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### APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The time is again opportune for calling attention to the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Next week we shall be in the midst of the bustle and excitement which usually attend the election of children into our two Schools, when the brethren from the country, but especially from the Provinces which are more immediately interested in the success of any of the candidates, are present in considerable numbers, and there is, at all events, a chance for a Secretary—of which we may be sure he will not be slow to avail himself—of enlisting support where none has been as yet forthcoming, or of strengthening and extending what may already have been promised. The 111th anniversary of the Girls' School will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 10th May, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, Prov. G. Master of Somersetshire, and the preliminary arrangements have, we rejoice to say, so far progressed satisfactorily that Bro. HEDGES already has enrolled upwards of 350 ladies and brethren as Stewards for the occasion. Considering there are still between four and five weeks to elapse before the day of celebration, this is distinctly a favourable position, on which the friends of the Institution may congratulate themselves. But it is evident, as was the case with the Benevolent Festival in February, and as, indeed, we pointed out in our article of the 4th March, that, this year at all events, an exceptionally strong Board of Stewards is not of itself suggestive of an exceptionally high total of Donations and Subscriptions. For the Benevolent Festival there were more ladies and brethren giving their services as Stewards than on any previous occasion, the Jubilee Festival of 1892 being alone excepted, and yet the sum raised had been more than once exceeded. Thus, if the efforts which are being made by Bro. HEDGES to still further augment the Board of Stewards for the 10th prox. are crowned with more success than in previous ordinary years, we must not be so unwise as to anticipate a corresponding measure of success in the Returns. We are sanguine enough to believe that a good result will be forthcoming, one with which the Chairman, his Stewards, and the Institution itself will have excellent reason to be satisfied. We think the Craft will be content if the total is large enough to make good the shortcomings of last year, and meet the requirements of the present, and if there is something left over, no doubt the executive of the Institution will be only too glad to turn it to account as an addition to the modest amount

of the invested capital, modest, that is to say, by comparison with the responsibilities which the Institution has taken upon itself to meet.

There is no need to repeat the oft-told story of the claims which our Girls' School has upon the kindly sympathies of all English brethren; the prospects that appear to await us next month are sufficiently encouraging to justify us in passing them by, if not unnoticed, at least without special reference. But there are probably not a few brethren who have newly joined our ranks who may not know that to meet an expenditure of between £13,000 and £14,000 the Institution is in possession of a permanent income amounting to no more than about £2500. Hence the sum which must be annually raised, chiefly by the medium of the Festival, in order to meet the excess of outlay over income is about £11,000, and this, as we have more than once remarked, takes a good deal of raising. Again, it is quite possible that our newly-enrolled brethren may not have heard that as an Educational Institution our Girls' School occupies a foremost place among the best English Middle-class Schools. Year after year the great majority of the children it enters as candidates for the Cambridge Local and other public examinations are successful in passing, while many of them are awarded Honours and distinctions. But above all there is no Institution of its kind in the United Kingdom in which greater care is bestowed on the moral and physical, equally with the mental, training of its pupils, or of which the funds are administered with a more scrupulous regard for economy. An Institution of which this may be said does not stand in need of recommendation, but unfortunately, it is in need of annual support, and that we both hope and believe will be forthcoming at the approaching and all subsequent Festivals.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There are not, so far as we are aware, many cases on record in which a Grand Lodge is found to have more than doubled the number of its lodges and almost doubled the aggregate of its subscribing members in the brief space of eight years. We know that in the United States there are some of comparatively recent constitution which have gone on increasing and multiplying to an extent that would hardly be credible, were it not that under the Stars and Stripes it seems to be almost a matter of course that everything, be it population, wealth, institutions, or what not, should grow apace. But the Grand Lodge, which is about to claim our attention, is located in British territory, where the rate of progress is more deliberate. Moreover, it has not been long organised, while the territory over which it exercises jurisdiction is very far from being thickly populated. At all events, the Grand Lodge that can point to such an increase as we have mentioned has every reason to be proud of its good fortune, and will highly appreciate any congratulations that may be tendered by other bodies.

It was in the year 1871 that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was founded, and for many years the rate of progress was slow. In referring to the report of its proceedings at the 19th annual Communication, which was held in the city of Vancouver, on the 19th June, 1890, we find that it then mustered only 10 lodges, of which two were located in Vancouver and two in Victoria, the remaining six having their quarters in as many other places. The number of subscribing members was only 678, while the total receipts of Grand Lodge from all sources was only 1253 dollars.

As regards the Funds and Property belonging to the lodges, the Craft would seem to have been well circumstanced, the total value being set down at upwards of 45,000 dollars, while the sums disbursed in relief and for funerals of members and on transient brethren amounted to 1168 dollars. Quite recently we have received the Report of the Proceedings at the 27th annual Communication, which was held in the City of Westminster on the 23rd June, 1898, and from this we are able to note how considerable has been the progress made, in the interval of eight years. Last year there were as many as 24 lodges distributed about the Province at 20 cities or towns while the aggregate of members, including F.Cs. and E.Ps. is entered at 1367. The Grand Lodge total of receipts from all sources reached 2166 dollars; the value of the lodge funds and property exceeded 52,000 dollars, and the total disbursed in relief and for funerals was about 1150 dollars. Turning to individual lodges, we find that the two which meet in Victoria—Nos. 1 and 2—have 142 and 100 members respectively; the two in Vancouver—Nos. 7 and 12—121 and 172 members; the two in Nanaimo—Nos. 3 and 18—82 and 39; and the two in New Westminster—Nos. 9 and 17—80 and 48 members; there being five other lodges which have each of them a muster roll of 50 members and upwards. As regards funds and property, Lodge No. 3, Nanaimo, is the best off, the value of its belongings being 12,500 dollars, while Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, both located at Victoria, have funds and property amounting to the value in the former case of 7762 dollars, and in the latter to 4300 dollars, while of the two lodges in the city of Vancouver No. 7 has property, &c., amounting to 3000 dollars, and No. 12 to 4650 dollars. Here then we have a British Colonial Grand Lodge which, but the other day, was the smallest, or very nearly the smallest, Grand Lodge in existence, but which in the course of eight years has about doubled its strength. We need hardly add, that we trust it may be our good fortune to record that, when as many more years have passed, an equal, or even a greater, progress may have been made.

**THE LATE ROBERT WILLIAM SHEKLETON, Q.C.,  
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND.**

The profound regret with which the Irish Craft has received intelligence of the death of Bro. Robert William Shekleton will be shared by brethren throughout the world of Freemasonry. His friends had known that he had been in declining health for the last few years, but they hoped that the tour in Egypt, in which he was accompanied by the most devoted of wives, would restore his strength. These hopes were doomed to disappointment; the hand of death was laid upon him on the 25th ult., at Cairo.

Our late Bro. R. W. Shekleton had attained eminence in many ways. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, in 1846, taking his degree with classical honours of the first class. He was called to the Bar in 1848, and took silk in 1876. He was J.P. for three counties, and at various times in his career held high posts in the Admiralty and other Courts. No opinion at the Bar was of more weight than his, and no one more readily placed his legal lore and experience at the disposal of struggling Junior Counsel. Gifted with manners at once courteous and stately, he formed an admirable specimen of the Anglo-Irish gentry.

Bro. R. W. Shekleton was initiated in Leinster Lodge, No. 141, Dublin, on the 20th March, 1849, and had thus completed at the time of his lamented death more than half a century in the service of the Craft.

After filling the usual minor offices, he was installed Worshipful Master of his lodge in 1853. On the resignation, in 1869, of the post of Deputy Grand Master by the Hon. John Fitz Henry Townshend, LL.D., Q.C., who had been appointed Judge of the High Court of Admiralty in Ireland, the post was conferred by his Grace the Duke of Leinster on Bro. Shekleton. He was accordingly installed Deputy Grand Master on the 3rd June, 1869, and discharged the duties of that office with unflinching zeal and conspicuous ability till 1897—a term of office which has never been equalled by any other Deputy Grand Master. The value of Bro. Shekleton's services as Deputy Grand Master of Ireland cannot be overrated. He rendered those services freely and ungrudgingly; he never spared himself in the discharge of his duties.

The Irish Craft has been singularly fortunate in the Deputy Grand Masters who have ruled it during the last half century; but never more so than in his case. It was a difficult matter for Bro. Shekleton to improve on the genial rule of the Hon. Judge

Townshend; but he not only succeeded in carrying on the work of Grand Lodge on the lines inaugurated by his predecessor, but so managed the affairs of Grand Lodge as to enable his worthy successor, our present Deputy Grand Master, Bro. James Creed Meredith, LL.D., to undertake schemes for the benefit of the Craft, which would have seemed chimerical to the last generation.

