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THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

It is marvellous how great is the progress which has been made by most, if not all, of the more recently established Grand Lodges on the continent of North America. In the United States this progress is not perhaps so noticeable, because the extent of territory is so vast and the population so enormous; but even in British North America where, though the territory is of immense extent, the population is more sparsely distributed, Freemasonry may be looked upon as one of the institutions of the country, and Manitoba, though a Province that can boast of only a few years' organisation, is very far from being an exception to this general good fortune. The 23rd annual communication of its Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, in the early days of June last, and in the course of his address the Grand Master—M.W. Bro. THOMAS ROBINSON—referred with no little pride to the development of the Craft in his jurisdiction. At the preceding annual meeting the Grand Lodge had been honoured with a visit from the Grand Master of Minnesota, and Bro. ROBINSON took occasion to refer to "the more than fraternal ties" that bound the Masons of Manitoba to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. It was, as he pointed out, in the year 1864, that sundry of the residents at Fort Garry—now the City of Winnipeg—were made Masons in the Northern Light Lodge, Pembina, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The following year this lodge obtained permission to remove its quarters from Pembina to Fort Garry, but troubles arose in the neighbourhood, and after a brief interval the lodge ceased working. In 1870 took place the Red River Expedition, under the command of Colonel—now Field-Marshal Viscount—WOLSELEY, and among the troops who remained to garrison Fort Garry were a number of brethren who petitioned and obtained permission from the Grand Lodge of Canada to form a lodge, which was formally constituted as Prince Rupert's Lodge early in the year 1871. In 1873 Lisgar Lodge was founded, and the year following Ancient Landmark Lodge; and on the 12th June, 1875, these three lodges met together, and founded the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. During the 23 years that have since elapsed these three lodges have increased and multiplied to such an extent, that at the present time there are 66 lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge, with an aggregate membership of some 2700 brethren, the average strength per lodge being 45.

But progress has by no means been restricted to mere numerical increase, which is not always, or, at all events, not of itself alone an outward and visible sign of prosperity. The Grand Lodge is far from being a wealthy body, and yet during the past year it has voted money towards the cost of erecting a Freemasons'

Ward in the Jubilee wing of the Winnipeg General Hospital. Again, the Grand Lodge is the proud possessor of a considerable library, and to judge from the Librarian's report, which is included in the record of proceedings, not only are important additions made annually, but increasing facilities for study are being provided from time to time. But there is one paragraph in Bro. ROBINSON'S address which deserves special attention. After enumerating the lodges which he had been able to visit during the year, he goes on to state that, on the occasion of his visits, he took the opportunity of giving lectures on Masonic Law, "I cannot help remarking," said Bro. ROBINSON, "that while it was a very great pleasure to pay these visits, and while I received great personal courtesy and attention whenever it was my privilege to be present, yet I realise more forcibly than I ever did before, the necessity of more frequent lectures on Masonic subjects." After stating that the finances of Grand Lodge were not such as to allow of the payment of a Grand Lecturer, the Grand Master proceeded: "There is a great lack of Masonic knowledge. I quite understand that it is impossible for people who are so occupied with their usual business avocations to devote very much time to acquiring Masonic knowledge, since it requires a great deal of study and thought to delve into its history and philosophy. I recognised my own deficiency for the same reasons. On the other hand, a continual repetition of the ritual in time begins to pall upon the mind, and it is impossible not to feel that there is a universal want of something to further stimulate Masonic zeal" in this direction. He concludes his remarks by suggesting that Grand Lodge, as soon as its finances would allow, should have a Grand Lecturer, and that in the meantime lodges should take every opportunity of encouraging those who are able and willing to impart knowledge on subjects of interest and importance. It is clear from this, that our Bro. LOVELL does not stand alone in his desire that the brethren should have greater facilities afforded them for the acquisition of a higher class of Masonic knowledge than seems possible in the present circumstances.

MASONIC REPRINTS AND HISTORICAL REVELATIONS.*

The new work from the pen of Bro. HENRY SADLER, the publication of which we had the pleasure of announcing in last week's issue, in every way justifies the high expectations we had indulged in. It constitutes a further and most valuable addition to our store of knowledge of the earlier history of Freemasonry. Nearly the whole of the contents of the volume is new matter, and what is not new has been written by Bro. SADLER himself in order that his readers may be in a better position to appreciate what he has had the good fortune to unearth, or has been compiled by him from the official records of Grand Lodge, of which, in his capacity of Sub-Librarian, he may be said to be the custodian. In addition, we have the Introductory Chapter written by Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, in illustration of the first reprint in facsimile of "A letter from the Grand Mistress of the Female Freemasons." This Chapter is valuable not only from the light it throws upon Bro. SADLER'S reprint, but also from the full account

* Masonic Reprints and Historical Revelations. Including Original Notes and Additions. By Henry Sadler, P.M. and P.Z., Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England. Author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," "Thomas Dunckerley," &c. And an Introductory Chapter by W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., D.C.L., Past Senior Grand Deacon Ireland, &c.—George Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. 1898.

it contains of the writer's discovery among the archives of Trinity College, Dublin, of conclusive evidence that Freemasonry, as a Speculative organisation, was in existence in the Irish capital in the year 1688.

The reprints include "Facsimile of 'A letter from the Grand Mistress of the Female Free-Masons' (original pagination);" and "Facsimile of 'A Defence of Free-Masonry' (original pagination);" and we presume we must add, a considerable portion of the exceedingly interesting chapter entitled "A Defence of Laurence Dermott and the Antients," which includes letters in reply to the late Bro. JACOB NORTON'S strictures upon DERMOTT and other matter which had previously been published in one of our Masonic periodicals. The explanatory matter comprises the "Introductory Chapter" by Bro. Dr. CRAWLEY already referred to, and an "Explanatory Introduction to 'A Defence of Free-Masonry,'" together with three chapters in which are to be found lists of (1) "English Lodges Founded by Irish Masons;" (2) "Provincial Grand Masters appointed by, or emanating from, the Ancient Grand Lodge;" and (3) "Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Antients." There is also a "General Index of Contents," while the Volume is dedicated to our respected Bro. W. M. BYWATER, P.M. Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, Past G.S.B. of England, "in appreciation of his many Masonic virtues and in acknowledgment of his literary efforts on behalf of LAURENCE DERMOTT and other Brethren of Ancient Origin." As Bro. BYWATER has himself compiled a biography of LAURENCE DERMOTT, no more fitting selection could have been made, and we feel sure that he will appreciate the great compliment paid him by one who has rendered such signal service to Masonic history by the light he has thrown upon the origin of the Society of Ancient Masons according to the Old Institutions.

We fully realise that this brief description of the contents of Bro. SADLER'S new work will convey but a very inadequate idea of its exceeding merit. But we have said enough to show that in the opinion we have formed, after a hurried perusal of its pages, it is one of the most important Masonic publications which have seen the light of day during the last few years, nor will it be long ere we place more fully before our readers the grounds on which we have arrived at this opinion.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presiding. Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, Prov. G. Master for Guernsey, occupied the position of Dep. G. Master, and Bro. Dr. Charles James Egan, District G. Master of South Africa (Eastern Division), acted as Past Grand Master; Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W., occupied the chair of S.G.W., and Bro. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap., that of J.G.W. Among other brethren present were:

Bros. A. C. Spaul, J. C. Malcolm (Leeds), J. S. Cumberland, W. Russell, J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; George Read, D. D. Mercer, W. M. Bywater, J. G. Kentish, John Mason, H. Lovegrove, Dr. Mickley, E. M. Money, Henry Neville, Thos. Fenn, P.G.W.; the Revs. R. J. Simpson, C. J. Martyn, and J. S. Brownrigg; Richard Eve, J. C. Dimsdale, and Samuel Cochrane, Past Grand Treasurers; Peter de L. Long, J. H. Matthews, Dr. Ralph Gooding, Dr. Lawrence, John Strachan, Q.C., G.R., Henry Garrod, George Graveley, Henry Smith (Wakefield), P.G.D., and Dr. Kiallmark.

Bro. Thos. Fenn, in the absence of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st of June were read and confirmed.

The acting GRAND MASTER then said: Brethren,—I now rise to propose a resolution, which I feel quite confident will be adopted unanimously by Grand Lodge, expressing the feelings of the whole of the Freemasons of England in a vote of sympathy with the Grand Master in the accident that he has sustained. Brethren, the human frame is susceptible of many accidents, as many of us may have had personal experience, but there is no accident so harassing and so irksome as one sustained by a joint. It takes a great deal of time to mend and is very painful. Such has been the accident which our Grand Master has sustained and I feel sure that the whole of the Freemasons of England are grieved at the sad accident which he met with. Brethren, we can do no more than express our sorrow under the circumstances. We can also express the fervent hope that it will please the G.A.O.T.U. by the aid of time to restore him to his wonted health. We have, I am happy to say, favourable accounts of him. No doubt the benefit of fresh air in his yacht has done him a great deal of good, but it is manifest to us all that nothing but time that can alleviate the suffering to the particular joint which is paining him and which we hope under the skill which is attending him will ultimately be restored to its wonted condition. Brethren, I beg to move that the sympathy of Grand Lodge be extended to our Grand Master and express the hope that he may speedily be restored to his wonted health.

