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## FREEMASONRY IN CHESHIRE.

Cheshire has always been looked upon as one of our Masonic strongholds, and the present position of the Craft in the Province does not belie its reputation. In the very earliest extant lists of lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England will be found lodges located in the city of Chester and at other places in the County, and though many of them appeared and disappeared with almost equal facility, there have always been others to take their places and maintain that love for and attachment to the Craft which have been characteristic of our Cheshire brethren. But it is with the Masonry of to-day, not of a century or a century and a half ago, that we are principally concerned just now. We have received a pamphlet containing, in addition to the report of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge during the autumn of last year, and those of the Committee of Benevolence, the Cheshire Educational and Benevolent Institutions, the Prov. Grand Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the year to 30th June, 1899, &c., and from all these it is clear that though owing to the claims of the Boys' Centenary, the Provincial Charities may not have received the full amount of support to which they were entitled, the Province generally, with its several organisations, is in a high degree of prosperity. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's Account shows a balance, on 30th June last, of £127 18s. 6d., of which sum £81 belonged to the Fund of Benevolence, and the remainder to the Fund of General Purposes, the grants made during the year by the former amounting to £35, while £105 was voted to the Boys' Centenary, one moiety thereof being defrayed out of the same Fund, and the other out of the General Purposes Fund. According to the 36th annual report of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, there were 48 children educated and clothed during the year, at a cost of close on £386; but the amount received in donations and subscriptions from lodges, chapters, members, &c., was only between £257 and £258, though a moiety of the offertory at Altrincham Church, when the Prov. Grand Lodge attended Divine Service there, amounting to upwards of £8, and the proceeds of a ball at Birkenhead, of 50 guineas, raised the total to nearly £319. Doubtless the sum would have been larger still but for the Boys' Centenary, which the Province generously supported to the extent of over £2750. The invested capital of this Institution comprises stocks of various kinds of the nominal value of £5170, which, however, cost sums amounting together to £5945, and the interest accruing from their investments, reached to close on £200. Hence, with the balance of £273 brought forward from the previous account, not only was there ample means to defray the year's expenditure, but there

remained at the close of the year a balance in hand of close on £387. The Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, which has been only a few years in existence, appears to have fared similarly. The total of donations and subscriptions received during the year reached £133, the comparative smallness of the amount being accounted for by the superior claims of the Boys' Centenary Festival, but the Committee of Management consider this but a small sum to be contributed by a Province with 52 lodges, for they suggest that during the ensuing year each lodge should make a special donation of two guineas (£2 2s.) "to be credited to income, so that additional candidates may be placed on the Annuity List." In the case of this Institution the receipts, including a balance of £343 from the preceding account, show a total of £620, of which over £122 is interest on stocks of the nominal value of £3400, which cost £3862, the expenditure comprising £127 dispersed among seven annuitants, and some £20 for Printing, Postages, Bank charges, the balance remaining in bank on the 30th June last being £472. Thus, both the Provincial Charitable organisations are well set up in the matter of invested funds, and if the lodges and brethren, now that the special demands for support of one of the Central Institutions have been handsomely satisfied, will continue their donations and subscriptions—and as there are 52 lodges, with an aggregate of about 2500 subscribing members, we have no doubt the increased contributions which are asked for will be forthcoming—the educational and benevolent work which they have succeeded in doing will be continued, and even extended to a still larger number of beneficiaries. But, doubtless, we shall learn more as to the possibilities of the future when the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge takes place at Chester during the approaching autumn. In the meantime we congratulate our Cheshire brethren on the eminently satisfactory state of their finances for general purposes and the purposes of the Charitable Funds they have established for the requirements of their Province.

## THE LODGE OF RESEARCH.\*

The Lodge of Research, like its prototype, Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, has been established for literary purposes, and its Transactions, like these of No. 2076, are always most welcome. Indeed, the difference between the two lodges is one of degree, the older and more important of the two appealing for support and encouragement in its literary work to the whole Craft of Masonry, not only to that which is established in the United Kingdom and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown, but to Masons throughout the world; while the junior and lesser lodge appeals for support to a more restricted circle, composed for the most part of Leicestershire Masons, with a very fair sprinkling of brethren in other Provinces and London and elsewhere. But, though small, the lodge has prospered, and Bro. BILLSON, W.M., in the letter which does duty for a Preface, remarks that "the present issue of the Transactions of our Lodge marks the close of the seventh year of its existence, and the Founders, looking backwards, note with gratitude and pleasure the success which has hitherto attended its labours." To the claim thus advanced, and the success with which the special objects the founders had in view have been carried out, the present issue

\* The Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester. Transactions for the year 1898-9. W. Bro. F. W. Billson, LL.B. (P.M. 1391), Prov. G. Reg., W.M.; John T. Thorp (P.M. 523), P.P.S.G.W., P.M., and Secretary. Printed by Bro. George Gibbons, King-street, Leicester.

of the Transactions during 1898-90 bears undoubted testimony. The five meetings recorded in its pages commence with that of the 26th September, 1898, when Bro. BILLSON was installed as W. Master, and end with that of the 29th May last, when Bro. the Rev. H. S. BIGGS was elected to succeed him in due course. At each of these meetings there was read a paper compiled by a member of the Lodge or its Correspondence Circle, the one chosen for the installation being entitled "Tylers and Tyling," by Bro. HENRY SADLER, G. Tyler and Sub-Librarian of Grand Lodge, as to the merits of which we need say nothing, as it has already been reproduced in full in the pages of this journal. It was received by the audience to which it was addressed with every mark of approval, and not only did he receive a vote of thanks for his interesting paper, but he was also unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. At the next meeting—held on the 28th November last—the Secretary, Bro. JOHN T. THORP, gave a description of a recently-discovered copy of the "Old Charges," upon which, as it has become the property of Bro. THORP, Bro. W. J. HUGHAN has appropriately bestowed the title of the "John T. Thorp, MS." It dates from the year 1629, and all the points in which it differs from other MSS of the same kind are carefully noted by Bro. THORP, while, in addition, there is reproduced, from the "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," as an appendix, not only the MS. itself in full, but also the valuable Introduction by Bro. HUGHAN. At the same meeting the W.M. introduced as a subject for discussion "The opening ceremony; its signification." Several of those present offered their opinions, and of these one which will be read with a great deal of interest as to the origin and signification of the ceremony in question, is quoted *in extenso*. At the third meeting, which took place in January of the present year, the W.M. again contributed to the enlightenment of the brethren by reading a carefully compiled sketch of the famous LAURENCE DERMOTT, G. Secretary, and subsequently twice Dep. G. Master of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. Considering that the time at his disposal was necessarily brief, Bro. BILLSON appears to have introduced into his sketch all the chief acts of the great "Ancient," who, if not the founder of the Grand Lodge which for so many years was the rival of the 1717 Grand Lodge, was, undoubtedly, its successful organiser; while as to the justice of his estimate of DERMOTT'S character as a Mason there can be not the slightest doubt. He is quite right in his statement that "the man at the helm of the new organisation"—that is, of course, LAURENCE DERMOTT—"however, was a giant among men, a man with a purpose and an ability to turn everything, whether apparently favourable or hostile, to the furtherance of that purpose," and it is owing, as he says, "to his remarkable skill and ability that those who at one time despised him and his cause, afterwards sought reconciliation, and were glad to accept such terms as were offered." The paper is a good one, and shows that Bro. BILLSON has dipped into the archives of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England more freely and to greater advantage than most brethren. Bro. J. J. W. KNOWLES, also, is the author of a capital paper, curiously entitled "The 'x' and the 'y' of Freemasonry," having reference, as he explains it, to the subject of "Refreshment after Labour." This is well worth reading, Bro. KNOWLES having brought together from various sources much that is interesting as to the rules by which at different times lodge refreshment was governed. There is, however, an unfortunate slip in the paragraph beginning—"There are two well-recognised, well-authenticated, and, I believe, undisputed dates," at pp. 40-41. One of these dates he says is 1598, "when a lodge was founded in Edinburgh by MAISTER WM. SCHAW, Master of Works to JAMES VI., which still exists under the title of the Edinburgh Lodge." It was only the other day that the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, celebrated the tercentenary of its earliest recorded minute—"ultimo July, 1599"—but as SCHAW'S supplementary statutes of 1599 disclose, the lodge was already in existence at that date, though for how long it had existed there is no evidence forthcoming to show. The inaccuracy does not affect the general merit of the paper, but the recent tercentenary makes it rather more conspicuous. At the meeting on the 29th May the discussion took place on Bro. KNOWLES'S paper, and

this was followed by the consideration of "The Square as a Symbol," which, as the subject was dealt with esoterically, is, of course, not reported.

