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THE SPURIOUS AND CLANDESTINE MARK LODGE.

As a rule, we think it wise for a Supreme Masonic Authority, especially when it is one whose position is universally recognised, to leave unnoticed any body professing to work the same or a similar system of degrees which is small in numbers and smaller still in influence, and of whose existence those who live outside the locality or district in which it meets are for the most part unaware. The formal denunciation of such a body as spurious and clandestine at once invests it with an importance which, had it been left alone in its insignificance, it could never have hoped to attain. People seem inclined to argue that when extreme measures are taken by a powerful organisation against a small one, there must be other and stronger reasons than those which have been permitted to appear. Thus, as regards the Mark body, with a very long and high-sounding title, which claims to preside over the Mark Degree in the Ashton district, there is probably not one English Mark Master Mason in 500 that ever heard of its existence until it was mentioned in the recent Report of the General Board, and certainly not one who thinks it will endanger the supremacy of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales, &c., &c. This body, which is said to have been established towards the close of last century, and whose records clearly indicate that it was working in July, 1830, has—taking the latter date for our guide—been in existence for close upon 70 years, during 43 of which there has been a Mark Grand Lodge of England, yet no one has been the wiser, or, as far as we are aware, been interfered with in his character of a Mark Mason. It has been known at different times by different titles, and in 1870, as the General Board informed us in its Report, the then Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Mark Grand Lodge offered it a warrant of confirmation without charge and to enrol its members as legitimate Mark Masons at a nominal fee, but a Funeral Fund subscribed to by the members stopped the way and the proposal came to nothing. Lately the Funeral Fund has ceased to exist, and the body has now dubbed itself the Honourable United Grand Lodge, &c., &c., for the Ashton district. It is still to all interests and purposes the same body and working under the same authority, that is, under the warrant of one or other of the Craft lodges in the neighbourhood, but it styles itself a "Grand" Lodge, and the true and only Mark Grand Lodge of England, brooking no rival, has just declared it to be spurious and clandestine, though 29 years ago, when it was known by a different title, the said G. Lodge was ready and willing to grant it a warrant of confirmation. The present proceeding

may be necessary, but it does not strike us as being dignified or consistent with the offer of 1870, nor having regard to the statement made by the Secretary of this self-styled United Grand Lodge that such an edict as has now been issued would affect only a very few of its members, would it appear to be very wise.

Judging from the discussion which took place in Mark Grand Lodge, when the President of the General Board proposed his resolution, declaring these people in the Ashton district to be a spurious and clandestine body, and the hint thrown out by him as to the attention of the M.W. G. Master of United Grand Lodge being about to be called to the Craft lodges and the irregularities they have been sanctioning, we think the better course would have been to have taken this step first of all, and then, in all probability, there would have been no cause for employing the powers with which Mark Grand Lodge is invested in order to put down this paltry body. In the old days, when the Mark was worked under Craft warrants, it was, we believe, worked separately, and the Craft Book of Constitutions, so far as it related to the definition of pure and ancient Masonry as settled at the Union in 1813, was not violated. In the case of this body in the Ashton district, we gather from the description given by the President of the mode of procedure, that the Craft lodge which lends its sanction for Mark purposes, meets "on a day not named" in its by-laws, "viz., on a Sunday," when "they open in the Three Degrees, and then go through this Degree of Mark Master Mason." This is so manifestly contrary to the laws of Craft Masonry, under which the Mark is not recognised, that we imagine there can be no difficulty in putting an end to the practice, and the authority to meet for Mark purposes being withheld, this self-styled Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons will, *ipso facto*, cease to exist.

It must not be supposed that we have the slightest feeling of sympathy with this body, neither do we call in question the power or the right of the Mark Grand Lodge to do what it has done. The statement by Bro. Dr. BREWER that in 1858 it set itself against the Lodge of Fidelity, which held its warrant from Lord LEIGH, then Mark Grand Master, and was instrumental in causing it "to cease its meetings for many years," would alone suffice to drive any such feeling from our mind. We hold that the Mark Degree and all appertaining to it should be governed by the Mark Grand Lodge. What we do question is the wisdom and expediency of the course adopted. From what we have learned from Masonic history the policy of denunciation has not been remarkably successful.

THE CRAFT IN BOMBAY.

We have received within a few days of each other copies of the Reports of Proceedings at the annual meeting (1) of the District Grand Lodge, and (2) of the District Grand Chapter of Bombay, and from the ample information contained in both it is not difficult to realise that the position of the Craft in the Presidency is, on the whole, satisfactory. The Dep. District Grand Master, Bro. I. M. SHIELDS, who is evidently not a man of a particularly buoyant temperament, in addressing District Grand Lodge at the outset of the proceedings, remarked; "The condition of our daughter lodges is fairly satisfactory, and although I can hardly describe Freemasonry in this Presidency as flourishing, yet considering the many adverse circumstances with which we have been struggling during the past three years, and the general depression caused by the ravages of the plague,

I think we should feel content that our lodges have not only held their own, but made some progress, however slight it may be." The tone of these remarks appears to be somewhat depressing. If, in the circumstances he describes, and, indeed, in spite of them, Freemasonry has not only held its ground, but also made some slight progress, it strikes us there is great reason for rejoicing. Moreover, the day on which they were made was the one appointed for the dedication of the new Hall erected in Bombay, after years of laborious effort, for the accommodation of the lodges of the English and Scottish Constitutions, and a tone of triumph at the splendid result of these efforts would, in our humble opinion, have been more appropriate than the mournful admission which Bro. SHIELDS appears to have felt himself constrained to make that, after all, things might have been worse and the lodges might not have made the slight progress he acknowledges. However, when his Excellency Bro. Lord SANDHURST appeared on the scene in his dual capacity of Pro District Grand Master under the English Constitution and Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India under the Scottish, matters brightened considerably, and when his lordship had appointed his District Grand Officers for the ensuing year and invested his worthy Deputy District Grand Master with the collar of an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bro. R. S. BROWN, President of the Freemasons' Joint Hall Committee, having described at length the measures which had been taken to raise the funds for the erection of their new Hall, and having rendered just tributes of praise to whom, for their generous donations or the services they had otherwise rendered, such tributes were due, invited his Excellency to dedicate the building, of which he (Lord SANDHURST) had laid the first stone in June, 1897. The invitation was at once acceded to and the ceremonies carried out with all the pomp and circumstance befitting so auspicious an occasion. Then, on the invitation of Bro. SHIELDS, his Deputy, his lordship presented a magnificent vase and cup to Bro. DARASHA R. CHICHGUR, in recognition of his long and valuable services to Freemasonry, but more especially in respect of those he had rendered in connection with the new Hall. The several reports from the Dist. G. Sec. and other officers were presented and the information they disclose as to the state of the lodges—of which there are 30 in active working on the roll of Dist. G. Lodge—the monetary position of the several Funds connected with the Dist. G. Lodge, the Joint Hall Account, and the Bombay Educational Association, testifies that Freemasonry in Bombay, is in a very flourishing state, and only needs the advent of better times in order to become still more so.

The annual convocation of the Dist. G. Chapter was held on the 17th April last under the presidency of M.E. Comp. the Hon. H. J. PARSONS, I.C.S., G. Superintendent. There appears to have been only a moderate attendance of officers and others, but there are only six chapters in working order in the District, and though from the statistics furnished some of them seem to be numerically very strong, there was no great amount of enthusiasm in the proceedings, and we trust that at no distant period Royal Arch Masonry in Bombay will find itself on a better footing and stronger relatively to Craft Masonry than it is at present.

THE CRAFT IN GREATER BRITAIN.

(COMMUNICATED).

I. — I N D I A.

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Outside the Presidency towns Indian Freemasonry is subject to many vicissitudes. Lodges will go into abeyance in the most unexpected manner. An expedition is undertaken on the frontier, for example; the regiment, members of which comprise nine-tenths of the lodge, is ordered to the front, and resignations come in wholesale, and the lodge is left with, perhaps, a couple of members, neither of whom is capable of summoning a meeting, or, indeed, legally qualified to do so. Under these circumstances, the lodge fails to meet; no returns are sent in; and, after waiting for 12 months, the long-suffering District Grand Master sends for the warrant. Sometimes it can be found—sometimes not. A very hazy idea of the importance of the warrant seems to

prevail in many Indian up-country stations. In three instances, the writer, who was engaged in making official visitations, found the warrant adorning the private sanctum of the Secretary at his private residence. In one case it was found rolled up in the very parcel in which it had come from the Grand Secretary's office, and in this condition was stowed away in a side-room, where the occasional properties were disposed.

This, however, is a digression.

The warrant, we will suppose, finds its way to the District Grand Secretary, and remains with him some years, until some zealous Mason finds himself transferred to the station in question, with some prospect of remaining there, and then the warrant is entrusted to him, and his efforts cause a revival and another spell of existence—followed by another eclipse. The light of Freemasonry may, therefore, be said to be of the intermittent or flashing description in these cases. This is a very marked feature in the side Degrees. A Templar preceptory has been known to exist in a station—in name only—for a dozen years, the property being in the custody of the solitary sir knight who was left. Then a change comes o'er the scene. Some half-dozen neophytes express their desire to receive admission to the Order, and sir knights are telegraphed to, even 300 miles away, to come and assist in forming a preceptory for the purpose. And, what is more, they come!

It is no uncommon thing in India for a lodge to meet, pursuant to summons, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master elect, and to find, on reaching the lodge room, that the Wor. Master elect is 300 miles away and likely to remain so, owing to sudden transfer by an unsympathetic and unmasonic Government. When this occurs, then the District Grand Secretary has a very anxious time. He is bombarded by telegrams asking for permission to do the most extraordinary things. The only course to pursue, he replies, is for the actual Wor. Master to stop where he is till the next regular period of election. This, however, he is perhaps unwilling to do, and so the next annual period of election has to be accelerated, and by-laws have to be altered accordingly. But the alteration of by-laws takes time, and under the most favourable circumstances six months must elapse before the alteration can be acted upon. Under these circumstances a District Grand Master has been known to give "provisional consent to act upon the alteration." This prerogative of a District Grand Master is not found, needless to say, in the Constitutions, and it is only mentioned here to illustrate a somewhat unique feature of Indian Freemasonry.

It is difficult to know the exact age of an Indian lodge, if it have any pretensions to antiquity. There is one lodge which says it has been in existence about 130 years, and possibly they believe it. As probably the odd hundred years have been passed in a state of abeyance, we fear they will experience some difficulty in getting a centenary warrant. Had Bro. Lane been on the spot he could have made the Indian section of his work uncommonly interesting. It was the fashion in the good old days for lodges to sell their warrants to one another. A lodge might be on the point of breaking up, and would hear of certain brethren in another station anxious to form a lodge. They would sell them their furniture and throw the warrant in. One well-known lodge in India owes its existence to the fact that some three brethren discovered a warrant in a well, in a station where a mutiny had recently occurred, and they boldly took not only the warrant but adopted the number of a lodge that had been working 30 years, and they thus started existence with the respectable weight of 30 years behind them. And they still possess that number on the Grand Lodge register! The powers of a District Grand Master, say the Constitutions are required to be more extensive than those of Provincial Grand Masters, and so indeed it would seem. Sixty or 80 years ago many lodges existed in India which never got on to the Grand Lodge register at all. They had a number on the Provincial Grand Lodge register and that number was naturally very frequently mistaken for the more legitimate one, and a lodge thus acquired a spurious antiquity which it did its best to bolster up afterwards.

In the Presidency towns, the side Degrees are worked with much enthusiasm and flourish exceedingly. The fees are in all cases exceptionally low, *e.g.*, it only costs three guineas to become a Knight Templar. The various statutes, regulations, &c., governing these Degrees, regard the colonial Mason with great tenderness, and they contain all sorts of exceptional provisions designed to make his path easy.

The Craft in India is governed by five District Grand Masters, as far as the English Constitution is concerned. The districts are Madras, Bengal, Bombay, the Punjab, and Burma. Bengal and Burma have both recently had to deplore the death of their respective District Grand Masters. There is also the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, whose headquarters are at Bombay, and Lord Sandhurst, the Governor of the Bombay

Presidency, is the ruler under both Constitutions. The titular ruler of the Bombay district is H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who, it will be remembered, was at one time Commander-in-Chief in Bombay. Each of these districts possesses its Masonic Charities, and they are well supported, but it must be confessed that very little support is given to the great Masonic Charities at home. Lieut.-Col. Sir George Moore, R.A., is the District Grand Master for Madras, and rules all the other Orders as well. The Hon. Sir H. T. Prinsep rules Bengal, General Wolseley is Dist. Grand Master for the Punjab, Lord Sandhurst for Bombay, and R.W. Bro. J. C. Moyle rules Burma. All these are in the strictest sense of the word workers, and are able to teach those over whom they are placed, not only by precept, but by example.

Visiting is carried on to a much greater extent than in England, and we should be disposed to say there is more "camaraderie." Every subscribing member of a lodge is known to every other in the same district, and fraternal feeling is very highly developed. Possibly the sense of community in exile has something to do with this, but the feeling does not only exist as between one brother and another, but between each lodge and every other.

The Indian brother will be found, as a rule, to possess a literary turn of mind. The proportion of Indian brethren who belong to the Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati is large, and a great number of them are well skilled in the science. Lodges of instruction abound, not only for the rank and file, but for Past Masters. Masonic literature is eagerly read—always excepting the Book of Constitutions. There are two Masonic journals, the *Indian Freemason* and the *Indian Masonic Review*; and a very readable history of the Craft in the southern part of the Peninsula was recently compiled by W. Bro. Malden. Bro. Leslie has drawn up a history of what, from many points of view, is the leading lodge in India—Lodge Stewart; and Masonic literature of another kind has been contributed to by W. Bro. Lawrence, who edited a manual of Masonic jurisprudence entitled "Grand Lodge Decisions."