Bro. Dr. BALFOUR COCKBURN, Prov. G.M. Guernsey, &c.: I beg to second that resolution, and, in doing so, I think that we may confidently hope, considering the very favourable report which has so far been given to the world touching his Royal Highness's condition, that although we may have to wait for some time, yet eventually we shall see him among us well and quite capable of performing the various important duties which devolve upon him in his exceedingly exalted position.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg., said perhaps he had better read the words of the resolution. They were—

That this Grand Lodge respectfully offers to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, its most fraternal and heartfelt sympathy, in the suffering occasioned by his late unfortunate and serious accident, and desires to express its earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe speedily to restore his Royal Highness to the full enjoyment of perfect health.

The Acting GRAND MASTER put the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg.: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair: Under the peculiar circumstances of our Most Worshipful Grand Master's enforced rest, it will be deemed advisable that he should not be troubled in proposing personally a message which we are asked to adopt in this Grand Lodge. But, trusting to your sympathetic overlooking of what might be an irregularity, I now, as Grand Registrar, with your permission propose to report the steps taken by his Royal Highness with regard to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and I feel that on such a night as this, the sooner we get out into the fresh air the better it will be. I shall not interpose any remarks of my own, but simply state the articles of recognition, and then Grand Lodge will be in possession of all the facts. I will now read to you the articles of recognition.

Proposed Terms of Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, drafted by the Grand Registrar, and approved by his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Grand Lodge at its meeting on July 29th, 1896, having sanctioned the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on such terms as his Royal Highness may consider to be consistent with the honour of the Grand Lodge of England, and with just consideration for those lodges which may desire to retain their connection with it, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to authorise a communication being made to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to the following effect:

That he is prepared fully to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and to enter into full and fraternal relations with it as an independent Sovereign Masonic Body, on the following understanding:

That the Grand Lodge of New Zealand shall in future be the recognised Grand Lodge for the Colony, including all the five Districts heretofore holding under the English Constitution, and all other parts of the Colony.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will in future grant no warrant for a new lodge within any of such Districts or elsewhere within the Colony of New Zealand.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand will not, nor will its Grand Master, grant any new warrant for any lodge out of the five Districts referred to, or the Colony.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will give authority to all lodges at present holding under the Grand Lodge of England to meet and decide in open lodge whether or not they desire to tender their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; such meeting to be specially convened on not less than 21 days' notice, for the purpose of determining this question; and no other business save that, and, if requisite, of disposing of the assets and property of the lodge shall be considered at the meeting.

A majority of two-thirds in number of the brethren present shall be required to enable the lodge to tender its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; all other questions at the meeting shall be decided by a majority of the brethren present in the usual way.

The result of the meeting, with copies of the resolutions passed thereat, shall be forthwith sent (in duplicate), verified by the signature of the Master in the chair, and countersigned by the Secretary, to the District Grand Secretary, and to the Grand Secretary at Freemasons' Hall, London.

In case the lodge shall resolve to tender its adherence to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the Warrant of Constitution must be forthwith returned to the Grand Secretary for cancellation.

The lodge has full power to dispose of its property and records as the majority decides, but the Most Worshipful the Grand Master strongly recommends that the lodge minute books and the Treasurer's books and accounts shall remain with the lodge under whichever Sovereign Body it elects to continue, in order that the continuity of the lodge and the rights of members dependent on their being subscribing members should not be imperilled for want of these records on any future occasion.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master will be prepared to consider with favour any application for the return of a cancelled warrant that the lodge may wish to retain as a memorial of its former connection with the Grand Lodge of England.

No second meeting of a Lodge which has come to a resolution to continue under the Grand Lodge of England can be held without the special leave of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master will consider any district in which fewer than three Lodges may continue under their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, to be *ipso facto* dissolved; but, subject hereto, the Lodges under the English Constitution, both private and the District Grand Lodges, will continue as at present, and remain unaffected by this recognition.

All brethren who shall continue members of lodges under the English Constitution shall be fully recognised by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and no brother shall incur any Masonic censure by reason of his adhering to either allegiance, or of any part he may have taken on either side in the formation or establishment of the new Grand body.

(Signed)

FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Grand Registrar.
E. LEICHWORTH, Grand Secretary.

That is signed by the two Grand Masters and the Grand Registrars. Now, this having been done by H.R.H. the Grand Master, in accordance with the request of this Grand Lodge, and having been reported, I beg to move: "That the Grand Lodge expresses its gratification at the happy result which has attended the labours of the Grand Master in the settlement of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and offers its dutiful and respectful thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the able and judicious manner in which his Royal Highness has brought this important matter to a successful termination."

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, P. Dep. G.D. of C., said he should be pleased to second the motion. He had received from Bro. Seddon, the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, a letter saying that it had been working six months, and he expressed himself that not the least happy effect of his visit last year on the occasion of the Jubilee of her Majesty, was that he had an interview with the authorities of Grand Lodge, and so had been able to bring the matter to the present happy conclusion.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past G. Treas., said, having previously expressed his views with reference to the matter, and particularly on the occasion when the resolution was passed in 1896, he should have hailed with a greater amount of delight than Bro. Lennox Browne was able to express when he said he had received a letter from Bro. Seddon, if he had received a letter from all the District Grand Masters of New Zealand under the English Con-

stitution conveying the same intelligence that he had had that day. He could not go beyond the report that was now laid before them, but knowing as he did the feelings of a large number of the members of their English Constitution in the five District Grand Lodges now existing in New Zealand, he could not refrain from saying that they did not hail the result with the same amount of delight that Grand Lodge was showing in the resolution. They were not there—they were thousands of miles away. He did not interfere in any way with the resolution now, but he knew that the whole facts were not laid before Grand Lodge in 1896. He did not wish to revert to that, but let him join in the hope that as regards the loyal members of the English Constitution in New Zealand, members of the five District Grand Lodges now existing, none of whom had expressed any view with reference to this matter, that it might be as agreeable to them as it was to Grand Lodge, to express the pleasure they had in recognising the fact that the Grand Master had entered into this arrangement. Far be it for him to question what had been done by the Grand Master of England. They bowed to his decision; he had been authorised by Grand Lodge in 1896 to do something, but as the facts were not then, at all events, as now before them, he was not going to utter any words of remonstrance. (Laughter.) Brethren might laugh, but he said it was done for conciliation, and conciliation alone, and he trusted the expression of thanks which they gave that night might be equally pleasant to all the loyal members of the English Constitution in New Zealand.

Bro. STRACHAN, Q.C., Grand Registrar: It becomes my duty for one moment to make a few remarks. I have simply reported the steps which have been taken by the Grand Master and I am exceedingly sorry that our brother should have interposed between Grand Lodge and the resolution that I proposed of thanks, that his Royal Highness the Grand Master had done that which this Grand Lodge asked him to do, viz., to take such steps for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and for the establishment of fraternal good feeling with our New Zealand brethren as he might consider consistent with the dignity of Grand Lodge. I am sorry to find that any brother should have interposed, especially when he says he is not going to move any amendment. All the resolution amounts to is that the Grand Master having done what we requested him to do he has done it. There is no word of remonstrance from any of the District Grand Lodges of New Zealand. Abundance of time has been given for anything of the kind and we are entitled to consider that brotherly harmony prevails there because all the rights of the English Constitution are safeguarded by our M.W.G.M.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was then adopted, and the grants as recommended confirmed.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, as printed in the *Freemason* last week, was, on the motion of Bro. W. J. Mason, Vice-President, seconded by Bro. J. W. Burgess, taken as read, and the several recommendations therein, with reference to the increase of salaries of Bros. Leonard Cook, Charles Lawrence, and Ralph Grist, and also the gift of £100 to the widow of the late Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec., were carried. Also on the motion of Bro. Mason, seconded by Bro. Burgess, the Hervey Lodge, No. 1788, Trinidad, was ordered to be erased from the roll of Grand Lodge.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.W., Acting G.D.C., said there was no other resolution arising out of the report.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M., 962, P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, then rose to move the following resolution with respect to the recognition of new Grand Lodges in British territories:

"That in order to better insure the preservation of the rights and privileges of minorities, and to prevent subsequent disputes, Grand Lodge respectfully suggests and prays that the Most Worshipful Grand Master may be pleased to command that Lodge Warrants shall not be cancelled until the expiration of three calendar months from the date of receipt of such Warrants by the Grand Secretary."

In moving the resolution, he said: Right Worshipful Acting Grand Master,—The notice of motion I bring forward this evening is a consequence of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but the primary intention is that it shall not only apply to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but to the possible new Grand Lodges in British Territories that may be established in the future. But in the first instance, I wish the Grand Master to make a rule that the warrants that go over to the new body should be sent to England for cancellation instead of being left in countries in which they may be. I may be permitted, perhaps, to say that from practical experience I had during the formation of one or two Grand Lodges, a great mistake was made in leaving the warrants there to be fought and struggled for. This motion I now make is a very small one, but it will in the future prevent any of those angry recriminations and passionate feeling which have often occurred in the Continent of Australia. I do not wish to delay Grand Lodge any longer in a comfortable meeting like this, and I shall, therefore, formally move the motion which appears on the paper.

Bro. R. EVE, P.G.T.: I second the proposition. It may be in the remembrance of members of the Grand Lodge that difficulties have arisen with regard to the Grand Lodges of Victoria, New South Wales, and other places when lodges have not returned as they should have done their various warrants to the Secretary of Grand Lodge. And now this motion provides that they should be returned and that they should be handed over to the new lodges to be formed in New Zealand and other places where sovereign bodies are recognised by this Grand Lodge. And the motion that is moved by Bro. Lamonby to-night, is to the effect that, instead of those warrants being cancelled when not required by those several bodies, the cancellation of the warrant shall not take place until three months after they have been received in England, in order that those abroad may have an opportunity to state any reasons why they should not be cancelled. There is no harm done, and I am sure our V.W. brother the Grand Registrar will see the force of this proposition, and will accede to it, because it is for the interest of all. I second it with those objects.