The value of this issue of the Transactions is still further enhanced by the publication, as a second appendix, of Bro. THORP'S historical sketch of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, Hinckley, from 1803 to 1859, which, as regards the care taken in the compilation, leaves nothing to be desired.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND RANK.

In a "communicated" article on "Provincial Grand Rank" in the *Freemason* of July 29th it is stated that in consequence of the "Board" having to provide the salary of the *Provincial Grand Secretary* it has practically "the appointment" of that officer. If the writer of the article were more familiar with the usages and customs of Provincial Grand Lodges he would be aware that, excepting any advice tendered by Provincial Grand Masters' Committees (which are nominated in some Provinces), the Provincial Grand Masters alone, and of their right, make such appointments, any such appointments as those noted by the writer being unknown.

It is the exception in England, so far as my knowledge extends, for Provincial Grand Secretaries to be paid for their important and valuable services. Even in such a large Province as Devon, with 59 lodges and nearly 4000 members, my esteemed friend, Bro. John Stocker, P. Prov. S.G.W., gives his time and almost constant services freely, not even accepting a honorarium for clerical assistance; and in my other Province (Cornwall) Bro. Bernard J. Edyvean, the indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary (P.A.G.D.C. of Eng.) never receives the slightest remuneration, even though he has, to now, ably discharged the duties of the Charity Representative as well. Neither are the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretaries usually paid any salaries, but in Cornwall a "Clerk Assistant to Prov. G. Sec." receives a small sum in recognition of his aid. There are many Provinces thus situated as respects their Provincial Grand Secretaries, and in my opinion their indebtedness to such officers is not so frequently expressed as they deserve. There are no other brethren who do so much work in the Provinces (many of which are larger than some Grand Lodges), and I am glad to see that the M.W. Grand Master is gradually and graciously acknowledging their merits and real Masonic worth by appointment to office in Grand Lodge just as with D. Prov. G. Masters. The latter really should have a status in Grand Lodge, as in the *Mark* Grand Lodge, for it is somewhat of an anomaly for a Grand Pursuant to take precedence in processions of a Deputy Prov. Grand Master, unless the Deputy is otherwise qualified.

As an ex-Prov. G. Sec. I know something of the nature and extent of the duties appertaining to that office, and have no hesitation in declaring that brethren who kindly occupy such positions, without any cost to their Prov. Grand Lodges, especially in those ranging from 30 lodges and upwards, ought to be required to accept an annual grant to pay competent brethren to accomplish the ordinary clerical work of their Provinces, and thus keep the Prov. Grand Secretaries freer for visitations and important consultations and correspondence.

In saying this much as to these officers I do not forget others who so kindly and efficiently act as Honorary Secretaries of most of our local Educational and Benevolent Funds, some of which are almost like Metropolitan Organisations in their size and widespread benefits; but these brethren would readily admit that valuable as their services are, they are far from requiring the constant labour, anxiety, and discretion, incident to the full discharge of the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary. The fact is, there is a great deal done for the benefit of Provincial brethren, in a quiet, but no less efficient manner, that because little is said, little gratitude is expressed; but the work goes on all the smoother for such well-directed and quietly-rendered aid. One of the best helps to Provincial Grand Masters and others needing precise information is to be found in the Provincial Calendars and Directories now being so generally edited by Provincial Grand Secretaries, and which are worth their weight in gold, because of their real practical value, locally and generally.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., the proceedings at Worksop and Welbeck will be ever memorable in the annals of Freemasonry in Nottinghamshire, and will add to the lustre of associations connected with the ducal house of Portland. The appointment of his Grace the Duke of Portland to the position of Grand Master of the county consequent upon the death of his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, gave rise to a desire on the part of the new Provincial Grand Master to celebrate the event at the earliest opportunity by inviting the subscribing members of the various lodges and their lady friends to an *al fresco* entertainment in the grounds of the abbey. At one time it was intended to obtain a special dispensation to enable the Provincial Grand Lodge to hold its summer meeting in one of the large apartments of the Abbey, but the idea was abandoned, and Prov. Grand Lodge was held on the 3rd inst. at the Town Hall, Worksop, under the banner of the Pelham Lodge, the Masters and Wardens of which undertook, as they have on many previous occasions, the duty of providing accommodation for a numerous attendance. It is some years since a meeting took place at Worksop, the previous meeting being, we believe, on the appointment of the Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. F. Bussell to the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a post in which he was succeeded, after a short tenure of office, by the late Lieutenant-Colonel Newton. The summer meetings are held in various parts of the county, invitations being sent and accepted alternately from Mansfield, Newark, Retford, Worksop, &c. The meeting was peculiarly significant and sympathetic, inasmuch as there were several appointments to be filled up in consequence of deaths of leading officials following closely upon the lamented death of the Duke of St. Albans. In the midst of rejoicings, therefore, on the appointment of the Duke of Portland, there was a revived note of lamentation at the loss the province has sustained by the deaths of the Dep. Prov. G. Master and the Prov. G. Secretary, and the important duty devolving upon Grand Lodge of appointing successors.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Portland, availing themselves of the presence of such a large gathering of members of Grand Lodge in the vicinity of their beautiful home, sent out invitations to a garden party at Welbeck Abbey in the afternoon, when the entertainment provided, in which lady friends of the brethren participated, largely tended to dispel the somewhat depressing surroundings of the morning's functions.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. G. Master, who was received with the ceremonial befitting his exalted rank. His Grace was supported right and left by a brilliant assemblage of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, the most distinguished visitors being Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec. Eng., as the special representative of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Bro. Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Westmoreland and Cumberland; and Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, M.P.

The Prov. G. Officers present included Bros. his Honour Judge Wm. Masterman, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Captain W. H. Tomasson, P.S.G.W.; Wm. Percy Payne, P.J.G.W.; Rev. James Farmer, P.P.G.C., P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. S. Morse, P.P.G.C.; Rev. H. T. Hayman, P.P.G.C.; R. T. Ingram, P.G. Treas.; Geo. Marshall, P.G. Reg.; J. Cooper James, P.S.G.D.; C. W. Gowthorpe, P.J.G.D.; Robert Evans, jun., P.G.S. of W.; Dr. W. H. Wright, P.G.D.C.; F. Milthorpe, P.A.G.D.C.; A. Barlow, P.G.S.B.; G. W. Hooton, P.G. Std. Br.; A. U. Smith, P.G. Org.; Dr. A. W. C. Peskett, P.P.G.W. Somerset, P.A.G. Sec.; Lisle Rockley, P.G.P.; J. W. Woodward, P.A.G.P.; Wm. Robinson, G. W. Humber, W. W. Holbrook, John Humble, and Dr. J. O. Littlewood, P.G. Stewards; J. Moody, P.G. Tyler; and W. Comery, P.A.G. Tyler.