Altogether, in summing up Indian Freemasonry, we may say that the Craft prospers. Brethren are earnest and enthusiastic, and high Masonic qualities are developed; and if only the Book of Constitutions were a little more studied by the up-country brother there would not be much left to desire.

(To be continued).

A HANDY WEE BOOK.

Once a year (and useful all the year round) appears "Manning's Masonic Register of F. and A. M. for the State of Penn'a." This time it is for 1899-1900, and, as usual, is issued by the Masonic Publishing Co., which firm provides the racy *Keystone* weekly for the Craft.

I have many Masonic Directories for Provinces, Grand Lodges, &c., but there is not one that contains such a mass of information in so small a bulk (its 350 pages only occupying a quarter of an inch in thickness) as this "Masonic Register," and the arrangements of the text, with a very full index, leaves nothing to be desired.

The roll of Past Grand Masters of Penn'a makes an imposing list, but it must be remembered that to 1749 the Grand Lodge was practically an independent body; the actual connection with the Grand Lodge of England, so far as we can judge, not beginning until the end of the 5th decade, when William Allen was appointed by Lord Byron, G.M., as *Provincial Grand Master*, and then there were the *Prov. G.L.* appointments of the "Ancients" to 1786, after which the Grand Lodge of Penn'a became a Sovereign Body. The Grand Masters are then noted from 1786 to 1899.

Full particulars are given of the 429 lodges (with their 54,000 members) and the 121 chapters of the R.A. (with their 17,500 companions), as well as the other Masonic Bodies, such as the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., and the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templars for Penn'a, &c. The Masonic Home, the Temple Art Association, and the three separate Mark lodges are all duly noted and described; whilst, under the Grand Lodge, the various Trustees for the several excellent Charity Funds are also given, so that the Directory is well worthy of its name and fame, and cannot fail to be a most useful companion for the Fraternity in the "Keystone State," by whom, doubtless, the edition will soon be exhausted.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARTS LODGE, No. 2751.

The above lodge was consecrated on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., by Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair, S.G.D., as S.W.; Bro. Henry Sutherland, M.D., P.G.D., as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. Canon J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Bro. Charles Martin, P.A.G.D.C., as I.G. The lodge has been founded for the convenience of professors of the arts of sculpture and painting, and is the first lodge devoted exclusively to these particular professions. It is expected that it will have a run of good prosperity, as already there are several members of these sister arts waiting to join it. The meeting on Tuesday was an unequivocal success and all the arrangements were perfect. The ceremonies were admirably performed, and there

was placed in the hands of every one who attended a programme in book form in old-faced type, and fully bearing out in its artistic get-up the title of the lodge, "Arts."

The brethren who had the privilege of witnessing the ceremonies were the founders of the lodge—Bros. George Simonds, W.M. designate; Graham Nicholas, Francis J. Short, J. Erskine Knott, Thomas Stirling Lee, W. S. Frith, C. Harrison Townsend, Francis Bate, and H. Harris Brown.

The visitors were Bros. Henry Faith, P.M. 1005, P.P.G.D. Gloucestershire; G. R. Studman, P.M. 1005, P.P.G.S. Gloucestershire; Frank Tebbutt, Stwd. 2698; H. W. Schartau, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middlesex; G. Stubbs, 771; R. G. Knox, 1563; W. S. Coleman, 2682; Alexander H. Haig; J. Woodrow Matthews, W.M. 23; H. Haynes, P.M. 162; W. Zotufuis, 1760; William Beattie; E. M. Money, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Fell, 1706; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; T. Burne, P.M. 1628, P.P. S.G.D. Sussex; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. S. Trower, 1118.

Bro. Schartau, P.G. Org. Middx., and his assistants performed the musical portion of the ceremonies.

After the lodge had been opened, and the preliminaries disposed of,

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH said: Brethren, it will not be necessary for me to occupy your time for many moments with words of my own on this occasion. We are met, as you are all well aware, for a very interesting purpose—to constitute and consecrate a new lodge; to add one more to the long list of lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The lodge we are about to inaugurate to-day will hereafter be known as "The Arts Lodge;" and it will be composed almost entirely of those connected with the arts of sculpture and painting. I am sure I am expressing the feeling of all present when I utter the hope that this lodge will have a most successful future, that it may accomplish all the objects which the founders have more especially in view, and that it may be the means of advancing the interests of Masonry in the metropolis. Brethren, as this lodge is about to be dedicated to the honour and glory of Almighty God I will ask the Chaplain now to give us the benefit of prayer.

This was accordingly done, and Canon BROWNRIFF afterwards delivered the oration, and the ceremony of consecration was duly performed. This over, the Grand Secretary installed Bro. George Simonds, P.M., P.G. Stwd., as W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Graham G. Nicholas was invested as S.W., Bro. Francis J. Short as J.W., Bro. J. Erskine Knox as Treasurer, Bro. Thomas Stirling Lee as Secretary, Bro. William S. Frith as S.D., Bro. C. Harrison Townsend as J.D., Bro. Francis Tate as I.G., and Bro. Henry Martin, P.M., as Tyler.

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were also elected honorary members of the lodge; and a founder's jewel was presented to Bro. E. Letchworth. The W.M., the Wardens, the Treasurer, and the Secretary were elected a committee to frame the by-laws.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a choice banquet, and after disposing thereof, they honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. G. SIMONDS, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," said the lodge was exceptionally fortunate—more fortunate, perhaps, than it would ever be again—in having there so large a number of Grand Officers, and he was happy to say most of them were honorary members of the lodge.

Bro. Canon BROWNRIFF, P.G.C., responded, and said the Grand Officers hoped to come to the lodge again, and when they did so they would come as art critics. They wished the lodge a successful future.

Bro. G. SIMONDS, W.M., proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said the toast was the most important toast of the evening, because it could never occur again in that lodge. To many of the brethren the consecration of a new lodge was a new experience; to himself it was; and the manner in which it had been performed was most solemn and impressive. Those who had had the privilege of listening to Bros. Letchworth and Canon Brownrigg, and who saw the excellent work that was done by Bro. Frank Richardson, who arranged and directed the ceremony, would all remember it. They had witnessed one of the finest and most impressive ceremonials it could fall to the lot of Masons to see. The lodge had already tried to express its gratitude to those brethren for taking it in hand and organising and establishing the members into a regular lodge, which they hoped would rise from small beginnings to great ends, and justify the expectations they naturally had formed of it.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., responded, assuring the brethren that it had given all the Consecrating Officers the greatest pleasure to be present and do the work. It had given him personally great pleasure to instal Bro. Simonds as W.M., and he trusted that under his able and genial rule the lodge might have a most agreeable year before it.

Bro. Rear-Admiral ST. CLAIR, G.D., proposed "The W.M." To be W.M. of the Arts Lodge was to be the holder of a most important office. If it was not filled well, both bodily and mentally, during the first year of a new lodge, it would make matters very unpleasant and not at all satisfactory for the brethren. In a lodge after its first year the W.M., year after year, was backed by Past Masters, and what he had to try to do was to improve; but in the first year of a lodge an immense deal depended upon the W.M., to see that the officers did their work well, that everything was in order, and all this placed a great responsibility, both bodily and mentally, on a W.M. He congratulated the lodge on having such a distinguished brother as Bro. Simonds for its first W.M. He would not repeat the formula the brethren had heard in the lodge-room, which could not be improved upon; but he echoed it, and wished Bro. Simonds health and strength to carry out his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. He (Bro. St. Clair) had been once or twice a W.M., and knew what it was to wish the brother a very satisfactory year. He would give this good bit of advice although it might come badly from him. He was glad to see that the brethren had not started the lodge with too many members. It was better to begin small and go for quality rather than quantity. It was their duty to see to the antecedents of proposed initiates and joining members and find whether they were likely to do good to Masonry in general, and to the lodge in particular. Some lodges tried to get their numbers up and show a large increase in membership. That would be well if the brethren turned out all right, but it sometimes occurred that in trying to get large numbers they were not so careful as they should be. Keep the lodge select and it would be well. He had no doubt it would be done thoroughly in this lodge. He hoped it would have a prosperous year and that the W.M. would be well supported by the brethren generally. After thanking the brethren for electing the Consecrating Officers honorary

members he hoped they would periodically visit the lodge and see its progress.

Bro. G. SIMONDS, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said the duty now imposed upon him was difficult, because it was hard for him to find words to express his thanks for the kind words used by the Admiral. He supposed there were few prouder moments in a Mason's life than when a brother was called upon for the first time to respond as Master of a lodge; but when he was called upon to respond as the first Master of a lodge for the first time his pride ought to be doubly great. But pride went before a fall, and while he felt—he hoped not unduly—elated by what had been said, and the applause with which the toast had been received, he also felt the responsibilities cast upon him. Bro. St. Clair had very rightly said that the first year or two of a lodge was the time when it behoved that lodge to be most careful, and that the brethren should be particularly careful about the men they introduced. It was all very well to say they had an Arts Lodge, and there was no doubt that many men who were not sculptors or painters would be admitted as professors of art. If an architect was not a Mason he would like to know who was; he would be a very poor builder if he was not, and if a painter was not a Mason, then our Masonic buildings would run a very great risk of going unadorned. Therefore, there was a necessity for an Arts Lodge, and it was extraordinary there should have been no Arts Lodge in London or anywhere else. He believed the secret was that artists, as a rule, were not Londoners. They came from different parts of the country, and if as young men they had been initiated in country lodges, when they came up to London, the great arena where all artists fought, and continued subscribing members of their lodges for a time, the attractions, engagements, and duties of London made it difficult for them to go to the country, and they ceased first to go to their lodges and then to subscribe to them, and so they dropped out of Masonry. That had been the case, and it was useless to ask men who had been 30 or 40 years out of Masonry to form an Arts Lodge. But, fortunately, the Secretary of the Arts Lodge, Bro. Stirling Lee, took the matter up and such a lodge had become an accomplished fact, Bro. Lee having found argument to convince him they could get such a lodge together. He was sorry they had no Royal Academicians among the members; still they might have; but they had hard working artists with a due conception of their profession and of Masonry. What the Admiral had said was quite correct; it was the wisest advice that could be given when he told them to be careful that they knew thoroughly the sort of persons whom they proposed as initiates or joining members. Those who had been proposed that evening were well known to him (Bro. Simonds), or those by whom they were proposed.

Bro. J. WOODROW MATTHEWS, W.M. 23, P.G.S., replied to the toast of "The Visitors." The W.M. he had known ever since his (Bro. Matthews) initiation. Bro. Simonds was initiated in the same lodge. He considered it a great honour to be invited to the consecration of the Arts Lodge, and he congratulated him on becoming the first Master of it.

Bros. NICHOLAS, S.W., and STIRLING LEE, Sec., responded to the toast of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast was afterwards given, and the brethren brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cheshire was held at the Mechanics' Institute, Stockport, on Saturday, the 10th instant, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., K.C.T., P.G.W., &c., in the chair. Prominent amongst the large number of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers present we noticed

Bros. Col. C. A. Dean, P.P.G.M.; Richard Newhouse, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. C. S. Brewer, A.G.D.C., Prov. S.G.W.; C. Edwards, Prov. J.G.W.; James Cookson, P.P.G.W.; John Armstrong, P.P.G.W.; F. Broadsmith, P.P.G.W.; H. Gordon-Small, P.P.G.W.; J. Hammond Danby, P.P.G.W.; Samuel Davies, P.P.G.W.; E. Marston, P.P.G.O.; W. F. Robinson, P.G.O.; J. H. Jackson, P.P.G.O.; John Lee, P.P.G.O.; J. S. Holmes, P.P.G.O.; F. Moore, P.P.G.O.; John Meyer, P.P.G.O.; John Mantle, P.P.G.D.; James Smith, P.P.G. Std. Br.; L. Crosthwaite, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Dykes, P.P.G.S.; J. S. Derbyshire, Prov. G.D. of C.; the Rev. S. Nunn; J. Powell Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Booth, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Ferguson, P.A.G. Sec.; J. R. R. Jeffrey, Prov. G. Treas.; R. L. Bourne, P.P.G.O.; and Capt. F. R. Ore.

After assuming the chair, the Prov. Grand Master was saluted with Grand honours according to his exalted rank, and a similar compliment was paid to the Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Officers present.

The roll of lodges was called over by the Prov. G. Secretary, and all were found to be represented, after which the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts submitted and adopted.

On the motion of Bro. J. POWELL-JONES, seconded by Bro. JAMES COOKSON, Bro. J. R. R. Jeffrey was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed a few words to the assembled brethren, and, after thanking them for their support, mentioned that the province was making steady progress, which was most marked in its wealthier portions. He thought the older Mark Masons ought to impress on their younger brethren of the Craft the charm and beauty of the Mark Degree. It was, in fact, the duty of all Mark Masons to urge all worthy members of the Craft to become acquainted with the Degree. It was a most regrettable circumstance that the Grand Master had had at last to take action against the body calling itself "The Hon. United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons, Ashton District," which operated to the detriment of regular Mark Masonry in the whole of the eastern parts of Cheshire. Their loyalty to their Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, made it essential that in England and Wales at least, there must be no opposition to his sway as Supreme Ruler of the Mark Degree. This Ashton body had been approached on several occasions, and requested to own allegiance to his Royal Highness, and the most kindly consideration promised them, but all communications from the Grand Lodge they treated with silent contempt. Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, O.C., President of the General Board, at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, moved the following resolution, which after

full discussion was unanimously agreed to: "That the body styling itself 'The Honourable United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Mark Masons, Ashton District,' is a spurious and clandestine body, and all members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown are hereby prohibited from visiting or countenancing such body, or from receiving any member thereof as a visitor in any body of Mark Master Masons under this jurisdiction." He must enjoin upon all the brethren to carefully act on that resolution, and to take special care neither to receive as visitor nor in any way to countenance any member of this clandestine lodge. The Prov. G. Master also referred to the circumstances which led him to accept the chairmanship of the last Mark Festival in London, in face of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and was successful. He expressed his thanks for the great support he received, which was as good as he could possibly expect under the circumstances.