Bro. Shekleton was exalted R.A. 8th December, 1849, in the R.A. Chapter attached to the Leinster Lodge, of which he became M.E.K. (First Principal) in 1853. He was elected G.H.P. (Second Principal) of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland in 1870. He was appointed by the Duke of Leinster his Deputy in Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1873, and held that office till his Grace's death. He joined the K.T. Leinster Preceptory attached to the Leinster Lodge in July, 1851, and served as Sub-Prior of Ireland under the Duke of Leinster and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught from 1869 to 1897, again an unprecedented term of office.

As is well known, the Ancient and Accepted Rite is worked in Ireland in harmony with Craft Freemasonry, and in all the departments of that Rite Bro. Shekleton was prominent. He became a Prince Mason in the Furnell Chapter, P.G.R.C., No. 4, in 1866, and eventually attained the coveted distinction of 33°, Ireland.

It is not too much to say that every Freemason in Ireland feels that by the death of Bro. R. W. Shekleton a true brother has been removed from the Brotherhood. It is needless to say that his more intimate friends feel the loss to them to be irreparable.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into thy rest."

W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY.

29th March, 1899.

**A MASONIC VETERAN.**

We feel assured that our readers will cordially join us in tendering our sincere congratulations to the R.W. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. (Garter), F.S.A., Past Grand Warden, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, on his approaching Masonic Jubilee. We learn from a brief sketch of his Masonic career, prefixed to "Sadler's Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," that our distinguished brother was initiated in the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, on the 11th April, 1849, and, having continued a subscribing member ever since, he now holds the honoured position of "Father of the Lodge."

In 1858 he was appointed Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and in 1860 he was promoted to the superior office, which he has ever since so ably and worthily filled. The rank of Past Grand Warden of England was conferred upon



BRO. SIR ALBERT W. WOODS (GARTER), P.G.W., AND G.D. OF C.

him by the M.W. Grand Master in acknowledgment of his eminent services on the occasion of the Installation of his Royal Highness in 1875.

We believe we are correct in stating that, with the exception of a Prov. G. Master, and W. H. White, G.S. 1810-1857, his period of service as an actual Officer of the Grand Lodge of England exceeds by several years that of any other brother since "the Glorious Union of 1813." Indeed, we think we shall not be far wrong in venturing to say that, with the exceptions referred to, he has "beaten the record" in this respect since the foundation of the Grand Lodge in 1717.

In consequence of his late serious illness and his being compelled to avoid the night air, Sir Albert is precluded from taking as active a part in his Masonic duties as he would wish. It will, however, doubtless, be a source of pleasure to the Craft generally to know that he is now in fairly good health, considering that on the 16th instant, he will enter upon his 84th year.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on the 29th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Bolton. In the absence of Comp. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, G. Supt., Comp. Colonel C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds presided, and was assisted by Comps. A. H. Jefferis, Buckley Carr, C. H. Arnold, Dr. Foreman, N. Heywood, J. Newton, and others. A telegram was despatched to Comp. Colonel Starkie expressing regret at the cause of his absence, and hopes of his speedy recovery.

The P.G. Treasurer (Comp. N. Heywood) submitted the financial statement, which showed a substantial balance in hand.

Comp. J. B. Goulburn, of Bolton, was unanimously elected to the office of P.G. Treasurer, and the following were invested Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year :

Comp. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Buckley Carr	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" James Newton, 37	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. H. Isherwood, 54	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. B. Goulburn, 348	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. W. Broadbent, 37	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Wilson, 581	...	...	Prov. Dep. G. Reg.
" John Partington, 266	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" T. P. Wilson, 269	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" R. Coats, 369	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" C. Holgate, 348	...	...	} Prov. G.S.Bs.
" S. Newton, 300	...	...	
" G. Townsend, 116	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" F. Wardle, 210	...	...	
" R. Pintner, 210	...	...	} Prov. G.D.Cs.
" W. Bee, 1459	...	...	
" J. Holt, 219	...	...	} Prov. G. Org.
" W. Spencer, 274	...	...	
" E. Freeman, 283	...	...	} Prov. A.G.S.E.
" W. H. Kershaw, 266	...	...	
" E. H. Flower	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor
" Edward Roberts	...	...	

A grant of £20 was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

The annual ladies' night (comprising banquet, dancing, and concert) of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ultimo, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street. Since the last function of a similar character held at the headquarters of the lodge, the Surrey Masonic Hall, considerable changes have been effected in the personnel and character of the lodge. With more commodious headquarters and an increased membership roll, the lodge was never more prosperous than at the present time.

Following the ordinary business of the lodge, the W.M., Bro. John Maurice Klempner, and his Wardens, Bros. D. R. Milch, S.W., and John Connor, J.W., received the guests in the Masonic Temple, and soon after 6 p.m. a company of over 60 brethren and visitors, of whom a good half were ladies, sat down to the banquet. Amongst those present were Bros. G. H. G. Morgan, P.M.; Alfred Bannister, P.M.; C. E. Brook, S.D.; A. Vaughan, J.D.; E. Brook, I.G.; H. Baldwin, D.C.; H. J. Grey, Stwd.; J. G. Barker, J. Beer, R. J. A. Bennett, C. J. E. Deus, C. F. Hancox, G. Luckings, J. Taylor, A. Vaughan, F. Whittenham, T. Wilson, H. C. Whetstone, Victor Opferman, J. T. Sweet, Wm. Rogers, and R. Louis Jefferson, F.R.G.S. Amongst the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sisley, Miss Grace Hawthorne, Bro. and Mrs. Bennett, and Bro. John Britton.

Following the banquet, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen," and afterwards

Bro. R. L. JEFFERSON, F.R.G.S., proposed the toast of the evening—"The Worshipful Master"—and spoke of the great strides which the lodge had made during the past year, paying a tribute to the organising abilities of the W.M., whose firmness and strict adherence to his Masonic work had effected so much good and set such an example, that if followed there was every reason to expect that the lodge would soon become both powerful and influential.

The toast was honoured with much enthusiasm. Bro. KLEMPNER, W.M., responded, thanking the proposer for his energy, and trusting that his duties as W.M. of the Stuart Lodge had met with the approbation of all the brethren. So far as this particular banquet was concerned he desired to pay a compliment to Bro. J. T. Sweet, hon. Sec. of the Entertainment Committee, who had worked well and thoroughly to make the function a success—which it was.

Bro. SWEET having responded to the unofficial toast, the W.M. gave "The Ladies," which was replied to in suitable terms by Mrs. J. T. SWEET.

Dancing, interspersed with vocal and musical selections, commenced at 9 o'clock, Madame Florence Lewis and Bro. Wm. Rogers being the principal singers. Miss Grace Hawthorne recited with much feeling Rudyard Kipling's "Road to Mandalay," and Bro. Victor Opferman gave several violin solos. The accompanist was Bro. John Britton, and the music during the banquet and dancing was rendered by Opferman's Drawing-room orchestra.

The entertainment, successful in every respect, concluded soon after midnight.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury) and Countess of Halsbury, accompanied by Viscount Tiverton and Lady Evelyn Giffard, have been passing Easter at Paris and Fontainebleau.

THE DEATH is announced of the Hon. Charles Bourke, C.B., younger brother of the sixth Earl of Mayo, the distinguished statesman who was assassinated while Governor-General of India in 1872, and also a younger brother of Bro. Lord Connemara. The deceased gentleman was in his 67th year, and was very popular among all classes of his countrymen. For some time he acted as private secretary to Bro. Lord Mayo, and in 1878 was appointed Chairman of the Irish Prisons Board, a position which he filled with success and distinction until 1895.

MASONRY IN THE PROVINCE OF CHESHIRE.

A meeting of the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire was held on the 29th ult. at Crewe, Bro. Col. Dean presiding. Several petitions for relief were favourably considered.

On the suggestion of Bro. BYROM, it was resolved to recommend the Charity Representatives of the various lodges in the province to bring before their members the desirability of increasing the Benevolent Fund, so as to have more annuitants on the foundation, it being remarked that by a further gift of two guineas from each lodge the fund would be increased to £100 a year.

The CHAIRMAN referred to the death of the ex-Chairman (Bro. John Clayton), who, he said, occupied a most unique position in the Craft, and who was most energetic in the cause of Charity Institutions not only in the Province of Cheshire but throughout England. He was Hon. Solicitor to the Charity Educational Committee.

The P.G.S. was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Bro. Clayton's family.

A meeting of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Committee followed, Bro. Col. Dean again presiding.

Bros. F. M. Lockwood, C. Hibbert, H. Matthews, J. Clarke, Thos. Lockett, W. Wood, and Gordon Small were elected Life Governors.

Bro. F. K. STEVENSON said they had 49 children to educate and clothe, for which the Committee had voted £488. They were still in need of funds, and he appealed to the lodges to assist them in their work.