In the body of the Prov. Grand Lodge the following brethren were seated, under the respective banners of their lodges:

Bros. J. P. Marx, P.A.G.S., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Atter, 1661, P.P.G.T.; A. Farrar, 1661; R. N. Webster, 411, 1495, P.P.G.R.; J. Crossley, I.P.M. 1661; T. W. Dophin, W.M. 1661, P.P.G.P.; T. A. Watford, 1661, P.G.S. of W.; Rev. H. W. Wynne Ffoulkes, 1909, P.P.G.C.; A. J. L. Dobbin, 402, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Farranda, P.P.G.D.C.; R. C. Wills, 1409, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Valpy Thomas, 1802, P.P.G.P.; R. G. Hanson, 411, P.P.J.G.W.; G. S. Fish, 411, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Wright, 1434, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Saxton, 1493, P.P.G.P.; R. Pender, 1493, P.P.S.G.D.; H. George, 1661, P.P.S.G.W.; E. M. Kidd, 411, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Page, 411, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Barnes, 2302, P.P.G. Std. Br.; the Rev. T. C. Ewbank, W.M. 47, P.P.G. Chap.; J. V. Holgate, 1435, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Pettinson, 939; S. Caudwell, I.G. 939; D. Houlst, 939; H. W. Fox, 939; M. Marks, 939; G. A. Oates, P.M. 939; A. Lewis, W.M. 1434; E. Prior, S.W. 1794; A. Burden, I.G. 1794; G. S. Rorke, I.P.M. 1794; G. Stevenson, W.M. 2412; P. J. Fenwick, J.W. 2412; T. Tickard, Org. 2412; G. W. Owen, 2412; R. Keely, 2412; J. G. Allsop, S.W. 2412; S. Watson, Forest; F. W. Cooke, J.W. 2017; W. E. Hardy, W.M. 2017; J. Hempson, J.W. 2594; J. H. Williamson, I.G. 2594; R. I. Jackson, W.M. 2594; James Harrison, I.P.M. 2594; W. G. Emmett, S.W. 1909; A. Blasdale, W.M. 1909; R. H. Bewley, J.W. 1909; R. Carlin, I.P.M. 1909; E. Bostock, W.M. 1493; S. Hind, P.M. 1493; J. Farnsfoot, P.M. 1946; W. J. Price, I.P.M. 1493; J. Dooley, 1661, P.P.G.T.; F. N. Hobson, I.G. 2553; T. Rockley, P.S.P.; T. Bell, J.W. 1493; D. Isaacs, 939; T. H. Mallender, 939; J. Craggs, 2302; G. H. Elliott, W.M. 2302; H. J. Bliss, D. of C. 2302; W. Godfrey, 1852; F. B. Footitt, W.M. 1892; G. W. Wood, S.W. 1802; A. Parker, W.M. 1852; W. J. Kent, 1852; J. W. Houghton, 1852; A. Graham, J.W. 1852; W. F. Jolley, S.W. 1852; W. Cooper, P.M. 1852; G. H. Andrews, 1852; J. A. Wittley, J.W. 1661; J. T. Spalding, 1909 and 1435, P.S.G.W.; T. Fisher, 1852, P.S.G.W.; R. Fitzhugh, 411, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Allen, 939, P.P.G.T.; Jno. Appleton, 939, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. B. Nicholson, P.M. 939; W. J. Lazenby, 1802, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. Manchester, 1435; E. Hooton, J.W. 1435; N. Ashurst, W.M. 2553, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; J. Wick, 47; T. Besceby; T. McNaught Davis, P.M., P.G.P.; H. Rowbottom, P.M., P.P.S.G.B. Derbyshire; A. W. Clayton, 939; H. Vickers, Greenhill, J. Severn, T. Southern, Wells, H. Heath, E. P. Bartlett, A. Parker, W.M.; W. F. Jolley, S.W.; R. F. Vallance, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. W. Harrop-White, P.P.G.R.; F. A. Robinson; Jno. Linney, P.P.A.G.P.; E. Clayton, P.M. 215, Ireland; W. Godfrey, Tyler; T. W. Robinson, 47, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Bostock, W.M. 1493; H. M. Dryden, S.D. 411; S. Hind, P.M. 1493; W. Selby, W.M. 47; W. Robinson, P.G.S.; W. H. Drury, S.D. 939; J. Lockton, S.D. 939; E. Day, 415; G. Watson, 1852; I. Hanby, 51 Essex; T. E. Hiffe, 2412; J. T. Shardlow, 939 and 1028, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wilford, P.M. 47, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; and J. H. Moody, P. G. Tyler.

Prayer having been said by Bro. the Rev. JAMES FARMER,

The Prov. G.M. said, as this was the first time the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge had met since the deaths of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Lieutenant-Colonel Newton) and the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. A. Stubbs), it was fitting and right that they should have the opportunity of expressing their great regret and sincere sorrow at the irreparable loss which their families, in common with their brother Freemasons, had sustained. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Newton for many years filled the

responsible office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of that province, and in that capacity gained the love and respect of all with whom he came in contact. They had lost not only a most able and wise assistant in Masonry, but also a true, a sincere, and a valued friend. (Hear, hear.) With regard to Bro. Stubbs, he could rightly say that during the many years he filled the responsible office of Prov. G. Secretary he was always found conscientious in his work, and zealous in the welfare of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) By the deaths of these two brethren coming within such a short interval of time, the Craft and the province had sustained a heavy blow. It would be a long time before the Masons of the province ceased to mourn the loss of Bros. Newton and Stubbs. He therefore moved "That this Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire Freemasons desires to record its appreciation of the long and valuable services of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Newton and Bro. A. Stubbs, late Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Secretary of this province, and sincerely regrets the loss of these respected brethren." (Hear, hear.)

His Honour Bro. Judge MASTERMAN said it was a mournful satisfaction to him to second the resolution so feelingly proposed by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master. The loss of two such Masons as these were could not but be deeply felt by their province. They had left an example for their successors which he was sure it would be their earnest desire to imitate, and he was afraid they could but imperfectly supply the places they had left. They as Freemasons were taught how to act in such cases as these—to look beyond the grave, to believe that there was a grand lodge above to which they hoped their departed friends had ascended, and though not with them in body they believed they were with them in the spirit. He seconded the resolution, which was agreed to.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested his Honour Judge Masterman Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the lodge ratified its appreciation by Masonic honours.

The R.W. DEP. PROV. G.M. returned thanks for the kind reception given to him on his appointment to that important position.

Bro. Dr. A. W. C. Peskett, P.P.G.W. Somerset, Asst. Sec., was then appointed and invested to the office of Prov. G. Sec., the R.W. Prov. G.M. remarking that he was much obliged to Bro. Peskett for coming forward to fill the office at such an important crisis as that which had recently occurred.

The PROV. G. SEC. having returned thanks,

The R.W. PROV. G.M. appointed and invested amid applause Bro. J. P. Marx Asst. Prov. G. Sec. His Grace then announced that he had had the honour of a visit from Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, who was very anxious to be present and take part in the proceedings of the lodge, but was unfortunately obliged to leave Welbeck on the Wednesday night to pay a long-promised visit to Ireland, as he had to return shortly to carry out his arduous work and glorious duties in the Soudan, but he had asked him to convey to the lodge his extreme regret that he was unable to come, and the hope that Freemasonry might long continue to flourish in Nottinghamshire.

Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to luncheon, at which Bro. Judge MASTERMAN presided.

In proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master," he said it would have given his Grace much pleasure to have been present, but he was so desirous personally to inspect the arrangements to be made for their comfort that afternoon that he felt he would be better fulfilling his Masonic duty by going home to look after them than in staying there. They all knew what an excellent man and Mason Bro. the Duke of Portland was, and it was with the greatest confidence he submitted the toast of his health.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., gave "The Health of the R.W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master," and recalled the fact that a few short years ago he (the G. Secretary) was present as the humble representative of the Grand Master to invest Bro. Lieut.-Col. Newton as Dep. Prov. G. Master of Notts. It afforded him great pleasure in being present at the investiture into the chair as successor to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Newton of a very old and valued friend.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER responded, and the toast of "The Health of the W.M. of the Pelham Lodge" concluded the proceedings.

THE GARDEN PARTY.

Princely as are the records of the Portland hospitality, the garden party in the splendid demesne of the Abbey, at which their Graces entertained the members of the province and their friends, must surely be allowed to fill a unique page in the annals of Welbeck. Functions of this kind are apt, as a rule, to prove wearisome and to pall upon those taking part in them by reason of the strict formality and starchiness which are too frequently allowed to characterise them, and it was in this respect that the garden party at Welbeck on the 3rd instant differed so happily from the majority of kindred social entertainments. The considerate forethought of the Prov. G.M. in intimating beforehand to his guests that the wearing of the frock coat and silk hat of conventional usage need not be a matter of compulsion—in other words, that his Grace wished to see those who were accepting his hospitality attired simply in accordance with the dictates of comfort—was a pleasing indication of the spirit that was to permeate the proceedings of the afternoon. The complete absence of uncomfortable conventionality and stiffness was a decidedly important factor in the success and enjoyableness of the occasion. Their Graces of Portland are ideal hosts, and from the moment that the guests, as they drove up in batches to the Abbey from Worksop and Cresswell, had been introduced to the Duke and Duchess and cordially welcomed, everyone felt perfectly at home. The occasion offered a rare opportunity for the leisurely inspection of the wealth of historical objects and works of art in which the magnificently-appointed rooms of the ducal residence abound, for the visitors were permitted to roam at will, practically without reserve, through the Abbey and those lovely grounds, which are probably unequalled among all the stately homes of England. The party was on a large scale; and, as the function coincided with the holding of the annual Welbeck Employees' Athletic Sports, there must have been quite 2000 people present. The number of invitations sent out was 861, and in reply 554 acceptances were received. But it is difficult to estimate from this the number of guests taking part in the garden party, as each invitation carried with it the right to bring two lady friends. This privilege was, of course, largely availed of, and the pretty summer costumes of the ladies gave the necessary dash of colour to a scene of remarkable animation. Refreshments were provided in marquees placed on the wide sweep of lawn on the south side of the Abbey, and pleasant music was discoursed by the band of the Coldstream Guards and by Herr Gottlieb's Viennese Band. The comfort and convenience of the guests were studied at every turn, and the occasion was indeed worthy of the hospitable traditions of Welbeck.

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**Masonic Notes.**

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th instant, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., the Treasurer. In the absence of Bro. James Terry, Bro. John Mason, the Collector, acted as Secretary, and after the minutes had been read and verified, reported the deaths of one Male Annuitant and one Widow Candidate, and the withdrawal of one Male Candidate. The business was mostly formal.

The presentation of the "Sudlow" testimonial is at length an accomplished fact, and the worthy and accomplished brother who, with one exception, has done more than any other member of the Craft to impart a correct knowledge of our ritual according to Emulation working, has had his eminent services well

and worthily recognised. The gathering at which the presentation was made was not a numerous one, but, as will be seen from our report in another page, it was an eminently representative one. The chair was occupied by none other than Bro. Sudlow's immediate predecessor in office (Bro. Thomas [Fenn, P.G.W.], than whom, from his known ability and long experience, no more competent master of our ceremonial work could have been found to do justice to Bro. Sudlow's work, while among those who supported Bro. Fenn were Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., who are themselves among the most perfect of our ritualists. As to what passed at the meeting there is no need for us to do more than refer the reader to the report in question; but we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity which the publication of that report affords us of expressing our full concurrence with the praises bestowed by the Chairman on Bro. Sudlow, and tendering to the latter our sincere congratulations on the handsome manner in which his arduous labours of the last 17 or 18 years have been thus publicly rewarded.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex is ordinarily marked by great heartiness and enthusiasm; but this year a tone of sadness was noticeable throughout the whole proceedings. In the first place, the Province had quite recently been deprived by death of the eminent services of Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., who for the past 16 or 17 years had been, firstly, under the late Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, and subsequently under his successor, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., the present ruler of the Province, the main directing spirit of Middlesex Masonry. Then, on the very eve of the meeting it became known that the Provincial Grand Master would be prevented by illness from occupying his accustomed place. Lastly, it had been ordered that, as a mark of respect to the late Deputy, there should be no banquet, and the brethren were thus denied the pleasure of meeting round the social board, and with it the one great opportunity in the year of cementing old and forming new friendships.

Still, in spite of these depressing circumstances, everything passed off satisfactorily under the presidency of Bro. Douglas G. H. Gordon, J.P., Prov. S.G.W., as Prov. G. Master. The various reports were presented and approved, the officers for the ensuing year appointed, and grants voted to each of the Masonic Institutions, together with a donation of 10 guineas to the vicar of Teddington for local Charities. Lastly, on the suggestion of the acting Prov. G. Master, who passed a just eulogium on the deceased Deputy P.G.M., a resolution of sympathy with the family was passed in solemn silence, while a telegram to the Prov. G. Master, expressing the hope that he would be speedily restored to health, was despatched and acknowledged.

By way of contrast to these sorrowful proceedings, the brethren of the contiguous Province of Essex held their annual meeting at Tilbury under circumstances the most encouraging. Their respected Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick and Brooke, had the pleasure of being able to preside in person, and found himself in a position to congratulate the officers of his Prov. Grand Lodge and the lodges under his charge on the progress that had marked the year then concluded. As many as five new lodges had been added to the roll of the Province, thus augmenting the number to 44, while the aggregate of subscribing members was stated to be 2297, or about 52 per lodge. Moreover, notwithstanding the unprecedented efforts made by Essex in 1898 in support of the Boys' Centenary, the Province had acquitted itself very successfully during the current year, the total distributed among the three Institutions amounting to £1225. It is not to be wondered at that under these circumstances the recent gathering of our Essex brethren at Tilbury should have been even more enthusiastic than usual.

There is, however, one other matter which cannot be allowed to pass unnoticed. Since the annual meeting at Brentwood, in 1898, the Earl of Warwick has had the honour of being appointed to the high office of Dep. Grand Master of England, and the brethren eagerly seized the opportunity afforded them by the Tilbury gathering to present to his lordship a very beautifully illuminated address in album form, in which they tendered him their hearty congratulations on his selection to fill so dignified a position, and expressed the hope that he might long be spared to

fulfil the duties both of his new office and that of Prov. G. Master of Essex. His lordship, in accepting the address, expressed his deep appreciation of their invariable kindness and courtesy, and trusted it might be in his power to do still more than he had had the opportunity of doing to further the interests of the Province with which he had been connected for so many years.