A W. BROTHER at the end of the hall said the motion was not altogether a visionary one. When warrants were returned in order to be cancelled the three months provided by the motion was in order that if in the meantime lodges wished them to be restored they might have an opportunity of making application, and was a mere form which would do harm to no one. It was merely that they should lie here for three months, and he thought that this Grand Lodge ought to do everything in its power to safeguard the loyal brethren abroad, so that no idea might arise among those brethren that should lead them to shake off their allegiance.

Bro. J. STRACHAN, Q.C., Grand Registrar, said as he had been appealed to as Grand Registrar he might say he saw no good reason why he should

oppose this resolution. It seemed fair and reasonable. However, it was the Grand Master's prerogative to give out warrants and recall them, and if the Grand Master called in warrants to be cancelled in Grand Lodge it was but fair that time should be given in case any mistake should have occurred. Therefore he fully supported the resolution.

Bro. J. C. MOOR, P.P.G.W. of Durham, said this was a very difficult thing. How would the question be affected in the event of these warrants not being received or if there were delay in their receipt.

Bro. STRACHAN, Q.C., said that must of course be left to be dealt with when the occasion arose. He did not think there would be any difficulty. He thought the Executive would be able to deal with it. He requested that the motion might be read to Grand Lodge.

Bro. LAMONBY read the motion as given above.

The acting GRAND MASTER put it to Grand Lodge and it was unanimously carried.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall. The Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, presided; Bro. Col. A. B. Cook acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Thomas Fenn, as S.G.W.; Bro. Richard Eve, as J.G.W.; Bro. J. Strachan, Q.C., as G.M.O.; and there were also present Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.P.G.M. Gloucester and Hereford; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Gordon Miller, P.G.T.; Dr. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.D.C.; Major C. W. Carrell, G.D.C.; Charles Belton, P.G.O.; and several others.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The Earl of EUSTON said: Brethren, before we proceed to have the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication read, I have a motion which I wish to bring before you in which, I am quite sure, every member of Grand Lodge will agree, and that is a vote of condolence with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in the suffering he has gone through by the accident he has recently met with. I propose to put it as follows:

"Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. We, the Pro Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren in open Lodge assembled, beg most respectfully to offer to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the assurance of our earnest and heartfelt sympathy in the late unfortunate and painful accident, from the effects of which his Royal Highness is suffering. We would offer the humble hope that it may please the Great Overseer of the Universe to speedily restore his Royal Highness to the full enjoyment of his wonted health and vigour.

(Signed) "EUSTON, Pro G.M."

Brethren, I am sure I am only speaking the words of you all when I say you will unanimously support that motion, and will wish his Royal Highness may quickly be restored to health and be able to come among us again to fulfil the duties of his position as he has done hitherto with so much benefit to the Order to which we belong.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK: Most W. Pro Grand Master and Brethren,—I have very great pleasure in seconding the motion, and I am sure I need not add any words to those which have been so adequately used by the M.W. Pro Grand Master. I am sure with him, that we all feel most deep sympathy with the M.W. Grand Master in the suffering he has undergone by his unfortunate accident.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of EUSTON (to the Grand Secretary): You will see that that motion is conveyed in due course.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of May 31st, 1898, were then read and confirmed.

Bro. C. F. MATIER: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master,—I have received from you a letter in reply to the vote of sympathy with you in your serious illness, which vote we forwarded to you, and with your permission I will read it to the Grand Lodge.

"Euston Hall,

"Dear Sir and Bothers,

"Thetford.

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of vote of sympathy of Grand Mark Lodge with me in the illness which I have just recovered from, and I beg to tender my heartfelt and fraternal thanks for the sympathy expressed, and hope ere long to be able again to take my place and do all I can for the welfare and prosperity of Mark Masonry.—Yours truly and fraternally,
"EUSTON."

On the motion of Bro. CHARLES BELTON, seconded by Bro. GORDON MILLER, the report of the General Board was taken as read, ordered to be received, and entered on the minutes, and afterwards adopted.

The Earl of EUSTON having asked whether Bro. Matier had any communications to lay before Grand Lodge?

Bro. MATIER said he had only to announce that the Charity jewels and bars which, according to the Constitutions, were to be presented to the Stewards of the last Festival, were now ready, and they would be given to the Stewards if they would make application at the clerks' office.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., G.M.O.: Brethren, before we separate I would say that I think I should be only echoing the feeling of this Mark Grand Lodge in expressing our thankfulness to the Great Overseer of the Universe for having listened to our prayers, and been pleased to restore our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master to his wonted health. Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I think there ought to be a resolution of congratulation to the M.W. Pro Grand Master on his recovery from his recent long and serious illness, and I propose a motion to that effect.

Bro. BARON DE FERRIERES: I have very great pleasure in seconding it; and Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, we all hope you may long be spared to continue to make that mark in Mark Masonry which you have so long done.

The motion was carried.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1898.

United Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, when, as will be seen elsewhere, the brethren dealt with the programme of business as published in our last week's issue. The resolution of sympathy with his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, in the suffering entailed by his late severe accident, which was proposed by the acting G. Master (Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.), and seconded by the acting Deputy G. Master (Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn), was, as a matter of course, carried by acclamation. The resolution of thanks to the M.W. G.M. for the successful termination of his labour in connection with the question of recognising the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which was moved by the G. Registrar (Bro. J. Strachan, Q.C.), and seconded by Bro. Lennox Browne, P. Dep. G.D.C., was likewise carried unanimously but not without a speech from Bro. Eve, Past G. Treasurer, expressive of sympathy with the English lodges and brethren in the Colony that still remain under the banner of our Grand Lodge. Lastly, Bro. W. F. Lamonby's motion praying the M.W.G.M. to command that Warrants returned for cancellation

shall not be cancelled for three months after their receipt by the Grand Secretary, was accepted as reasonable by the Grand Registrar and carried unanimously.

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Nothing more than the ordinary business was transacted at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge, on Tuesday, but the proceedings were not without a certain interest, as will be seen from the report of the meeting which appears in another column. In the first place, a resolution of sympathy with his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Mark Master in his recent severe accident, and expressing the hope that he might be speedily restored to his wonted health and vigour, was, on the motion of the Pro Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G. Mark Master for Middlesex, adopted with acclamation. In the next place, Grand Lodge manifested the pleasure it experienced at the reappearance of Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro G. Master, on the throne, after his long and serious illness, and a resolution expressive of that pleasure was likewise adopted unanimously, amid the hearty cheers of the brethren present. We, too, are rejoiced to find that his lordship is in a position to fulfil his Masonic duties, and we respectfully offer him our congratulations on his recovery.

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The splendid victory gained by the Anglo-Egyptian army under Bro. Major-General Sir H. H. Kitchener on Friday, the 2nd inst., is the subject of universal rejoicing throughout the United Kingdom, nor, though politics come not within the province of Freemasonry, must we be behind the rest of our fellow-countrymen in tendering our hearty congratulations to the Sirdar on the success of his long and arduous labours. The Khalifa is a fugitive with only a small body of armed followers in attendance, and though he may give us further trouble from Kordofan, whither he is reported to have fled for refuge, his power at Khartoum is irretrievably broken, and the Soudan is once again a part of the Khedivate of Egypt.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will take place at Falmouth on Tuesday, the 13th instant. It is expected that Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Past Deputy Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master, will preside, and we doubt not the business which is set down for transaction will prove to be of a satisfactory character. The annual reports from the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary will be presented, as well as reports from the honorary Secretaries of the Provincial Charity Funds. In the course of the proceedings the brethren will march in procession to the parish church, where Divine service will be held, and a sermon preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Subsequently a luncheon will be served at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel. The meeting promises to be a most successful one.

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We are indebted to the courtesy of Bro. Lord Amherst of Hackney for copy of a History compiled by his lordship in co-operation with Bro. Hamon le Strange, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Norfolk, author of the "History of Freemasonry in Norfolk," of the Union Lodge, No. 52, Norwich, the senior lodge on the roll of the Provincial Grand Lodge. It is a very handsome volume, while as to its contents, all we can say at present is that the authors would appear to have spared no pains in order to ensure, as far as possible, the completeness and accuracy of their work. The demands upon our time just now are somewhat heavier than usual, but we shall make a point of reviewing the history at the first available opportunity.

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The *Canadian Craftsman* for last month contains an excellent portrait of Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., Past G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario). Many of our readers will remember that Bro. Walkem visited this country some few years since and did good service to Freemasonry in the Dominion and the Mother Country at a time when the relations between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec were somewhat strained.

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A regular quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland was held at Freemasons' Hall, Brisbane, on Wednesday, the 1st June last, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, C.M.G., District Grand Master. No business of any great moment was transacted, but one or two matters of interest arose incidentally in the course of the proceedings which are noted in the report of the meeting. It was announced in the Report of the District Board

of General Purposes that a member of the said Board had sent in his resignation and that it would be necessary to elect a successor. But when the President moved that the Report be adopted and that motion had been seconded, a brother rose to a point of order and asked if it were possible "to move motions in the District Grand Lodge without previously notifying the brethren in accordance with Clause 56 of the Book of Constitutions?" The District Grand Master remarked that "it was not necessary to give notice of any motion which had to be made in accordance with the business of the meeting," but as the brother persisted in his point, the District Grand Master declared that "the point had been decided within the last year," and decided that "when anything laid down in the rule had to be done at a certain time, there was no necessity to give formal notice of motion." After further discussion the motion for the adoption of the Report was agreed to.

