan Asylum), Mr. R. C. Tressider (Secretary of the Surgical Aid Society), and the following stewards and officers of the Streatham Wesleyan Chapel: Mr. F. C. Pegler, Mr. F. Sennick, Mr. F. Coates, Mr. G. W. Stemp, Mr. E. G. Hamer, Mr. J. Head, and Mr. F. Slocombe. The News-vendors' Benevolent Institution was also represented. The coffin having been placed in the body of the church, the service was impressively rendered by the Rev. J. Nettleton, who was assisted by the Rev. W. Middleton and the Rev. W. J. Cook.

After the singing of the hymns, "Jesu, lover of my soul" and "When this passing world is done," the Rev. D. A. Herschell delivered a sympathetic address, in the course of which he made a lengthy reference to the life and sterling characteristics of the deceased. He said the press had already published full notices of the personal characteristics of the departed, and had reminded the public that numbers of benevolent institutions had suffered a great loss by his removal. He, however, was able to give some features of the inner life and character of the late Bro. Marshall, in whom there was much that was unique and exceptional; indeed, there were few men who could compare with him. Twenty-seven years had passed since he first became acquainted with Bro. Marshall, the circumstances which led to it being such as characterised the whole life of the deceased. A friend of his died, leaving behind him 10 young children unprovided for, and the family being in great distress he mentioned the facts to a neighbour—the vicar of St. Saviour's Herne Hill—and they decided to write a letter to the *Times*, setting forth the sad state of the children. After the letter was published they received a cheque for £2 from Mr. Horace Brooks Marshall, the cheque being accompanied by a letter, in which the writer stated that if there was a boy in the family needing education he would undertake that he received it. That circumstance led to his acquaintance with Mr. Marshall, and blessed be God for it, as it had been a great joy and comfort to him, for that friendship had been instrumental in the aiding of many hundreds of distressed and needy persons. Mr. Marshall always regarded himself as God's steward so far as his riches were concerned. His public charities were very great, but those who knew him intimately knew right well that his private charities were also wonderfully great in all directions. Their departed friend had been a very hard worker, for he used to go to business for many years at one o'clock every morning; but he did not do as many business men did, namely, grasp every penny for his own comfort and alms. The Rev. D. A. Herschell went on to say that many years ago the deceased was so impressed with a sermon delivered by the Rev. Baldwin Brown on the subject of the responsibilities of riches that he resolved that, as God prospered him in business, he would devote one-tenth of his profits to the service of God and for the benefit of his fellow creatures. Having an iron will, which made him successful in business, he kept to his determination. So strong was his will, that even when he felt inclined to look in an opposite direction he mastered the inclination because a consciousness was working within, and he could not overcome his convictions. Years passed away, but Mr. Marshall still adhered to his resolve, and as he prospered he distributed his wealth, while living frugally all the time. He did not do as a great many men did in business; he did not launch out and increase his own comforts selfishly, because he felt that he was only God's steward; hence his generous characteristics. He remembered one day passing Mr. Marshall's house with Mr. C. Hillhouse, a most benevolent man, who, on having the house pointed out to him, exclaimed, "Does Mr. Marshall live in this unpretentious way? Noble fellow!" About 18 years ago Mr. Marshall had some scruples as to the

sufficiency of giving away one-tenth of his income, and thought he should devote more than that to charitable work, so he put aside a larger sum for the purpose. That was a grand principle to act upon. In his private charity he was quiet and unostentatious, and did many things which no one was aware of. The preacher said he remembered on one occasion that a man, having a wife and six children, was in a very serious state of health, and, as the family would be unprovided for if he died, the case was brought under Mr. Marshall's notice. No sooner did the deceased hear of it than he made the man a freeman in order that the children might, in case the father died, reap the benefit. Having described other acts of generosity on the part of the deceased, the preacher said the death of so good and generous a man left a fearful blank. Rarely, indeed, was he ever known to refuse an application for assistance. How many hundreds of helpless and distressed people had he succoured? It was impossible to say. Thank God, there were numbers of people who also thanked God that Mr. Marshall had lived in this world. After some further remarks, the Rev. A. D. Herschell said: In conclusion, let me entreat you to pray, and pray very earnestly, that God will support the son who survives him; that He will guide and counsel him, that He will preserve him from flattery, and give him strength and wisdom for the very solemn responsibilities which rest upon him. Let us all seek in our day and generation to do as our dear departed brother has done, and give others reason to thank God that we have lived.

The procession was reformed, and, amid the solemn strains of the "Dead March" in Saul, played by Mr. G. W. Stott, the coffin was borne from the church to the hearse. The *cortège* arrived at the gate of Norwood Cemetery at a few minutes after five o'clock, and among the many who were there to join the procession were Bro. W. Malthouse, C.C.; Mr. S. Weingott, C.C.; the Rev. Canon Pelham, the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, about 200 children from the Brixton Orphanage for Fatherless Girls. Around the vault in which lie buried the deceased's parents and wife, a large and sympathetic gathering had assembled. The Rev. J. Nettleton led the way to the graveside, an open space for the chief mourners being kept by the members of the City police force present. A very large number of beautiful wreaths having been placed inside the iron railings surrounding the monuments over the vault, the Rev. J. Nettleton offered up prayers, at the conclusion of which he addressed those around him, laying great stress on the Charitable and benevolent institutions, mentioning the Royal Hospital for Incurables, the Freeman's Orphan School, the Children's Home (Approach-road), the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Corporation, and the Orphan Working School. The deceased was also, he said, a very generous contributor to what was called the worn-out minister's fund; indeed, the aged and infirm seem to be his particular care. But, in spite of the cares of an enormous and ever-increasing business, Mr. Marshall found time to fulfil the duties of a good citizen, as, among others positions he held, he was a member of the Common Council and a City Guardian, while he possessed nearly 100 trowels which had been presented to him for laying the foundation-stones of churches. The life of such a man should, he said, act as an inspiration to the young men of the day; let them all begin, as he did, in the fear and love of God, and make integrity the basis of all their commercial transactions.

The singing of the hymn, "Rock of Ages," followed, and the coffin was then lowered into the vault. The inscription was as follows: "Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P. Born 29th December, 1829. Died September 1st, 1896. Bro. Malthouse subsequently placed upon the coffin a sprig of acacia.

Among the many wreaths within which the coffin was enshrined there must be mentioned those sent by the members of the Bartholomew Club, the City Tradesmen's Club, the Farringdon Without Lodge, the Brixton Christian Mission, Mrs. Siggs, Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Deputy Pearse Morrison, Mr. J. H. Lile, C.C., and a host of other personal friends. A conspicuous floral tribute was one "With loving remembrances from his sorrowing colleagues of the Ward of Farringdon Without"; another, "As a last token of sincere regard and esteem to an ideal master," from the employes at Temple House; another, "As a last mark of respect to a kind and good employer," from the drivers of the news carts. The inmates of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls sent a beautiful wreath, "In grateful memory." The National Orphan Home (Surrey) contributed a wreath. That sent by the City Tradesmen's Club bore the following inscription: "In loving remembrance of our deceased brother member, whose philanthropy and noble deeds of loving charity will never be forgotten." "To live in the hearts of those whom we leave behind is not to die." "In loving memory from his son" was the inscription upon a beautiful wreath. Bro. Sir Edward Lawson, Bart., sent a wreath "in memory of an old friendship." Bro. Alderman Treloar and Mrs. Treloar sent a handsome tribute, and others were placed on the coffin by Messrs. Toler Bros., the Children's Home, Miss Jukes, Mrs. Watson, Miss Mary Smith, Mrs. Chavasse, Mr. and Mrs. George Siggs; Bro. John Crawford, J.P.; Mr. and Mrs. Siggs, jun.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Stemp; the pastor and friends of St. Albans Tabernacle; Mr. John Morgan ("An affectionate remembrance of nearly 40 years' unbroken friendship"); Mr. Henry Jackson; the members of the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657; Mr. Charles Siggs; Miss F. B. Norris; Nurse Butler and Nurse Russell; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Halliday; Mr. F. Boreham; Mr. and Mrs. Leach Lewis; Wesleyan friends at Margate ("In respect and loving memory"; and the Farringdon Without Club.

**Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.**

**Concord Conclave, No. 8.**

This old and distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Temp'le, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, Jersey, on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst. Sir Knight J. H. Elliott, M.P.S., presided, and was supported by the following members—Sir Knights P. B. is, I.P.M., P.S.; J. H. Goldsmith, V.E.; E. Oldridge, S. Gen.; J. H. Hambling, J. Gen.; L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M., P.S., acting H. Pre.; J. C. Barrette, Rec.; Dr. M. Le Cronier, Pref.; W. Gosling, S.B.; Dr. A. W. Godfray, 1st Aide; C. J. Le Feuvre, 2nd Aide; J. L. Boyson, Her.; W. H. Hamby, Sentinel; and others.

The conclave being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Capt. Thomas Stirling Marquis, 877; John Underwood Harper, 1003; John Charles Gross, 1003; and Thomas Collin Perkins. Bros. Capt. Stirling, J. C. Gross, and T. C. Perkins being in attendance were regularly installed as knights of the Order in a very impressive manner, the beauties of the ritual and solemnities of the ceremonies being fully shown by the admirable working of the M.P. Sovereign and the officers assisting. The historical oration was delivered by the acting H. Pre., Sir Knight L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M., P. Sov., in excellent style, and seldom have we witnessed the ceremonies gone through in the manner they were on that occasion. Every officer, from the M.P.S. to the Sentinel, strove to excel as exponents of the ceremonies. This being election night the following sir knights were unanimously elected—Sir Knights J. H. Goldsmith, as M.P. Sov.; E. Oldridge, as Viceroy Eusebius; P. Bois, I.P.M., P. Sov., as Treas.; W. H. Hamby, Sentinel; Dr. A. W. Godfray and C. J. Le Feuvre were appointed as Auditors. The enthronement of the Sovereign and consecration of the Viceroy will take place at the regular assembly in November next.

Several candidates having been proposed and other business transacted the conclave was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the refectory and partook of a banquet, which was most admirably served by Sir Knight W. H. Hamby, and reflected great credit on the host.

After the banquet the first toast, that of "The Queen and Christian Masonry," having been duly and most loyally honoured, those of "The Grand Conclave," "Newly-Installed Sir Knights" and others followed, which were heartily received and enthusiastically responded to.

A very sociable evening was spent, which the Sentinel's toast brought to a close.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1896.

**Masonic Notes.**

The 16th annual report of the General Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity, which was submitted at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire at Wimborne, on Thursday, the 27th ult., shows that the amount of progress made during the past year was very satisfactory. There was a steady improvement noticeable both in the number of subscribers and the amount of subscriptions as compared with 1894. According to the tabular statement at p. 5, there were in the latter year 733 members on the books of the various lodges in the Province, and

of these 14 made donations amounting in the aggregate to £13 12s. 4d., while 344 are returned subscribers to the extent of £101 10s., the percentage of annual subscribers to members being 47. In 1895 the members of lodges numbered 686, of whom 10 made donations which, together amounted to £62 1s. 3d., of which, however, £50 was presented by Provincial Grand Lodge, while 351 subscribers contributed amongst them £102 12s., the percentage of subscribers to members being 64.

Again, the receipts for 1895 compare very favourably with those of the preceding year, the Donations, Interest and Dividends, and Subscriptions, amounting in the latter to £189 13s., and in 1895 to £254 17s. 10d. But notwithstanding this improvement, the Committee is most urgent in its appeal to the Craft in the Province for still further support. In the words of the Report, "there should be no difficulty in getting all new members to subscribe during their first year, nor, when they have once subscribed, in getting them to continue." This appeal of the Committee is strongly supported by the address of the Prov. Grand Master (R.W. Bro. Montague Guest), with which the Report is prefaced. As he very truly says, "if the 700 brethren on the roll of the Province could be induced by proper application to add their names to the List of Subscribers, a sufficient revenue will be secured—with the yearly interest on stock—to meet all the claims and demands for relief and educational assistance."

As regards the work done by this local Charity in assisting necessitous brethren and their families, the sums given vary considerably year by year, the 1895 account showing only one payment in relief to a brother of £20. Since then, however, £60 has been voted in relief of a widow and a brother and for educational purposes. It appears, however, from the list of "cases assisted from July, 1881, to January, 1896, inclusive," which is appended to the report, that the sum thus disbursed amounts to £1091, which yields an average annual expenditure for relief of about £70. This for a small Provincial Association is very creditable, and, as the expenses of management appear to amount to £10—they were £9 11s. 6d. in 1895—it is clear that the contributions by the brethren are either paid away in relief or husbanded for future years. Indeed, the accumulated capital of the Charity amounts to upwards of £3000 Stock, of which two-thirds is invested in Consols, and the remaining third in Canadian Pacific Railway Three-and-Half per Cent. Stock. We trust that future annual reports of the Dorset Charity may show still further progress.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Worcestershire will be held at the Public Hall, Worcester, at two p.m., on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, while the Charity Committee will meet at the St. Martin's Boys' Schools adjacent to the hall, an hour earlier. There is a tolerably full programme of business to be transacted, among the chief items being the report of the "Lechmere Memorial" Committee, which will be presented by Bro. T. R. Arter, Prov. G. Treasurer; a proposition by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, that a sum of 25 guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge towards a "Lechmere Memorial" donation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and a further proposal by the Prov. Grand Master, that a sum not exceeding £20 per annum be voted to the Library and Museum Committee, "who shall be authorised to enter into an arrangement with the Worcester Masonic Buildings Company, Limited, for the use of suitable premises for the care of the said Library and Museum." Luncheon will be provided for all brethren attending Provincial Grand Lodge, and served in the small Public Hall, while at 4.45 p.m. a banquet will take place in the Guildhall, tickets for which are to be obtained of the Prov. Grand Stewards, at 6s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.

As regards the second of the Prov. Grand Master's proposals, that a sum not exceeding £20 per annum be paid over to the Library and Museum Committee, we both hope and believe that it will be carried. Our Worcestershire brethren are fortunate in possessing one of the finest collections extant of works on Masonry and Masonic curios. Bro. George Taylor, Past G. Std. Br. England, Prov. G. Sec., enjoys the honour of having collected the bulk of the collection, and it is not the least among the numerous claims of the late R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., Prov. G. Master, to the affectionate remembrance of Worcestershire, that he took a prominent part in securing that collection for the Province.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Beach Lodge, No. 2622, will be consecrated on Wednesday, the 30th instant. The ceremony will take place at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, and will be performed by the Grand Secretary, assisted by several of the Grand Officers, and, when the lodge has been constituted, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, will be installed as the first Worshipful Master. We heartily congratulate the brethren who will form the new lodge on having enlisted the services of so eminent a Mason as Bro. Beach for their ruler during the first year of its existence. Under his auspices the Beach Lodge will soon establish itself on a sure and certain foundation.