The various officers were appointed.

Ireland.

TRIENNIAL CONVOCATIONS IN IRELAND.

The Knights Templar of the United Kingdom and the Ancient and Accepted Rite are about to hold their Triennial Convocation in Dublin during the week beginning 10th inst. The Freemasons of Ireland are laying themselves out to receive the visitors with full Masonic pomp and splendour, and to maintain the renown of the Irish Craft for hospitality. The visitors include such representative names as the Earl of Euston, the Marquis of Breadalbane, the Earl of Kintore, Lord Saltoun, Major F. W. Allan, and a host of others from the English and Scottish jurisdictions. From America comes General John Corson Smith, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois and Past Grand Master of that State.

Advantage has been taken of the advent of these distinguished delegates to organise a series of meetings in which Irish work will be exemplified, and opportunity will thus be afforded of seeing not only the Ritual of the Further Degrees as carried out in Ireland, but also of that famous Irish Craft work, which our good brethren across the Channel claim to have handed down, solely by word of mouth, from the days when Laurence Dermott worked in unison with the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Two of the most famous Craft Lodges, the Duke of York's Lodge, No. 25, the largest lodge, numerically, on the Irish roll, and Trinity College, Dublin, Lodge, No. 357, have arranged to give respectively the E.A. and the M.M. Degrees.

It is not without interest we learn that the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury is among the candidates to be initiated by the former lodge, and the W.M. in the chair of the Trinity College Lodge is the Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Dublin. In each case the ceremonies are to be succeeded by a banquet, at which the Grand Master of Ireland, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, is to be present. Many quaint University usages, we are told, are retained in the Trinity College Lodge, such as the use of the old Latin graces and formulæ prescribed in the college statutes for use in collegiate assemblies.

We append the official programme, which speaks well for the hospitable forethought of the Irish brethren.

Programme of Events on the Occasion of the Visit of our Distinguished English and Scotch Brethren to Ireland, in April:

- Monday, 10th April.—Duke of York's Lodge, No. 25, Conferring of E. A. Degree, Freemasons' Hall, 5.15. Banquet of Duke of York's Lodge, No. 25, Freemasons' Hall, 7.30.
- Tuesday, 11th April.—Trinity College Lodge, No. 357, Conferring of M.M. Degree, Freemasons' Hall, 5.15. Banquet of Trinity College Lodge, No. 357, Freemasons' Hall, 7.30.
- Wednesday, 12th April.—Knights of the Sun, 28°, Conferring of Degree, Grand Chapter Room, Freemasons' Hall, 3.30. Conference of the Sister Supreme Councils 33°, Grand Chapter Room, Freemasons' Hall, 5. Banquet, Supreme Council 33°, Freemasons' Hall, 7.30.
- Thursday, 13th April.—Knights K.H. 30°, Conferring Degree and Installation, Grand Chapter Room, Freemasons' Hall, 3. Grand Chapter Rose Croix 18°; Triennial Convocation, Conferring Degrees and Installation, Grand Chapter Room, Freemasons' Hall, 6. Banquet, Triennial Convocation of Rose Croix, 18°, Freemasons' Hall, 7.30.
- Friday, 14th April.—Luncheon, Great Priory, Freemasons' Hall, 1. Conference of Delegates of Order of the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, 2. Meeting of Great Priory, Reception of English and Scotch Knights, Conferring of Degree by Grand Master's Preceptory, Grand Chapter Room, Freemasons' Hall, 5.30. Banquet of Great Priory, Freemasons' Hall, 7.30.

By Order,  
A. VESEY DAVOREN, 32°, G.C.T.,  
Chancellor, Grand Chapter Rose Croix.  
Chancellor, Great Priory of Ireland.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S Gazette contains announcements by the Lord Chamberlain respecting two Levees next month, of which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, will, by command of the Queen, hold one at St. James's Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Friday, the 5th prox., at two o'clock, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the other on Monday, the 29th prox., at two o'clock. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their collars at the latter, it being a Collar day. It is the Queen's pleasure that presentations to their Royal Highnesses at the Levees shall be considered as equivalent to presentations to her Majesty.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the LARGE HALL, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 13th day of April, 1899, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notice of Motion, given at the Council held 24th Feb., by the V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, Patron, and Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Management—

"That Law 30 be amended to read as follows (the words in italics being an addition to the existing Law)":—

"Plurality of Votes applies only to Elections of Boys; nevertheless, upon any question before a Quarterly or Special Court or Council, a Donor or Subscriber who has a Vote in his own right may also Vote on behalf of any Lodge, Chapter, or Society, or any office therein, of which he is a *Subscribing Member* and the duly accredited Representative."

To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months.

To elect as Members of the Council, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, 12 Brethren not being Life Governors.

To receive a Statement from the Board of Management respecting the progress in the development of the Bushey site for the new School.

To elect 10 Life Governors from a List of 13 Candidates nominated at the Council held 7th April, to fill vacancies on the Board of Management.

To elect 23 Boys from an approved list of 37 Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys and for Members of the Board of Management will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,

J. M. McLEOD,

Secretary.

London, 7th April, 1899.

\* \* \* The 101st ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on JUNE 28TH, 1899, under the Presidency of W. Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., Past Grand Deacon, Treasurer and Patron of the Institution. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on the occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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THE

111TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

WEDNESDAY, the 10th MAY, 1899.

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R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Somerset,

IN THE CHAIR.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient. Stewards are much needed, and their services will be gratefully received.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on THURSDAY, the 13th day of APRIL, 1899, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, and to elect 16 Guls into the School, from a list of 36 approved candidates. The election will commence at one o'clock, or immediately after the conclusion of the General Business, and close at Three o'clock precisely.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall,  
Great Queen Street, W.C.,  
April 6th, 1899.

The 111th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place on WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY next, under the Distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN, D.L., R.W. Prov. G.M. (Somersetshire). Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being greatly needed.

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Proxies may be sent to any of the above, or direct to the Parents.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION**  
FOR BOYS.

ELECTION, 14th APRIL, 1899.

The favour of your VOTES and INTEREST is respectfully solicited on behalf of

FREDERICK JAMES WAYMAN,  
AGED SEVEN.

Son of the late JAMES WAYMAN, Lodge 195, Master Mariner and Chief Officer of the Cape Liner "Drummond Castle," who lost his life by the wreck of the vessel.

The case is strongly recommended by the whole of his Lodge, No. 195, Bengist, Bournemouth, and the following:

Bro. Col. E. W. REHBECK, P.P.G.S.W.

" F. DUNN, P.M. &amp; Treas. 72; P.M. &amp; Treas. 2272.

" J. HARVEY, P.P.G.S.W.

" J. C. WEBBER, P.M. 132.

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" W. FARRANOR, P.M. 132.

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**Masonic Notes.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1899.

The Hall at Freemasons' Tavern will be the scene of the usual bustle and excitement on Thursday and Friday of next week, when the School elections are appointed to take place. The Girls' School election is fixed for the earlier of those days, when the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers will be held, and 16 out of an approved list of 36 candidates will be chosen by ballot for admission to the benefits of the Institution. Of these 36 girls there are 14 who have already taken part in one or more elections, and bring forward the votes that were polled for them, while the remaining 22 have had their cases inquired into and approved during the past six months. The only exceptional feature about the list is the large proportion of "last" cases, that is, of girls who, if they fail this time, will have their names removed from further competitions.

For the Boys' School Election, which will take place at the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers on Friday, the 14th instant, there are 37 candidates, of whom 16 have been on the lists at one and more previous elections, and bring forward the votes already obtained, while 21 have been approved and had their names added to the 16 standing over from October last. In this case, however, there is a more promising outlook, as the number of vacancies to be filled is 23. Fortunately, too, the number of those who will have their names withdrawn from further competition if they fail to secure vacancies next week is only five. It remains for us to add that at both Courts the chair will be taken at the hour of 12 noon precisely, and that the poll on both days will be opened at 1 p.m., or as soon as the general business has been disposed of, and closed at 3 p.m.

As a matter of course, we make our usual appeal on behalf of the "last" cases, of which there are, as we have said, eight on the list of the Girl candidates and five on that of the Boys. The former are placed at Nos. 4, 6, 15, 17, 18, 29, 31, and 35, Nos. 4 and 6 being fortunate to have already to their credit 3327 and 2105 votes respectively, so that their friends ought not to have much difficulty in obtaining such additional support as will ensure them places among the successful. The "last" cases on the Boys' list are Nos. 4, 6, 7, 18, and 23; but only No. 7, who brings forward 479 votes, will derive any material advantage from his previous poll. In behalf of these 13 children we trust that those Governors and Subscribers who are not already committed to the support of any candidates, will give them their votes, and exert for them such influence as they may happen to possess, and we do this on the usual grounds—that if these children fail now, they fail altogether.