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A question then arose as to the election of a brother to succeed the member of the Board who had tendered his resignation, and two candidates were proposed for the vacancy. A long discussion arose, and it was ultimately ruled by the District Grand Master that, as they "had had no intimation of the resignation and the vacancy created thereby in the District Board of General Purposes until that night," the meeting was not the next Quarterly Communication, which would be in September, and "that would be the time the vacancy would have to be filled." The discussion was continued; but the District Grand Master remained firm, merely suggesting that some one should move—"that it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes that the agenda paper should be printed and sent out to the members of the District Grand Lodge a given number of days before each meeting." A notice of motion for the next meeting was accordingly given in accordance with the District Grand Master's suggestion.

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Notice was also given by a brother of his intention to move at the next meeting of District Grand Lodge a resolution to the effect—"That, in order to secure increased interest in District Grand Lodge proceedings, and to afford the country brethren an opportunity of participating in the regular meetings, the officers and members of this District Grand Lodge respectfully suggest to the District Grand Master that every alternate meeting should be held in such principal town as he may deem fit or expedient; the rotation of such meetings to be so arranged as to ensure the March meeting being held in the Metropolis."

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There is much to be said in favour of and against such a proposal. There can be no doubt as to the advantages resulting to a District from having a fixed headquarters for the meetings of its District Grand Lodge; while on the other hand there is equally no reason to doubt that greater interest would be felt in the proceedings of the ruling body among the country brethren, if occasional meetings of the District Grand Lodge were held in the different principal towns. Perhaps the plan adopted by Bro. the Hon. Sir H. T. Prinsep, in his District of Bengal, of holding emergent meetings of the District Grand Lodge at this or that up-country station might be found to work advantageously, the regular meetings being held, as at present, at the Freemasons' Hall, Brisbane. The facilities for travelling in Queensland are not as great as in the United Kingdom, and any move that may stimulate the zeal of the more remote lodges must be an advantage to the District Grand Lodge.

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A regular quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (N.Z.) was held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 21st July, under the presidency of Bro. R. Dunn Thomas, District Grand Master. The business presented was of no great importance, but in the course of the proceedings the District Grand Master took occasion to announce that since the previous quarterly meeting he had received intimation of the fact that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had been recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England. The District Grand Master, who, it will be remembered, was present at the installation in April of the present M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, expressed the pleasure he felt at the establishment of full fraternal relations with the newly-organised body, and subsequently the terms and conditions of the recognition were read to the meeting by the Assistant District G. Secretary.

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We have been requested to announce that there will be published before the end of this year a work entitled "Facts and Fancies in Brinkworth Church," by "One of the Race—Auliffe—O'Neill, Ayliffe."

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.

QUALIFICATION OF PAST PRINCIPALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am exceedingly obliged to Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G. Std. Br., for his reply to my question. I am fully aware that Rule 2 is quite clear; but this is just my question which came to my mind:

How can a companion be a Grand Officer in the chapter who has not been a subscribing member for many years; he might perhaps have lately joined a chapter (which I doubt), but certainly he has not passed the chair again?

This being the case, I thought perhaps I did not quite understand Rule 2.—Yours fraternally,

September 5th.

AN OLD P.Z.

FREE AND FREEMASONRY.

By BRO. R. F. GOULD.

I.

The sea of knowledge, with its din,

Before us breaks, and we,

We thrust our little dippers in

And think we've drained the sea.—S. W. FOSS.

A paper of great originality and power, bearing the above title, was read by Bro. G. W. Speth before the Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati, on the 8th of January, 1897.

Since the foregoing date, several new "parts" of the great "English Dictionary" of the Philological Society, have appeared, and attention has already been directed in the present journal (of August 6th and 13th) to definitions which are given of the words *Free* and *Freemason*.

The first letter on the subject was written by the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas and the next by Dr. Chetwode Crawley, but to the remarks of the latter brother I shall first of all refer, as they supply the reason why I have selected certain definitions occurring under the letter F. in the "New English Dictionary," as presenting a suitable theme for an article in the *Freemason*.

Dr. Crawley, after stating that a modification of Bro. Speth's theory has been adopted by the learned Editors of the Dictionary, goes on to say, "The tribunal is the highest in the Republic of Letters as far as Philosophy is concerned. The Editors are men of world-wide reputation as scholars, they are completely outside the Craft, and thus totally unbiassed by the traditional misconception that we have inherited from our Masonic forefathers. We must ruefully acknowledge that the number of Masonic authors whose works command respect among scholars can be summed up on the fingers. Hence the great value of the *a authoritative recognition* [italics mine] of this theory of Bro. Speth's, at once so novel and so modestly introduced."

I shall premise that the excellent paper read by Bro. Speth, has no warmer admirer than myself. It is in every respect an ornament to the columns of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, and one hardly knows whether to pay the greater tribute of respect to the patient industry of the writer, or to the masterly manner in which his arguments are arranged.

Anything like an adequate summary of the views advanced by Bro. Speth, in what he so modestly terms "a Tentative Enquiry," would carry me too far, but his principal conclusion has been summed up very tersely and well by Bro. Conder (in discussing the paper), whose words I reproduce: "That about the end of the thirteenth century or early in the fourteenth, the members of our Craft were known as freemasons, because they were free from, and not free of trade Guilds and municipal authority; that is to say, they were in no way bound by Civic or Guild rules and regulations, and in fact occupied an almost unique position unknown in every other handicraft, that of being able to rely on their own constitutions and laws for support and reference in any case of dispute, and on the Church in particular for their daily employment." The same brother continues, and with irresistible cogency—"to prove this theory is a difficulty, to refute it, a greater."

The editors of the "English Dictionary," however, after examining and rejecting two popular theories (1) that *freemason* was derived from *mason de franche peer*, and (2) that *freemasons* were those who were "free" of the masons' guild, proceed to deal with what I have called the "principal conclusion" of our Bro. Speth, which they recite very much after the manner of Bro. Conder, and conclude by an expression of their opinion, that "perhaps the best hypothesis is that the term refers to the mediæval practice of emancipating skilled artisans in order that they might be able to travel and render their services wherever any great building was in process of construction."

"It will be seen" (observes Bro. Crawley) "that a modification of Bro. Speth's theory has been adopted by the learned Editors after prolonged research and an exhaustive survey of the whole ground."

"That 'an exhaustive survey of the whole ground' cannot possibly have been made by the compilers of the 'Dictionary' will shortly enter into the scope of these remarks, but I shall submit, in the first instance, that even if the *dictum* of our Bro. Speth is to be regarded as incontrovertible, that in the matter immediately before us, the "tribunal" whose decision he quotes so approvingly, as "the highest in the Republic of Letters," the utmost point to which it carries us, is by no means an "Authoritative recognition of Bro. Speth's Philological theory of the words *Free* and *Freemason*," but by the greatest latitude of interpretation can only be viewed as elevating it into the position of what may be described in the language of Dr. Kuenen, as the "dominant hypothesis."

Dr. Crawley observes with much force, that the number of Masonic authors whose works command respect among scholars is infinitesimal. The "fact," for such it undoubtedly is, must, as he pleasantly puts it, be "ruefully acknowledged"; nevertheless a melancholy consolation may perhaps be derived from the reflection that, in the abyss of ignorance to which we are

consigned, there is a lower depth still, which is occupied by those—including scholars and men-of-letters—who venture to write on the subject of Freemasonry, without having been admitted within the portals of the Institution.

Exceptio probat regulam—"The exception proves the rule"—and in the course of a long Masonic life, I can remember but a solitary instance of anyone unacquainted with our "mysteries," having written with discrimination on topics which fall, in strictness, within the province of Masonic writers, and are rarely discussed except in what, for want of a better term, may be called the literature of the Craft.

The well-known architectural writer and historian, Wyatt Papworth—whose comparatively recent death will be fresh in the recollections of most readers of the *Freemason*—is the authority to whom I allude. Nearly 40 years ago, Mr. Papworth read a Paper on the "Superintendents of English Buildings in the Middle Ages," which appeared in the *Transactions* of the R.I.B.A. for 1860, and, after a lapse of more than a quarter of a century, it was awarded the rare distinction of reproduction in the same professional journal.

To what may be called the second edition of this remarkable Paper—which will be found in the *Transactions* of the R.I.B.A. (1887), Vol. iii., N.S., pp. 185—234—was appended the following editorial note: "The contributions, perhaps as important as any ever published by the Royal Institute of British Architects, having been now thoroughly revised under the care of Mr. Papworth, are here reprinted, with further notes and other addenda, collated by him. The esteem shown for his various Papers has been proved by the reference to them and reprints in various publications, especially by Mr. J. G. Findel ('*History of Freemasonry*,' 8vo., Lond., 1866, translated from the German), and by Mr. R. F. Gould ('*History of Freemasonry*,' 4to., six vols., Lond., 1882-87), who, to some extent following the same enquiry, not only availed himself largely of the contents, but carefully added to them, criticised various portions, and elaborated others."

It may be added, that the original authorities for the "Master Masons," and for many of the other statements contained in the Paper aforesaid, will be found in *The Dictionary*, issued by the Architectural Publication Society, where also articles by Mr. Papworth, under the headings of "Architect, Freemason, Lodge, Master Mason," etc., etc., can be referred to.