We regret that in our "Notes" of last week, we should unwittingly have fallen into the error of stating that the letter from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys acknowledging, on behalf of his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, the address of congratulation from United Grand Lodge on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of his Royal Highness's installation as Grand Master, was "unprovided for in the agenda." As a matter of fact, it was entered therein as the third item.

It appears from a paragraph in a recent issue of the Times that the late Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Ewing, who died at Taunton on the 11th ult., and who, we find, had been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, joined the Commissariat Department on the outbreak of the Crimean War, and was sent out to Constantinople, where his abilities as a linguist were very greatly appreciated. He served the campaign in the north of China in 1860, and received the China medal, and also in the operations against the Taeping rebels near Shanghai in 1862, and was present at the capture of the stockade of Nahzain. Here he made the acquaintance of the late General Gordon. In 1866 he returned to England and served the following year in Ireland under Sir Alfred Horsford during the Fenian disturbances. In 1870 he left the Commissariat for the Army Pay Department, and in 1879, having in the meantime risen to the rank of Major he went on foreign service, firstly to Malta, and then to Ceylon. In 1883, he was appointed to the regimental district of Taunton, which he resigned six years later with the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He was a great linguist and will be remembered by his brilliant translations of Jean Paul Richter's "Flowers, Fruit, and Thom-pieces," and of Hoffman's "Serapion Brethren."

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Peter Cunningham, Dist. Grand Master of Canterbury, New Zealand. The deceased was appointed in 1891, after the office had been for some time vacant owing to the secession of Bro. Henry Thompson when he was chosen first M.W.G. Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Indeed, on Bro. Thompson's retirement, the administration of the District Grand Lodge devolved upon Bro. Cunningham as the Deputy District Grand Master. He was greatly respected by the brethren of the several Constitutions in the Colony, and his death will be a serious loss just at this moment when an attempt is being made to restore harmony among the New Zealand Craftsmen.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire was held at Abergavenny on Wednesday, the 9th instant, and Bro. John Owen March was installed Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late Bro. Capt. Homfray. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master, who was assisted in his task by Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, and Major C. W. Carrell, Grand Director of Ceremonies. We congratulate Bro. March on his accession to so important an office, and trust that his career as Provincial Grand Master may be both honourable to himself and advantageous to his Province.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the second Part of Volume IX. "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum." We hope to review it in an early issue, especially as there appear to be several papers of interest in the Part.

It is not often we enjoy the privilege of reporting the consecration of a new conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, and for this reason we regret that owing to the late arrival of a portion of the report of the consecration of the Cestrian Conclave we are compelled to hold it over till next week.

## 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.

### REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

By the courtesy of the Secretary, I have received an advance copy of the Special Report of the Board of Management on the proposed removal of the Boys' School.

As to a good deal which is contained in such report there is probably no difference of opinion. The site and surroundings of the School are not such as would now be selected for the erection of a new School, and the space is insufficient for games on the grand scale which is now considered essential to the education of youth.

But, granting all this, is it not the very time when the subscribers may, and ought to, consider—Is it necessary that we should expend another £100,000 in the erection of a new School; or, seeing the altered circumstances in which we now live, cannot we do better for our children by some different arrangement—*ex. gra.*, by grants in aid of education and clothing outside the walls of an "Institution?"

On this point I would direct attention to the following paragraph on page 3 of the report: "The Board can only answer this contention by pointing out that this question was settled as far back as the year 1851, when the first schoolhouse was arranged for, the subscribers of that day condemning the system practised before that time which some would now desire to revert to."

The Board can only answer this as in the above extract! Do they seriously mean to argue that because in 1851—45 years ago—when a good upper-middle-class or commercial education was not to be obtained except in a few favoured localities; when there was little or nothing besides the great public schools, only available for the rich, and some old-fashioned Grammar Schools not yet awoke from their lethargy and teaching little beyond Latin and Greek, with here and there a "private adventure School" some very good, but many indifferent, and some very bad indeed—because, I say, in 1851 the then subscribers determined to have a School of their own, the subscribers of the present day are not to be permitted to reconsider the question and to say "Under the altered circumstances of the present day and the greater educational facilities throughout the country, it is not necessary to expend a large sum of money in order to bring the children to one large special School." But the fact that the matter was decided in 1851 is the "only answer" the Committee can make!

The Committee say, a little lower down, with reference to "out-educated boys." "There can be but slight supervision over such boys or over the grant in aid." Why not? Every School to which a boy is proposed to be sent could be previously approved by the Committee, and a local Committee, or Representative of the General Committee, could report periodically. I appeal to any brethren who have experience of the working of the Mark Educational Charity.

Again the Committee say "After election each parent or guardian has the option given him or her for the boy to be educated in or out of the Institution," and "In no case has it been known that preference has been expressed for out-education, a convincing proof that they fully appreciate the advantages of the public school life given therein."

The Committee have omitted to state that the *maximum* allowance to out-scholars is £20 per annum. Let them try the experiment of giving for the benefit of "out-scholars" the average cost of maintenance, education, and clothing inside the Institution, or three-fourths, or even only two-thirds, of that amount.

Now, dear Sir and Brother, the question is a very serious one, and is not to be disposed of either by cheap sneers at Board Schools and the folly of those who would, it is suggested, send the sons of our deceased or impoverished brethren to herd—horrible dictu—with the sons of labourers! or by your suggestion that the brethren who have hitherto supported the Institution stultify themselves if they decline to continue that support if (in their opinion) a wholly unnecessary expenditure is incurred in the erection of new Schools.

I venture to point out a fallacy which appears to underlie the arguments in favour of removal—(1) "The Schools are insufficient and in 'a bad locality,'" therefore (2) it is necessary to build others elsewhere, "Q. E. D." But the second is the very point at issue. When that is proved to our satisfaction we are quite willing that you should remove the "therefore" to the end of the sentence, and add so that it shall read—"therefore we must find the money to do it, Q. E. F."

I do not care to be drawn off into any bye issue as to whether the opponents of the scheme ought to have come forward at an earlier period. I am quite ready to admit that all the Committee have done is in the highest degree fair and honourable and with a view to the benefit of the Institution, but it may fairly be remarked that those who are actively engaged in the management of any Institution are the last to appreciate that the means used have become obsolete or unnecessarily expensive, and while they propose to put up a new machine, there are equally good machines already in existence much more readily available.

Again, I would urge the necessity of affording some opportunities to the subscribers generally of expressing their views. There is no difficulty in sending voting papers by post, and the mere "bringing it to the notice of the Quarterly Court, and obtaining from that body its full consent and approval," may be legal, but it will not alone command the moral sympathy and support of the brethren who are prevented from recording their views without a considerable expenditure of time and money.

And I venture to repeat that while many—the writer among the number—would feel themselves bound to acquiesce in a resolution for the erection of a new School if passed by a fair majority in the manner indicated, no such sentiment would attach to any less general expression of the views of the brethren.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

D.P.G.M. AND PAST G.O.