It appears to us to be quite possible to discuss the general question whether Grand Masters should pay fees of honour without writing offensively of those who have had the honour to be elected to that exalted position. It is equally possible, at least, in our humble judgment, to consider whether it is better to elect as Grand Master a brother of high social standing or one who is known only, or principally, for his intimate acquaintance with the principles, laws, and ritual of the Craft. The former is preferred in some jurisdictions and the latter in others, but in both he is the elect of the brethren, and as such has a claim upon their respect so long as he retains the office, and afterwards as one whom they have seen fit to honour.

The *New Zealand Craftsman* is evidently of a different opinion. Its February number contains an article entitled "Fees of Honour," in which our contemporary advocates the payment of such fees by Grand Masters as well as by the rest of the Grand Officers. We do not object to this opinion because we happen to think differently, but we do most stoutly exclaim against the sneers in which it indulges at the expense of those who have been successively elected to preside as Grand Master over the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. It may or may not be true that in New Zealand "the Grand Master is usually selected with more regard to social position than Masonic fitness," so that "his generosity should not be bounded by the payment of a small 'Fee of Honour,'" but this does not justify the remark that "the Grand Masters of New Zealand, with one exception, have not acquired celebrity for lightening the private purse in the cause of Freemasonry, and if a return of the private expenditure of the 'joint and several' was moved for the work of tabulation would be of the most simple character, and the result painfully meagre."

Again, we are told that "the brother who is elected Grand Master is invariably careful not to allow his social position to afflict the Craft with any dazzling radiance, and his Masonic value is generally a little less than nil." The article concludes as follows: "Later, New Zealand brethren may awake to the fact that it is possible to pay very much in excess of the value of the social whistle, but in the meantime there is no reason why the Masonic automaton, or even a real live Grand Master, should not contribute his quota to the funds, as does (sic) his less fortunate, but now hard-worked officers."

We rejoice to say that in our experience of Masonic journalism it has rarely, if ever, fallen to our lot to find such language as we have quoted in the preceding paragraphs employed in reference to the brethren on whom this or that Grand Lodge has seen fit to confer

the highest honour it is in its power to bestow. The list of those who have been elected to preside over the Grand Lodge of New Zealand since its constitution in 1890 includes Bros. Henry Thompson, M. Niccol, F. H. D. Bell, W. Barron, and R. J. Seddon, and of these Bro. Thompson had been Dist. G. Master of Canterbury for the 10 years preceding his election as the first G. Master, and Bro. the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the present G. Master, is the Prime Minister of New Zealand, while some of the others, if we remember rightly, did good service to their Grand Lodge by their efforts to secure its recognition by the Grand Lodge of England; at all events, the services of all of them appear to have been of such a character as to secure them from being held up personally to the contempt of the Craft. Good men and true will fight shy of allowing themselves to be nominated for this office when they find that treatment such as our contemporary has meted out to the past and present occupants of the chair is one of the penalties they must pay for election.

The regular meeting of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, which was appointed to be held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, the 6th instant, will, doubtless, prove to have been more than usually interesting to the members who were present. It had been arranged that when the regular business was concluded "the Old Minute Books, Jewels, and other antiquities of the Lodge" should be laid out for the inspection of the brethren, and that Bro. T. P. Ashley, the respected senior P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge, and P. Prov. G.W. of Somersetshire, should "afford some interesting information relating to these antiquities, and point out their salient features." Royal Cumberland is one of the oldest lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, having been warranted in the year 1733, while of those which rank numerically above it, only 18 or 19 are of earlier constitution. Thus the relics of oldtime Masonry, which have been handed down through successive generations of members, and of which the lodge at the present time is the fortunate possessor, are such as the brethren not only cannot have failed to inspect with reverent interest, but also such as it is in the power of very few of our lodges to exhibit.

Our brethren of the Province of the Isle of Man are to be congratulated on the appointment of Bro. Lord Henniker to preside over them, in succession to the late lamented Bro. Sir J. S. Goldie-Taubman. His lordship was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk in 1886, and there is no doubt that, under his rule, it has prospered greatly. It augurs well for the future of Masonry in the Isle of Man that so able and distinguished a brother should have been chosen to succeed Sir J. Goldie-Taubman, and we feel sure the government of the Province, which was so efficiently carried on by the latter, will be equally efficient under his successor.

It is with sincere regret we publish in another column the news of the death, with accompanying Masonic memoir, of Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., who, about 18 months since, after a long tenure of office, resigned the position he had so greatly adorned of Deputy G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. Shekleton was beloved and respected by the whole Irish Craft, who will long and sacredly cherish the memory of his splendid services.

The Stewart Lodge, No. 1963, Rawal Pindi, which, notwithstanding its career has been so short, has yet found an historian in the person of Bro. Major Leslie, is evidently in a prosperous condition as regards membership. At as recent a date as the 11th ult. it could boast of mustering 73, and from a glance down the list of names the great majority of the brethren would appear to be military men, among them being Bro. Col. H. S. Brownrigg, P.G.D. England, Past Dep. Dist. G.M., and Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. P. Palmer, K.C.B., Dep. Dist. G.M. The honorary members are H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Bro. Lieut.-General Sir George B. Wolseley, K.C.B., who has just resigned the office of District Grand Master, and Bro. William Jas. Hughan. Such a lodge may look forward to a long and prosperous career, more especially as among its members are some 15 or 20 who have had conferred upon them the purple of Dist. G. Lodge.

We have pleasure in announcing that Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian, will deliver an Historical Address on Early Freemasonry, Operative and Speculative, at the Tranquillity Lodge of Instruction, No. 185, on Thursday next, the 13th inst. Lodge opens at 7.30. Visitors are cordially invited.

## Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE, 1899."—The Editor of this most creditable Annual is Bro. Charles Bullock, Prov. G. Sec. (*The Elms, Great Berkhamstead*), from whom copies may be had for *one shilling each*. It is published by authority of the Prov. G. Lodge, and only wants the totals to be given of the number of members in the Province, Craft, Arch, and Mark, as well as the votes of the Central Masonic Charities, to render it complete. What used to be called "Little Herts" now contains 22 Lodges, eight Chapters, five Mark Lodges, and a K.T. Preceptory, the Lists of Officers, P.Ms., &c., as to all these being given, and ably arranged for reference. The names, address, and votes held in each of the Central Masonic Charities cover a goodly number of pages, and though the totals are not recorded, the number of votes held in the Province must be very large indeed. "Noteworthy Events in Hertfordshire Freemasonry" is an excellent compilation, and one that might well be followed by other Editors. The complete History of the Province has been written by Bro. George B. Abbott, its accomplished Historian, and may be had from the Publisher, Bro. Geo. Kenning, London, for half-a-guinea.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR SHROPSHIRE, 1899—1900." (*Shrewsbury*, Bro. W. B. Walker.)—This very interesting annual has been again edited by the originator, Bro. Rowland G. Venables, the esteemed D. Prov. G.M. The province is a small one, consisting of 12 lodges only, returning under 400 members, but it is exceptionally well off as respects the number of its active and zealous brethren who delight to do their utmost for the welfare of all. This time the frontispiece is devoted to our dear old friend, Bro. J. Bodenham, one of the most distinguished of Provincial Masons, the biography being by Bro. Alex. Graham, the Historian of No. 262 and of the Province. There is also a capital sketch of "Freemasonry in 1898," by Bro. C. H. Cowling, P.M. 117, including Scotland and Ireland, the historical sketches being completed by a full account of the Prov. Grand Lodge, tables of returns, &c. The information is "full to overflowing" as respects the Masonic Bodies in the province, the Rose Croix Chapter, No. 141, Shrewsbury appearing for the first time. The particulars as to the votes and donations to the Masonic Charities are unusually detailed and ably arranged, the total being 2920—an excellent record indeed! "The Masonic Notes, on the duties of Secretaries of Lodges," by Bro. A. S. Townsend, P. Prov. G.W., are of a most useful and practical character, and should be communicated to lodges in other provinces as well. The annual can be had from the Editor, *Oakhurst, Oswestry*, or the Secretaries of local lodges, at *one shilling per copy*.

WILLING'S PRESS GUIDE AND ADVERTISER'S DIRECTORY AND HANDBOOK FOR 1899 (23rd year). Price One Shilling. James Willing, junr., Ltd., Advertising Contractors and Publishers, 125, Strand, London, W.C.—There is no need for us to say much about a work which has been issued annually for more than 20 years, and has proved invaluable as a Book of Reference to those for whose especial benefit it has been compiled. "Willing's Press Guide" approaches nearer and nearer to perfection with each succeeding issue. In addition to the A B C List, in which are entered every kind of periodical that is published, there is a Table in which Trades, Professions, &c., &c., with their representative organs, are classified. Following this we have a list of Metropolitan newspapers, &c., arranged as Dailies, Weeklies, &c., while the Provincial newspapers, &c., are arranged under the Towns in which they are published, and separately for England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Colonial, Foreign, &c.; while the information furnished, as far as we have been able to test it, is marvellously accurate.