The Editors of the "English Dictionary" of the Philological Society do not, however, appear to have studied Wyatt Papworth except through the medium of Bro. Findel, and the latter, I more than suspect, drew his inspiration not from the original fount, but from a somewhat imperfect copy of the Paper printed by the R.I.B.A. in 1860, which was published in the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror* of slightly later date.

But I must proceed by steps, and the point to which I shall next address myself is the question—Whether there are others besides the late Wyatt Papworth who, though not belonging to the Craft, can be relied upon either as purveyors of authentic Masonic intelligence, or as sagacious critics in matters closely bound up with the history of the Fraternity.

To begin with the encyclopædias, can an example be given where the subject of "Masonry" (or "Freemasonry") has been treated with the slightest approach to accuracy in any one of these repositories? It is true, no doubt, that an excellent account of the Masonic Institution will be found in "Johnson's Universal Cyclopædia" (New York, 1895), which may seem at a first view to answer my question in the affirmative; but as the familiar name of "Josiah H. Drummond" is subscribed to the article, the illustration has really no bearing whatever on the point I have submitted for consideration.

But while it is very evident that the encyclopædists are not to be relied upon in their accounts of Freemasonry, shall we be justified in arriving at a different conclusion when we pass into the region of lexicography, and examine more particularly the definitions of "Free" and "Freemason," which are given in the Dictionary of the Philological Society.

A copious extract from the latest addition to the "dictionary" was given by Bro. E. Fox-Thomas, in the *Freemason* of August 6th (p. 370), a portion of which I reproduce: "Free masons, in the fourteenth and following centuries, were a certain class of skilled workers in stone: they travelled from place to place, finding employment wherever important buildings were being erected, and had a system of secret signs and passwords by which a craftsman who had been admitted, on giving evidence of competent skill could be recognised." In 1717, under the guidance of the physicist, J. T. Desaguliers, four of these societies or 'lodges' in London united to form a 'Grand Lodge,' with a new Constitution and ritual, and a system of secret signs."

That the "Freemasons" (or Masons) of the fourteenth century possessed a system of secret signs and words by which a travelling workman could be recognised, is a statement that will be more particularly examined in the final portion of the present article, but I may at once remark, that to the best of my own knowledge, nothing but conjecture—pure and simple—can be advanced in its support.

The next assertion, namely, that Dr. Desaguliers was the founder of the first of Grand Lodges, has been made, apparently, on the authority of Findel, who, at p. 136 of his well known work, incorporates with a narrative of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, a highly imaginative magazine article, dealing with and summarily deciding one of the most important points in Masonic history. Long ago—February 26th, 1881—I wrote in the *Freemason*, "As a suggestion, speculation, or theory, the reconstruction of the Society by Desaguliers may, perhaps, be soberly entertained, but as the *statement of a fact*, and unsupported by a *scintilla* of evidence, its appearance in such 'Masonic Classics' as Findel's 'History of Masonry,' and Lyon's 'History of the Lodge of Edinburgh,' is calculated, to say the least, to weaken the authority of those standard works."

The journal on which Bros. Findel and Lyon relied, was the *Masonic Eclectic* (now defunct), a monthly magazine, edited by John W. Simons and Robert Macoy, and published at New York. In volume 1, at p. 189, there appears—"Desaguliers, by the Latomia Society of Atlantic Lodge," and the following are the opening words of the article,— "That the revival of Masonry in 1717, or rather the new form which it then assumed as a *speculative* institution, was mainly owing to the efforts of Dr. Desaguliers there seems to be no doubt." We are further told, and the *ipsissima verba* re-appear in the famous "Histories" referred to above, that "the spirit of toleration which [Desaguliers] found prevailing among the members of the fraternity, inspired him with the idea of reconstructing the Society on a basis which should unite together in harmony those who were divided by religious and political schisms." The "Latomia," or Masonic Historical Society of Atlantic Lodge, No. 178, New York, was founded in October, 1858, for the purpose of encouraging and promoting the study of Freemasonry, by a free

discussion and investigation of its origin, history, and principles, and by the collection of a Masonic library. The lodge still exists, but the Society, unless my recollection is at fault, has long since been dissolved.

The date of Dr. Desaguliers' initiation is unknown. He is first mentioned as a Mason in the *Constitutions* of 1723; and subsequently, with greater particularity, in the edition of 1738, as having been installed as Grand Master on June 24th, 1719. We afterwards meet with his name as a member of the Lodge at the Horn, Westminster, in 1723. This Lodge had previously met at the Rummer and Grapes, in Channel-row, Westminster, and as in 1718, Desaguliers resided in Channel-row, the propinquity of a lodge and his love of goodfellowship, suggest a very simple reason for his becoming a Freemason. I do not believe, however, that he had been one many months when he was elected Grand Master, for it is almost certain that had the learned natural philosopher been a member of the Society in June, 1718, the date of George Payne's first Grand Mastership, he would have been elected a Grand Warden. I am also very strongly of opinion that if Payne or Desaguliers had been present at the Goose and Gridiron ale-house, on St. John's day, 1717, or if they had participated in the movement which culminated in the meeting of that date, one or the other would have been elected Grand Master.

But at any rate, there is an entire absence of proof that Desaguliers was a Mason prior to the year 1719, and no one (unless he has been taken into supernatural confidence) is justified in affirming, as a *statement of fact*, that the four London Lodges united "under the guidance" of the learned "physicist" for the purpose of forming a "Grand Lodge" in 1717.

(To be continued).

THE "JNO. T. THORP MASONIC MS."

My good friend, Bro. John T. Thorp, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. of Leicestershire, &c. (so well known as the Secretary of the "Lodge of Research," No. 2429), has purchased the Roll of the "Old Charges," hitherto known as the "Henry Brown MS.," so I have altered the title of that document so as to bear the name of the present owner, in the hope that the new designation will be permanent. The name is assuredly suggestive of well directed researches and indefatigable literary labour on behalf of the Craft for a quarter of a century or more, and in common with his many friends, I hope that Bro. John T. Thorp will long be spared to enjoy the appreciation and friendship of not a few of the prominent Craftsmen of this and other countries.

The scroll bears date A.D. 1629, and belonging as it does to the "Sloane" Family, it is by nearly 20 years the senior of that Class. Had it been discovered before Dr. Bege mann made his Classification of the MSS., undoubtedly this Roll would have conferred its name on the Family. As it is, however, its text is both curious and valuable, especially as it appears to me that this MS., or a similar text, was before the Clerk or Scribe of the "Sloane MS." (No. 3848), in respect to the alternative readings noted by Bro. G. W. Speth, in his introduction to the facsimiles of the "Sloane MSS." They are nearly all to be found in the *Thorp MS.*, and much more so than the "Harleian" Scroll, No. 2054, which I first of all thought may have been utilised. I congratulate Bro. Thorp on his possession.

W. J. HUGHAN.

R.A. MASONRY IN WHITBY.

The Rev. E. Fox-Thomas has done good service to the Craft in Whitby, first by writing an excellent History of the *Lion* Lodge, No. 312, Whitby, and its predecessors; then by publishing an Account of the interesting Centenary of that old lodge, and now by writing and publishing a "History of Royal Arch Masonry at Whitby from 1782 to 1898, with a brief Sketch relating to the Origin of the Degree."

By securing copies of these brochures at a nominal cost, Brethren have now a complete account of the Fraternity at Whitby from 1764 down to 1898, the works being illustrated almost lavishly for their size, and also supplied with valuable Tables.

The handsome Royal Arch History is dedicated by the Author to the most noble the Marquess of Zetland, who is the esteemed Prov. G.M. and Grand Supt. of the truly Masonic province of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

Bro. Fox-Thomas, in his brief introductory remarks as to the earliest evidence of Royal Arch Masonry, gives the latest particulars which have been discovered, so that students may rely on the well-authenticated facts being up to date and presented in a very readable manner. It would be well if Brethren generally were made familiar with the information thus supplied, and I hope that arrangements will be made that copies may be forwarded to the 18 Chapters working in the Province, as well as to many others elsewhere.

Early in the last century, *i.e.*, about 1740, the Degree is met with in England, Ireland, and Scotland, the next decade witnessing its working in America, but precisely when and where it was first introduced cannot be decided. The sketch is well done, as it embraces the main points of Royal Arch history from 1740 for some 150 years, and has been as carefully compiled as it is pleasantly told.

Royal Arch Masonry began in Whitby in 1783, by petition to E. Comp. Richard Garland, the Grand Superintendent, and in due time (in the same year) a charter was granted. The original has disappeared, because given up in 1822, according to the order of the Grand Chapter, and a new warrant forwarded, which is still preserved. Evidently the fraternal "Lions" were favourable to the Degree, for in the lodge records of 1823 of the "Lion Lodge" is the order—

"Such Brethren who are Royal Arch Masons in future to wear their Sashes in open Lodge."

Though apparently never rescinded, of course it has long been a "dead letter." Bro. Fox-Thomas quotes Bro. G. W. Speth, the indefatigable Secretary of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, London, in favour of wearing the R.A. clothing in lodge, thus proving it to be the continuation of the Master's Degree.

The chapter had almost expired in 1845; but, fortunately, a companion from London came to reside at Whitby (Abraham Le Veau), and quickly put new life into the concern, the result being renewed activity, which has continued to this day.

But it will not do to give the gist of the tasty little volume, which can be had for half-a-crown, so I must conclude by congratulating the members on their having a centenary jewel warrant, and especially on having the history of their chapter so ably written by the diligent Masonic historian of Whitby.