Bristol, September 7th.

## Reviews.

THE UNIQUE RECITER. Compiled and Edited by J. J. Nesbitt, M.A. Trinity College, Dublin. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, and Co., Limited. Dublin: Carson Brothers, 7, Grafton-street.—Our Rev. Bro. Nesbitt refers in his brief Preface to the exceeding care he has taken in the compilation and editing of this volume. His purpose in issuing it is, he tells us, "to furnish both the dramatic reciter and the elocutionist with a new collection of pieces for recitation and reading," and in his endeavours to carry this purpose into effect, he has spared neither trouble nor expense. He has sought and received permission to include in his collection several poems by the best authors in Australia and America as well as at home. There are also many original pieces which he has paid for and others of which he has purchased the copyright, the result being that among the contributors and friends to whom he is indebted

for this co-operation are several of the best known writers of recitative poems, and short pieces of our day, such as the Primate of All Ireland (the Most Rev. Dr. Alexander), Lady Lytton, Robert Buchanan, Bret Harte, Miss M. Betham-Edwards, Clement Scott, the Very Rev. Dean Copley, and others. In the Introduction the Editor explains the principle which has governed him in his selection of pieces, that of including "what are most suitable for public and private recitation—for the platform as well as for the drawing room—and, at the same time to combine the *indescribable something* of recitative fitness with a high standard of literary merit." He also explains the requirements which are necessary in order to ensure a successful recital, the most important essential being that the reciter should first obtain "a full grasp of the author's meaning" and then convey it to the audience "in the most forcible and true-to-life manner." He is opposed, as a rule, to musical accompaniments, especially in cases in which the reciter is dependent upon another artist for the music. He also furnishes a few practical hints to those who may feel inclined to recite either publicly or in private, and it is with pleasure we add that such persons will do themselves a service if they adopt these hints. As for the collection of pieces, they include every variety of poem that is likely to create an impression upon an audience, and what, in our opinion is a recommendation of the greatest moment, there are none of them of immoderate length. It is, indeed, a most admirable collection and selection and we feel sure will find favour with those numerous brethren who, by their recitations help so materially to render our after-dinner proceedings interesting and agreeable.

"THE TRESTLE BOARD." Quarterly Magazine of Lodge Leven St. John, No. 170. This is a new candidate for the favour of the Craft, the first number having been issued last month. The magazine is the organ of a single lodge, and as might be expected, is on a modest scale; but if future numbers are as readable as this, the *Trestle Board* should have before it a long and prosperous career. The main purpose in issuing it appears to be the very laudable one of keeping "our brethren abroad more in touch with their mother lodge," and at the same time of exciting an interest on the part of those remaining at home in the work of Masonry, so that they may in time fashion for themselves "nobler conceptions of the great plan of Masonry; higher ideals of what Masons ought to be and ought to do, and truer life results in the production of good work and square work—work fit for the great ideal Temple." It is a worthy ambition, and to judge from the character and variety of the contents of this opening number, one which the lodge may well hope to attain. Be it added, that all communications for the *Trestle Board* must be addressed to R. B. Wood, Masonic Hall, Renton, that the price of a single number is fourpence, and the annual subscription, including postage, is. 6d.

"CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN"—"Canadian Craftsman" Publishing Company of Toronto (Limited), 78, Bay, Toronto.—The most important feature about the August number of our contemporary is the very full report it contains of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario), at its 41st annual communication, held in the city of Belleville on the 15th and 16th July. There are also the usual sensibly-written Editorial Notes and certain Craft Tidings, with sundry quoted articles of interest.

"THE CRAFTSMAN"—Printed for the Proprietor and Publisher, Bro. F. J. Harries, by Western Mail, Limited.—The September issue of this readable journal is quite up to the high standard which the editor has succeeded in establishing for it, both as regards the wisdom and sound sense of its editorial utterances and the amount and variety of the news which is to be found in its pages. There is perhaps less than usual this month of original matter, but the quoted articles or essays, such as "The Use and Abuse of Ritual," by W. Bro. Oswald G. Wood, Punjab, from the *Indian Freemason*, "An Ancient Tracing Board" from a lecture by Bro. Sadler at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, and others, are of such a character as to make ample amends for any falling off in the amount of editorial matter. There is also a letter written by a Cardiff brother from Matabeleland, which is now likely to prove of exceptional interest.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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### THE NEW "CONSTITUTIONS."

(A CORRECTION.)

I omitted a line (*in error*) in No. 1084, entitled "*Book of Constitutions*," and regret the fact, as it suggests a change having been made for the better, which could not be. What I meant to say is, "there is a very full and accurate index, the *additional laws being re-arranged* and duly indexed therein, and carefully tested, so that the volume *now* is a complete whole, instead of the new Rules from 1884 being on slips or separate pages. I hope to refer at length to this new volume of 1896 in a week or two, and to give a few particulars of all the previous editions.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Craft Masonry.

### Newall Lodge, No. 1134.

The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The chair was taken by Bro. Harold Waterhouse, W.M., punctually at the time stated on the summons. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. J. Moor was passed, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Martin presenting the working tools. It is needless to say all the work was admirably performed, and a most genial and pleasant evening was spent. Among those present were Bros. Harold Waterhouse, W.M.; R. W. Martin, S.W.; James Green, J.W.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M. 2359, S.D.; W. H. Brown, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Ben Eckersley, P.M.; E. Webb, P.M.; R. J. Moore, E. C. Moss, W. L. T. Askridge, J. Ogden, S. V. Samuels, J. Rylance, F. Brierley, T. H. Drew, W. Mallinson, E. M. Williams, and M. Oliver. Visitors: Bros. S. Gaskill, W.M. 163; S. W. Glover, and E. H. Flower, P.M.

### Lodge of Obedience, No. 1753.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 31st ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Okehampton, when Bro. John W. Reed was inducted into the chair in succession to Bro. W. P. Moon. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. A. Gregory, P.M. 1254, P.P.G. Treas., and who for many years has ably discharged the duties of Installing Master of 1753 with much ability. The brethren present numbered over 60, and the Board of Installed Masters was composed of Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. C. Pierce, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. J. Futcher, P.M.; Charles Piper, P.M.; W. P. Moon, W.M.; E. T. Fulford, P.M. 1254; P.P.G. Treas.; F. J. Hayne, I.P.M. 106; H. Joseph Wills, P.M. 106; F. J. Shapcott, W.M. 1254; G. Wilson, P.M. and Sec. 696, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Ridge, P.M. 1284; John Rowe, W.M. 1332; J. F. Ralling, P.M. 1332; John Moass, P.M. 1284; P.P.G.S. of W.; Wm. Edwards, P.M. 1284, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. H. Shipway, P.M. 1284; H. M. Pratt, P.M. 106; W. A. Stone, W.M. 1284; F. Luget, P.M. 39; P.P.G. Org.; Frank Hubber, P.M. 1284; G. L. Stile, P.M. 1284; G. Styles, P.M. 1284; and H. Hellings, P.M. 1066. The members of the lodge present were Bros. F. Edwards, J.W.; Rev. G. Reed Lucas, Rev. T. Ward-Brown, J.D.; Rev. F. W. Saulez, G. J. Gibson, Sec.; W. L. Palmer, I.G.; W. Pollard, A.D.C.; H. Rowe and A. Amand, Stewards; J. D. Prickman, J. A. Lucas, John Pyke, W. H. Cornish, H. Hellings, W. Partridge, G. Glandfield, John Powlesland, Chap.; George Choat, E.