We are gratified to learn from our report of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting at Ironbridge of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Shropshire that during the past year Freemasonry in that Province has been faring prosperously. There are but 12 lodges on the roll, and the number of subscribing members is under 400; but the financial position is sound, and the lodges fulfil their duties in a manner which commands the approbation of the Prov. G. Master—R.W. Bro. Sir, Offley Wakeman, Bart.—and his officers. But most especially is Shropshire to be commended for the generous aid it has rendered to our Central Masonic Institutions. Since its Masonic Charitable Association was founded in 1885—in which year Shropshire, till then a part of the old Province of North Wales and Shropshire, under the late Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., was constituted a separate Province—there has been remitted to our Masonic Institutions in London a sum falling very little short of £5000, the highest contribution—made last year to the Boys' School in respect of its Centenary—being, in round figures, £1200. Our Shropshire brethren merit the highest possible praise for donations and subscriptions so continuously and so generously bestowed.

We strongly commend to the careful notice of our readers the oration delivered by the Orator of the Lodge De Goede Hoop, Capetown, at the recent Festival of St. John the Baptist. The "Orator" is an officer unknown to our English lodges, but there is no reason why, whether such an office exists under our Constitution or not, the brethren should not occasionally listen to an address as eloquent, and at the same time as stored with valuable information as that which Bro. Silberbauer delivered in Lodge De Goede Hoop on the Anniversary Festival of St. John in summer. The privilege does not often devolve upon us, either of reading or publishing an oration so happily conceived and so eloquently descriptive of the moral and material progress the world has made during the present century; and it is for this reason, but chiefly that some of our English brethren may be induced to follow the example of this worthy Dutch Orator, that we take the opportunity of drawing particular attention to this address.

The latest Masonic move in the great Australasian colony of Victoria is the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, with Bro. E. Coulson as M.W.G. Master. The ceremony of installing that brother recently took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, and from the spirit which appears to have actuated those present on the occasion there is every reason to hope that the new Grand Lodge will have before it a long, useful, and prosperous career. On referring to the "Cosmo" for the current year, we find that at the close of 1898 there were 11 Mark lodges of the English Constitution forming the Dist. Grand Lodge of Victoria, under Bro. Charles Roper Martin, who was appointed Dist. G.M. in succession to Bro. H. W. Loury, who presided over the District from its formation in 1877 to 1891. In addition, there were some half-dozen or more Mark lodges formed into a District under the Scottish Constitution, so that there is a fairly strong roll of lodges to start with. The change thus inaugurated is decidedly for the better. The colony has been for some years independent as regards Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. It now has a Mark Grand Lodge of its own, and in time, no doubt, will have its own Supreme Authority for the other Orders and Degrees which have established themselves in the colony.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was held on the 14th June last, the presiding officer being Bro. R. Teece, Deputy G.M., who acted as Grand Master, in the enforced absence, through illness, of Bro. Sir Joseph P. Abbott, M.W.G.M. A large amount of business was transacted, including the election of Bro. J. C. Remington, Past Deputy G.M., as M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year. After returning thanks for the honour thus conferred upon him, Bro. Remington announced that he had chosen Bro. John B. Trivett, the outgoing S.G.W., to fill the office of Deputy Grand Master. The other Grand Officers were elected, there being contests for several of the offices, and then the proceedings terminated.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Ironbridge, on the 25th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge—held at Market Drayton on July 26th, 1898—were read and confirmed.

The following Grand Officers were present and duly saluted: Bros. R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; W. H. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C.; and V. C. L. Crump, P.G. Std. Br.

The roll of Prov. G. Officers was called, when it was found that all the 12 lodges in the province were represented, there being upwards of 60 members present.

The revision of the by-laws was referred to the Provincial Board.

The annual statement of accounts was read by the PROV. G. TREASURER, and received and adopted.

Bro. Baxter, 2311, was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and thanked for his past services.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. T. J. Salwey, 611	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. H. Cooksey, 1621	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. L. Vernon Yonge, 601 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. P. Nock, 601	...	...	
" W. Baxter, 2311	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. P. Deakin, 117	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. H. Spaul, 1124 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Martin, 1432	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. Chubb, 1120	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. T. Davis, 262	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. F. Newman, 117 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Owen, 1432 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. B. Cranstoun, 611	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. M. Griffiths, 1120	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. G. Slaney, 601	...	...	
" H. Byolin, 117 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. W. Smallman, 1896	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" L. J. Rice Oxley, 117	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Frank M. Southwell, 1621	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" C. W. Campbell Hyslop, 262	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. V. T. Lander, 601	...	...	
" J. H. Lockhart, 611	...	...	
" T. J. Bott, 1120	...	...	
" H. Kenyon, 1432	...	...	
" F. Finnis, 1896	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. Goodall, 1621	...	...	

The D.P.G.M., the Prov. G. Reg., the members of the Provincial Board, and Bros. Ogg, Townsend, Crump, Williams, Freeman, T. Owen, and Smallman were elected Auditors.

The reports from the Head Master of the Boys' School (in which the province has three boys) and the Head Mistress of the Girls' School (in which the province has five girls) were read and considered fairly satisfactory.

Bro. W. H. Spaul, Prov. G. Sec., was again unanimously nominated for election on the Board of Management of the Boys' School.

Bros. Venables, D.P.G.M.; Crump, P.P.G.W.; and Salwey, P.S.G.W., were appointed a Committee of Management for the Masonic Calendar of Shropshire. It was hoped that all the lodges in the province would take the Calendar and present every member with a copy free.

The DEP. PROV. G.M. reported a further increase in the number of subscribing members, which was 384, against 370 in 1897.

The PROV. G.M. reported very favourably on the records of the lodges as placed before him by the Audit Committee.

The report of the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Institution for the year 1898 was read, and was considered eminently satisfactory.

At the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held on June 10th, 1898, this province was represented by no less than 51 Stewards, with the handsome sum of £1199 1s. 6d. The province was also represented by 10 Stewards at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival for the sum of £89 15s., and at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by one Steward, for £36 15s., making a grand total of £1325 11s. 6d., and earning for the province the compliment of "Well done, Shropshire."

The total remittances to the three London Institutions since the formation of this Masonic Charitable Association in 1885 has amounted to £4989 11s. 6d.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge should be held at Oswestry in July next.

On the conclusion of business the Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to luncheon at the Tontine Hotel.

## Scotland.

### GRAND LODGE.

A quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 3rd instant. There was a good attendance, considering the weather and the fact that little controversial business was on the card. The G.M.M., Lord Saltoun, presided. Bro. Major F. W. Allan, S.G.W., was in his place. Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan acted as J.G.W.; Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., was in his place as Past G.M.; Bro. M. Arthur, Prov. G.M. Ayrshire, acted as G.M. Depute; and Bro. Col. Campbell, Prov. G.M. Perthshire East, as Sub. G.M.

The following brethren from a distance were present, and were welcomed from the throne: Bros. Capt. C. D. Wise, G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of All Freemasonry in India; Walter Martin, Sec. Allan Wilson Lodge, Buluwayo; John Arnot, St. Andrew's Lodge, Queensland, Cape Colony; and Joseph M. Normand, 101, Ohio.

A statement of the accounts, submitted by the G. Treasurer, for the past quarter, showed that the income had been £1612 and the expenditure £740—an excess of income of £872.

A list of subscriptions to the Khartoum College Fund, in response to the appeal of the Grand Master in December last, showed that out of 339 lodges in Scotland only 82 had contributed. The total was £301 15s. 4d. Of that £101 3s. had been contributed by eight of the 37 lodges in Glasgow city; £54 by nine lodges in the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire and the Provincial Grand Lodge; £23 from Dumfriesshire; and £3 5s. from one lodge in the Metropolitan province.