I have done my part by contributing an Introduction, and I wish much that each old chapter was blessed with a literary companion so willing and competent as the Rev. Egbert Fox-Thomas.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Scotland.

PRESENTATION TO COMP. MAJOR F. W. ALLAN

On the evening of Friday, the 2nd instant, Comp. Major F. W. Allan, Past M.E.G. Superintendent, was made the recipient of a very handsome framed illuminated address from the Royal Arch chapters in the province on his retirement from office. The presentation took place at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, and was presided over by Comp. Provost James Kirkwood, of Govan, M.E.G. Superintendent, accompanied by Comps. Major F. W. Allan, P.M.E.G. Superintendent; J. MacNaught Campbell, M.E. Depute G. Superintendent; J. B. McNaught, M.E. Principal H.; William Watson Newton, M.E. Principal J.; James Balfour, E. Scribe E.; J. A. S. Kerr, E. Scribe N.; Robert Kennedy, E. Second Sojourner; W. G. James, E. Third Sojourner; James Murray, E. Benevolent Fund Treasurer; James Sharrocks, E. S.B.; Alexander Bruce, E. Organist; Councillor T. M. Cunningham and John Herriot, of 50; Alexander Brown, 67; Wm. Munro Denholm, Past Prov. G. Treas.; and others. The various chapters in the province were well represented, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity.

The address is surrounded with a beautiful floral design, having the Major's portrait in full Masonic costume and crest, with Royal Arch emblems dispersed round the border, bearing the following inscription:

"The Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire. To Most Excellent Companion Major F. W. Allan, Past Grand Superintendent.

"The expiration of your commission as Grand Superintendent, your decision not to accept of a new appointment, and your consequent demission of the regal office which you have adorned, affords us a fitting opportunity of expressing our high appreciation of the great and invaluable services you have rendered to our Order.

"During the whole term of your office, sustained and unprecedented prosperity has attended our course, and the chapters of the province under your fostering care, have made phenomenal progress both in efficiency and membership.

"The result of your labours, unparalleled in our history, amply justifies the confidence we repose in you, when we called upon you to assume the Superintendentship, and since then your habitual courtesy of demeanour and geniality of disposition have endeared you personally to every one of us.

"On your retreat you carry the respect, the esteem, and the affection of the whole province, and it is our most earnest desire that you may be long spared to take an interest in the Order for which you have done so much.

"For the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire.

(Signed) JAMES KIRKWOOD, M.E. Grand Superintendent,
JAMES BALFOUR, Provincial Grand Scribe E.

Glasgow, 2nd September."

Comp. JAS. BALFOUR, Prov. Grand Scribe E., read letters of apology received from Comps. James Provan, Past M.E. Principal H.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Past M.E. Principal H.; Emile Berger, Past E. Org.; Charles S. Whitelaw, E. First Principal of Chapter No. 79; Colonel James Reid, First Principal; and Sir James Buchanan, Bart., Second Principal of Chapter 189, all of which contained kind expressions of congratulations and regrets at cause of absence.

Comp. Provost KIRKWOOD, Grand Superintendent, in making the presentation, gave a short *resumé* of Comp. Major Allan's connection with the different branches of Freemasonry, but more particularly with the Provincial Grand Chapter over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire, under whose auspices the present meeting was held. He said that when it became known that Comp. Major Allan would not again accept office, and, as stated in the minutes, that on 8th March last when the General Committee met it was then agreed that some recognition be made to mark the appreciation of the services rendered by Comp. Allan to Provincial Grand Chapter, the First Principals of the chapter were appointed a Committee, and after one or two meetings on the subject, appointed Comps. Balfour, Kerr, and Jackson to carry out and complete the arrangements. He considered it a very high honour indeed in being the medium in conveying to Comp. Major Allan that mark of respect from the chapters in the province, and in their name he had much pleasure in placing in the hands of Comp. Major Allan the handsome gift, wishing him long life and happiness. He thought the chapters in seeking to honour their Past Superintendent were honouring themselves, as the success which attended the province during the five years he held office was phenomenal.

Comp. Major ALLAN, in expressing his gratitude to the companions and members of chapters for the very high honour they had done him in rewarding his labours as their Grand Superintendent in so handsome a manner, said: I really do not know what to say in reference to the far too flattering words just spoken by the M.E. Grand Superintendent. When I was installed into office five years ago by my friend, Comp. Lord Saltoun, the then First Grand Principal of Scotland, I expressed the hope that the proceedings might tend to good, and enable me the better to perform all the obligations I had taken. I said that I would endeavour faithfully to discharge the duties devolving upon me, and generally to promote the best interests of the chapters in my district, asking for the support of the Provincial Chapter office-bearers, and promising that it would be my aim at the expiration of my term of office to transfer my office to my successor not only unimpaired, but even more flourishing. And this beautiful address, which I will value as long as I live, is a testimony that I have not laboured in vain, and that I have handed over to you the chapter not unimpaired, but as is stated in the address "in unprecedented prosperity, the various chapters in efficiency and membership phenomenal." I very much value the statement "that the confidence reposed in me has been amply fulfilled." My aim has always been to elevate Masonry, and I feel that I can say that such has been the case in the province, and that Royal Arch Masonry therein never held a higher place, the chapters

being in such order and efficiency. I thank the various chapters for the kind reception they always gave me while under our annual inspection, and you, M.E. Sir, for the high compliment you have paid me, and I trust that I shall ever retain the goodwill and friendship of all connected with the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire.

Thanks to the various Committees concluded the business of the chapter, the companions adjourned to a cake and wine banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening ensued.

Craft Masonry.

St. Laurence Lodge, No. 136.

There was a large gathering of the above lodge recently, at Laurencekirk, the occasion being the raising to the Degree of Master Mason of Bro. H. D. Stone, Montrose, and also a visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. W. Sandford-Thompson, was accompanied by Bros. Dr. Stone, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; and Rev. T. Scott, Prov. Grand Chaplain. The other Prov. Grand office-bearers present were Bros. J. Rae, P. Mitchell, J. Alexander, and W. Peat.

After the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was over, the brethren were hospitably entertained by the Prov. Grand Master, who gave as the toast of the evening "The Health of the Youngest Brother of St. Laurence Lodge, Bro. H. D. Stone," and in doing so referred to the long connection his father had had with No. 136, and the gratification it afforded them all to have his son following in his footsteps. He was sure Bro. H. D. Stone, who is shortly leaving for India, would maintain and uphold the honour of Masonry and of the service of the country. He asked the brethren to join him in wishing long life and prosperity to their newly-elected brother Mason.

The toast was pledged with great enthusiasm and full Masonic honours. Bro. H. D. Stone briefly replied.

A number of other toasts followed, among them "The Provincial Grand Master," proposed by Bro. Dr. Stone; "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master," proposed by Bro. Rev. T. Scott; "Bro. J. Rae, P.M.," proposed by the P.G.M.; "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Angus, New York, proposed by the D.P.G.M., and others. A number of songs were sung, and altogether a very happy evening was spent.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, Doncaster, when there were present Bros. George Smith, W.M.; T. W. Turner, S.W.; F. Duff, J.W.; J. W. Hainsworth, Sec.; J. Fitzgerald, Chap.; C. Reasbeck, J.D.; A. W. Fretwell, D.C.; W. C. Wright, I.G.; J. W. Chapman, Stwd.; J. Mason, Tyler; J. Hirst, I. E. Fretwell, and H. C. White. Bros. J. Constable and C. W. Blagboro were visitors. Bro. I. E. Fretwell was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the work being most correctly recited by the candidate's brother, Bro. A. W. Fretwell, Bro. Turner giving the charge and Bro. Duff the working tools.

After lodge the brethren adjourned to the ante-room for light refreshment, when Bro. Blagboro, the noted Yorkshire tenor, delighted the company with some of his favourite ballads. Bro. I. E. Fretwell was wished God-speed to his home in New South Wales, whither he returns in a few weeks.

Duke of Albany Lodge, No. 1963.

On the 1st instant, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, the installation meeting of the above lodge was held. Despite the fact that the holiday season is in full swing, there was a very good attendance, every Past Master of the lodge who retains his membership being present. The following were present: Bros. J. E. Randall, W.M.; C. James, I.P.M.; W. Turner-Wynn, S.W.; J. E. Latham, J.W.; W. H. Jefferies, P.M., Treas.; H. Bannister, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Folkard, P.M., S.D.; J. Kirby, I.G.; Albert Pellew and G. Collar, Stewards; Donaldson, P.M.; Voisey, P.M.; Murché, P.M.; Gill, P.M.; Pink, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; Beaven, P.M.; J. Whiteman, Tyler; G. F. Auburn, J. E. Bonck, H. W. Clark, H. Barnes, A. Golding, R. C. Davis, P.M.; W. Yates, M. Danclowitz, C. H. Swain, C. D. Collins, T. Barnes, W. Harbord, H. Wakerell, J. Vaughan, W. Stewart, J. Wadey, E. P. Bankin, B. C. Hastwell, W. T. Berry, D. Sluter, and E. Pournall. Visitors: Bros. G. A. Wright, I.P.M.; E. M. Mullins, C. F. Frood, John Egan, A. Ritchie, R. W. Dobing, T. P. Shoveller, T. Fielding, W. W. Underhill, F. K. Judd, J. Young, F. A. F. Daly, S. Whitmee, J. Bate, R. Stokoe, J. C. Osterstock, L. A. Pearce, and J. Stanton.