E. W. Pym, and J. Coombe, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. J. Marks, 372; J. Dean Trotter, 1254; T. R. Fry, Steward 1284; S. J. Bishop, 1234; J. R. Pastfield, 39; Alfred Piper, 656; J. F. N. Wcombe, 39; H. Shooter, 112, P.G. Tyler; J. E. Thorburn, 973; H. Lamacraft, 1284; A. S. Rowe, J.W. 1284; W. Pook, 1284; H. Carmock, 106; T. H. Browning, Steward 1284; and W. Brooking, I.G. 2450, South Africa.

The brethren congratulated Bro. Reed that he had so far recovered his health as to be able to accede to the unanimous choice of the lodge to occupy the chair for the ensuing year. This honour, which would in ordinary course have fallen upon Bro. Reed last year, was declined by him then on account of his health, and a resolution expressing regret and sympathy with him was at that time passed, coupled with the hope that his health might be restored. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. P. Moon, I.P.M.; F. Edwards, S.W.; G. J. Gibson, J.W.; the Rev. F. W. Saulez, Chap.; C. J. Fitcher, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. G. R. Lucas, Sec.; the Rev. T. Ward Brown, S.D.; W. L. Palmer, J.D.; J. C. Pierce, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Devon, Org.; E. W. Pym, Asst. Org.; A. R. Bray, I.G.; W. Pollard, D.C.; H. Rowe, A.D.C.; A. Amand and J. Pyke, Stewards; W. H. Cornish, Charity Stwd.; and J. Coombe, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards attended the banquet in the assembly rooms of the hotel. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I. for Girls, in responding for "The Officers of Grand Lodge," referred, by the request of the W.M., briefly (the time being very short) to the good work being done by the Institution which he had the honour of representing. In doing so he drew attention to the nature of the education and domestic training imparted to the girls, and gave very interesting and convincing statistics relating to the results of the various examinations to which they had been submitted. Referring to the Province of Devonshire, he pointed out that the Institution had not been unmindful of its interests, as during the last 11 years the number of Devonshire girls in the School had varied in different years from four up to as many as 11 at a time, and that the province had therefore, at the lowest computation, shared in the benefits of the Institution to the extent of some £2800, and that on the other hand the Institution had to thank the province for financial support during the same time to the extent of about £1000, and he concluded by a very earnest appeal for their continued and increased support in the future.

**Duke of Albany Lodge, No. 1963.**

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Thursday evening, the 3rd instant, when there were present Bros. C. James, W.M.; E. Donaldson, I.P.M.; J. A. Randall, S.W.; J. Bird, J.W.; R. C. Davis, Treas.; J. J. White, Sec.; W. Turner Wyatt, S.D.; T. C. Phillips, J.D.; V. J. Murche, D.C.; J. W. Folkard, D.C.; J. N. O. Latham, I.G.; C. J. Chase and J. Kirby, Stewards; A. Harvey, P.M.; W. H. Jeffries, P.M.; R. J. Voisey, P.M.; H. Bannister, P.M.; W. T. Pink, P.M.; G. Gill, P.M.; T. Barnes, H. Barnes, H. Hicks, H. Wakerell, A. Golding, H. Smith, H. S. Bunnett, R. Cullimore, D. Sluter, M. J. A. Bentley, G. Collar, Thomas Pink, M. J. Newton, R. Morton, J. Wadey, R. C. Clinch, B. C. Hastwell, J. Vaughan, F. W. Heale, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Thomas Pink. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by the W.M., and, on its conclusion, some temporary relief having been voted and other business transacted, the brethren dined in the lower hall.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the usual toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers," were given by the W.M., and cordially honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. expressed his gratification that such a candidate should have been added to the Craft, and congratulated the lodge and Bro. R. C. Davis on the introduction of so worthy a candidate.

The initiate, in reply, said: *Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren,—First let me tender my thanks to the W.M. for the eloquent words he has used in regard to myself, and also express my hearty and warmest hope that under no circumstances may those words be other than amply fulfilled in the time to come. (Hear, hear.) I think you will be disposed to accord to me that latitude which you will, of course, agree is necessary, speaking as I am to Masons, and debarred as I am from touching any religious or political question, because, as I take it, Masons know no religion but one, and that the religion of Charity. (Hear, hear.) You will be disposed, I am sure, to give me every latitude, and to look with lenient eyes on any mistakes I may make. The only thing which it appears to me I can talk about is Masonry, and that is the very thing, perhaps, that I know least about. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) My experience of it dates from something like two and a half hours ago. I can conscientiously say I have never heard any of my friends (although many of them are Masons, and some eminent in the Craft) drop one hint that would give me any idea of the intention of Masons. The only acquaintance I had with it came about in a peculiar way. A member of the church I attend died suddenly, and left a widow and several children. One of my warmest friends, who happened to be a Mason endeavoured to obtain votes for one of the Masonic Schools, and his wife suggested to him that many of my friends might be able to supply some. I was sent one of the Masonic books, and wrote to every one I knew whose name appeared in it. Although I was not a Mason, I had a very hearty response from every one. (Hear, hear.) Many sent me votes, and that is practically the only intimation I had of the purposes of Masonry or the feelings that animated Masons. But now, speaking from my limited knowledge of Masonry, I feel that it is conceived for mutual self-help and mutual intercourse, and that the intentions of the Craft are intentions of the very finest and best kind. It appears to me that the Craft promotes social intercourse of the healthiest description, and it provides the traveller with an introduction to towns in any part of the world, I judge, because I understand there are Masons everywhere. I have never heard it whispered that any man has ever disclosed the secrets, such as they are, of Masonry. It appears to me they are of the mildest and most harmless kind. They are not conceived with the idea of causing harm to any one. If a man will take his Bible and then study that oath, formal and strong as it is, that he takes on the night of his initiation, and he will follow that without listening to any outside teaching at all, and put a fair and reasonable construction upon what he finds in the Book, and upon what he remembers of the oath he has taken that man cannot go far wrong, and no doubt he will meet with good company in the world to come. (Hear, hear.) I prophesy to-night, and I will give you reasons for it—I prophesy a grander future for Masonry. We are in these days living at higher pressure than our forefathers. No doubt you have heard your parents talking of "the work we did." I used. But one day I managed to floor my father. I happened to obtain possession of an ancient diary and found they had in times past 52 public holidays in the year. From that day to this I have never heard anything of "the work we did in our day." In these days science is applied not only to mechanics and locomotion, but also to everything else. For instance, where telegraphs were unknown we now have not only telegraphs but telephones, which although I use them I do not bless, because they make me work too hard. We have also the phonograph and the X rays which picture our insides—(laughter)—and tell us what we have there. They are not unimaged blessings. A friend of mine ran part of a needle into his great toe. He never troubled about it, because he did not know it, but the X rays exposed it, and now he does trouble because he knows it is there. (Laughter.) To him, therefore, those rays are a perfect nuisance—(a voice: "Because he's got the needle," and laughter). The whole result of the advancement of science is this—We live harder, we work harder, we live faster, and it is a grave question how far the human frame will stay at high pressure. One of the results is that man needs greater social intercourse with his fellow man, and it is impossible for him to satisfy, in my opinion, that want in any better way than by becoming a Mason. (Applause.) I prophesy that Masonry will extend in the years to come faster than at the present day. Brethren, I have trespassed twice, inasmuch as I have kept you for some time while giving utterance to certain thoughts of my own which had no place in my mind before I entered this building. I have done my best. I have received not merely a hearty welcome, but the most cordial welcome a man can have. That welcome is a source of extreme gratification and pleasure to me, and I tender you my most hearty thanks. (Applause.)*

In connection with the lodge is a fund from which sums of £5 5s. are periodically devoted to the Masonic Charities, the vote which the sum carries being balloted for by the contributors to the fund. A ballot was taken during the evening for a new vote thus obtained, which fell to Bro. C. James, W.M.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. Gill, Voisey, Kirby, Heale, Hastwell, and others.

**Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.**

This lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, the 6th ult., and for the first time for a very long time, no visitors were present, this was owing in a great measure to the fact that business of a domestic nature affecting only the members of the lodge was under consideration. Bro. Robinson, P.M., presided. Among those present were Bros. C. H. Ellis, I.P.M.; John Niven, P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Fearnley, S.W.; R. S. Hird, J.W., S.D.; J. W. Bland, J.D. as I.G.; Hy. Holmes, Tyler; John Morton, Wm. Walker, and Fred. Kinder.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge confirmed, the lodge by-laws were read by the Secretary, after which the Treasurer referred to certain of the brethren who were not in compliance with the by-laws, and a resolution regarding same was passed. A resolution of condolence with two members of the lodge was passed regarding the death of their late Bro. Edward Harland, P.M. of the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, and a prominent member of the Prov. Grand Lodge of N. and E. Yorks, who met with his lamented death whilst on a summer holiday, at Llandudno. His visit to this lodge a year ago was very pleasantly remembered by the brethren. A resolution of condolence with another brother who had recently lost his wife, was likewise passed. The Committee for auditing the Treasurer's accounts was appointed, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

After refreshment the brethren were very pleasantly entertained by Bro. Ellis, I.P.M., who related his experience during his six months visit to Australia and New Zealand, when he took the opportunity of visiting a number of lodges in the latter Colony, some of which were working under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. It was humorously pointed out to Bro. Ellis by one of the members that, technically, he had been guilty of a Masonic offence by visiting lodges under a Constitution not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, but as a movement was on foot for recognition the offence need not be seriously regarded.

**Carville Lodge, No. 2497.**

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Wallsend, when there were present Bros. Matthew Murray, W.M.; Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Durham, I.P.M.; Rev. W. M. O'Brady Jones, P.P.G.C., S.W.; Roger Brand, P.M., P.P.S. of W., acting J.W.; Rev. A. Bott, P.P.G.C., acting Chap.; George A. Allan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; William Philipson, Sec.; Joseph Shenton, S.D.; George Robert Stephenson, J.D.; George Hollings, I.G.; John Dixon and Robert Stafford Johnson, Stewards; Joseph Welch Surtees, Tyler; also a number of distinguished visitors from Tynes Lodge, 991; Priory Lodge, 1863; and several of the Newcastle and neighbouring lodges.

After the lodge had been duly opened, Bro. G. A. Allan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., presented Bro. the Rev. W. M. O'Brady Jones for installation to Bro. Matthew Murray, W.M., who acted as Installing Master. The whole of the imposing and impressive ceremony was most correctly and very effectively gone through by Bro. Matthew Murray, after which Bro. the Rev. W. M. O'Brady Jones invested his officers as follows: Bros. Matthew Murray, I.P.M.; Summers Hunter, S.W.; William Philipson, J.W.; Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Curry, B.A., Chap.; George Auburn Allan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Joseph Shenton, Sec.; George Robert Stephenson, S.D.; George Hollings, J.D.; Robert Hudson, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Durham, D.C.; John P. Blenkinsop, Org.; John Dixon, I.G.; Robert Stafford Johnson and Alfred Hepburn, Stewards; and Joseph Welch Surtees, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., by Bro. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Durham, D.C., on behalf of the officers and brethren, and also a large platinum photo, framed in oak, to hang in the lodge room, by Bro. John P. Blenkinsop, Org., on behalf of the year's initiates.

Hearty congratulations were offered all round, and after the lodge was closed the installation banquet followed in the Station Hotel adjoining, where Mr. Thompson arranged a splendid repast.

Reference was made to the sad loss sustained by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., and the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge" was drunk in silence.

During the evening some excellent harmony was contributed by a quartette under the direction of Bro. E. J. Gibbon, P.M. 541, P.P.G. Org.

**Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.**

**ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.**

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Thwaites, W.M.; White, S.W.; Wall, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Weller, S.D.; Royle, J.D.; Hayward, I.G.; Bradley, P.M.; Austin, Markland, Marriott-Matthews, Place, Sellick, Thomas, and Munro.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sellick being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Markland, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. White was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.**

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 4th inst. Present: Comps. T. Grumant, M.E.Z.; W. Dawson, H.; C. Plant, J.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Braik, S.N.; H. Cornford, P.S.; Felling, Derham, Lewis, Morgan, Loader, Edwards, Beecroft, North, Hardman, Galfrey, Makeham, and Addington.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the convocation of May 29th were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Beecroft personating the candidate. Comps. R. T. Galfrey, M.E.Z. 172, and Dr. H. W. P. Makeham, M.E.Z. 1275, were elected joining members. Comp. J. Loader, M.E.Z. 1622, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Congratulations were tendered to Comp. T. Grumant, Preceptor, upon such an excellent attendance. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

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"I've wandered much this weary mortal round, and Sage Experience bids me this declare,"

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

IN OUR ACCOUNT last week of the Masonic career of Bro. Marshall we omitted to mention that he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, and that having passed through the various offices, he was elected to and installed in the chair of M.E.Z. Comp. Marshall remained a subscribing member of this chapter until the day of his death.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT has been successfully installed at the new Town Hall, Croydon, the number of lights in the building being 1000 each of 16-candle power.

THE MONUMENT to the late Lord Tennyson, now being erected in the Isle of Wight, will be unveiled towards the end of the month by Princess Beatrice, who is Governor of the Island.

HIS EXCELLENCY LI HUNG CHANG arrived at Niagara from Washington on Saturday last and at once proceeded in a carriage to view the falls from the Canadian side. On Monday he left for Toronto.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK left Marlborough House, where they had been staying since the termination of their visit to the Queen at Osborne, for Appleton House, Sandringham, on Tuesday.

THE LATEST addition to the ships of the Castle Mail Packets Company, the Dunvegan Castle, one of the most perfectly-equipped of modern steamers, started on Saturday from Southampton on her first journey to South Africa.

IT APPEARS from the returns recently published that the number of lunatics chargeable to the County of London and its various parishes and unions on the 1st January last was 19,334 as compared with 18,541 on the 1st January, 1895.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT of Ireland and Countess Cadogan left Cork on Saturday last for Killarney, where they remained as the guests of Lord Kenmare until Monday, when they proceeded to Lismore Castle on a visit to Bro. the Duke of Devonshire.