Of the £404 contributed for the Annuity Fund in lodges last St. John's Day, £94 13s. was from Glasgow; £12 6s. from Lanarkshire Middle Ward; £14 8s. from Renfrewshire West; £11 10s. from Lanarkshire Upper Ward; £22 6s. from Dumbartonshire; and £46 8s. from the Metropolitan district. India sent £50, but Queensland, New Zealand, Western Australia, and the Transvaal did not contribute.

Bro. Capt. Thomas Hope, of Bridgecastle, was re-appointed Prov. G.M. of Linlithgowshire.

A charter was granted to a new lodge, Menzies Doric, Menzies, Western Australia.

A report, dated in May last, was submitted from the Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire (Bro. Berry), stating that the annual visitations to the Province of Forfarshire have again been completed. "I had visited 13 lodges, finding all in perfect order, when serious illness (which has kept me indoors for two months) prevented me from continuing the visitations. Thanks, however, to the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Depute Provincial Grand Master, and to Captain P. W. Anderson, Substitute Provincial Grand Master, they were duly completed, seven lodges being visited by the former and five by the latter, all being found satisfactory. Most of the office-bearers attended, and everywhere the deputations were received in the kindest and most hospitable manner possible. I have again to report a large increase of entrants over the previous year."

It was reported that the Supreme Court of New York had decided the case in regard to the bequest by William Ferguson for founding homes for Freemasons in Forfarshire. The decision was that the legacy was valid, except so far as the present value of residue exceeds one-half of the estate, which the laws of the State prohibit a testator from alienating from his next-of-kin. This excess amounts to 663 dollars, which the Court directed to be paid to the widow. The balance of the estate will be invested, the income paid to the widow during her life, and on her death the capital to the Grand Lodge for the purposes of the will.

The Annuity Fund Board reported the death of five annuitants, and the granting of one annuity of £15 and 24 of £10 each.

The only other business was three motions of which notice had been given. These, which concerned Masons only, were all adopted.

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE "SUDLOW" TESTIMONIAL.

A very interesting meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 28th ult., to present the above testimonial to Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., &c., about 85 out of nearly 300 subscribers being present.

Bro. W. G. KENTISH, P.G. Std. Br., Hon. Sec. of the Testimonial Fund, having read the circular convening the meeting, which circular embodied the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., Chairman of the Testimonial Committee, took the chair, supported by Bros. Sir John Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.W.; the Rev. Robt. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec.; and other Grand Officers, Present and Past, besides many other brethren of mark in the Craft.

The CHAIRMAN said: Brethren, you are all aware of the reason of our meeting this evening. We have a very pleasing duty to perform—to acknowledge in a suitable manner the great services which have been rendered by Bro. Sudlow to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and, through that lodge, I venture to say, to the whole body of English-speaking Masons of the world. (Applause.) All those who were present at the last meeting of the Committee, the proceedings of which have been read by Bro. Kentish, will recollect that I protested rather strongly against the selection of myself to occupy the chair on this occasion. There are many distinguished members of the Craft who would have filled this position much better than myself—"No, no"—and whose names would have been very much more gratifying than mine; but I protested chiefly on the grounds that I could not help feeling that having years ago occupied a similar position to Bro. Sudlow in that Lodge of Improvement, I could hardly impress upon you the consideration of the services which have been rendered by him without some reminiscences of myself, and without giving you the result of my own experiences under somewhat similar conditions; and in doing that I felt I might be misinterpreted as having a desire to praise myself. But after I was induced to accept the pressing invitation, made almost by force, I felt that I could throw myself upon your consideration, and that those who know me well would acquit me of any desire of self-seeking. Of course, the experiences I went through were, in many respects, similar to those of Bro. Sudlow; and when I call your attention to the abnegation of self which is required to tear oneself away from home every Friday night, in bad weather maybe, to attend to duties here, I think you will agree that it is no easy task. But there is this difference between me and Bro. Sudlow—that when I was fulfilling those duties I had been married 20 years, whereas, I am told, he was married during the term of his duties. I need hardly appeal to every married man here, especially if he be newly married, to imagine what that means. This brings me to one of the most pleasing parts of the duty we have to perform, and in discharging this duty

there is the pleasing recollection that Mrs. Sudlow is not forgotten. I do not think it is necessary to speak at any length regarding Bro. Sudlow. The admirable way in which he discharges his duties has been experienced by you all. But, as all Masons adore the ladies, I feel permitted, at all events to commence the presentation by asking Bro. Sudlow to present this bracelet to his wife. We not only hope it will be a pleasure to her to receive it, but that it will be a lasting memento of the estimation in which her husband is held by the Craft. I ask Bro. Sudlow to kindly present this to his wife as an expression not only of our high feelings of respect for him, but also as some acknowledgment on our part to her for having permitted him to come here so often to discharge those duties on Friday nights which have been so beneficial to the Craft. I say advisedly "permitted him to come." It is all very well for men to think they are independent of their wives: but we know differently. We thank her very sincerely, Bro. Sudlow, for the great service rendered to us, and it is an expression of our esteem for you. The next thing I have to present to you, Bro. Sudlow, is of a more fleeting nature. We have to present you with a purse containing a cheque. You will find out the amount when you get home. And now, Bro. Sudlow, I have great pleasure in presenting to you this testimonial, which is very handsomely mounted, I think you will say. I will ask Bro. Pritchard, who has been entrusted with preparing the address, to read it.—[Bro. H. Y. PRITCHARD, P.G. Treas. Middx., here read the address.]—I think, Bro. Sudlow, that conveys in a few words the feeling of all the brethren present, and of all those who have learned their Masonry at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. You and I know what it is to come here on a winter's night, through all weathers, to attend to the duties of the lodge; but I am sure the appreciation in which you are held by the brethren, is some little return for the difficulties you have overcome in the performance of those duties, and for leaving your fireside on Friday evenings. I can quite bear out the commendations of this testimonial, when they speak of your mastership of Masonic ritual. Perhaps I am competent to say that there is no one that I know so word-perfect in the ritual as you are yourself, and you will also recollect that it is the absolute ritual that was successively entrusted to the late Bros. Peter Gilkes, Stephen Barton Wilson, and to myself—three generations—before it came to you, and so I am sure that you yourself feel the responsibility as the custodian of that ritual, and that you will hand it down to your successor pure and unsullied. (Applause.) Another presentation is the list of subscribers, which is a little more permanent than the purse, and which I hope you will also keep, together with the testimonial, as an acknowledgment of your services, and the great esteem and respect in which you are held by us all. I wish you long life and happiness, and may you long live to enjoy the recollection of this evening! (Great applause.)

At this point, Bro. KENTISH read several letters of regret from brethren unable to be present, including the Pro G.M., Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M. Kent, and his Deputy in that province, Bro. J. S. Eastes; and very many others.