The outgoing Master, Bro. J. A. Randall, opened the lodge and raised Bros. C. F. Auburn, P. K. B. Heaviside, and H. W. Clark. Then in brilliant form Bro. Randall proceeded to instal Bro. R. C. Davis, his work exciting much admiration. The new W.M. at once showed his perfect command of the ritual by the manner in which he passed Bros. Dr. J. A. Bonck and G. A. Wright.

After a brief amount of business had been transacted the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Mrs. Venables very efficiently attended to the wants of those who had come for refreshment after labour.

The toasts, following the banquet, were judiciously placed in various hands by the W.M., who, having himself given that of "The Queen and Craft," called upon Bro. Murché to give "The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G."

Bro. Voisey gave the toast of "The Grand Officers," following which the I.P.M., Bro. J. A. Randall, proposed "The Worshipful Master." Bro. Davies, he said, was an initiate of the Duke of Albany Lodge, a man with a wide and accurate knowledge of Masonry, and one whose activity in other spheres of life besides Masonry and business had become known outside the limits of his parochial activity. The speaker had received many services at the hands of Bro. Davis, and no one had been more ready to assist him whenever their present Master's knowledge and abilities were required to be called into play.

The W.M., in reply, first referred to the fact that an illness which had overtaken him had threatened to prevent his taking part in that ceremony, but he happily sufficiently recovered to be present that evening. The lodge had been blessed with some

of the best Masters that any similar organisation could boast of, and it would be his endeavour to see that, having attained the chair of his mother lodge—which to him was a very high honour—he joined the ranks of its Past Masters at a later period with a knowledge that he had in no way impaired the traditions of the chair. The W.M. very feelingly referred to the fact that their Bro. Bird was duly elected in March last to fill the chair of the lodge, and that illness had overtaken him and prevented him coming forward for investiture. They deeply sympathised with him, and believed he was with them in spirit; and, in sitting down, the W.M. called upon the brethren to drink to their absent Bro. Bird. He was sure they all trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him for many years, and grant him better health than he had been experiencing.

The toast was most sympathetically honoured.

Bro. Donaldson, P.M., very humorously gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," and Bro. Randall scored off the proposer very neatly in responding.

"The Visitors" was a toast the W.M. reserved for himself, and interesting replies were forthcoming from Bros. Mullins, Ritchie, Underhill, Stokoe, P.M. (one of the founders of the lodge, but no longer a member), and Osterstock a P.M. of the Cator Lodge.

"The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were all toasted before a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The music provided was excellent. Bro. Pownall's bass songs were excellent; Bros. Hastwell, Collar, Wakerell, and Voisey sang an attractive catch; and Bro. Frood was very humorous indeed. Bros. Hastwell, Collar, and Wakerell also rendered solos very efficiently.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2078.

This lodge was held on Monday, the 29th inst., at Frodingham, in the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. J. H. Dewhurst, W.M.; T. J. Swaby, S.W.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Chap.; W. Campbell, Sec.; T. A. Robinson, S.D.; J. H. Hanby, J.D.; W. Langbridge, D.C.; F. T. R. Smith, I.G.; J. W. Graham and J. Longley, Stwds.; J. Handley, Tyler; M. R. J. Behrendt, P.P., J.G.W.; J. T. Pallister, and A. Anderson. Bro. J. Constable, 1682 and 2259, was a visitor. Bro. Behrendt gave the lecture (including all the references) on the first tracing board, which was listened to with marked attention. Bro. Constable was balloted for as an honorary member. The W.M. declared it to be unanimous. Bro. Constable thanked the brethren for the honour conferred.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper in the ante-room, followed by the usual toasts and song.

Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, E.C. Present: Bros. William Baker, W.M.; T. Stokes, J.W. 192, S.W.; W. H. M. Gernon, 2411, J.D.; D. J. Harlow, P.M. 65, Preceptor; H. T. Meadows, P.M. 1571, Sec.; S. Spencer, W.M. 65, S.D.; F. H. Farr, 192, J.D.; O. W. Rix, 65, I.G.; James Smith, P.M. 192; J. Brown, W.M. 1446; G. Wetton, 192; F. O. Taylor, 192; A. Fergusson, 192; W. Lloyd, 192; and G. Trotman, 1329.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, and Bro. Wetton, being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and passed Bro. Wetton. Bro. Fergusson then answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and the W.M., opening the lodge, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brown, who raised Bro. Fergusson with great skill and ability. Bro. Baker resuming the chair, the brethren went through the Masonic drill, and the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the W.M. rising the usual times, Bro. Stokes, J.W. 192, was unanimously elected to occupy the chair on the 14th inst. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present: Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; C. Plant, H.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z., J.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; H. Hardman, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; West, Cass, and Compton Stanley.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stanley personating the candidate. Comp. C. Plant was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday.) Comp. Compton Stanley, Lebanon Chapter, 1326, was elected a member. Hearty congratulations were tendered Comp. T. Grummant P.Z., Preceptor, upon this, the opening night of the session. Deep sympathy was expressed towards Comp. H. Cornford, who had undergone an operation in the head, but not, it is hoped, of a very serious character, and a letter was sent forthwith. The chapter was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE, No. 1320.

The weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Jeffery, W.M.; F. Swinford, S.W.; G. Thompson, J.W.; R. Elgar, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; T. R. Cass, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec.; T. J. Smith, J.D.; Sobel, I.G.; Hill, P.M., Tyler; Fisher, Taylor, Plant, P.M.; Crisp, Bailey, Roberts, Frith, and Ballard, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey being the candidate. Bro. W. Jeffery vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Thompson, who repeated the ceremony, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. Bro. W. Jeffery resumed the chair and invested his officers. Bro. Frank Swinford, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. H. Cornford, S.W. 1902, in his illness, with earnest hope for speedy recovery. A cablegram had been received from America from Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M., Preceptor, and expressions of hearty appreciation were made towards him and wishing him a safe return. The lodge was then closed.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has returned to Cowes on board the Royal yacht Osborne. It is not known how long his Royal Highness will remain in the Solent, but arrangements are being made that he may be able to land at times and take drives. He will probably remain till Friday, the 16th inst.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, September 17, 1898.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of 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 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

1366, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
1022, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2426, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1789, Ubique, Criterion.
2340, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., at 8.

Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Arms, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Olde Greyhound, Balaam-st., Plaistow, E., at 7.30
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, East-bourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.

Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
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.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
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.
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30
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, Stone's, 24, Pantion-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zeland, "The Falkland," Falkland-rd., N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

107, St. John's, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead.
1299, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1760, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.

MARR LODGE.

223, West Smithfield, Mark Masons' 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.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street,
Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

7, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.
1029, Honor Oak, White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.
2291, Empress, Cafe Royal.
2662, Ealing, Victoria Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1935, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

975, Rose of Denmark, The Horns, Kennington.
2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

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

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 4 p.m.

BRO. ALDERMAN BELL recently celebrated his 54th birthday.

BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, Bart., M.P., is sojourning at Harrogate.

BRO. SIR HENRY HARBEN, J.P., Chairman of the Hampstead Vestry, has attained his 75th year.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has consented to become a patroness of the New Victorian Convalescent Home for Surrey Women at Bognor.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. W. C. GULLY, Speaker of the House of Commons, who was accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Gully, left London on Wednesday morning for Nairn.

THE ELECTION OF SHERIFFS.—The election of Bros. Alderman Alliston and Lieut.-Col. Probyn, V.D., as Sheriffs of the City takes place at the Guildhall on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

BRO. THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF TWEEDDALE and Lady Clementine Hay left Yester House, East Lothian, for Doncaster, where they have this week been the guests of the Countess of Galloway for the races.

THE JOINERS' COMPANY.—The following have been elected officers of the Company for the ensuing year: Bro. Philip F. Saillard, Master; Mr. Stephen Hotham Ponder, Upper Warden; Mr. Benjamin Turner, C.C., Renter Warden; and Mr. H. L. Bedford, Clerk (re-elected).

TINPLATE WORKERS' COMPANY.—A quarterly Court of Assistants will be held at Guildhall on Thursday, the 15th inst., when, amongst other business, the Master (Bro. Baron de Bush) will move—"That a Committee of this Court be formed to consider and report upon the best means to be adopted to further the interests of the crafts which it represents."

BRO. SHERIFF DEWAR, who purchased King George III.'s Jubilee handkerchief at the recent Press Bazaar, has presented the curiosity to the Guildhall Library. The engraving of the design, which is printed on white satin, cost, it is said, £1000. The British Museum authorities were anxious to purchase the relic, but Bro. Sheriff Dewar thought the Guildhall should possess it.

THEIR SERENE HIGHNESSES THE HEREDITARY PRINCE AND PRINCESS LEININGEN arrived at Balmoral on Saturday morning last. Bro. Col. the Earl of Strathford, Equerry to the Queen, was in attendance at Ballater. The Right Hon. G. Curzon, Viceroy-Designate of India, arrived at the Castle, and had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal Family. Major-General Sir Henry Ewart has left.

MANSION HOUSE.—The Lady Mayoress having happily recovered from her recent severe indisposition, Bro. the Lord Mayor has started for a short cruise in the Mediterranean. Bro. Sir John Monckton, who has been in attendance at Guildhall during August, accompanied his lordship. The voyagers sailed in the P. and O. liner Peninsula, on Thursday, the 1st instant, at noon, and will return from Marseilles overland.

THE CHIEF COMMONER of the City (Mr. J. J. Baddeley) has forwarded to the Town Clerk notice that on the reassembling of the Court of Common Council, on Thursday, the 22nd instant, he will move that the Freedom of the City, accompanied by a sword of honour, be presented to Bro. Sir Herbert Kitchener in recognition of his brilliant military services to this country, especially in connection with the re-capture of Khartoum and the overthrow of the Mahdist power in the Soudan.