VENTNOR, in the Isle of Wight, which claims to have been the first town that introduced the Continental carnival into this country, celebrated its annual *fete* on Monday, when the display both during the day and evening was successful beyond all previous experience.

THE OFFICERS of the Russian torpedo flotilla in Dover Docks gave an "At Home," on Monday, to which the General in command and the officers of the garrison were invited. The latter had previously held a complimentary entertainment in honour of the Russian visitors.

A DINNER was given on Sunday evening last by the Admiral commanding the British Mediterranean Squadron in Phalerum Bay in honour of King George of Greece. The Admiral proposed the health of his Majesty, who acknowledged the compliment and then drank to the Admiral and the British Navy.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES reached Marlborough House from Homburg shortly after noon on Saturday last and there joined Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark. In the evening the Prince, accompanied by his son-in-law and daughter, visited the Avenue Theatre and witnessed a performance of "Monte Carlo."

THE CZAR and his illustrious Consort reached Breslau on Saturday and were received by the Emperor and Empress of Germany with the pomp and circumstance customary on such occasions. After a brief rest the monarchs reviewed the troops to the number of 40,000, and in the evening there was a grand banquet, at which the Czar and Kaiser exchanged courtesies.

IT APPEARS to be settled that Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, having attained the age limit of 65 years fixed for bandmasters, shall retire in accordance with the War Office regulations, from the post of bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards, which he has held since July, 1856, and to which he was appointed by the late Prince Consort, on the recommendation of the late Bro. Sir M. Costa.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES left Marlborough House on Monday afternoon for Fryston Hall, where he has since been staying as the guest of the Earl of Crewe, the house party invited to meet his Royal Highness including the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and the Lady Helen Stewart, Viscountess Curzon, Bro. Lord and Lady Alice Stanley, Lady Gerard, Bro. Sir Henry Keppel, and Mr. James Lowther, M.P.

MAJOR FOSBERY, agent to Bro. the Earl of Warwick, has met with a very serious accident, from which, however, we are glad to hear that he is progressing as favourably as could be expected towards recovery. The gallant officer was returning home from shooting in the Isle of Mull, when the vehicle in which he was driving passed over a deep declivity, and was smashed. Major Fosbery received some serious injuries, his collar bone and several ribs being broken.

THE MEMBERS of the City of London Rifle Association held their final competition for the championship and gold, silver, and bronze medals at the Rainham Ranges on Monday, when Private Luff, London Rifle Brigade, won the championship with a score of 94 points made at the 200, 500, and 600 yards, seven shots at each, which, added to a previous score of 90 at the same range at the summer meeting gave him the championship and gold medal; Privates Skilton and Little of the same regiment winning the silver and bronze medals respectively.

ACCORDING to present arrangements the visit of the Emperor and Empress of Russia to this country will be of a strictly private character. The Lord Provost of Edinburgh mentioned at the meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday that in reply to his suggestion to entertain their Majesties on their arrival at Leith on Monday, the 21st inst., the Secretary for Scotland had written to say that their Majesties would drive in one of the Queen's carriages from the jetty to the Railway Station and proceed forthwith to Balmoral. A Committee was accordingly appointed to arrange for the presentation of an address from the Corporation.

A VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT occurred on the 4th inst. on the railway near Moghrat, which has been constructed in connection with the advance of the Egyptian army on Dongola. A party of men had been told off under a native officer to push a truck up a steep incline and then take it down the hill on the other side. When they had reached the top, they got into the truck and began to descend, when to their horror they saw an engine on the line below. There was no stopping the truck which dashed into the engine with tremendous force, the result being that 22 men were injured, some of them very seriously, while the native officer, who jumped out, was killed on the spot.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has graciously signified her willingness to receive the petition which has been signed in 44 languages by her women subjects in all parts of the world, praying for increased protection against the evils of the liquor traffic and the opium trade. The petition contains over 7,000,000 signatures and endorsements, and has been gathered during the last few years by the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union. As it is impossible to present the immense roll which contains the names of the British subjects to the Queen, the pages have been photographed and magnificently bound in two large volumes. The title pages are beautifully illuminated, and it is a document of historic interest and a work of artistic merit. The Queen will never at one time have received any document signed by so many of her subjects the world over.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.—Our Vienna Correspondent telegraphs: The Pope has addressed the Italian Committee which has arranged an International Congress against Freemasonry, to be held at Trent, in the Southern Tyrol, during the last days of September. The Pope commends the undertaking, and refers to the two encyclical letters which he had published in 1890 and 1892 against Freemasonry. He expresses the hope that the Congress will have a great success, and adds that it is necessary to put the axe to the root of the evil, and to seek out efficacious remedies in order to work against the advancing influence of the secret societies. The Freemasons must be unmasked in order to be recognised in their nefariousness and wickedness, for they trust mainly to mystery and secrecy. Finally, the Pope congratulates the Committee, and bestows his blessing on the work of the Congress.—*Daily News*.

### In Memoriam.

In loving memory of my dear son, Bro. George Herbert Reynolds, P.M. 1614 and 2191, H. 1326, who died 13th September, 1895, in the 38th year of his age.

WE REGRET to hear that Bro. Lord Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master Cornwall, and his son, Lord Valletort, are suffering from severe illness.

BRO. THE REV. J. STEPHEN BARRASS, rector of St. Michael Bassishaw, has been elected a guardian of the City of London Union as a representative of that parish.

THE CRAFTSMEN'S AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, was opened on Tuesday, and will remain open for the rest of the month.

THE EARL OF ROSEBERRY has intimated his willingness to unveil the Burns statue at Paisley on Saturday, the 26th inst. The fund for the memorial has been raised by open-air concerts.

ON MONDAY, at Balmoral, the Queen invested Major John Chivas Shires, R.A., with the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of his services during the operations of the Chitral relieving force.

ACCORDING to ADVICES from Cairo, the cotton crop this season is estimated to be worth from five and a half to six million cantars. Last year it did not greatly exceed 5,200,000 cantars.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., Mayor of Leeds, Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, accompanied by Miss Grace Jackson, has gone to Aix-les-Bains for two or three weeks' rest.

WE UNDERSTAND that Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A., has consented to be nominated to fill the vacancy on the Common Council caused by the death of his father, who had held the position for upwards of 20 years.

THE BRITANNIA, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's yacht, arrived at Southampton on Monday. She will lay up at Northam for the winter. The recent racing has led to several orders being placed with the builders for crack yachts next season.

IT IS SAID that arrangements are in progress for the establishment of a first-class raccourse at Folkestone, among those from whom the movement is receiving patronage being Bro. the Earl of Radnor, Lord George Nevill, Viscount Hardinge, and Bro. James Bailey, M.P.

THE AUTHORESS of "Without Sin," a novel which has caused considerable sensation in literary circles in London and America, is Mrs. Moore, the only daughter of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton (the Town Clerk) and Lady Monckton. The lady's *nom de plume* is "E. Martin Pritchard."

THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S returns show that the number of deaths during last week were 99 below the average of the corresponding period for the last 10 years. There was, however, an increase in the number of deaths from measles and diphtheria, and also a slight increase in those from whooping-cough and enteric fever.