Bro. NEWHOUSE, Prov. G. Sec., reported that he had had a communication from Bro. Letchworth, Grand Secretary of the Craft, who, while taking no cognisance of the Mark Degree, had requested him to make enquiries from the several Craft lodges in the eastern division of Cheshire, which are alleged to have opened their lodge on a Sunday to further the proceedings of the Ashton Mark Lodge, and thus being parties to a grave irregularity, that the conduct of the several lodges so offending may be brought before the Board of General Purposes of the Craft.

Bro. G. Hammond-Darling was re-nominated Auditor by the Prov. Grand Master.

Bros. E. Marston, W.M. 11, and Peter Davies, W.M. 165, were elected Auditors by Prov. Grand Lodge.

A vote of condolence to the family of the late Bro. John Clayton, P.P. S.G.W., was unanimously agreed to, on the motion of the Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Secretary was requested to communicate it in proper terms.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the Prov. G. Officers as follows:

Bro. Col. C. S. Dean	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" James Cookson	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Frank W. Moore	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" R. L. Bourne	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" L. Crosthwaite	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" R. G. Jones	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. R. Nunn	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. R. R. Jeffrey	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Laurische	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Newhouse	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Ferguson	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" A. Rutherford	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. J. Newton	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Stewart Edwards, M.A. Oxon.	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. Derbyshire	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Dykes	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Captain F. R. Ore	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. H. Benyon	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Wm. Hudson	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Hawker	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Walkden	...	...
" A. Huxley	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the cordial invitation of Bro. Frederick Boadsmith on behalf of the Altrincham Lodge, No. 148, the Prov. Grand Master decided to hold the next annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at Altrincham.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Provincial Grand Master, the vice-chairs being occupied by Bros. James Cookson, P.S.G.W., and Frank Moore, P.J.G.W.

All the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were fully honoured.

The greatest credit is due to Bro. J. Powell Jones for the admirable manner with which all the arrangements were carried out.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIR REGINALD HANSON, BART., M.P., AS PROV. G. MASTER.

A large and representative gathering of Mark Master Masons assembled at the Midland Grand Hotel, on Monday, the 12th inst., at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. H. R. Graham, M.P., Prov. S.G.W., assisted by other Prov. Grand Officers, and the minutes were read and confirmed.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was adopted and Bro. W. M. Stiles was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The Dep. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Dungarvan, then entered, escorted by the Grand Officers, assumed the chair and was saluted.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., the Prov. G.M. designate, was announced, and his patent of appointment having been examined, he was introduced, obligated, invested, and duly installed into the chair. The Prov. G.M. was proclaimed and saluted, and then announced the appointment of Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., as Dep. Prov. G.M., who was obligated and invested in proper form.

The officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were invested as follows:

Bro. J. C. Fitzroy Tower, 504	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Irvine, 494	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Major-General Astley Terry, 448	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" N. Sherwood, 3	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" C. H. Perryman, 284	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Russell Finlay, 448	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. M. Stiles, 494	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. H. Scurrah, 494	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Stewart Brown, 448	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. B. I'Anson, 504	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" James Hill, 181	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.

Bro. Capt. C. J. Knightley, 284	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
H. Longman, 494	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
J. R. Ubsdell, 181	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Lieut.-Col. Leyden, 448	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
F. Toogood, M.D., 357	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
J. Bayne, 485	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
F. J. Mitchell	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. George Graveley, Capt. Knightley, W. A. Scurrah, and G. J. Thomas were elected a Committee of General Purposes.

Bro. A. STEWART BROWN, Prov. G. Sec., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Grand Master for the able manner in which he had discharged the duty of installation, which was seconded by Bro. TOWER, Prov. S.G.W., and carried *nem con*.

The DEP. G.M., in acknowledging the vote, said it always gave him pleasure to discharge the duties of Pro G.M. when the Earl of Euston was unable to be present. His pleasure had been increased that day by the fact that he had installed his old friend Sir Reginald Hanson, to whom he wished all success as Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.

Letters of regret were announced from Bros. the Earl of Onslow, the Earl of Warwick, the Earl of Yarborough, the Earl of Lathom, and many others.

The G. Officers retired in procession, and the Prov. G. Lodge was closed.

The brethren were then entertained under the auspices of the St. Pancras Lodge, the members of which, particularly Bro. W. A. Scurrah, had rendered great assistance to the Prov. G. Secretary in the arrangements for the meeting. Bro. James Irvine, the W.M. of the lodge, Prov. J.G.W., generously supplied the wine for the occasion.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the PROV. G. MASTER said it was a matter of regret that Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M., who had fixed that day to instal him, was unable to be present, as he was suffering from gout. That duty was taken at a moment's notice by Bro. Lord Dungarvan, the Dep. G.M., to whom they expressed their thanks in Prov. G. Lodge. He also wished to express thanks to those G. Officers who had been present that day, and he would ask one to respond who was the father of them all. He was not speaking from a Parliamentary point of view, although he was surrounded by five or six Members of Parliament, but Bro. Beach happened to be the father of the House of Commons. Bro. Beach was Prov. G. Master of Hants, and also a P.G. Master.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., P.G.M., Prov. G.M. Hants, in reply, said he could have wished that the Pro G. Master or the Dep. G. Master had been present to respond. Their sympathies were with the Pro G. Master in his illness, and they hoped he would be speedily restored to health. It was a time long gone by when he (Bro. Beach) had the honour to preside over this Order. They must all appreciate the way in which the G. Lodge had discharged its duties, and had gained confidence in every part of the country. There was some difficulty when it was first started, but it fully deserved the entire support and confidence of every M.M. Mason in England. It was only right that there should be a proper authority in charge of this important Degree, which formed a beautiful link in that chain of Masonry which they all loved so well.

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Master of Middlesex," and said that Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson was the man above all others who would fulfil the duties devolving upon him and maintain and uphold the high position he held. In heartily drinking the toast they would encourage the Prov. G. Master and give him a good "send off."

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master, having returned thanks, said that the brethren of Middlesex would understand that he was in a somewhat difficult position in following his dear old friend Col. Cook, who was prematurely taken away from them. They had all hoped Col. Cook would remain for many years as their Prov. G. Master, but the G. Overseer had called him away suddenly. The brethren were good enough to recommend him to the G. Master to succeed Col. Cook, and the G. Master was good enough to appoint him. He might have some energy, some knowledge, and some perseverance, but he was inferior to Col. Cook, and they must take him for better or worse. He would, however, remember the example set by his predecessor, and he did not hesitate to repeat that the Province was a united Province, all difficulties had been smoothed and the way made easy by his predecessor. He could not profess to visit every lodge in the Province in a year, owing to his many engagements, but he would try to do so. So far as he was able it would be his wish to carry out the ceremonial duties and follow in the footsteps of Col. Cook.

"The Dep. Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Officers" was next proposed by the PROV. G. MASTER. He said it was a matter of great satisfaction to all members of the Province when their friend Sir John Monckton accepted the position of Deputy Prov. G.M. That distinguished brother knew so much about Masonry in every Degree, that what he did not know about Mark Masonry was not worth knowing. They felt certain that having undertaken the duties, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master would discharge them with the same zeal and ability with which he had discharged every office he had held in Masonry.

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, P.G.W., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, said it was a favourite axiom of his that one never knew one's luck. He certainly did not know his a month ago, when he was asked by the Provincial Grand Master to take that position. He was advanced in the Bon Accord Lodge, at the instance of that dear old friend, Bro. John Hervey, 26 years ago, when the late Bro. Hy. Levander was Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Officers, he was sure, would discharge any duties imposed upon them, and back up the Prov. Grand Master.

"The Visitors" was next given, coupled with the name of Bro. Alan De T. Egerton, Prov. G.M. Cheshire.

Bro. ALAN DE T. EGERTON responded.

"The Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province" was then proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who said they had met not exactly under the banner of the St. Pancras Lodge, but in the place where that lodge met. They felt great satisfaction at the most successful meeting, and they were doubly obliged to the W.M., Bro. J. Irvine, for he must tell them they had all been that brother's guests, as far as the wine was concerned.

Bro. JAS. IRVINE, W.M., in response, said he was only expressing the sentiments of every member of the lodge when he said how highly honoured they felt to have the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting there that evening.

He also desired to thank the Provincial Grand Master for the honour conferred upon the St. Pancras Lodge in his appointment as Prov. J.G.W. He was a Steward for the Benevolent Fund Festival, and hoped his list would not be much short of 60 guineas.

The proceedings then terminated.

The brethren present included—

Bros. H. R. Graham, M.P., Prov. G.S.W.; F. Sheffield, P.G.O.; Rev. D. Russell Finlay, Prov. G. Chap.; Major Sheriff Clifford Probyn, P.G.T.; A. Stewart Brown, Prov. G. Sec.; F. G. Ivey, P.J.G.D.; Maj.-Gen. Astley Terry, G.S.B.; W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants; Edwd. S. Hill, P.G.M. S. Wales; F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W.; Geo. Graveley, P.G. S.B.; Lord Dungarvan, Dep. G.M.; C. Belton, P.G.M.O.; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts; Allan de Tatton Egerton, P.G.M.M. Cheshire; Sir Lionel Darell, P.G.W.; John Ramsey, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Thomson Lyon, A.G.D.C.; R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; Harry Nicholls, G. Std. Br.; H. E. Cousins, P.G.D., G.D.C.; Woolmer Williams, P.G.S.; Capt. C. J. Knightley, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Higgins, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Fisher, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. F. Thomas, P.P.G.M.O.; Wyndham Hart, P.P.G.W.; M. Jutsum, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Corderoy, P.P.S.G.O.; W. Bailey, P.P.G.S.B.; James M. Small, P.P.G. Reg.; F. Bonney, P.P.G.O.; A. Scurrah, P.G. Stwd.; Dr. F. Lawrance, P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W.; J. Irvine, W.M. 494; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; E. Styles, S.W. 357; T. Hue, 191; C. D. Leyden, T. Parker, W. W. Lee, and others.

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF NEW TOWN HALL AT HENLEY-ON-THAMES.

This pretty riverside town was *en fête* on Friday, the 9th instant, the houses being decorated with flags, &c., and the streets lined with spectators. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Mayor's residence by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., with Bro. Colville Smith, S.G.D., as Deputy Prov. G. Master, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Valentia, P.G.W., and the brethren went in procession to the site.

The old building has been removed, and the foundations have been laid of a very handsome structure, from a design (selected in competition) by Bro. Henry Hare, of London.

One stone was laid by the Hon. F. D. Smith, M.P., a second stone was laid by Bro. Dr. Liddedale (the Mayor of Henley), in the presence of a large number of spectators, for whom seats had been provided.

The procession was headed by a band, and included Volunteers and firemen.

The Masonic procession was as follows: Two Tylers, with drawn swords; the lodges of the province, according to their numbers, the brethren walking two and two; visiting brethren; Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, according to rank; Prov. G. Officers of other provinces; Prov. G. Registrar and Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Secretary; W.M. 1895 (with cornucopia), S.W. 1895 (with ewer of wine), and J.W. 1895 (with ewer of oil); Prov. G. Chaplain (with Volume of Sacred Law); Prov. G. Senior Warden (with level), and Prov. G. Junior Warden (with plumb rule); Bro. E. Owen, F.R.C.S., P.G.D.; Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; Bro. P. Colville Smith, S.G.D., as Dep. Prov. G. Master (with square); Prov. G. Sword Bearer; the Prov. G. Master; Prov. G. Stewards; Prov. G. Senior Deacon and Prov. G. Junior Deacon; Prov. G. Tyler.

The stone was laid with the usual ceremony, and on returning to Northfield House the Prov. G. Lodge was closed.

The Mayor afterwards entertained the company at luncheon in the grounds.

'Royal Arch.

Molra Chapter, No. 92.

The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Comps. E. D. Oppert, M.E.Z.; J. M. Mitchell, H.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, J.; R. F. Gould, P.Z., Scribe E.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.Z., Treas.; W. H. Hooker, P.Z.; G. Greiner, P.Z.; J. N. Noakes, and Charles Wells. Comp. John Dives, 1635, was a visitor.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, and those present were duly installed and invested: Comps. J. M. Mitchell, M.E.Z.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, H.; W. F. Noakes, J.; R. F. Gould, P.Z., Scribe E.; Charles Wells, Scribe N.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.Z., Treas.; J. N. Noakes, P.S.; and S. B. Noakes, and F. A. Donnison, Asst. Sujs.

The companions afterwards dined together.

Abbey Chapter, No. 2030.