## Craft Masonry.

### Industry Lodge, No. 48.

The annual gathering of this old lodge was held at Gateshead on Monday, the 27th ult., when there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors. The retiring W.M. (Bro. W. C. A. Holzapfel) presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. A. Simpson, I.P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Dalrymple, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; I. R. Jobson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. Dodds, P.M., P.J.G.D.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; John Armstrong, S.W., W.M. elect; J. T. Pragnell, J.W.; the Rev. W. Bowker, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Douglass, Sec.; H. H. Pitt, S.D.; W. E. Peacock, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; R. Laverick and T. H. Armstrong, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. Lawson, W. Blythe, R. Dobson, J. Lightbown, P. Cash, S. Brown, F. Hastie, G. Matthewman, W. Campbell, W. W. Nichols, W. Richardson, J. Neil, G. T. Bootes, Wm. Tower, J. Cunningham, E. E. Elliott, R. Richardson, and others. The visitors comprised Bros. R. S. Story, W.M. 1863; G. H. Cameron, W.M. 991; O. Jackson, P.M. 971; R. Renwick, W.M. 541; R. Madgshon, P.M. 1119; S. Bell, P.M. 1626, P.P.S.G.W.; H. J. Chard, W.M. 1342; W. F. Phillips, W.M. 424; T. A. Moffitt, P.M. 424, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Stewart, P.M. 424, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Howe, S.W. 424; J. Wright, Sec. 424; T. R. Short, P.M. 424, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Smith, P.M. 481; E. Allison, S.D. 481; J. Lightbown, J.D. 381; E. Hooper, S.W. 2039; T. E. Campbell, D.C. 2039; M. B. Wood, 2557; J. G. Macpherson, 2557; J. Saunders, 2557; C. H. Pemberton, W.M. 2557; J. H. Lascelles, 541; G. J. Ashdown, P.M. 1427; H. A. Wand, J.W. 541; C. H. Corbett, 2418; J. S. Thompson, W.M. 2260; J. B. McKenzie, J.W. 639; R. E. Womphrey, P.M. 2557; J. S. Womphrey, 2557; R. B. Jackson, 2680; H. Bartlett, 466; and many others.

The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for five candidates, all of whom were elected. Bro. John Armstrong, the W.M. elect, was afterwards presented to and duly installed as W.M. by the Installing Master, Bro. Holzapfel, who also delivered the ancient charges in masterly style. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. W. C. A. Holzapfel, I.P.M.; J. T. Pragnell, S.W.; Thos. Douglass, J.W.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; H. H. Pitt, Sec.; A. Dodds, P.M., Asst. Sec.; W. E. Peacock, S.D.; R. Laverick, J.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. H. Armstrong, I.G.; G. T. Bootes, R. Kelly, W. W. Nichols, and Joe Moffat, Stwds.; and J. Curry, Tyler. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and several notices of motion for disposal of the funds were given, after which shoals of congratulation were tendered by the visitors, and then the lodge was closed.

The annual festival was subsequently held in the banqueting hall of the building, the new W.M. presiding, and there was a good muster.

The evening was spent in a most harmonious manner, with the usual Masonic toasts, songs and glees interspersed.

### Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441.

Monday last was, indeed, a red-letter day in the history of this lodge. Their ordinary meeting happened to fall on the same day as the opening of the 30th annual Conference of the National Union of Teachers at Cambridge, and care being taken to invite the Masonic brethren connected with the Union, there was a large and unique gathering, comprising 75 visitors from all parts of the kingdom, whilst the total number present was 105. Needless to say that the gathering was an exceptionally happy one, which it falls this deponent to give an adequate description of.

There was an initiation, and the visitors spoke with unstinted praise of the work shown by the W.M., Bro. Luke Hosegood, and his officers, whilst as to the hospitality displayed, it was averred that the like had never before been witnessed in connection with the National Union of Teachers. One of them, Bro. Hamilton, said they had had splendid receptions at their previous conferences, but Cambridge certainly took the cake.

Provincial Grand Officers of Cambridgeshire were in evidence to give a hearty welcome to the province; and Bro. J. Catling, P.M., in felicitous terms, gave "The Health of the Visitors."

There were no fewer than 12 responses to this toast, and all the speeches were apt and crisp.

The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by a number of acceptable items of vocal and elocutionary efforts by visiting and local talent. It may safely be predicted that No. 441, or indeed any other Cambridge lodge, will go a long time before witnessing such a notable assembly.

### Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.

This distinguished lodge met at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 16th ult., when there were present Bros. W. D. Church, P.M., acting W.M.—in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Walter Banks, who is making a voyage round the world for the benefit of his health—F. C. Lintott, I.P.M.; T. T. Gething, S.W.; F. Orfeur, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Thayre, S.D.; C. R. Campbell, I.G.; R. B. Chessum and H. J. Dyer, Stewards; D. Campbell, P.M.; W. Finch, P.M.; A. H. Church, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; P. Becker, H. E. Prior, E. E. Horley, C. J. Storey, E. F. Bowler, W. Garnett, H. Bowen, A. W. Diamond, F. Brown, E. Sienesi, J. E. Zoers, D. G. Zoers, J. Dolman, S. T. Green, W. D. Seaton, J. H. Shipman, C. Sienesi, H. A. Zoers, H. Greene, E. M. Edwards, A. Litchwitz, and E. Mallett, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. E. Prior, Kane Lodge, U.S.A.; L. Litchwitz, P.M. 1891; F. J. Hunt, S.W. 194; S. A. Stanger, P.M. 12; J. H. Bishop, 2705; G. F. Redpath, 157; J. Davies, 1309; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read the acting W.M., Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., raised Bros. Storey, Bowen, and Garnett to the Third Degree, and passed Bro. Bowler to the Second Degree. He afterwards initiated Mr. Arthur Litchwitz. The working of Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., was excellent, and proved that he is a master of the art. The ancient charge was given by Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., in a most eloquent and impressive manner. Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., stated that they were no doubt very anxious to hear about the W.M., Bro. W. Banks, but the news was not very cheering. The W.M.'s wife had received a letter from him, posted from the Cape, that the journey so far had done him no good. He (Bro. Church) felt that he was expressing the sentiments of them all in wishing the W.M. a speedy return to health. Other business followed and the lodge was then closed.

The banquet that followed fully maintained the great reputation of the Great Eastern Hotel, and it was well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Becker, who, it was stated, had been appointed manager of the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., who presided, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. W. Banks." He said that although the W.M. was far away, he felt certain that his thoughts were with them, and he knew he was reiterating the wishes of them all in hoping that the Great Architect would keep a watchful eye over him and bring him back safely to his native land.

In proposing the toast of "The Acting W.M., Bro. W. D. Church, P.M.," Bro. F. C. Lintott, I.P.M., observed that his task was a pleasant one, as many present were initiated by Bro. Church, who had shown them that night that he could do the working of the ritual just as well as he did when he was in the chair, and his year of office, which was successful in every way, would long be remembered.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., on rising to respond, was heartily received. He stated that it was a pleasure to preside as W.M., but still with pain, because of the reason of the absence of Bro. Banks, whom they missed very much. He hoped they would forgive all his shortcomings that evening, but he had done his best. Certainly the office of W.M. was preferable to that of Secretary, and he thanked them for their great attention in the lodge.

In submitting "The Initiate," the acting W.M., Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., remarked that it was the toast of the evening. Bro. A. Litchwitz came there with good credentials, and he felt sure he would be a credit to the Craft. He had never seen an initiate give greater attention to the ceremony, and he thought it had made a deep impression on him.

Bro. A. Litchwitz, who had a hearty reception, stated that he thanked them from his heart for the very kind way the toast had been proposed and received. He had been conjuring up what he would have to go through, and the ordeal had been a great surprise to him. He was much impressed with the beautiful ceremony of his initiation, and might he add that it made him ambitious to go higher in the Craft. He was proud that they had admitted him as a member, and he should never forget that evening, and the pleasure he felt for all their kindness to him at the banqueting table.

The acting W.M. gave "The Visitors." He said it was a pleasing toast, because they were always glad to have plenty of visitors. He read out a list of all those who were present, and remarked that some of them had been there before, and knew how visitors were received, and he hoped they would all come again. Bro. E. Prior, one of their guests, came from New York, and he had much pleasure in associating his name with the toast, and those of Bros. S. A. Stanger, P.M. 12; L. Litchwitz, P.M. 1891; J. Davies, 1309; F. J. Hunt, S.W. 194; G. F. Redpath, 157; J. H. Bishop, and R. T. West.