Replying to the Chairman, Bro. SUDLOW said: R.W. Bro. Fenn and brethren, I wish it were in my power adequately to thank you for the very handsome presentation that has been made to me this evening. This extraordinary act of kindness on your part touches me so deeply that it is impossible for me to find words to express the gratitude that I feel. Will you, brethren, therefore accept the simple assurance that you have given me to-night the greatest possible pleasure and gratification; the more so as by your considerate thoughtfulness my wife is made to participate in the presentation. As this is so closely identified with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement I should like, if I may, to say something about the lodge and my connection with it. Unfortunately, I did not know of the existence of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement until some time after my initiation, and the experience that I gained of the divergence in the teaching of Masonic ritual in lodges of instruction by various Preceptors—not serious differences, perhaps, but still, differences—led me, when at last I heard of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, to appreciate to the full the immense advantage to be derived from attaching oneself to a lodge possessing a system of ritual absolutely independent of any individual opinion as to what is right and what is wrong; a system recognised and accepted as a standard from which no deviation, however slight, is permitted. I believe on the very first night of my introduction to "Emulation" a brother of the name of "Hornblower" worked the Fourth Section of the Second Lecture, usually known as "the rise of the orders." So far as I was concerned, Bro. Hornblower sounded no uncertain note that night, for he inspired me then and there with the keen desire not only to work in the lodge, but to excel as a worker, and from that moment I became a diligent student of the "Emulation" system, sitting week by week at the feet of Bro. Fenn. I am, therefore, indebted to that distinguished brother for all that I know of Masonry. I think I may claim to have acquired some degree of proficiency, for before very long—it was in 1883—I was invited to join the Committee. I happen to know that the recommendation was supported by Bro. Fenn. I accepted the position with no little diffidence, because I knew full well the great difficulties and the great responsibilities attached to the position. I sincerely hope, brethren, that the fact of this presentation coming to me at the hands of Bro. Fenn—and I need hardly say how that fact enhances its value in my eyes—together with the presentation itself, may be taken by me as a proof that you and he consider that during the 16 years that have elapsed since my election to that Committee I have been faithful to the important trust committed to my care. Your kindness has placed me under an obligation which I feel I shall never be able to repay. It determines me to remain at my post for so long as health and memory are spared to me. (Applause.) I know, brethren, that my thanks have been feebly expressed, but they come from a full heart, where deep down will remain till time with me shall be no more, the remembrance not only of this event, but also of the wealth of kindly feeling, I think I may say in many instances of fraternal affection, of which this magnificent testimonial is the outcome. (Great applause.)

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, F.S.A., P.G.W., in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said: There is no brother who could have taken the chair more fitly on such an occasion than Bro. Fenn, especially as he may be considered to be the father of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. I think we shall not be doing violence to his feelings—although he is a modest man—and we shall be gratifying our own feelings, when I propose a very hearty vote of thanks to him for occupying the chair on this interesting and happy occasion.

The vote was carried by acclamation.

Bro. FENN said: I thank you very much for your kindness in voting thanks to me for the position I have occupied this evening. Although I

undertook it with great diffidence it has been a very pleasing duty. Thank you very much.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., for his kindness in acting as Treasurer to the Fund, and to Bro. W. G. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br., for his services as Hon. Sec.

There brethren made a brief response.

The address on vellum was a beautiful specimen of the illuminators' art.

The presentation to Mrs. Sudlow was a hoop bracelet, mounted with eight graduated turquoises of beautiful colour, and between each turquoise a row of three brilliants.

The purse in which the cheque was presented was given by Bro. George Kenning, P. Prov. G.D. Middx., one of the subscribers; it was a fine specimen of his particular craft—that of a gold and silver wyre drawer.

## The Craft Abroad.

### CONSECRATION OF MOUNT MALCOLM LODGE, (U.D., E.C.)

A ceremony of a very imposing character took place on Thursday afternoon, June 15th, in the Warden's Court House, Mount Malcolm, kindly lent by Warden Burt, when his lordship, Bro. Bishop Riley, Past G. Chap., as Consecrating and Installing Officer, representing the District Grand Lodge of W. Australia, performed the duties appertaining to the position in a manner redounding to his credit and that of the Craft.

Dist. G. Lodge was opened at 4.30, his lordship occupying the chair, while Bro. Corlis, W.M. 2639, was appointed to the S.W.'s chair; Bro. T. H. Edmands, P.M., acting as J.W.; Bro. W. J. Suiter, P.J.G.W., N.Z., acting as S.D.; and Bro. W. Tofield, P.M., acting as J.D.

His lordship having duly consecrated and dedicated the Mount Malcolm Lodge, for the purposes of Masonry generally, then proceeded to instal and invest the officers of the new lodge as follows: Bros. C. E. White, W.M.; Robert Taylor, S.W.; E. A. Gunning, J.W.; J. H. Coad, Sec.; J. Murdock, Treas.; A. Morris, S.D.; W. B. Brown, J.D.; A. P. Dimetrio, I.G.; and A. Bravo, Tyler. Bro. W. J. Suiter, P.M., acted as Presenting Officer. The proceedings occupied four hours, and were carried out in a manner worthy of the occasion. At 9 o'clock the lodge was called off from labour to refreshment at the Royal Hotel.

The banquet following the consecration and dedication of the Mount Malcolm Lodge was held in Mr. R. Lancaster's Royal Hotel, Malcolm, there being a very *recherché menu* provided by the host. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. C. E. White, occupied the chair, having on his right Bros. Bishop Riley, D.S.G.W., the Rev. Archdeacon Barton-Parkes, acting D.G.C., and W. J. Suiter, P.J.G.W. (I.C.), New Zealand; while on his left sat Bros. Corlis, W.M. 2639, T. H. Edmands, P.M., and W. Tofield, P.M., with 30 others.

The toast list being entered upon, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and Craft;" "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The Grand Lodge Officers;" and "The District Grand Lodge Officers of Western Australia."

Bro. Bishop RILEY ably responded to the two latter toasts, and congratulated the members of the new lodge on the important event just celebrated, and wished all sorts of prosperity to its members. He hoped the day was not far distant when the members would have a lodge room of their own, and that he would again have the pleasure of visiting Malcolm to consecrate and dedicate the new hall for the purposes of Freemasonry, and that Masonry would flourish therein.

The Installing Officer (Bro. Bishop RILEY) proposed the toast of "The W.M."

Bro. WHITE responded in feeling terms.

"The Consecrating and Installing Officers" was next proposed by Bro. E. A. GUNNING.

Bro. Archdeacon BARTON-PARKES, in response, gave an address worthy of the Craft, and urged cohesion. He hoped that the lodge would have a great future, and that this would not be the last occasion he would visit Malcolm, which, he thought, had a great future before it.

Bro. R. TAYLOR proposed the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Edmands, Newstead, James, and Turrell.

Bro. Dr. J. CORLIS proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Mount Malcolm Lodge," which was drunk with Masonic honours, and responded to by Bros. TAYLOR, S.W.; GUNNING, J.W.; MORRIS, S.D.; MURDOCK, Treas.; and COAD, Sec.

The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. A. BRAVO in the usual way, which closed the proceedings.

His Lordship and Archdeacon Barton-Parkes retired, and the remaining brethren entered into harmony, which continued until the "wee sma' hours of the morning," the brethren who contributed being Bros. Newstead, Turrell, Tofield, Morris, Gunning, Suiter, and others.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held at the Chester Town Hall, on the 9th inst., under the presidency of Earl Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M., who was accompanied by his Honour Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., and a full attendance of Provincial G. Officers, Present and Past.

The roll card revealed the fact that there was but one lodge in the whole province, namely, the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, not represented, while a considerable number of the lodges were represented by 20 to 30 brethren each.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and subsequent special meetings having been confirmed, the Provincial Grand Treasurer's financial statement was adopted on the motion of Bro. Col. DEAN, P.P.G.W., Birkenhead.