This chapter, which has made steady progress since its consecration, held its installation meeting at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The former included Comps. J. R. Cleave, M.E.Z.; E. Newland, H.; E. J. Turnbull, J.; W. T. Potts, J. elect; H. E. Herman, Prov. G. Treas. Middx.; Todman, Weedon, W. R. Dunn, Geo. White, Bonwick, and others. Visitors: Comps. Imre Kiralfy, J. 157; F. Kedge, P.Z.; E. L. Berry, M.E.Z. 1321; W. W. Lee, P.Z. 1524; and others.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Comp. Cleave then impressively installed Comp. E. Newland as M.E.Z., and Comp. E. J. Turnbull, after having been inducted into the chair of H., installed Comp. W. T. Potts as J. in an admirable manner. The other officers invested were Comps. Todman, P.S.; Montague, 1st A.S.; Weedon, 2nd A.S.; W. R. Dunn, S.E.; Geo. White, S.N.; Bonwick, Treas.; H. E. Herman, P.Z., D.C.; and Kite, Janitor. Comp. Gilson, P.Z., the late Treasurer, was unanimously elected an honorary member, in consideration of his eminent services to the chapter. Comp. J. R. Cleave, I.P.Z., was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, in appreciation of his excellent work as M.E.Z., and appropriately acknowledged the gift.

Other business was transacted, including the adoption of a satisfactory audit report, and the chapter was closed.

The banquet which followed was served in first-class style, thanks to Comp. Todman, and the proceedings which followed were of an enjoyable and unique character.

Several ladies and gentlemen had kindly consented to carry out the musical programme for the M.E.Z., and their efforts were much appreciated.

In order to thoroughly enjoy the music, and the company of the ladies in attendance, the toasts were speedily disposed of, and the musical party joined the companions at the festive board. This arrangement altered the meeting into an impromptu ladies' night, and was conducive of thorough enjoyment to all present.

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GRAND FESTIVAL, 1899.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1899.

Masonic Notes.

Saturday, the 24th instant, will be Ex-Pupils' Day, and, as usual, the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be pleased to see as many ex-pupils as can make it convenient to attend between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. The Committee, however, wish to impress upon ex-pupils that the day is set apart for them, and them only, and that visitors are not invited or expected to attend.

Herne Bay was the scene of a very interesting gathering on Monday, when the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of a new Convalescent Home was performed by Bro. Earl Amherst, Pro G. Master, Prov. G. Master of Kent, assisted by the officers of his Province, in the presence of a large concourse of spec-

tators. The Home is intended for the benefit of railway servants of every grade and connected with every service in the country. It owes its establishment principally to the munificent grant of £6000 made by Bro. Passmore Edwards; while it is satisfactory to know that of the £1500 required over and above this, more than two-thirds has already been subscribed. The site of the proposed building is on the Beltinge Estate, lying to the east of Herne Bay itself, and adjoins the Passmore Edwards Home for Friendly Societies; and when erected the Home will accommodate between 50 and 60 patients. It is almost needless to say that under the auspices of Earl Amherst, and with so experienced and energetic a Mason as Bro. Horatio Ward, Past Dep. G.S.B., discharging the duties of Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, the ceremony was most successfully carried out.

Next week—on Friday, the 23rd instant—his lordship will visit Margate for the purpose of consecrating the new St. John's Lodge, No. 2753, for the constitution of which the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant his warrant. This will increase the number of lodges in Kent to 65, of which fully two-thirds have been founded during the Provincial Grand Mastership of Earl Amherst. It also adds greatly to the strength of Masonry in Margate itself, which for the last 80 or 90 years has had only the one lodge—the Union, No. 127—for the accommodation of those desirous of becoming members of our Order. The Union has been numerically very strong for many years, and the provision of this new lodge in this favourite and increasingly-populous seaside resort will offer facilities for those who may desire office, which in a single lodge are only available after years of waiting.

A worthy successor to the late Bro. Col. A. B. Cook as Prov. G. Mark Master of Middlesex has been found in the person of Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., who was installed in office at the Midland Grand Hotel in the presence of a numerous gathering of the brethren on Monday. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, R.W. Dep. G. Master, assisted by the officers of Mark Grand Lodge, and as soon as the new Prov. G.M.M. had been invested and placed in the chair, and received the salutations of the brethren, he appointed Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton his Dep. Prov. G.M.M., and then the rest of the Prov. G. Officers. The other business of Prov. G. Lodge having been disposed of, the brethren dined together under the presidency of their new chief.

Another of the numerous class lodges, the formation of which has found so much favour with the Grand Lodge authorities for several years, has just been consecrated by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary, who was assisted in his duties by Bros. Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair and Dr. Henry Sutherland as Wardens, the Rev. Canon Brownrigg as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson as Director of Ceremonies. The ceremony took place at Freemasons' Hall on the 13th instant, and the lodge, which is intended for painters and sculptors, will be known as "The Arts Lodge," No. 2751. The principal officers designate were Bros. George Simonds, Past G. Stwd., W.M.; Graham G. Nicholas, S.W., and Francis J. Short, J.W.; and when the lodge was constituted Bro. G. Simonds was installed in the chair, invested his Wardens, and appointed and invested the rest of the officers. The new lodge has made a brave start, and we wish it every success.

The ordinary routine of business in the Kennington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1381, meeting at the Horns, Kennington, S.E., will be departed from on Friday, the 23rd instant, when Bro. Robert Bowers, P.M. 15, W.M. 1321, M.E.Z. 2191, will deliver a lecture on "King Solomon's Temple; its Builders and Destroyers," which Bro. W. C. Tyler, W.M. 862 and 1567, &c., has kindly consented to illustrate by Oxy-Hydrogen Limelight views. The chair will be taken by the Preceptor, Bro. J. O'Dea, W.M. 2683, &c., at 7.45 p.m., and brethren, including E.A.P.'s, are cordially invited to attend. Full particulars respecting the meeting—and, indeed, as to the Kennington Lodge of Instruction—will be readily furnished by the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Bernard Cohen, of 160, New Kent-road, S.E.

We are very glad to find that that fine old lodge the Strong Man, No. 45, which was founded in 1733—it is said by Dr. Desaguliers—has at length a chapter attached to it. The latter was consecrated on Thursday, the 25th May, by the Grand Scribe E., and starts

on its career under the auspices, as its first M.E.Z., of Comp. W. Briggs, who in the past has done such excellent Masonic work at Cambridge. Indeed, the Cambridge element is strong in the new chapter, and as the Scribe E. and the Treasurer are P.Ms. of the mother lodge, there can, we think, be little doubt as to the Strong Man Chapter having before it a long and prosperous career. It has our heartiest wishes for its success.

According to the *Canadian Craftsman* for last month, the meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Allied Degrees, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Toronto, on the 6th April, was "in many respects the most important that has taken place for many years, whether considered from the standpoint of attendance, of enthusiasm, or of the probable practical results." All the councils were represented except the Cyrus, of Winnipeg, but the Grand Master, M.I. Comp. J. C. Morgan, read an excellent report from its T.I.M., which showed that if it continued to progress as it had done latterly, it promised to be the premier council in the Jurisdiction. As for the main part of the business, we remark that a representative Committee was charged with the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution; and that arrangements were also made for an exchange of representatives with other Grand Councils. We hail with pleasure the statement that there is every prospect of Cryptic Masonry in Canada being restored, in the near future, to its former position.

But, to judge from many of the other contents of the same number of our worthy contemporary, gala proceedings appear to have been the order of the day in the Dominion during the month of April. On the 28th of the month, at the invitation of the Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and all the Past Grand Masters of Canada, except one, who was kept away by illness, were present at a meeting of the lodge, and when the business portion of the proceedings, which included an exemplification of the ceremony of initiation, was over, the members and their guests, to the number of about 300, dined together under the presidency of the W. Master. On the removal of the cloth a number of loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured. On the 20th April the members of the Ottawa Preceptory of Knights Templar extended a hearty welcome to Sir Knight D. F. McWatt, M.E. Supreme G. Master of Canada, and some 20 Sir Knights of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Montreal. Here also, some business was first transacted, and then the members and their guests dined together, and did honour to the usual toasts. On Thursday, the 27th April, the brethren of Ottawa entertained M.W. Grand Master E. T. Malone at a grand banquet, the gathering on the occasion being pronounced to be "the largest and most representative meeting of the Craft ever held in the fair city."

At the last-mentioned gathering quite a number of Masonic notabilities were present, including the Grand Master of Nova Scotia and representatives of the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Manitoba, and local brethren of distinction without number. An illuminated address of welcome was presented to Grand Master Malone, who acknowledged it in a graceful speech, and in doing so declared himself to be "a firm believer in Masonry, in its power for good, its power to make better men and better citizens, its power to abolish all distinctions that oppress and separate the human family, rather striving to promote and advance goodwill to all mankind." A grand banquet followed, at which the utmost enthusiasm prevailed, the meeting being declared to be "one long to be remembered by the Craft."

By the way, it may be as well, while describing to our readers some of the more noticeable reports contained in the *Craftsman* for last month, to mention that with the June number our respected contemporary will complete its 33rd volume, and to congratulate it on having maintained its position as the leading organ of the Craft in the Dominion of Canada for so long a period. As we have said in reference to previous anniversaries, our contemporary is one of the best written, best edited, and best informed of our many exchanges. It does not always coincide with us in matters of opinion, but we respect its views as it respects ours, and we trust that for many many years we may enjoy the privilege of reading its articles and the abundant information it contains about Canadian Masonry in its several branches.

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.

DISPENSATIONS TO WEAR MASONIC CLOTHING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I venture to hope that the letter published in your columns from the Grand Secretary on the above subject may not deter brethren from applying for authority to wear Craft clothing on any occasion where in the interests of Charity or Christianity they are asked to attend Divine worship in our churches and cathedrals.

I was for some years P.G.D. of C. in Suffolk, then under the beneficent rule of Lord Waveney, and every year at the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, wherever we might meet, we always attended church, and had a procession in clothing through the streets. I remember we used to do the same thing when I was stationed in Cornwall, with the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as Prov. G. Master.

I believe the public profession of religion in this way did an immense amount of good, and I only regret that in the province in which I now reside the Freemasons as a body do not go to church.—Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES,
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THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was very pleased to read that steps have been taken to place some restriction on the modern innovation of special services for Masons at churches and other places of worship. Of course, her Majesty's Jubilee services were quite exceptional and were participated in by brethren because it was felt the occasion was unique and certainly not likely to be repeated in our generation.

I am equally glad that caution is given regarding banquets and other functions to which the fair sex are invited to associate with the brethren of the mystic tie, garbed (the brethren I mean) in lodge clothing; it serves to bring the Ancient and Honourable Order into a certain amount of ridicule and lends itself to remarks which are best not mentioned.

There is another matter which gives rise to considerable doubt in one's mind as to whether certain brethren are not violating a Mason's obligation. I notice in *Black and White* for June 9th, a picture, evidently engraved from a snap shot taken inside the lodge, showing the installation of the Earl of Lathom as Prov. G.M., at Preston, and the question presents itself why Masons are prohibited from entering higher Degrees other than the Degrees to which they are entitled to enter a lodge—i.e., we are barred from participating in ceremonies higher than our Degree entitles us—and yet the profane are shown pictures of lodge ceremonies and symbols in public journals. Is this right and in order? This is not the only instance of excessive zeal and indiscretion as it seems to me in publishing in the popular press matters in connection with the Craft which can have no interest to those outside the Order. Of course, if brother journalists make gain by supplying these private tit-bits to public journals, I think the point is still more serious. What is the etiquette or rule in these matters?—Yours fraternally,

T. MAY, 754.

Tottenham.

Royal Arch.

Sterndale Bennett Chapter, No. 2182.

This chapter, now 10 years old, and composed principally of members of the musical profession, held its annual installation meeting on the 10th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when a goodly number of companions were present. Among them were the following members of the chapter: Comps. R. J. Hennings, M.E.Z.; the Rev. W. R. Finlay, M.A., H. (who on the previous Tuesday was invested as one of the Grand Chaplains in Grand Mark Lodge); George William Reed, J.; R. Jackson, P.Z., Treas.; George F. Smith (Guildhall School of Music), P.Z., S.E.; G. H. Kemping, S.N.; F. Page, P.S.; F. Blake, 1st A.S.; S. Palmer, 2nd A.S.; Henry Grey, P.Z.; H. T. Telling, P.Z.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z.; H. Walmsley Little, P.Z.; W. H. Parper, P.Z.; H. F. Newman, W. H. Cox, F. W. Murton, J. Jobson, A. Strong, and Ernest N. Cullum. The visitors' list included the names of Comps. Henry Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; William H. Cummings, President of the Guildhall School of Music, 2005; F. Inskipp, P.Z. 141; and J. William Stevens, P.Z. 720.

The chapter having been opened, Comp. R. J. Hennings, M.E.Z., installed the Rev. W. R. Finlay as M.E.Z., and was himself invested as I.P.Z. Comp. W. H. Harper, P.Z., installed Comp. G. W. Reed as H.; and Comp. R. Jackson, P.Z., Treas., installed Comp. C. H. Kemping as J. Comps. R. Jackson, P.Z., was invested as Treas.; T. H. Cureton, P.Z., Scribe E.; F. Page, Scribe N.; F. Blake, Principal Soj.; E. Palmer, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. T. Benton, 2nd Asst. Soj.; G. F. Smith, P.Z., Org.; and T. Whiteman, Janitor. After the installations and investitures Bros. G. A. Hustler Hinchliff, of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2482, and Benjamin Bramble, of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, were exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the work throughout being admirably performed, Comp. Hennings, I.P.Z., doing the work of First Principal, Comp. R. Jackson, P.Z., Treas., that of Second Principal, and Comp. C. H. Kemping, H., that of Third Principal. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Hennings, I.P.Z., in recognition of his excellent conduct of the business as M.E.Z. during the past year; and Bro. Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., was elected an honorary member of the chapter in acknowledgment of his services as a founder of the chapter and its Treasurer during its early years.