Bro. E. Prior, Kane Lodge, U.S.A., responded. He said the way the visitors had been received and entertained was hospitality in itself. His further remarks were given in a very humorous strain, which elicited much laughter.

Bro. S. A. Stanger, P.M., stated that he appreciated the honour of his name having been coupled with the toast, and he was glad that they had an American Mason present, because Englishmen would never forget the great anxiety and sympathy the Americans felt towards Rudyard Kipling, our countryman, in his serious illness.

Bros. L. Litchwitz, P.M.; J. Davies, F. J. Hunt, G. F. Redpath, J. H. Bishop, and R. T. West also acknowledged the toast in some excellent speeches, testifying to the able working of the acting W.M., Bro. W. D. Church, and the lavish hospitality of the members.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to in eloquent terms by Bros. W. Finch, P.M.; F. C. Lintott, I.P.M.; D. Campbell, P.M.; and Arthur H. Church, P.M.

The next toasts were "The Treasurer" and "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast was a signal that the hour had arrived when the very pleasant proceedings should be terminated.

During the evening some excellent harmony was contributed by the following brethren: Bros. D. G. Zoers, Harry Greene, Arthur H. Church, S. A. Stanger, E. M. Edwards, P. Becker, and J. H. Shipman. Special mention should be made of Bro. Harry Greene, who was in splendid voice, and his efforts were much appreciated. Bro. Arthur H. Church presided at the pianoforte with his well-known ability.

### Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., there was an unusually large gathering of brethren from various parts of Kent at the Freemasons' Temple, Dover, the occasion being the installation of the W.M. of the Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195, a very successful lodge, and one well supported by the military of the South-Eastern district.

The lodge being opened, the ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. Col. W. K. Westropp, who is also Treasurer to the lodge. Bro. Brewster commenced his work as the new W.M. with marked ability, and the officers he appointed to act with him during the year were Bros. Lieut. J. Joy, R.A., I.P.M.; Quartermaster Sergt. Jackson, S.W.; Master Gunner T. Craik, J.W.; the Rev. S. P. Statham, B.A., P.P.G.C., P.D.S.G.W., Chap.; Col. W. K. Westropp, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Barron, P.M., Sec.; Quartermaster Sergt. Fairbairn, S.D.; Quartermaster Sergt. White, J.D.; Sergt. Trumpeter T. Southall, I.G.; Lieut. W. Mott, R.A., D. of C.; Quartermaster Sergt. Stretton, R.A., Org.; Finsley, Stwd.; and W. Wynne (a Past Senior Warden of the lodge), Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Lieut. Joy, R.A.; and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Col. Westropp for acting as Installing Officer.

In the evening a banquet was held in the adjoining building, Bro. R. Brewster, W.M., presiding. Amongst others, there were present Bros. W. E. East, W.M. 1999; C. J. Sellens, W.M. 1208; F. Myatt, P.M.; W. T. Sams, W.M. 553; the Rev. J. R. Martin, 1999; G. Taylor, W.M. 125; E. I. Gibbs, 153, P.D.S.G.W. Gibraltar; W. A. Smeeth, P.M. 1208, P.P.S.G.D.; P. Holmes, J.W. 1208; H. H. Ford, I.G. 1208; and many other brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and Bro. Col. Westropp, in referring to the Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst, spoke of his lordship serving as a subaltern in the Guards in the Crimea, and of his progress in Freemasonry until now he was next to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. They were especially pleased and proud to know that a soldier had risen to that high position. (Applause.)

Bro. Smeeth, P.M., replied to the toast, and mentioned the much regretted death of Bro. Major-Gen. Cumings, who had worked hard for that lodge.

The W.M. had an enthusiastic reception, and in his address to the brethren urged them to attend the lodges of instruction, to work together for the good of the lodge, and to always remember their special work of Charity for the widows and orphans, and to do all the good they could on earth whether in lodge or in their general work in life.

Other toasts were given, and the proceedings terminated.

**St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2078.**

The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Scunthorpe, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. R. J. Swaby, W.M.; Cheesman, acting S.W.; T. A. Robinson, J.W.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, P.P.G.C., Chap.; W. Campbell, Sec.; J. W. Hanby, S.D.; J. W. Graham, J.D.; F. T. B. Smith, I.G.; J. Long, J. T. Pallister, and A. M. Cobban, Stewards; S. Hadley, Tyler; R. J. Behrendt, P.P.G.W.; and J. Constable, P.P.G.O. Bro. W. M. Campbell was a visitor.  
Bro. Constable gave an account of his visit to the Charity meeting at Lincoln, and Bro. Weigall announced that Bros. the Earl of Yarborough, P.G.M., and Dr. Sissons, D.P.G.M., would visit the lodge on the 18th instant, and special arrangements are to be made accordingly in honour of the occasion.

**St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.**

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. G. Eland, W.M.; U. A. Fenton, I.P.M.; E. Hirst, S.W.; Theo. Barber, acting J.W.; J. Constable, P.M., Sec.; T. J. Smith, S.D.; R. Brew, J.D.; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; W. P. Rowbotham, Org.; J. A. Carter, acting I.G.; E. Donkin, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler; L. H. C. Ashin, P.M.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M.; and others.  
Bro. J. Cawthorn, P.P.G.D.C., of Goole, gave an interesting address entitled "Reminiscences of Freemasonry." Votes of thanks were recorded.  
The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshment, when the usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

**Hardwick Lodge, No. 2373.**

The anniversary festival of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., under very happy auspices. Amongst others present were Bros. Geo. Allcock, W.M.; W. G. Cook, I.P.M.; H. Butler, S.W.; Ed. Emery, J.W.; J. K. Swallow, Treas.; G. Carline, Sec.; H. R. Proctor, S.D.; R. R. J. Barradell, J.D.; E. S. Robinson, D.C.; W. C. Furness, I.G.; J. Lancaster, Org.; Jas. Hoddes, Stwd.; L. F. Shaw, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Fredk. Hill, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; W. F. Buckland, P.M.; C. F. Margerison, P.M.; B. Waddington, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Grayson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. O. Plowright, P.M., P.P.G.P. 681; T. Shipton, P.M., P.P.G.R. 681; Edmund Taylor, P.M., P.P. J.G.D. 681; S. E. Short, J.W. 681; H. C. Robinson, 2355, 2558; W. Hawkley Edmunds, P.M., P.S.G.D. 681; John Hall, P.M. 681; W. Haslam, J.D. 2583; E. Twirey, 650; Geo. A. Tandy, W.M. 2355; Tom Nixon, I.G. 1230; Herbert Nixon, P.P.S.G.D. 1230; Jas. Tatlow, M.M., 681; I. P. Wood, P.M. 681; J. Ashworth, P.M., Prov. G.S.B. 1660, 1852; H. N. Biggin, P.P.G.O. 681; Wm. Wilde, P.M. 681; J. Diamond, W.M. 1028; A. Harrison, S.D. 681; W. H. Rangeley, 681; H. E. Holmes, P.M. 2263; Chas. G. Broomhead, W. G. Blanksby, Alfred Slack, W. R. Short, F. B. Pearson, W. H. Wagstaff, I. Wardle, J. H. Wood, J. Smith, Jos. Sier, J. Allen, W. H. Eyre, T. H. Furness, J. Butterworth, and H. Silcock.

The ceremony of installation was impressively conducted by Bro. Allcock, the retiring W.M., and the new W.M., Bro. Emery, most fittingly invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Allcock, I.P.M.; H. Butler, S.W.; G. E. Carline, J.W.; J. K. Swallow, Treas.; H. R. Proctor, Sec.; R. J. Barradell, S.D.; W. C. Furness, J.D.; W. T. Buckland, P.M., D. of C.; D. of C.; R. Green, I.G.; James Hoades and C. G. Broomhead, Stwds.; and W. Grayson, Tyler.

After the W.M. had received cordial congratulations, the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where Mr. W. H. Hawkins had arranged an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, "The Health of the W.M." being drunk with much enthusiasm.  
The musical portion of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Henry and others of Derby, and Bros. Wardle, H. R. Proctor, W. H. Rangeley, W. T. Buckland, Brigg, and Tandy.

**Llangattock Lodge, No. 2547.**

The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Monday, the 27th ult., in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. The latter included Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M.; S. Shipton, W.M. 365; A. Mackintosh, W.M. 110; H. G. Davies, P.M. 237, P.P.J.G.D.; W. S. Williams, W.M. 1754; W. J. Jenkins, W.M. 2720, P.P.G.S.B. Gloucester; Rees Jones, W.M. 2357; J. T. Hogg, P.M. 1992, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Thomas, W.M. 1688; A. Lewis, W.M. 2570; B. D. Jenkins, P.M. 1992, P.P.S.G.D.; and A. L. Roberts, P.M. 36, P.P.A.G.S.