Bro. Col. DEAN next moved, and Bro. H. JACKSON, acting P.J.G.W., seconded the adoption of the annual report of the Committee of Benevolence. This stated that the funds of the province remained in a very satisfactory condition, and that the fees and dues payable by lodges showed an improvement over last year. The amount standing to the credit of the fund was £128. The sum of £105 had been subscribed from the Provincial Fund of Benevolence to the R.M.I.B. The amount subscribed

during the year to the Cheshire M.B.I. was £133, which was regarded as small for a province of 52 lodges, though the report conceded that many donations had been diverted by the Centenary Festival appeal in London. The Committee of Management of the Cheshire Educational Institution has educated and clothed 48 children, at a cost of £386. This Committee especially thanked the brethren at Birkenhead for their great assistance to the Institution at a time when the province was making a great effort to raise £3000 for the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Earl EGERTON OF TATTON, the Prov. G. Master, in the course of his annual address, congratulated the brethren on the continual and gradual spread of Freemasonry in the province, as shown by the fact that to-day there were 2652 members of the Craft in the province compared with 2466 last year. That was a substantial increase. He was also glad to learn that all the returns of lodges had been duly sent in and all the dues paid. He observed that the Committee of Benevolence had passed a resolution inviting an annual subscription of two guineas from each lodge to the Benevolent Institution. He thought that was a very good suggestion. They were already supporting seven pensioners, and with an additional £100 a year they would be able to assist materially a further number of deserving candidates. He had to thank the brethren of the province for their response made to the appeals on behalf of the great Masonic Institutions in London. Having given such excellent support to the great London Institutions, perhaps they might now take a step in advance, and give further relief to those of their brethren in the province who might be temporarily laid up or disabled by illness. (Applause.) There seemed to him also to be one step further that Masonic Benevolence might go, and he believed it was a step that would have the support and sympathy of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, namely, that the province should have the power, by subscribing to hospitals and convalescent homes, not necessarily within the province, to send disabled or convalescent brethren to those institutions. (Applause.) He would ask the Committee of Benevolence to consider this question, and make a report to the next Prov. G. Lodge. ("Hear, hear.")

Bro. Sir HORATIO LLOYD, D.P.G.M., proposed for the office of Prov. G. Treasurer the name of Bro. William Peers, P.M. 721 and 2609, P.P.S.G.D.

Bro. EDWARD CUZNER, P.M. 425, seconded the nomination.

No other name was proposed, and the election was unanimous.

Bros. Peter Davies, Geo. Ivison, James Cookson, Thomas Markland, and John Armstrong were elected Auditors.

The Prov. G. Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Sir J. T. Brunner, Bart., M.P.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Lilley Ellis	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. R. Nunn	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps
" Rev. J. E. Evans	...	...	
" W. Peers, P.M. 721 and 2609	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Arthur Walker	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Crompton	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Dr. C. S. Brewer	...	...	
" Col. A. Sidebottom	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" Andrew H. Baird	...	...	} Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" Hugh Lowndes	...	...	
" Gordon Small	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. D. Penney	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" E. Russel Taylor	...	...	} Prov. A.G.Ds. of C.
" Mark Olliver	...	...	
" John Watt...	...	...	} Prov. G.S.B.
" Dr. C. W. Bennett	...	...	
" Capt. A. N. Shaw	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Samuel Davies	...	...	
" J. Ferguson...	...	...	} Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" J. F. Swift	...	...	
" W. Williams	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. B. Blakelhurst	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. Whittaker	...	...	} Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" T. S. Dreaper	...	...	
" T. W. Atkinson	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" P. H. Lockwood, 425	...	...	
" Dean Sutcliffe, 979	...	...	
" F. Coveney, 721	...	...	

On leaving the Town Hall the brethren, in full Masonic regalia, were formed into procession, and marched to the Cathedral, where a service was held and an offertory was made on behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Charities.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

### IMPRESSIONS.

The Speculative Mason of to-day is not engaged as was his ancient brother. The Entered Apprentice is no longer a bearer of burdens. The Fellow Craft is no longer a hewer in the mountains, nor is the Master Mason an overseer of the work. The ancient Craftsman was employed in squaring the ashlar. The Craftsman of to-day, with spotless apron, is squaring his actions with the square of virtue. Instead of trying the perpendicular and

proving the horizontal, he is travelling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from which no traveller returns. The quarry in which we are labouring is the busy, thronging world. Our hearts are the trestle-boards upon which designs have been laid out. Our lives are the stones with which we are erecting that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

It cannot be denied that there are many men who become Masons, actuated, not by a love of their fellow-man, not by a desire to promote the cause of Freemasonry, but rather from selfish motives. Their sole desire is to advance their own interests by building up their fortunes through the labour of others. They seek Masonic wages rather than the opportunity of honestly earning them. Many such men very early terminate their lodge membership by demit or failure to pay dues. Their excuse is that Masonry did them no good. But having done Masonry no good, having failed in the performance of Masonic labour, they sought to draw wages when none were their due, and were doomed to disappointment, as will be every individual who seeks Masonic wages in his own personal aggrandisement.

It is the imperative duty of every lodge to be thoroughly satisfied that each candidate for Masonic honours is a man of excellent character and habits. Men may deceitfully gain admission into our lodges through false pledges, just as there was one false man among the Twelve. There have been bad men in every human society since the beginning of time. Not every Mason has been true to his vows, nor consistent with his obligations. There is not a church but has its hypocrites, not a dogma but has its recreants. It is unreasonable to expect perfection in any human institution. Humanity is weak and erring. While precepts are perfect, practice often fails. But in an institution where every man must come of his own free will and accord, where each one is subject to thorough investigation, and where each one must pass a unanimous ballot, we may reasonably expect to find men of the highest type of manhood, men who are capable of living as exponents of the philosophy of Masonry.

Masonry is an organised expression of man's trust in his fellow-man. Every lodge which admits a man to membership recommends and unambiguously indorses him as a man of honour and veracity. There is no Masonic obligation which requires one Mason to do business with another. But when one Mason does meet another in the marts of commerce he has every reason to expect that he will be dealt with on the square. It is part of the duty of every Mason to be honest in his dealings with his brethren. To receive honest, fair treatment at the hands of brethren is part of the wages due to every member of the Craft; and that Mason who will act otherwise in his transactions with those who put their trust in him brands himself as a liar and a hypocrite, worthy of the contempt and detestation of all good men and Masons.

It is beyond dispute that solicitation in Masonry, even though it may bring members and revenue at the time, does not pay in the end. The writer calls to mind the administration of an energetic Master, during whose term of office 21 names were added to the roll of membership. At the expiration of five years 12 of that number had been suspended for non-payment of dues, and several more were hanging in the balance. That a large number of these brethren entered Masonry through solicitation is not denied, but that their affiliation with the lodge was a detriment is fully proven by the above. The rapid increase of members and consequent financial prosperity, to the exclusion of Masonic principles, will drive any Masonic Institution into bankruptcy, and constitutes one of the greatest Masonic evils of the day.

The great lesson of Masonic brotherhood is epitomised in the Golden Rule, and expressed in the Five Points of Fellowship. These five admonitions bind us together in a sympathetic union. They contain the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. They should constitute the creed of every Mason. They should lead us, in our prayers, to remember a brother's welfare, as well as our own, to keep sacred within our breasts the confidences which are imparted to us, to stretch forth our hands to keep a brother from falling, and to hold his reputation with our own; to tenderly whisper in his ear that warning which is his due, and that counsel which his error and reformation may require, and, above all, to be ready to go out of our way to assist him when in distress. Just in proportion as the above are put into practice, just in that proportion are we doing as we would be done by.—*Illinois Freemason.*

### OFFICER AND PRIVATE.

FRIENDSHIP BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF SOLDIERS.

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Last night Bro. Gen. John C. Smith stood in the asylum of Peoria consistory, and spoke a few pleasant words to John A. Bush, of this city, alluding to the fact that they had been warm friends for many years. He was the general, and John was the private who was carried on horseback into camp.—*Peoria Journal.*

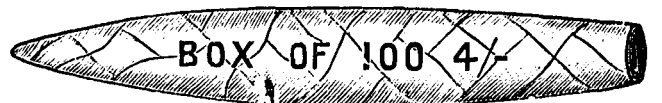
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