After the chapter had been closed, the companions dined together and honoured the usual toasts.

Comp. G. F. Smith, P.Z., P.G. Org., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Comp. R. J. Hennings, I.P.Z., proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z."

Comp. the Rev. W. R. Finlay responded, remarking what a splendid institution Freemasonry was. One thing that always appealed to him was the friendships a man made in Masonry and its branches. Whatever might happen in Freemasonry nothing would take away these. He had experienced it himself. From the first time he entered the Sterndale Bennett Chapter he had received courtesies and cordiality, to which he had no claim. He hoped that in his year of office he should do, as he should try to do, his level best to contribute to the success of the chapter. During its existence the chapter had gone through some dull times, but it was now very successful, and was making itself felt as a power in the Royal Arch world.

Comp. G. W. Reed, H., in the course of his reply to the toast of "H. and J.," said he was not aware until that day week that the installation would take place before the exaltations, and consequently he was only prepared to do the J.'s work. However, the chapter was the gainer by his inability, as all who heard the very beautiful rendering of the H. address by Comp. Jackson, P.Z., would, he was sure, join him in pronouncing the same perfectly rendered, and that it had afforded them one and all a great Masonic treat, and personally he took that opportunity of expressing his own individual thanks to Comp. Jackson, P.Z., for his great kindness, and for the very able and instructive

assistance he had rendered. He felt sure the members of that chapter would add their thanks to his, and wish Comp. Jackson health and long life in his glorious Masonic career.

Comp. Hennings, replying as one of the P.Zs. to the toast of "The Past Principals," said reference had been made to dull times in the chapter. Well, he was one of the first exaltees in the chapter after its consecration, and he did not know any bad times the chapter had had. It was true they had not had so many exaltees one year as they had in another, but that was the case in every chapter and in every lodge. The chapter had no doubt been a great success.

In the course of the evening an excellent musical entertainment was given between the toasts by Comps. C. H. Kemping, H.; J. H. Harper, P.Z.; R. J. Hennings, I.P.Z.; F. Page, G. Hinchliff, and A. Strong. The Rhapsodie Hongroise of Liszt was given by Comps. Kemping and Harper.

Instruction.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, when there were present Bros. H. Ramsbottom, W.M.; F. S. Thomas, S.W.; C. G. Ridgway, J.W.; H. G. Holland, P.M., P.G.S.B. Herts, Preceptor; R. H. Nicholls, P.M., Treas.; Henry T. Kobelt, Sec.; J. B. Schrader, S.D.; W. G. Read, J.D.; J. W. Hunt, I.G.; J. Mayhew, Jas. Barnett, Benj. Ware, and E. A. Frith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. B. Ware acting as the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jas. Barnett acting as the candidate. The lodge was then closed.

LOGGIA ITALIA, No. 2687.

This lodge celebrated their first annual banquet on the 12th inst. at Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, S.W. Bro. G. Mentasti, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. F. Gallizia, I.P.M.; C. Spanna, L. Foppoli, L. Verdier, F. Moretti, R. Malpaga, E. Vitali, L. Azario, C. Fumagalli, P. Carliello, V. Gindotti, A. Cogliati, M. Wenborn, F. Guanziroli, P. Conzina, and G. Feloj.

The W.M. having opened the lodge, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. afterwards rose for the first and second times, Bros. E. Vitali, G. Feloj, R. Malpaga, P. Couzina, and F. Guanziroli, were unanimously elected members of this lodge. It was also unanimously voted to adjourn the meetings until the 25th of September next. Rising for the third time, a vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. and Secretary.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the adjoining room, where Bro. Fumagalli had prepared a very choice banquet, the tables being most tastefully decorated.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE PASSMORE EDWARDS' CONVALESCENT HOME FOR RAILWAY MEN.

Bro. Passmore Edwards, thanks in a large measure to whose liberality a convalescent home for members of friendly societies was recently established at Herne Bay, has now given the site and a substantial sum towards the cost of erection of an Institution in close proximity to be known as the Passmore Edwards Convalescent Home for Railway Men. The foundation stone of the building was laid on Monday by Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Master of England, and Prov. Grand



EARL AMHERST, PROV. G.M. KENT.

Master of Kent, supported by most of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers of Kent and many London brethren, and representatives of the principal railway companies.

The ceremony was carried out with full Masonic honours; the stone bearing the following inscription: "This stone was laid with Masonic honours on June 12th, 1899, by the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro Grand Master of England, Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent, in the presence of the generous donor, J. Passmore Edwards, Esq. Trustees: John E. Nichols, Chairman, L.C. & D.R.; W. T. Culver, Deputy Chairman, S.E.R.; H. A. Broome, L.B. & S.C.R.; W. J. Day, G.N.R.; W. Taylor, L.C. & D.R.; W. Tyrell, G.E.R.; J. Webb, G.W.R.; J. Williams, M.R.; N. Wilson, L. & S.W.R. W. H. Hawley, Hon. Secretary."

Subsequently the whole of the brethren and the members of the railway staff were entertained at luncheon in a marquee on the Home site by the Trustees. Mr. J. E. Nichols (Chairman of Trustees and Committee of Management) presided, being supported on the left by Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, and on the right by Bro. J. Passmore Edwards.

Following the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Rest of the Royal Family,"

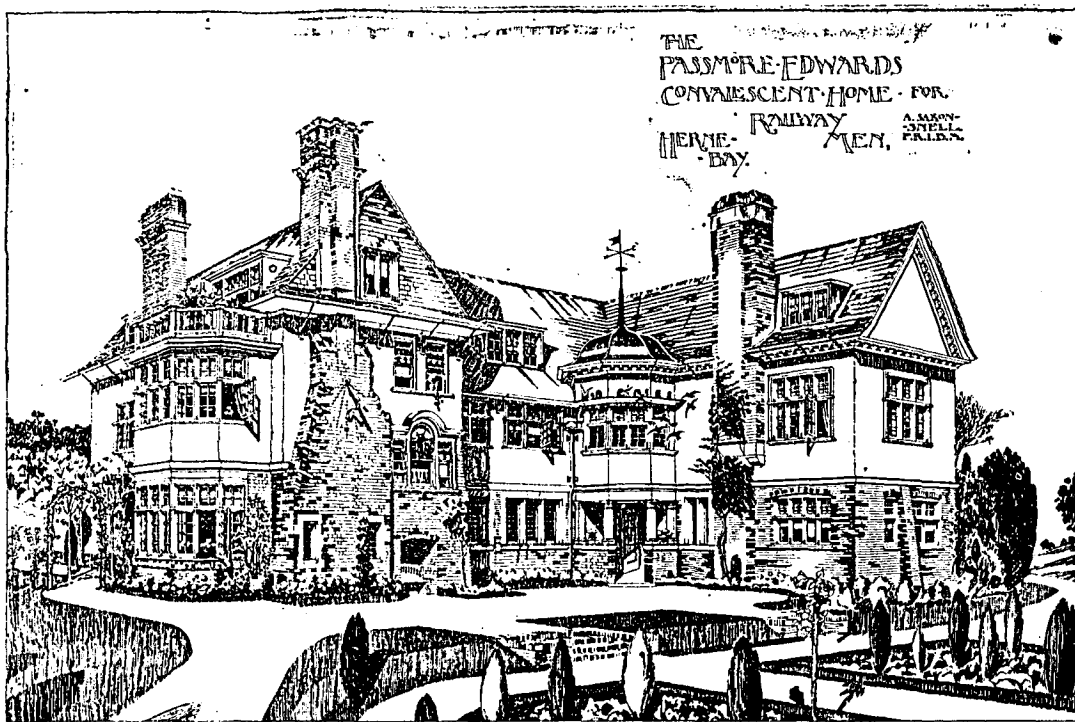
Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst proposed the next toast—"The Health of the Donor" (Bro. J. Passmore Edwards). His lordship said the Chairman had asked him to propose it, and he did so with great pleasure. When Bro. Passmore Edwards first applied to him to lay the foundation stone of that new Home with Masonic honours, he thought the wish of so liberal a brother should be carried out, and he readily consented to perform the ceremony. But when they looked back on Bro. Passmore Edwards' career, he did not think they could

let that occasion pass without drinking his health. Bro. Edwards, he believed, had amassed a very considerable fortune, but the use made of that fortune was what appealed to them all. He (his lordship) was very much struck by a pamphlet which had reached him from which was seen the number of homes founded by Bro. Passmore Edwards during Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. Not only in Cornwall, but in various other parts of England, he had come forward with the necessary funds and the necessary energy in carrying out the endowment of many homes. That day they had met together to lay the foundation stone of another Home—for railway men—(cheers)—a Home which especially appealed to all interested in the railways of England. It was his contention the Home for railway men would appeal to the whole of England. (Cheers.) His great hope was that the bright omens attendant upon the function would be fulfilled; they had had fine weather, the whole ceremony had been carried through with great regularity, which, he considered, were good omens for the success of that institution.

Bro. J. PASSMORE EDWARDS, whose rising to respond was the signal for a loud and continued outburst of cheering, said: Mr. Chairman, my Lord Amherst, and gentlemen, I can only say that I am particularly pleased at the ceremony which has been performed to-day. It has been my privilege to see many similar ceremonies performed in Cornwall, in Buckinghamshire, and in other places, but

of the world. (Hear, hear.) Did I say there were 100,000 Masons in England? there are more than 250,000 men interested at the present time in the development of the great railway interests. But what is the railway interest of England compared to the railway interest of Europe, and that of Europe compared to Asia in the far future? Brother Masons and representatives of the great railway interests, I can only say I am delighted to meet you to-day for more than one reason. I am delighted to meet you; you represent two great interests of British civilisation. Also I am delighted for the manner in which this ceremony has been performed. I never felt a greater flush of pride—of pride that I was an Englishman—than in witnessing the performance of that ceremony to-day. Now, my lord (addressing Earl Amherst), I am not in the habit of paying compliments, but I do say you performed that ceremony to-day with dignity and perfection—(applause)—and what struck me particularly was the tremulous interest and anxiety you put into the performance. (Cheers.) I have now to thank you all for your presence to-day, and I can only hope that this institution, the foundation-stone of which has just been laid, will by-and-bye be successful, and contribute materially to the physical and moral health of the great railway interests. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN at this point announced, in regard to the Right Hon. A. Akers Douglas, M.P. (Director of L.C. and D.R., and Deputy Chairman of S.E.



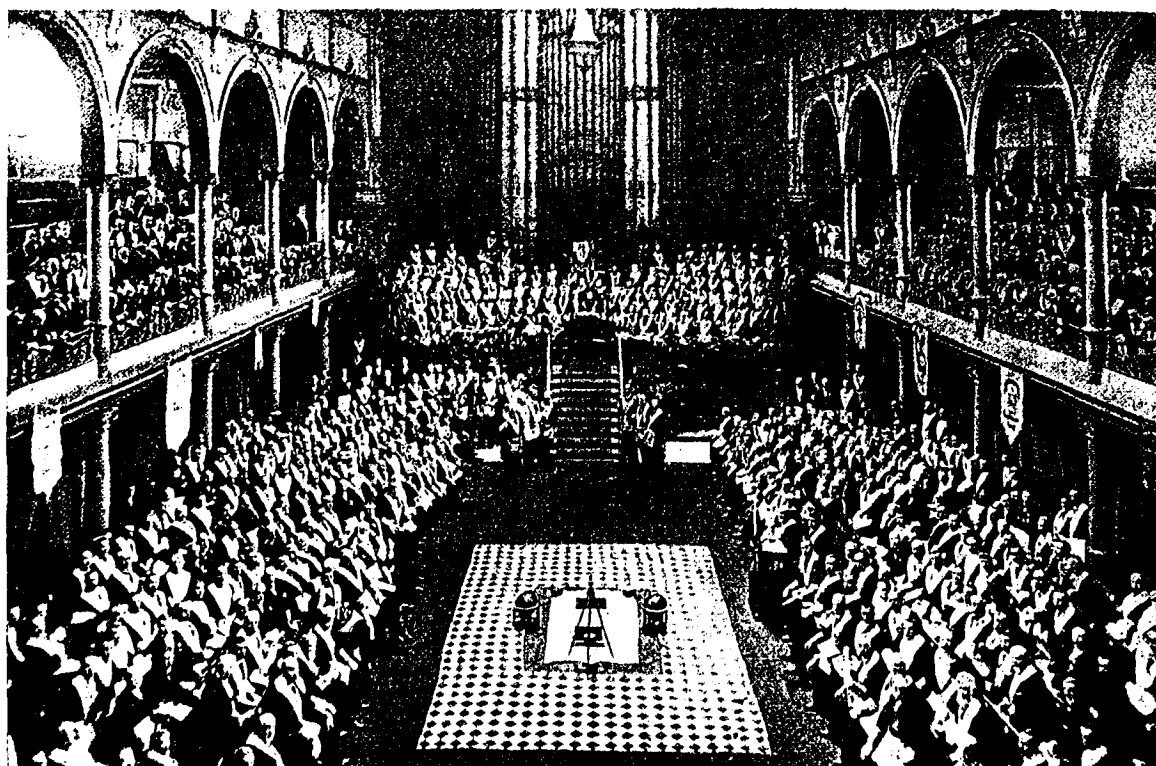
I never saw it performed with such perfection and satisfaction as it has been to-day. (Cheers.) You have before you to-day a peculiar blend, a blend of the old and new; of the old—Masonic growth—and the new—the railway interests of the world. We Masons think that we are connected with an institution that dates back not only beyond Solomon, but has its roots in the dim distance of the past. Whether it is so or not, this I do know that to-day this old Masonic institution is blended with a great revolutionary power—that is, the railway enterprise. These two influences are for the moment united in Herne Bay, and they are united on one thing, that being in particular the personal interests we have in the 250,000 railway servants—united in order to promote the general good of the universe and mankind. (Cheers.) If you see an institution like the old Masonic institution united with the railway interest, and thus uniting their interests for the general community, the great England of ours, which has done so much in the past, and is doing so much in the present, is destined to do more in the great and mighty future. (Cheers.) In Kent you have between four and five thousand Masons, in London we have a similar number, and in England some 100,000; but there is something greater; there is something more expansive than Masonry, and that is the railway interests

and L.C. and D. Railways Managing Committee), that he had received the following telegram: "Very sorry that I am detained here, much wished to have come.—Douglas, Office of Works."