Bro. W. A. Beer was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. S. Jones, and the officers were invested as follows: Bros. Samuel Jones, P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; W. H. Allen, S.W.; William Rees, J.W.; Rev. D. J. Sproule, Chap.; T. Mathews, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; C. J. Cudlipp, Sec.; T. Edwards, Asst. Sec.; D. S. Varzopollo, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; W. T. Morgan, S.D.; Ben Jenkins, J.D.; Ben Winfield, I.G.; George Bull, Org.; A. Calder, W. G. Rees, and J. D. Lewis, Stwds.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler.

In the evening a banquet took place at the Park Hotel, where the usual Masonic toast list was gone through. An excellent musical programme was also contributed by some of the guests.

**Royal Arch.**

**Aire and Calder Chapter, No. 428.**

This chapter, after being in abeyance for seven years, was re-installed at the new Masonic Rooms, Goole, on the 27th ult. Comp. W. Brooke, M.E.Z., 92, acted 1st, but Comp. Bray, H., and Dayson, J., have both been called since the last chapter to join the great majority. The M.E.Z., however, summoned to his assistance Comp. J. Constable, P.P.G.S.N., to act as H. and J., and Comps. Harrison and Boulton were duly elected as H. and J. The installation ceremony being performed by Comps. Brooke and Constable, Comps. Alcock and Robinson were elected and invested as S.E. and S.N., and Comp. Gooderidge as P.S. The chapter was then closed.

The companions afterwards partook of light refreshment in the ante-room.  
The cause of the long partial collapse of the chapter was the disastrous fire some years ago when Goole Market Hall and buildings, including the excellent suite of Masonic rooms, were utterly burnt to the ground.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. JAMES HENRY GRATON.**

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of Bro. James Henry Graton, J.P., which took place at his residence, Westfield House, Barnsley, on the 31st ult., at the comparatively early age of 51. The deceased was the son of a Freemason, and was initiated in the St. George's Lodge, No. 242, Doncaster, in 1871. In 1875 he assisted in founding the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, Barnsley, and he became its W.M. in 1877. At this time he was chief clerk in the Barnsley branch of the Wakefield and Barnsley Union Bank, and was appointed Manager in 1883, but his health failing, he resigned his appointment, the Directors marking their appreciation of his services by awarding him a substantial pension. During his connection with the bank, and in his retirement, the deceased brother took an intense interest in all that concerned Masonry. The Province of West Yorkshire rewarded his zeal by electing him Prov. G. Treasurer in 1883, and for nearly 20 years he acted as Charity Steward for the Friendly Lodge. His interest in Freemasonry was by no means confined to the Craft lodges. He was a P.Z. of the Friendly Chapter, No. 1513, and at the time of his death was First Principal of the Wharnclyffe Chapter, No. 1462, Penistone, in addition to having the rank of P.P.G. Treasurer of West Yorkshire. Amongst Mark Masons he was P.P.G.W. of West Yorkshire and P.G. Steward of England. He was P.E.P. of the Hope Preceptory, No. 4, Huddersfield, of Knights Templar, and P.P. of Malta in the same Preceptory, besides having the rank of P.G. Constable in the Province of West Yorkshire. He was P.T.I.M. of the White Rose Council of Royal and Select Masters, No. 17, Leeds, and also a member of the York College of Rosicrucians, and had recently been admitted a member of the 30th Degree. He had also joined the Rose Croix Masons, and was P.M.W.S. of the Leodiensis Chapter, No. 77, Leeds. Whilst he thus made a hobby of Freemasonry, he took an active interest in all the institutions of the town. He was one of the first Brough Magistrates appointed, and had for some time been one of the representatives of the North Ward in the Town Council. He was an esteemed member of the venerable Cordwainers' Society, and the Volunteers, the parish church and St. Peter's choirs, as well as the St. Celia Musical Society, have all had the advantage of his assistance and membership. The funeral took place on the 4th instant, and was attended by upwards of 40 brethren representing Prov. Grand Lodge (West Yorkshire), the Friendly Lodge, and the Wharnclyffe Chapter, in addition to the Mayor and Corporation, and members of other bodies with whom Bro. Graton was connected. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. J. Le Breton, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. West Yorkshire, who gave an impressive address to the brethren at the graveside.

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE OLD MASONIANS' ASSOCIATION.**

This annual dinner was held at the headquarters of the Association at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 25th ult. The President for the year, Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., G. Registrar, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. Weaver, P.M.; Horace Lewis, Hon. Sec.; R. Harold Williams; R. S. Chandler, Hon. Treas. of the Association, and W.M. elect 2700; and others.

After the preliminary toasts had been disposed of, the CHAIRMAN at once proceeded to propose "The Old Masonians." He said the idea was a grand one, and thoroughly English, for wherever they went they found old boys standing shoulder to shoulder, ever ready to meet together to renew old associations. Being Boat Race Day the men of the Universities had been celebrating the event, and the Old Masonians could feel the same interest, as the colour of their school was "blue." Bro. Eve and he were now "dark blue," but this was a grand thing, because they could "hedge" so beautifully. They all knew the subject of the toast better than he did. A more worthy institution in connection with Masonry or anything else did not exist. Being asked what the Association was, he said it was a sort of "Help Yourself Society," although he had known of such societies helping themselves a little too much. They did better to help each other when help was needed, and he knew what good the Benevolent Association of the Old Boys had done, and when others could hear of it their sympathy had been extended to the movement. He joined the Association as a Vice-President to show his interest in it, and he hoped they would have many years together, for he would come amongst them as often as he could. He would couple with the toast the name of the Hon. Treasurer, who had been heartily greeted as "good old plank," and must, therefore, have something to do with the old Roman Consul Plancus. Bro. Chandler was also Master elect of the Old Masonians' Lodge, and they would all join in wishing him a good year with plenty of work. Before he sat down he would read a telegram from Bro. Hebb, who was prevented by illness from attending.

Bro. R. S. CHANDLER, hon. Treas., in his response, said that throughout the memorable events of the Masonic world during the past year they, as old scholars of the Boys' School, had taken the greatest interest. They had in a small way done what they could. For the first time in the history of the School they had been directly represented by a Steward at the Festival. It was his great pleasure to be that Steward with a list of a little over £108, and that sum would have been greater if they could have communicated with more old scholars. They had commemorated the Centenary of the School in a substantial manner by the formation of the Old Masonians' Lodge, and had added 11 initiates and three joining mem-

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bers. The Old Masonians Association continued to prosper and gain strength. In the recent Soudan campaign Col. Sparkes, an old scholar, led one of the regiments to victory at Omdurman, and there were others scattered all over the world. The balance on their Benevolent Fund was now £150, and he hoped to see that increased.

"The Past and Vice-Presidents" was followed by "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

Bro. R. EVE, Past G. Treasurer, responded in a dual capacity for these two toasts.

The PRESIDENT announced as his successor Bro. Harry Manfield, a member of the Board of Management and a Patron of the Institution.

Mr. VINCENT LEE proposed "The Old Masonians' Lodge," which was acknowledged by

Bro. WATKINS, who was one of the pioneers of the Old Masonians' Institution. It was stated that the J.W. of the lodge would act as Steward at the next Boys' Festival, and the lodge would also be represented at the Girls' Festival.

"The Provincial Members," "The Visitors," and other toasts gave further opportunities for post-prandial remarks of a humorous and interesting nature.

## Instruction.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. C. Renard, W.M.; S. Cload, S.W.; G. T. Atkinson, J.W.; A. F. Hardyment, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M.; P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. Nicole, S.D.; J. Birks, P.M., J.D.; J. Ewings, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; H. R. Bower, C. T. Rayner, P.M., and F. H. Johnson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Rayner being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was also rehearsed, Bro. Rayner again being the candidate. Bro. Cload was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

On Monday, the 27th ult., the members of the Prince Frederick Lodge of Instruction, No. 753, visited the above lodge at the Earl Derby, High-road, Kilburn, when there were present Bros. Dr. Achard, W.M.; Swann, S.W.; Kruse, J.W.; Hands, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; F. Crocker, I.G.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; James Stephens, P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Thomas, Sec. 753; and about 40 other brethren.

Lodge being opened, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Goldstein acting as W.M. elect, who afterwards rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bros. Achard, Swann, Kruse, and H. J. Thomas were elected honorary members, and Bro. J. Stephens and a number of brethren became joining members. The lodge was then closed.

## 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 12th inst., at four p.m. The paper of agenda will include the appointment of the usual Committee to draw up the report for the past year.

BRO. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., the newly appointed Captain of Deal Castle, and Lady George Hamilton, spent part of the Easter holidays in Deal.

THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT is much better, but is still under the care of Dr. Shingleton Smith at Stoke House, Gloucestershire.

T.R.H. THE DUKE and DUCHESS of CUMBERLAND and family will return to Gmunden from Copenhagen on the 13th inst., in order to be present at the birthday of the Queen of Hanover on the 14th.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN MOWBRAY, the Father of the House of Commons, who has been staying in Cornwall since the death of Lady Mowbray, will return to town for the resumption of his Parliamentary duties after the Easter recess.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES is expected to visit Great Yarmouth the last week in May in connection with the annual review and inspection of the Norfolk Artillery. He will probably be accompanied by Bro. Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the Star Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 493, will be held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith (two minutes' walk from either of the Hammersmith Railway Stations), at 8.30 precisely, to which all Mark Master Masons are cordially invited.

THE INTENSE INTEREST shown in the problems surrounding the life of the aged poor is evidenced by the forthcoming publication of a cheap quarterly, entitled "Pensions and Progress," a magazine of help and old age pensions' record. The publisher is Mr. Upcott Gill, proprietor of the *Basaur*, and the editor Mr. C. H. Cook.

IT IS NOW ARRANGED that the Duke and Duchess of York will arrive at Gwydyr Castle, the seat of Bro. Earl and Countess Carrington, in the Conway Valley, on Monday, the 24th inst. On Wednesday a visit will be paid to Llandudno, where the Royal party are to attend a concert, restricted to an hour's performance, of Welsh vocal music.

HER MAJESTY has decided to celebrate her 80th birthday at Windsor Castle on the 24th prox. A large number of guests will be invited, and the Waterloo Chamber is being prepared, under the supervision of Mr. Leonard Collmann, Inspector of the Queen's Palace, for a performance of a portion of "Lohengrin" by the Covent-garden Royal Opera Company.

BRO. W. N. PREECE, C.B., late chief engineer of the Post Office, was on Saturday last officially appointed consulting engineer to the Department. This is a new office, which has been specially created in order to retain the benefit of Bro. Preece's experience in the arrangements required for carrying out the installation of the telephone system undertaken by the Government.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, attended by Lady Eva Dugdale, returned to London on Tuesday night from Cimiez. Her Royal Highness, who was received by Captain the Hon. Derek Keppel, travelled from Dover in a special train. On her arrival at Charing Cross the Duchess drove to York House, St. James's Palace.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR left Waterloo Station, accompanied by Mrs. Choate and Miss Mabel Choate, on Tuesday, for Bournemouth. Mr. Choate expects to remain there until to-morrow (Saturday) or Monday next. On his return he will go into residence at Carlton House-terrace.

THE CHURCH HALL, which Bro. F. J. Horniman, M.P., has erected in connection with St. Peter's, Dulwich Common, as a memorial to his late wife, was formally opened on Saturday afternoon by the Bishop of Southwark, who delivered an interesting address on the question of parish halls. The new hall is a substantial building, and will be a valuable acquisition to the parish.

THE ANNUAL SUPPER of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, was held on the 29th ult., at the Old Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, when Bro. Percy Day, the host, put an excellent repast upon the table. There were about 40 members present under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. C. Tyler, who was supported by Bro. W. M. Kenn.

THE GREAT MATCH between Roberts and Dawson on level terms for the Billiard Championship was brought to a conclusion on Easter Monday, after having been in progress for over a fortnight. The game was 18,000 up, and after an exciting contest Roberts proved the victor by the substantial majority of 1814 points. The match was financially a success. The room was crowded with spectators every afternoon and evening while the game was in progress, and the proceeds were announced as having exceeded £2,000.

BRO. MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD HUNTER, K.C.B., the ex-Governor of Omdurman, was presented with the freedom of the Royal borough of Irvine on Saturday last in presence of a large gathering of county gentry. In returning thanks for the presentation of the Burgess ticket, he alluded to the accusations recently made on the Sirdar as to the alleged slaughtering of the men who were fighting against them. The attack was an ignorant one. As second in command, he would have been the first to know if such an order had been given, and he never heard a word of it until the statements were made in an English magazine.

THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE.—The 29th annual ball in aid of the funds of this institution will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 28th inst., and will be attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Sheriff, and Under-Sheriffs. The orphanage building accommodates 260 children. A compassionate allowance of 2s. 6d. weekly up to the age of 13 years is granted to each child for whom room cannot be found in the orphanage, and this arrangement has given the greatest satisfaction to the whole force. The expenditure under this head amounted last year to £5314, distributed among 800 children.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, the Patron of Scottish Freemasonry, has graciously consented to become Patron of the Festival to be held by the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, in celebration of the Centenary of their consecutive Minutes. The date fixed is the 5th July, when his Royal Highness, who is a member of the lodge, is to visit Edinburgh to attend the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show. The arrangements are in the hands of an influential Committee, who, at a meeting held in Grand Lodge Board Room on Thursday, resolved that the celebration should take the form of a grand banquet, tickets for which, price 21s. inclusive, will be ready shortly.

WITH A VIEW to reviving the Masonic Order, a meeting of Masons was held in the New Inn, Ellon, Scotland, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., Bro. James Pittendreich presiding. The office-bearers were appointed as follows: Bros. J. Pittendreich, R.W.M.; W. Tocher, D.M.; J. Ingram, S.M.; D. Haggarty, S.W.; J. Mathew, J.W.; J. Brown, S.D.; W. Shand, J.D.; J. Donaldson, I.G.; Fowlie, Chap.; Alexander Cran, Treas.; Edward Reid, Sec.; and Craik and Riddoch, Stewards. There was once a lodge before in Ellon with an old charter. It was unanimously resolved to endeavour to renew this charter for the newly-formed lodge. The lodge was agreed to be called the Ythan Lodge. The meeting was largely attended.

SALE OF WAR MEDALS.—At the monthly sale of war medals at Debenham, Storr, and Sons' Rooms, in Covent Garden, about 200 lots were disposed of, and the following prices obtained: An officer's gold Peninsular medal for Salamanca sold for £80; a silver Peninsular medal with bar Benevente, £34; ditto bar Guadeloupe, £19; Peninsular medal with one bar, £9 10s.; another with three clasps, £17 10s.; ditto with two clasps, £11 10s.; ditto ten clasps, £18; ditto nine clasps, 10s. guineas; ditto eight clasps, £12 5s.; ditto seven clasps, £10 10s. A Waterloo medal and regimental medal, £14 10s.; another with clasp Quatre Bras, £10; two old Volunteer medals, £12 each; a Punjab medal, £10 10s.; an Indian medal with two clasps, £13 10s.; an Egyptian medal with five bars, £9 10s.; and a West African medal, £9.

THERE WAS A LARGE ATTENDANCE both at the Mansion House and at Christ Church on Tuesday on the occasion of the visit of the Blue Coat Boys. At the former several hundred "Blues" marched past the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir J. V. Moore), the Grecians receiving a guinea, while half-guineas, half-crowns, and shillings were given to the rest according to position. The Lord Mayor and Sheriff, Aldermen Bro. Vaughan, Morgan, Pound, Strong, and Crosby, M.D., Bro. Sir John Monckton (Town Clerk), and Bro. Under-Sheriff Halse, with the Sword and Mace Bearers, were present in full-dress, as also the Rev. Prebendary Whittington (the Lord Mayor's Chaplain). A procession to Christ Church, Newgate-street, took place after the boys had had the customary refectory, the Bishop of Carlisle preaching an interesting sermon having reference to recent discoveries at Jerusalem.

CONCERNING THE latest book dealing with the development of the Craft in England, by V.W. Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., the *Newcastle Daily Leader* says: "The work is one which will be read with interest by all who are in any way associated with the Brotherhood. . . . As step by step Mr. Strachan leads the way through the bewildering labyrinth of early Masonic history the interest deepens. The book forms, indeed, not only a history of the growth and development of Masonry in Northumberland; but our Northern county may fairly be taken as a type of all Masonry now under the control and guidance of the Grand Lodge of England. . . . Fain would we linger longer over the pages of this fascinating volume, but the space at our disposal forbids the pleasure. Such quotations as we have given serve only as an indication of the excellent matter which has been collected at the expenditure of much thought, earnest research, and ardent toil. We can well believe that to Mr. Strachan the task has been a labour of love. The Masonic world is indebted to him for one of the most interesting and valuable records on the subject of Freemasonry that has yet been produced. But not only is the work useful to members of the Craft. All thinkers, and especially such as are concerned in the study of archaeology, will find 'Northumbrian Masonry' a storehouse of information. Mr. Strachan has, indeed, done inestimable service in clearing away much of the darkness that surrounded the early history of Masonry, not only in Northumberland, but throughout the country."



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