BRO. JOHN GEORGE EVANS, Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, has recently been the recipient of a very handsome gold watch, and Mrs. Evans, a gold bracelet, given by his numerous Masonic and other friends, as a token of their esteem during a period of over 13 years at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., upon the occasion of his relinquishing the management of the same, and taking the management of the Park Hotel, Cardiff.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S VISIT TO NORWICH.—A Norwich telegram states that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will attend the performance of the Norwich Musical Festival on the 8th October. He will be the guest of the members of the County Club, and during his stay in the city will, as M.W. Grand Master, unveil the bust of Bro. Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. for Norfolk, which has been subscribed for by all the brethren of the province.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES had the good fortune to win the St. Leger on Wednesday with Persimmon, which had previously carried the Royal colours to the front in the Derby, the second of the three great three year-old races of the year. It is needless to say that his Royal Highness's victory was popular, and the cheers which arose from all parts of the course when Persimmon's success was known were of the most enthusiastic character.

THE DUCHESS OF FIFE had some magnificent sport when fishing on the Dee on Friday, the 14th inst. Her Royal Highness, in the course of a few hours' fishing in the afternoon, had the satisfaction of landing 12 fine salmon, ranging in weight from 6 to 13 lbs. On the following day she caught four, between 8lbs. and 10lbs., and on Monday she landed six more, weighing from 5lbs. to 9lbs. In all the Duchess caught with the fly 34 salmon in nine afternoons' fishing.

THE FIRST CLASS CRICKET SEASON was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday, when the match at Hastings between North and South terminated in favour of the latter by five wickets. The scores were small in consequence of the bad wicket, the North making 77 and 82 and the South 132 and 31 for five wickets, the highest individual totals being those of Stoddart (43) and Brockwell (32) for the South. Hearne captured 14 wickets for 64 runs, bowling 42 overs 1 ball, of which 15 were maidens.

A BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION has been formed in connection with the Lewisham Lodge of Instruction, No. 2579, to enable members and their friends (ladies and children are eligible) to become Life Subscribers (£5 5s.) or Life Governors (£10 10s.) of any of the Masonic Institutions. It is proposed to commence the Association on the first Wednesday in October. The subscriptions will be 1s. per share per week, and a charge of 1s. per share will be made to cover cost of printing, &c.

SIR HENRY EWART, on behalf of her Majesty, presented the Royal Victorian Medal to Mr. W. Dowsett for the part he took in subduing the fire which broke out in Buckingham Palace on the eve of the Royal Wedding. The presentation took place at the offices of the Master of the Horse, on Tuesday, Sir H. Ewart, at the same time, reading a letter from her Majesty, in which she complimented Mr. Dowsett on the presence of mind he had exhibited under very trying circumstances.

WE REGRET to have to record the death of Bro. William Smallpiece, Assoc. Mem. Inst. C.E., and District Surveyor for East Hampstead, which took place on Saturday at his residence, 42, Well-walk, Hampstead. The deceased was a devoted Freemason, having for some years been the Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, while he had served on the Board of General Purposes, besides being a founder and Past Master of several lodges. He was a liveryman of the Painter Stainers' Company. Bro. Smallpiece was in his 57th year, and leaves no family.

THE PRESENTS WHICH LI HUNG CHANG brought over from China for her Majesty have been arranged in the billiard-room at Osborne. Those which his Excellency presented in the name and on behalf of the Emperor include an old white porcelain vase adorned with red dragons, an antique bronze goblet, two antique bronze incense burners, two old porcelain plates painted blue and green, a handsome white jade vase, decorated with chrysanthemums and fir-trees, and a fine yellow plaque with floral adornment. Those presented by Li Hung Chang himself included beautifully embroidered satin from the Imperial manufactories, a massive blue and gold vase, &c.

THE EXTRAORDINARY circumstances prevailing for some months in Bulawayo rendered it somewhat difficult for the B.B. to meet regularly, for the Stock Exchange Hall, their usual meeting-place, was given up for use as barracks for Gifford's Horse shortly after the beginning of the native rebellion. The English Church, however, was kindly placed at the lodge's disposal, and the B.B. met in that sacred edifice under circumstances probably unique in the annals of Freemasonry; many of the B.B. had laid aside their rifles for an hour or two in order to be present, more than one large "impi" of the rebels being within five miles of the town at the time.—*Cape Times*.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS took their departure from England, after one of the most successful seasons, on Tuesday, when they left Southampton for the United States on board the American liner New York. Among those who saw them off from Waterloo Station were Messrs. C. W. Alcock (Secretary Surrey County C.C.) and C. I. Thornton. The Colonials are engaged to play five matches in the States—three at Philadelphia, one at Bayonne City, New Jersey, and one at Chicago. They will embark at San Francisco for Auckland (New Zealand), and will close their tour with five matches in that colony and one at Hobart (Tasmania).

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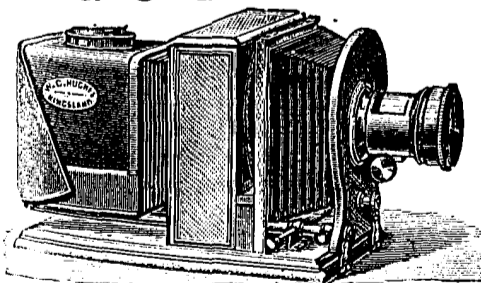
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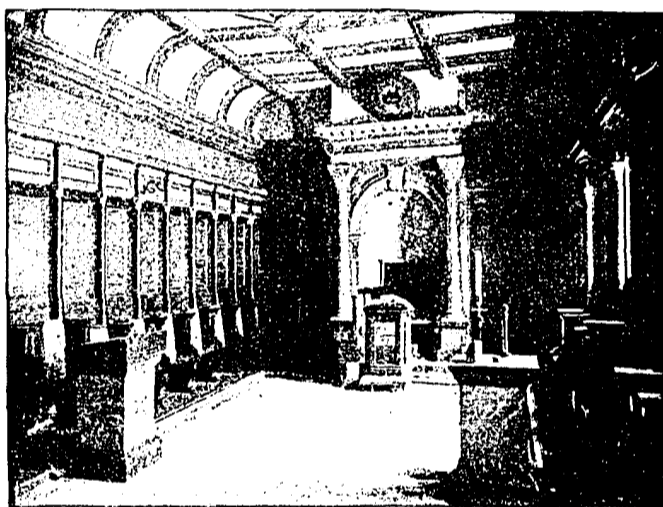
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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, September 19, 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, SEPTEMBER 14.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1366, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
- 1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 2426, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 1789, Ubiqne, Criterion.
- 2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
- Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
- Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
- Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Marquess of Ripon, 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 8.
- 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.
- Stockwell, 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 15.**

Board of General Purposes, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
- 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.
- 2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.
- 2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

**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.
- Domatic, 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.
- Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
- Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
- Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
- Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
- Mount Edgcombe, 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. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
- St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
- Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
- Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
- Westbourne, 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 16.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1278, Burdett Coutts, London Tavern.
- 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
- 1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
- 2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 2266, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.

**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.
- Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
- Creaton, 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.
- Langthorne, 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.
- Panmure, 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.
- Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 7.30.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.**

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1227, Upton, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1365, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1420, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant.
- 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
- 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1716, All Saints, Offices of Board of Works, Poplar.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

**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.
- Crecent, 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.
- Montefiore, 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.
- Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
- Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
- Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.**

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 975, Rose of Denmark, The Horns Tavern.
- 2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' 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 8.
- 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, 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 19.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1767, Kensington, Royal Palace Hotel.
- 2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

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