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of the Guests and Visitors," coupling the names of Earl Amherst and Bro. John Morgan. His lordship, who on rising to respond was received with loud cheering, expressed his obligations to them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and the visitors on their part thanked them for the great trouble that had been taken to ensure their comfort. They, as visitors, were glad to be present to take part in a work which was to benefit generations of railway servants at present unborn. He could only wish prosperity to the Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. MORGAN, who was also accorded a hearty reception, spoke in high praise of the day's arrangements, first of all in the provision of the marquee they were then sitting in, and also for the contents of the marquee. (Loud laughter.) The visitors fully appreciated all that had been done for them. He then briefly submitted "The Health of the Trustees," which was drunk with enthusiasm.

The proceedings terminated by a presentation of a silver and ebony level suitably inscribed to the chairman, who briefly acknowledged the gift.



INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF LATHOM AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, PRESTON, JUNE 1ST, 1899.

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Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.

The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. Justin Allen, I.P.M., W.M.; Charles Robinson, S.W.; H. T. Gomm, J.W.; H. T. Johnson, Sec.; F. J. Larkman, P.M., S.D.; H. R. Worth, acting J.D.; Ridley, I.G.; J. H. Willie, D.C.; W. J. Cornwell, A.D.C.; Lesueur, Eydemann and T. H. Dorey, Stwds.; R. E. Blasby, P.M.; Charles Coombs, P.M.; W. J. Gomm, P.M.; W. T. Purkiss, P.M.; Halstead, Furness, J. Roper, H. P. Roper, F. R. Roper, H. Perry, A. W. Larkman, A. H. Bridger, and J. H. Paveley. Visitors: Bros. Major Phillips, P.M. 1996; Bayman, I.P.M. 1670; George Eve, W.M. 1670; W. B. Langdon, W.M. 1996; Bardrick, P.M. 1996; Carl Brandt, J. Stewart, Charles Dorey, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Paveley was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Mr. Archibald James Robinson was duly initiated, the charge after the initiation being most impressively rendered by the W.M., Bro. Justin Allen. Bro. James Morgan Long was balloted for as a joining member and unanimously elected. The lodge was closed.

In the adjoining banqueting room of the hotel the lodge and its visitors enjoyed a most excellent dinner, prepared with characteristic judgment and completeness by Bro. Capt. Purkiss, V.D.

After the banquet, in the intervals of the usual loyal and fraternal toasts, a most excellent entertainment was furnished by various brethren. Bro. H. T. Gomm sang the "Bedouin's Love Song" and Tosti's "Good-bye" most admirably. The initiate signalled his first appearance in lodge by singing "The Jovial Monk" and other songs with capital effect. Bro. W. J. Gomm, P.M., delighted his audience with "Love can come in at the Window"; Bro. Furness sang "Brighton"; Bro. Carl Brandt, the well-known basso, evoked an ovation by his magnificent rendering of "The Landlord's Daughter," "Dusky Darlin'," and "The Window at Windsor"; and Bro. H. T. Johnson recited Kipling's Ballad of "Fishers Boarding House."

The banquet was capital selected and served, with wines of the choicest brands and in abundance. The entertainment was of a very high order, and the speeches, though commendably brief, were all in the happiest vein. Altogether, this flourishing lodge may be congratulated upon having added to its records another most eminently successful and enjoyable meeting.

Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745.

This lodge celebrated its 21st anniversary on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Viaduct, Hotel, Holborn. Among those present were Bros. W. R. Witt, W.M.; J. D. Webb, S.W.; W. Wellsman, C.C., P.M. 1589, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; (founder and first S.D.); W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec. (founder and first W.M.); Cook, S.D.; Weinell, P.M., J.D.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.M. 84, P.P.G.O. Asst. Org.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br. (founder and first J.W.); J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; C. Bachoffner, P.M.; N. P. Lardner, P.M.; and J. Evans, P.M. Among the numerous and distinguished visitors present were Bros. the Ven. Archdeacon W. M. Sinclair, P.G. Chap.; George Everett, P.M. 177, P.G. Treas.; S. Cochrane, P.M. 3, P.G. Treas.; J. Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; J. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; T. J. C. Winkfield, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who consecrated the lodge in May, 1878; G. Pickering, P.G.S.; E. S. Lardner, P.G.S.; W. W. Parkinson, W.M. 1589; H. Clinds, W.M. 1623; R. H. Nichols, W.M. 2593; E. Standing, W.M. 2650; Major W. Williams, P.M.; and Rev. F. C. B. Darwent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Hayward was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having been taken, Mr. Thomas John Hampton was duly initiated. The W.M. carried out the two ceremonies in a highly satisfactory manner. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; T. Fenn, P.G.W.; R. Eve, P.G.T.; Alderman V. Morgan, P.G.T.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; R. L. Loveland, J.P., Q.C., P.B.G.P.; J. H. Matthews, P.B.B.; Alderman W. P. Treloar, P.M.; Deputy Malthouse, P.M.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet was then served.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Grand Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair and J. Strachan, Q.C.

The former, in the course of his eloquent remarks, said that although not a member of the important and influential Ward of Farringdon Without yet he was a very close neighbour to it. He had recently been installed as the first W.M. of the St. Paul's Lodge, an institution which he hoped would prosper and reflect credit on the Craft. The W.M. that evening had spoken of the services of Lords Amherst and Warwick, and the importance of having such distinguished men and Masons at the head of the executive Grand Lodge. He quite agreed with those remarks. The speaker then went on to compare the social amenities of Freemasonry with the love feast of the early Christians. He trusted that the spirit of fraternal affection and the love of unity that were so beautiful in themselves would ever characterise the members of this ancient Institution. He concluded by congratulating the W.M. and his officers on their exceptionally good working.

Bro. Strachan's reply was of a humorous nature. After cordially endorsing the remarks of the first speaker, he went on to speak of the longevity of those brethren who had held the office of Grand Registrar. It led him to hope that although in the prime of life, his days might be lengthened so as to enable him in the distant future to search the records of the lodge prior to his recommending its claim for a centenary warrant. He congratulated the lodge upon possessing an excellent Master and a most efficient staff of officers. It was also to be congratulated that notwithstanding 21 years had passed away, there were still three founders on the active list, and might those worthy brethren be spared many years to extend their sphere of useful work. In conclusion, he trusted that those members not yet in office would endeavour to acquire Masonic knowledge, so that when their time arrived they would be in a position to emulate the bright example of their predecessors, and thus carry on the work so admirably begun. On behalf of his colleagues and himself he cordially thanked the lodge for a very pleasant and instructive evening.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and was duly acknowledged by Bro. Witt.

"The Health of the Initiate" followed, and was briefly responded to by Bro. Hampton.

The toast of "The Masonic Institutions" was proposed by Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., in well chosen terms, and was coupled with the name of Bro. J. Terry, whose eloquent utterances on so important a subject as that of Masonic Charity are so well-known and so highly respected.

Bro. J. Terry, in response, was genial, witty, and interesting.

"The Health of the Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Parkinson, Clinds, Nicholls, Standing, and the Rev. F. C. B. Darwent, who respectively replied.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers," terminated the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was provided by Bro. Alfred Moore, assisted by Madame Ada Patterson, Miss Florence Venning, Bro. Frank Tebbutt, and Dr. F. Abernethy. The chief items being "Genevieve," "A jovial monk am I," "A May morning," and "Snowdrops."

The proceedings from first to last passed off without a hitch, and the W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary are to be congratulated on the great success that attended the important event of the 21st anniversary of No. 1745.

Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Ingram, W.M.; C. C. Renaud, S.W., W.M. elect; R. W. Nicole, P.M., P.G.P.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M.; E. H. Moore, P.G.S.B.; R. E. Noble, W. Wicking, G. H. Reading, A. Donald King, M. Weiss, A. Palmer Palmer, S. Butler, J. Perceval, F. H. Johnson, J. E. Little, O. P. House, H. A. House, H. H. Broughton, A. C. Little, S. L. Brewer, and others. The visitors were Bros. G. H. Clarke, S.D.

2005; W. Ball, P.M. 45, P.P.G.D.; H. Grice, 534; J. Palmer, I.P.M. 1472; W. J. Townsend, 857; J. Brighurst, P.M., (P.J.G.W. Kent; E. Bradley, 1209; W. G. Wigmore, P.M. 177; W. H. Onyett, 2426; G. Redding, P.M. 917; W. Boyce, P.M. 30; and W. Read, 1609.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Wicking was raised to the Degree of M.M. The balance-sheet was then read and adopted, and on the proposition of the Treasurer a sum was voted from the General Fund to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, and a letter having been read from Bro. G. E. Lake, D.P.G.M., a sum was voted to his list as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys. The installation of Bro. C. C. Renaud was then proceeded with, Bros. Ingram, I.P.M.; Cobb, P.M.; Moore, P.M.; and Nicole, P.M., taking part in the ceremony. Bro. Renaud, W.M., then invested the following officers: Bros. E. N. Benningfield, S.W.; H. R. Bower, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; F. Page, P.M., S.D.; C. Nicole, J.D.; D. Taylor, I.G.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. A. Kelly, Org.; H. Rackham and A. D. King, Stwds.; and T. Williams, Tyler. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Sidney Lionel Brewers, who, being accepted, was initiated into the Craft by the W.M. in a manner which gives promise of excellent work during his term of office.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, following which the customary toasts were given.

An excellent programme of music had been arranged by Bro. Nicole, P.M., in which he was assisted by Bros. J. Perceval, E. H. Moore, F. H. Johnson, C. Nicole, A. C. Little, R. E. Noble, H. R. Bower, and A. Donald King. Bro. A. A. Kelly at the pianoforte.

Manchester Lodge, No. 2554.

The regular meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 9th instant, when the following were present: Bros. W. A. Boyer, Prov. D.G. Reg., W.M.; Wm. Charlton, J.P., I.P.M.; Arthur C. K. Smith, S.W.; A. B. Smith, J.W.; Wm. Ed. Davies, Treas.; Frank J. Large, S.D.; Francis J. Burt, J.D.; W. B. Akerman, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; P. Z. da Cunha, I.G.; Chas. Jordan, Org.; Edward Roberts, P.M., &c., Tyler; Alfred W. Bentham, and W. H. Crawford. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Marsh, P.M. 1730, P.P.S.G.D. W. Lanes; Richard J. Brew, W.M. 222; W. Brocklehurst, W.M. 317; Alfred Allen, P.M. 7; and George J. Critchley, 1161.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved unanimously in favour of Bro. A. C. K. Smith, S.W. Bro. W. E. Davies was elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. B. Akerman, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., was re-elected Charity Representative.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to spend the rest of the evening in harmony.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Charlton, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," alluded to the recent honour that had been conferred upon him by Prov. Grand Lodge in appointing him as Deputy Registrar of the province. He (Bro. Charlton) said he knew he was echoing the sentiments of all the brethren of the lodge when he said they were proud of their W.M. and proud of the high position he had attained.

Temperance Lodge No 2714.

The first installation meeting after consecration of the above took place on the 14th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a good attendance of members and visitors. During its year's existence the new lodge has greatly prospered, and there is good prospect that its future career will be one of usefulness and charitableness. The chair at the opening of the business was occupied by Bro. J. Clayton, the retiring W.M., and amongst the visitors were Bros. E. R. Lathom, P.P.G. Treas.; P. Armstrong, P.P.G.D.; H. Isaac, P.G.D.C.; W. B. Sweetman, P.P.G.D.; T. J. Smith, P.P.G.R.; the Rev. C. T. Porter, P.G.C.; J. Scott, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Hocken, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Fletcher, P.G.D.; and J. R. Bottomley. Bro. H. Owen was impressively installed W.M. of the lodge by the retiring first chief (Bro. J. Clayton), and subsequently the subjoined officials were nominated and invested: Bros. J. Clayton, P.M., I.P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., S.W.; W. Kendrick, J.W.; Ven. Archdeacon Madden, Chap.; the Rev. W. M. Barrow, Dep. Chap.; W. Roberts, Treas.; Jabez Brookes, Sec.; F. R. Dorsman, S.D.; J. Donaghy, J.D.; J. Armstrong, P.J.G.W. Cheshire, D. of C.; J. K. Cave, Org.; J. Wilkinson, I.G.; A. Adams, W. J. Shaw, A. Jones, C. Cottrell, and R. Johnson, Stwds.; W. Merrick, Charity Representative; and Wyatt, Tyler. In the course of the proceedings Bro. Clayton, I.P.M., was the recipient of a valuable Past Master's jewel, a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and subsequently of a handsome clock and bronzes, as marks of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

Banquet was served by Bro. J. Casey at the Assembly Rooms, Hardman-street, and afterwards a choice musical programme was given by the Cambrian Quartette (Bros. D. J. Davies, Frank D. Williams, J. T. Jones, and R. Wynne Jones), Bros. Woodville Francis and J. H. Cave accompanying.