IN DEFERENCE to a wish expressed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who is Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Gordon Highlanders, the drafts of that regiment, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and the Royal Irish Rifles, 660 all told, which arrived at Soton on Tuesday for embarkation in the transport Nubia for India, did not leave until the following morning at 8 o'clock, as his Royal Highness was anxious to view the men from his yacht in Cowes Roads.

ON WEDNESDAY the Queen of Denmark, in other of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, celebrated her 81st birthday, and a large party of Royal personages assembled in Bernstorff Castle in honour of the event. Her Majesty's three daughters are the Princess of Wales, the Empress Dowager of Russia, and the Duchess of Cumberland. Her eldest son married Princess Louise of Sweden; her second son became King of the Hellenes at the age of 18; and the third is married to one of the daughters of the Duc de Chartres.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF ENGLAND has been pleased to enlarge the Commission formerly granted to Bro. John Robertson Reep, P.M. and Sec. 1260, Sec. 1139, and P.Z. and S.E. 1260. (Messrs. Reep, Lane, and Co.) of 4, Great St. Thomas Apostle, Queen-street, London, E.C., and also of Bagshot, Surrey, solicitor, by granting him a Commission for taking the Acknowledgments of Deeds executed by Married Women under 3 and 4, William IV., c. 74, for the County of Surrey, in addition to the Commission heretofore held by him for Acknowledgments for London and Westminster.

SUBURBAN THEATRES are especially in evidence in South London, where quite a number of places of amusement are now in course of erection. The first to be opened will be the Crown Theatre, High-street, Peckham, which will be ready for occupation in about six weeks. It will be capable of accommodating 3000 persons, and it is claimed that the stage will be the largest in the suburbs, being 141 feet long by 40 feet deep. Rapid progress is being made with the Kennington Theatre, the memorial stone of which was recently laid by Bro. Sir Henry Irving, and already the white stone walls form a prominent landmark. The opening is definitely fixed for Boxing Day. The Terriss Theatre, nearly opposite the Town Hall, Rotherhithe, and capable of seating 4000 persons, and the Royal Duchess Theatre, Balham, will both, it is hoped, be ready early in the spring.

YORKSHIRE has again asserted herself as the home of the grouse, the bags made there having far overtopped those chronicled elsewhere. On the Bromhead Moors, Sheffield, Lord Powis, Lord Lovat, Sir Savile Crossley, Maj. F. Shuttleworth, and several other guns bagged 1163 brace on the 25th ult., and on the 27th 183 brace came to hand, while on the intervening day 188 brace of grouse fell. A statistician has estimated that about 45,000 brace of grouse were killed during the first week of the season, whilst he puts down the number of cartridges fired at 250,000. On the moors in Scotland sport has varied greatly. In Morayshire Mr. C. P. Barn and his friends have killed 133 brace of grouse and 83 hares; in Caithnessshire Messrs. Bell, Hutchinson, Shorwood, and Fairbairn have, in 10 days, killed 312 brace of grouse, 56½ couple of snipe, 47 hares and rabbits, and 55½ brace of miscellaneous birds.

BRO. AND MRS. CAVENDISH BENTINCK and family have sailed on the Campania for New York, to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills for the autumn.

WHILE the Empress Frederick was out riding on Monday, at Cronberg, her horse reared, and the Empress slipped to the ground, but without taking any hurt. An hour later her Imperial Majesty went for a drive.

A TELEGRAM from Copenhagen announces that the Queen of Denmark, although her condition is giving cause for anxiety, is somewhat better. Her Majesty went for a drive in the park of Bernstorff Castle on Monday.

A TELEGRAM from New York was received in London on Saturday last stating that Mr. Bayard, formerly United States Ambassador to Great Britain, who has been ill for several weeks, has had a serious relapse, and grave fears are now entertained of his recovery.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. GERALD BALFOUR, M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Lady Betty Balfour will be guests of Professor and Mrs. Butcher, at Cahernane House, during their forthcoming tour through Kerry. They will also go to Derreen Castle, on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne.

BRO. THE EARL OF HALSBURY, Lord Chancellor of England, accompanied by the Countess of Halsbury, Viscount Tiverton, Lady Constance Giffard, and a numerous party, who are touring in Connemara and the West of Ireland, arrived at Clare on Saturday last, where they visited several places of interest. His lordship expressed himself delighted with the Irish scenery, and with the great courtesy extended to tourists in Ireland.

BETWEEN two and three thousand people from the towns and villages in North Berkshire had the privilege of visiting the beautiful gardens and grounds of Lochinge House on Saturday, through the kindness of Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage, who personally gave them a hearty welcome. The principal reception rooms of the mansion were also thrown open, and the saloon and tapestry hall specially admired. Music was provided by the band of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, of which Bro. Lord Wantage was commanding officer for a lengthened period.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN drove from Balmoral on Monday afternoon in an open carriage drawn by a pair of greys and preceded by an outrider, and went round the Queen's Drive, which passes under the well-known Lion's Face Rock. At the same time two other carriages, containing Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duchess of Albany, Princess Leiningen, Princess Aribert of Anhalt, and the young Princes and Princesses, drove through Braemar on their way to Mar Lodge on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife. On their way through they changed horses at the Fife Arms Hotel. Large numbers of visitors watched the movements of the Royal party, who were favoured with splendid weather for their outing.

SOME BIG PRICES have been obtained by Messrs. Rogers, Chapman, and Co. at the sale of the effects of the late Mr. Edmund Coulthurst, Streatham Lodge, Lower Streatham. A complete set, an original subscriber's copy, of John Gould's works, the finest ornithological publication produced in this country, in 44 imperial folio volumes, with over 3000 coloured plates of marvellous accuracy, sold for £440. A French walnut wood and ormolu mounted and inlaid marqueterie escritorio commode, with black marble top, from the Strawberry Hill collection of Horace Walpole, 295 guineas; a pair of elegant Sevres cabinet cups and saucers, bleu-de-roi, richly gilt, 60 guineas; a bleu-de-roi Sevres china bowl, cover, and stand, 42 guineas; seven miniature portraits brought the very high total of £244.

BY COMMAND of the Queen, the gathering of the Braemar Royal Highland Society took place on Thursday, at Balmoral, and was of unusual interest. For half a century her Majesty, when opportunity afforded, has taken advantage of her visits to Balmoral to attend the games, the present being the 50th anniversary of her first visit to the society's gatherings. The attendance of people was very large. A special pavilion was erected for the accommodation of the Royal Family. By noon the completing clans, including the Duff, Farquharson, and Forbes men, under their respective leaders, had assembled at Balmoral Bridge, where they were met by the Queen's Balmoral Highlanders, under the command of Mr. James Forbes of Craig Owan. The clansmen then marched in a body to the field where the sports were held. The clansmen were afterwards entertained at luncheon. On her arrival and also on her departure the Queen drove through an avenue lined by the clansmen. Her Majesty was accompanied by the Prince and Princesses now at Balmoral. Many presentations were made to the Queen.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES left the Royal yacht Osborne in Cowes Roadstead on Thursday afternoon, and landing at East Cowes drove to Osborne. His Royal Highness was accompanied by the Princess Victoria of Wales and Prince Nicholas and Princess Marie of Greece, and attended by Dr. Fripp, Sir Francis Knollys, and Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke. The Portuguese Minister, Mr. Christopher Sykes, and Mr. Martino, who had been guests on the Osborne, also accompanied the Prince to the Palace. The Royal yacht Alberta went out to meet the Osborne in the roadstead, and the two vessels being made fast, a gangway was run out between them. His Royal Highness was then wheeled in his chair to the bridge of the Alberta, where he shook hands warmly with her commander, Staff-Captain G. A. Broad. The Prince was then lifted in his chair from the bridge to the deck, and wheeled to his carriage, in which Princess Victoria was seated. His Royal Highness was then driven to Osborne, where he will probably stay for a week or 10 days. The Prince looked extremely well, and was heartily cheered by the men of the Osborne and a considerable number of spectators at Cowes.

IN VIEW OF THE approaching departure of the Hon. John Hay, the American Ambassador, the Executive Committee of the Anglo-American League presented his Excellency with an address of congratulation upon his appointment as Secretary of State. The ceremony took place at Col. Hay's private residence, Carlton House-terrace, by a deputation representing the Executive Committee, and headed by the chairman, Mr. James Bryce, M.P. The document, which was signed by Mr. Bryce, the Duke of Sutherland, and others, contained the following: "You carry back with you the assurance of the depth and strength of the feelings of affection and sympathy towards the United States entertained by the British people. The principle that there might be permanent friendship and cordial co-operation between the British Empire and the American Republic is, we believe, one which all parties and all Statesmen here agree in regarding as a fundamental principle of British foreign policy, and by it the whole people desire that their Government should be guided." The American Ambassador, in reply, said: "I can only say that my work has been made very easy by the instructions I have received from home, and by the frankness, fairness, and courtesy with which I have been constantly met by all the Ministers of her Majesty—in fact, by all Englishmen—with whom I have come into contact. The relations between the two countries have never before been so intimate and so agreeable. On both sides of the ocean the conviction is almost universal that a clear and cordial and friendly understanding between Great Britain and America is a necessity of civilisation. I shall hold myself signally fortunate if I am able—adopting your own words—to do anything to continue and strengthen the relations of fraternal amity between our two nations."



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