Molesey Lodge, No. 2473.

The installation meeting of this prominent Surrey lodge, held at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, on the 3rd inst., proved as successful as its predecessors. The retiring Master, Bro. C. G. Sherwood, after a creditable year's work, installed his successor, Bro. H. J. Keen, into the chair in a dignified and impressive manner. Bro. Keen, the newly-installed W.M., was initiated in the Covent Garden Lodge eight years ago by the late Bro. Herbert Reynolds, and is the present S.W. He was a founder of the Molesey Lodge, and the Secretary of the Benevolent Associations connected with it, which have resulted in a collection of over £400 for the Charities. He also possesses a thorough knowledge of the ritual, having been for six years Secretary of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction.

The members present included Bros. C. G. Sherwood, W.M.; H. J. Keen, S.W.; F. W. Buxton, P.G.S. of W. Berks, Treas.; E. L. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.D., acting Sec. (in the regrettable absence of Bro. C. E. Gilbert, through illness); C. O. Burgess, Prov. S.G.W. Berks; W. Dennis, P.M.; H. J. Foan, Org.; E. L. Campbell, P. G. Edwards, S. Hewett, P.M.; J. Mayo, P.M.; C. Morrell, J. Rowe, C. S. Walker, H. H. Leigh, and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. J. West, 2324; W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; O. Laman, P.M. 1922; G. F. Muntzer, 2648; J. A. Anderson, W.M. 1818; E. S. Hopper, 22; Rev. C. J. Smith, I.P.M. 2628; G. Schultz, J.W. 2705; W. J. Holmes, W.M. 1981; W. Brooks, I.P.M. 2120; W. Ransome, G. Alderton, W.M. 2549; A. Stanley, W.M. 2222; F. Lockett, P.M. 2222; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M. 2146; A. Wilson, P.M.; T. Johnson; G. J. Davy; W. Humphrey, P.M.; E. L. Hubbard, 879; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bros. Hinds, Champion, and A. E. Walker were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Henry J. Keen was next installed by Bro. Sherwood, I.P.M., Bro. C. O. Burgess, P.M., acting as D. of C. The following officers will assist the W.M. during the ensuing year: Bros. C. Stuart Walker, S.W.; C. Morrell, J.W.; F. W. Buxton, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Gilbert, Sec.; A. W. Bray, S.D.; G. Britton, P.M., J.D.; W. J. Harvey, I.G.; H. J. Foan, Org.; E. Parsons, D. of C.; T. A. Mitchell, F. Muntzer, and H. A. Lewis, Stewards; and W. Lane, Tyler. Bro. J. D. Lanton, P.D.G.D.C., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, and sympathetic messages were sent to Bro. Gilbert, Sec., in his illness, and to Bro. Coghliati, P.M., who recently lost his wife. The Audit Committee's report was adopted, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet had been provided by the host, Bro. John Mayo, to which ample justice was done, and the usual toasts followed.

Bro. W. P. Brown, P.G.S.B., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said that every member of that body would have been pleased with the working in the Molesey Lodge that evening. The I.P.M. in an intelligent and interesting manner performed the duties of the Third Degree, and also of the installation ceremony. Having been present at the consecration, it afforded him great pleasure to visit the lodge again and witness its highly satisfactory progress.

Bro. C. O. Burgess, Prov. G.S.W. Berks, responded for "the Prov. G. Officers," and said they took a great interest in this lodge. Their lodge was well-known, for even in Algeria and Egypt, from which he had just returned, he met brethren who knew it. In Cairo he took the chair and did the work, passing five candidates in his

own way, perhaps to the astonishment of the brethren present. In Jerusalem he met a brother who was a Surrey Mason, and who believed that Province to be one of the most active. He therefore felt proud of Surrey Lodges, and particularly of the Molesey Lodge.

Bro. C. G. Sherwood, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." referring to Bro. Keen as a Mason of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation amongst his brethren and fellows. They had seen the W.M. fill the various offices, and also fill many offices in lodges of instruction, and they knew, therefore, that in him they had an excellent worker of the ritual. If Bro. Keen had done nothing but his work in connection with their Benevolent Associations, he would have earned their gratitude and esteem. They were all sure that as W.M. he would carry out his duties in a highly creditable manner, and to the great credit of the lodge.

Bro. H. J. Keen, W.M., returned thanks for the flattering terms used by the I.P.M., and for their enthusiastic reception. He had, to the best of his ability, endeavoured to follow those eminent brethren who had preceded him. He hoped they would arrange the launch party as usual, and he was sure Bro. Berry, P.M., would assist them as usual. He next proposed "The I.P.M.," and referred in eulogistic terms to Bro. Sherwood's work, which had entitled him to the P.M.'s jewel so unanimously voted. In pinning that jewel on the I.P.M.'s breast, he hoped Bro. Sherwood would long be spared to wear it and render such splendid services to the lodge as he had done in the past.

Bro. C. G. Sherwood, I.P.M., returned thanks for the handsome jewel presented to him. It was an honour to have been W.M. of such an excellent lodge and to have had such genuine support accorded him. As a Past Master, he felt in good company for they had had excellent Masters in the lodge. He could only advise the younger members to attend lodges of instruction as the only means of gaining a perfect knowledge of the ritual.

Bros. Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M.; Holmes, and Wilson, P.M., replied for "The Visitors," which was followed by "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," to which Bros. Buxton, Berry, Dennis, Hewett, and others made ample response.

"The Officers" concluded a very enjoyable and successful gathering. Bro. H. J. Foan, Org., had, as usual, provided a capital programme of music and presided at the piano with his usual brilliancy. He was ably assisted by Bros. Berry, Stuart, Walker, Will Edwards, Botwright, Hinds, and Carter.

Rahere Lodge, No. 2546.

The installation meeting of this eminent lodge usually attracts a large and influential gathering of Masons, and the attendance in the Grand Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital on the 13th instant was no exception to the rule. It is no exaggeration to say that the Rahere Lodge has speedily become known all over the world, as the members of the medical profession connected with St. Bartholomew's have been initiated in large numbers, and gone out to all parts of the globe. The present membership totals 148, including two brethren serving on the Plague Committee in India. The retiring W.M., Bro. T. G. A. Burns, has had frequent opportunities of displaying his knowledge of the ritual during the present year, and the result has been an exhibition of working which is a credit to the lodge and to Freemasonry. The newly-installed Worshipful Master is Bro. R. J. Reece, M.D., P.M., who is well-known both in the medical profession and in connection with other lodges and branches of Masonry. The members included Bros. T. G. A. Burns, W.M.; R. J. Reece, S.W.; W. Gripper, J.W.; Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., Chap.; Clement Godson, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; D'Arcy Power, P.P.G.W., Sec.; P. S. Abraham, S.D.; G. H. R. Holden, J.D.; F. Swinford Edwards, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Walsham, I.P.M.; Alfred Cooper, P.M., P.G.D.; Thos. Trollope, P.M., P.G.D.; H. Mackintosh, P.A.G.D.C.; and a large number of others. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Cummings, G. Org.; R. Gooding, P.G.D.; J. Salter White, P.P.J.G.W.; M. L. Hughes, P.M. 1971; E. Casey, S.D. 570; W. Ratcliffe Steel, P.M. 1, P.G.S.; G. Elam, 2532; W. C. S. Burney, P.M. 140; C. A. Gompertz, P.M. 869; H. Newland, P.M. 28; F. E. Hedges, P.P.G. Reg.; H. J. Calder, W.M. 69; W. H. Hobson, P.P.G.W.; L. C. Dobson, J.W. 69; G. J. Marshall, P.M. 69; W. O. Fenn, P.M. 14, P.G.S.; Thos. Dutton, P.M., Sec. 2410; C. W. A. Trollope, P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. Willes, 1593; F. A. Walrond, 259; J. M. Flegg, P.M. 101; W. Mathews, P.M. 1591; Sir Chas. A. Cameron, S.G.D. Grand Lodge of Ireland; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes Messrs. G. W. O. Slater, M.B.; F. W. Tunnicliffe, M.D.; and H. W. C. Austen, M.D., were duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. R. J. Reece, M.D., P.M., was next presented as W.M. elect, and impressively installed by Bro. Burns, P.P.G.D. Surrey. The following officers were invested: Bros. Walter Gripper, M.B., S.W.; Phin. S. Abraham, M.D., J.W.; T. G. A. Burns, I.P.M.; the Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., Chap.; Clement Godson, M.D., P.M., Treas.; D'Arcy Power, Sec.; G. H. R. Holden, M.D., S.D.; Ernest Clarke, J.D.; J. H. Gilbertson, I.G.; F. Swinford Edwards, D.C.; W. Haig Brodie, M.D., A. G. R. Foulerton, and H. D. Lauchlan, Stewds.; and P. F. Madden, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the I.P.M., Bro. Burns, and was presented to him on behalf of the lodge by Bro. Clement Godson, P.M., the first W.M. of the lodge. The Audit Report which was adopted showed that after contributions had been made to Masonic and medical Charities, there was a balance in hand of considerably over £100, in addition to £500 invested.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Frascati Restaurant, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kella.

The subsequent toasts were given with heartiness and brevity by the W.M., who presided.

Bro. W. H. Cummings, G. Org., responded for "The Grand Officers." He said he was but a humble member of Grand Lodge in his capacity as Grand Organist, but all those brethren who had attended there knew that from the Grand Master down to the humblest member all had but one desire, which was the advancement and perfection of the Craft. All the Grand Officers must have been delighted with the splendid work in the Rahere Lodge that evening. He was glad to know their lodge was one of the first lodges in the Craft, and he thanked them for the hearty reception accorded him.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Burns, I.P.M., who said the toast needed no words to commend it. They had seen the W.M.'s work in this and another lodge, and would hope he would have a successful year, with plenty of work, which he would doubtless perform in a most admirable way.

Bro. R. J. Reece, P.M., W.M., who was heartily greeted, thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their reception of the toast. He would echo the words of the I.P.M.—that a man must be more than mortal if he did not appreciate being W.M. of a lodge, and particularly of that lodge. He could only promise them to carry out to the best of his ability the duties entrusted to him, and if he failed, it would be because he had the will, but not the capacity. He would give them the next toast, "The Installing Master." Bro. Burns had done all the ceremonies in the same way as the brethren had seen him do the initiation and installation that evening, and had set a very high standard for his successors to follow. They had been pleased to have such a Master, and they would drink his health in a bumper to show their appreciation of him.

Bro. T. G. A. Burns, I.P.M., said he was obliged for the kindness shown him. As he said in the lodge it had been one of the happiest years of his life, and it was with regret he left the chair, although the work had been no sinecure. He had received nothing but kindness, consideration, and good will, and he hoped to attend the lodge as regularly in the future as in the past, and assist in carrying out the work as it had been done ever since the lodge was founded.

"The Initiates" and "The Visitors" were then given.

Bro. Sir Chas. Cameron, G.D. G. Lodge of Ireland, in responding to the latter toast, returned thanks on behalf of himself and any other brethren from his distressful country who might be present. They had enjoyed their hospitality as far as they possibly could and he had tried to reduce the profits of the caterer to a minimum as far as the solids were concerned. He had also tried to increase the profits upon the various wines. He was indebted to them for their kindly consideration in not having intimated to him earlier that he was expected to reply, which would have interfered with the process of digestion. As true gratitude also included a sense of favours to come he should be happy to arrange his visits to England so as to be coincident with the festivities of this great lodge.

Bros. Calder, W.M. 69, and Ratcliffe Steel, P.G. Stwd., also responded.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering.

Obituary.

BRO. R. GOUGH, P.M. 68, P.Z. 68.

The funeral of the late Bro. Robert Gough took place on Friday, the 9th instant. The first part of the service was conducted at Holy Trinity Church, Hotwells, Bristol, and was largely attended. The officiating clergymen were the Vicar (the Rev. G. Hemming), and the Rev. G. D. Oakley. The hymns sung were "Peace, perfect peace" and "Thine for ever." The Vicar, in the course of his address, mentioned that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had sent a telegram expressing sympathy and condolence with the widow of the deceased. At the conclusion of the service the organist (Mr. Stephenson) played "O rest in the Lord." The mourners were as follows: First carriage—Master Harold Gough (son), Mr. A. E. Gough, Mr. E. Ralph, Mr. A. Bryant, and Mr. A. Reed; second carriage—Mr. Charles Gillett, Mr. Fred Gough, Mr. G. Gillett, and Mr. A. Fox; third carriage—Mr. E. Hughes, Mr. E. Brown, Master Wilfred Bryant, and Mr. Mullaney; fourth carriage—Dr. Cook, Dr. Carter, Mr. Case, and Mr. Arrow-smith; fifth carriage—Mr. Amos, Mr. Villiers Hunt, Mr. W. Bryant, and Mr. Beer. The Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, of which deceased was a Past Master, was represented by Bros. G. J. Machon, W.M.; J. Gard, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Grubb, P.M.; J. Courtice, P.M.; W. K. Thomas, P.M.; F. G. Hatton, P.M.; C. J. E. Grubb, P.M., Sec.; W. Galpin, P.M.; T. H. Jennings, P.M.; J. Amos, R. C. Smart, Wiles, A. F. Villiers, G. Myers, C. Harris, T. Davey, W. C. Jarrett, S. Dorsa, and Commander Cawley. The R.A. Chapter, No. 68, was represented by Bro. E. G. Machon, the Canynge Mark Lodge by Bro. J. Lloyd, and the other brethren present included Bros. W. Jeffries, J. Owner, M. Clark, Makepeace, W. C. Bamfield, Hickman, and A. Fedden. Messrs. E. B. Wood and C. H. Mayo attended as the representatives of the Bristol Board of Guardians; and Bro. C. P. Billing, P.M., and Mr. S. Shirley represented the Town Council. The interment was made at Ashton churchyard, where the second half of the service was performed in the presence of a large crowd. The floral tributes were numerous and included wreaths from the Royal Clarence Lodge, the Royal Clarence Chapter, the Canynge Mark Lodge, the Ancient Order of Foresters, the clergy of Holy Trinity Church, Hotwells, Mr. Mullaney (Mr. Gough's co-churchwarden), Mr. Gough's employés, and others.

BRO. F. JACOB, P.M., TREAS. 1851.

It is with feelings of deepest regret that we have to record the death of our lamented Bro. Frederick Jacob, late of the Elms, Hampton Wick, which occurred on Friday, the 2nd instant, after a few hours' illness. Our late brother was initiated in the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, as far back as 1860, in which lodge he passed the chair. He subsequently joined the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, in which he became P.M. last year, and was elected Treasurer in succession to Bro. Baber, who had held that office since the foundation of the lodge in 1879. Bro. F. Jacob had stood as Steward for both Boys and Old People, of which Institutions he was Life Governor.

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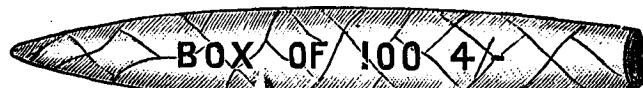
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THE DURE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA left Charing-cross on Monday morning for Coburg.

THE ELECTROPHONE was used on Sunday for the first time to enable hospital patients to hear sermons by popular preachers.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, K.G., honoured Sir George and Lady Julia Wombwell with his company at dinner on Sunday last.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has consented to open the new Nurses' Home of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, in the Marylebone-road, on the 17th prox.

BRO. ALDERMAN BELL has sent £50 to Mrs. Peter Tocher for her stall at the bazaar which is to be held at the Albert Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, the 21st and 22nd inst., in aid of the Charing-cross Hospital.

BLACKPOOL has now two Provincial Grand Officers in Freemasonry—Bro. T. Loftus (Town Clerk) being installed as D.G. Reg. of the Province of West Lancashire, and Bro. W. Longbottom, of the Fidelity Lodge, Poulton, being installed as D.G.S.B.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF ART NEEDLEWORK.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will lay the foundation stone of the new buildings of the Royal School of Art Needlework—at the corner of the Imperial Institute-road, South Kensington—on Friday, the 23rd inst., at 4 o'clock.

ABOUT 17,000 troops will march past the Queen at the review at Aldershot on the 26th inst. The time of the review is to be half-past five in the afternoon, her Majesty being timed to arrive at Farnborough half an hour earlier.

TRAVELLING by special train from Waterloo, the Duke and Duchess of York arrived at Bagshot Park, on Monday evening, for Ascot races. The house-party included the Earl and Countess of Pembroke, and Lady Beatrice Herbert, the Marquis and Marquise d'Hautpoul, the Duke of Roxburghe, and others.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN has signified her intention of being present on the second day (Thursday, the 22nd instant) of the bazaar in aid of the Charing-cross Hospital at the Royal Albert Hall, and has promised to assist at the St. Martin's Parochial Stall, representing Switzerland.

BRO. GEORGE POWELL writes that in the biographical sketch of his Masonic career—which appeared in last week's issue—we omitted to state that, whilst residing in Sussex, he joined the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 56, of which he was W.M. 1897-8, and installed Bro. C. J. Burchell as his successor.

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT of the British Home for Incurables, Streatham, gratefully acknowledge receipt of a donation of £25 sent by command of her Majesty the Queen in answer to an appeal made on behalf of the Completion Fund for endowing beds in and erecting the new wing, the foundation stone of which was laid by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst on the 10th ult.

THE RECENT gathering of Freemasons in Durham City with the object of raising the educational fund to a sum of £3000 invested, and the Hudson Benevolent Fund to a like amount, more than effected that result, a surplus of £80 being in hand after meeting expenses. This it was decided to add to the educational fund. Altogether more than £2000 was raised by the Festival.

AT A MEETING of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, held at the headquarters, the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, on Friday evening, the 9th instant, Bro. H. Cox, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. F. W. Bishop, and his installation will take place next month. Bro. T. F. Norris, P.M., was re-appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Ashwell, Tyler.

ROYAL SEA BATHING HOSPITAL, MARGATE.—It is proposed to hold a garden party at the hospital on Wednesday next, the 21st instant, for the purpose of inspecting the buildings after recent alterations and improvements. A band of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, organ recital, &c., 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. No collection; light refreshments. Special return tickets—12s. 4d.—can be obtained at 30, Charing Cross.

THE DIRECTORS OF SPIERS AND POND, LIMITED, notify that the transfer books will be closed from the 20th instant to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing the Interest Warrants on the 5 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures, the 5 per cent. "A" Mortgage Debenture Stock, and the 5 per cent. "B" Debenture Stock, and the 4 per cent. "C" Debenture Stock of the company. The Warrants will be posted on the evening of the 30th instant.

A MASONIC SERVICE, under the sanction of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, and by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. J. Jeakes, M.A., will be held at the Parish Church, Hornsey, on Sunday, the 25th inst., at 3.30 p.m., in aid of the Church Tower Building Fund. A dispensation has been obtained from the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for the brethren to appear in Craft or Royal Arch clothing. Morning dress will be worn. Bro. the Ven. Wm. Sinclair, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain (the Archdeacon of London), will deliver an address.

DEATH OF A MACCLESFIELD MAGISTRATE.—On Friday night last, Bro. Thomas Brough, J.P., one time Mayor of Macclesfield, died very suddenly at his residence, Clifton Villas, Ryle's-park, Macclesfield. The deceased brother was a successful silk merchant and a prominent Freemason. A Liberal in politics, he was for a great number of years connected with the municipal life of the town, holding prominent positions on the governing bodies of the local institutions. He was a man of extensive knowledge, having travelled a great deal abroad. His death has come as a great shock to the people of Macclesfield.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SCHOOLS.—Midsummer Examination, 1899.—The annual speech day and distribution of prizes will take place at Pinner, on Saturday, the 24th inst., at one o'clock. Sir George Williams will preside, and Lady Williams has kindly consented to distribute the prizes. A special train will leave Euston Station at 12.30 p.m. precisely, calling at Loudoun-road and Willesden Junction. Admission by tickets only, price 2s. 6d. each (including luncheon and tea), which may be obtained on application to the Secretary, at the offices, 37, Milk-street, Cheapside, E.C., previous to the day of examination.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS CONVERSAZIONE will take place at the Natural History Museum, Cornwall-road, S.W. (by permission of the Trustees of the British Museum), on Tuesday evening, the 20th instant, from 9 to 12 p.m. The reception will be held by Sir John Wolfe Barry, K.C.B., F.R.S., Chairman, and the other members of the Council, from 9 to 10 p.m. The following portions of the Museum will be opened: On the ground floor—the Central Hall, British Saloon, and Bird Gallery; on the first floor—the East and West Corridors. A selection of music will be performed by the string band of the Royal Artillery in the Central Hall, and by the Red Hungarian Band in the Bird Gallery, commencing at 9 o'clock.

BRO. SIR HENRY HARBEN has been elected a Governor of Guy's Hospital.

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON on Thursday enjoyed a trip from Tilbury to Margate and back on board the New Palace steamer Royal Sovereign, which carried some additional 600 passengers on the outward and return journey.

ON THE OCCASION of his appearance at Balmoral on Saturday last, her Majesty presented to M. Van Dyck a souvenir gold cigarette case, and to Mr. Carl Ambruster, who accompanied on the piano, a diamond breastpin with the Royal monogram.

AMONGST THE latest contributions to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London are the following donations: The Hon. Seymour B. Portman, £100; Mrs. Ogden Goelet, £50; Messrs. Howard Bros. £5 5s.; Messrs. A. Runge and Co. £5 5s.

MESSRS. H. S. PERSSE, LTD., distillers, have secured under competition the sole supply of Irish whisky at all the bars and refreshment rooms of the Royal Agricultural Show, Maidstone, which opens on the 17th inst.; they have also secured the sole supply of Irish at all the bars and refreshment rooms of the Crystal Palace.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON has invited the decanal and parochial secretaries of the Church Committee for Church Defence, together with many other residents in the diocese, to a garden party at Fulham Palace, on Saturday, the 24th instant, to meet Lord Raglan and the executive of the London Diocesan Branch of the Church Committee.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Bro. Captain Holford, returned to Marlborough House on Monday from Hatfield. His Royal Highness, after visiting the Galleries of the Fine Arts Society, in New Bond-street, left town in the afternoon, accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge, for Ascot Heath House, which he has taken for the Ascot races.

THE DESIRE of the late Mr. Lawson Tait to be interred in the Gogarth cave in the garden of his Llandudno residence is to be carried into effect. The Home Secretary on Thursday evening telegraphed the necessary permission, and the body will to-day be sent to Liverpool for cremation. The ashes will then be placed in an urn and returned to Llandudno for interment.

THE OFFICE of Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, vacant by the preferment of the Rev. Handley C. G. Moule, D.D., to the Norrisian Professorship of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, has been offered to and accepted by the Rev. Thomas Wortley Drury, M.A., of Christ's College, Cambridge, who has for the past 17 years been Principal of the Church Missionary College, Islington. Mr. Drury will succeed Dr. Moule after the summer term.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—It is customary to give, in the years intervening between the Triennial Handel Festivals, a grand performance of some great choral work by other eminent composers. An exception was, it is true, made last year in consequence of the engagement of Madame Adelina Patti for a special miscellaneous concert, but the directors have this year decided to revert to the old custom, and to give on the 24th inst. —in conjunction with the Royal Society of Musicians—a grand performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, with Sir Robert and Lady Collins in attendance, visited Lewisham, and took part in two important undertakings, on the 14th inst. At a private "At Home," at Oakfield, the house of Mrs. A. G. Stanton, her Royal Highness fulfilled the requisite formalities of establishing a branch of the Middlesex Needlework Guild, driving afterwards to Morden Hill to lay, in the presence of a very large assemblage, the foundation stone of the new wing of the hospital under the care of the Nursing Sisters of St. John the Divine.

UNDER THE patronage of the Queen, T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of York, H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught and Strathearn will give a garden fete and fancy fair in Bagshot Park on Tuesday, the 15th, and Wednesday, the 16th prox., in aid of the fund for the restoration of the parish church of St. Anne's, Bagshot, and for a new organ. Stalls will be held by the Duchess of Connaught and Strathearn, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Lady Pirbright, Lady Cathcart, Lady Elphinstone, Mrs. Soames, and others.

FOUNDED 100 YEARS AGO, the School for the Indigent Blind, St. George's-circus, Southwark, is now extending its benefits to over 200 afflicted people. Most of them are pupils who are admitted for a period of six years, during which time they are offered the training of a trade free of cost, the ultimate object being to render them self-reliant. Over the last 100 years some 3500 blind people have received the benefits of the Institution. If any additional proof were needed of its usefulness it was afforded on Wednesday last, when, under agreeable conditions, a concert and garden party were given in the institution, and attended by a large number of its friends. Some excellent selections were sung by the blind performers, and useful specimens of their work displayed in the grounds.

ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS for the monster bazaar to be held at the Albert Hall, on the 21st and 22nd of the month, in aid of the Charing-cross Hospital, are now complete, and the function promises to be one of the most attractive of the season. The charity will be benefited by gifts from many of the crowned heads of Europe. Thus the German Emperor sends a valuable present to the stall presided over by Princess Pless; King Leopold has forwarded pictures and lace to the Belgian department; while the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, President of Charing-cross Hospital, who has taken a great interest in the bazaar and the arrangements in connection with it, has persuaded his clever daughters to prepare many artistic contributions for sale at the "hospital stall." The direction of the entertainments is in very capable hands.

IN THREE DAYS the sale of the Wright Library, at Sotheby's, produced £865 16s., many exceptional prices being realised, the general character of Wednesday's sale being distinctly theatrical. The "Life of Mrs. Jordan," extra illustrated, sold for £190; the "Life of Edmund Kean," from published and original sources, by F. W. Hawkins, extra illustrated, and extended to eight vols., £299 5s.; Barry Cornwall's "Life of Edmund Kean," extended to four vols., £130; James Boaden's "Memoirs of J. P. Kemble," extra illustrated, and extended to eight vols., £170; Charles Lever's works, all first editions, £80; "Macready's Reminiscences," edited by Sir F. Pollock, £77; the "Memoirs of Mrs. Siddons," by J. Boaden, extended to six vols., £126; Thackeray's "The Gownsmen," otherwise "The Snob," fetched £29, and the first edition of "Vanity Fair," in the original parts, as published, £38 10s.

WESTRALIA WINS.—The recent sensational advances which have taken place in the values of some of the companies working in the centre of the Kalgoorlie field is directing attention to some of the less well-known but promising properties in the same district, such as Hannan's Belle View, which has an issued capital of £82,000 in £1 fully-paid shares, at present quoted at over 25 per cent. discount. Seven companies working in the same vicinity are, at present market prices, valued at over eight millions sterling, whilst Hannan's Belle View, it should be noted, is selling at less than £60,000. Brownhill Extended was, less than a month since, selling at £25,000, whereas to-day's market value is over £400,000. The same good fortune may await Hannan's Belle View shareholders.



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