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THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

The Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its 56th annual Communication, in Maine City, on the 6th June last and following days, makes, as usual, quite a substantial volume, and, though the contents, for the most part, are interesting only or chiefly to our Iowa brethren, there is much that will reward the members of other jurisdictions who may be at the pains of reading them carefully and conscientiously. The Grand Master's address, in which that distinguished Mason passes in review before him the principal events of the previous year, is invariably found to contain remarks upon matters of fact and opinion which have been brought under his notice, that almost necessarily invite comment, while there is no source from which can be obtained so much valuable information as to Masonry in other jurisdictions as the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which, in the case of this Grand Lodge, has been compiled for the seventh year in succession by Bro. J. C. W. COXE.

We have a difficulty in picturing to ourselves the Grand Master of a Grand Lodge in the United States that would consider his address complete in its important details if it did not contain a reference of some kind or other to brethren who have demitted from their lodges, and who, in a large number of cases, transfer themselves to the ranks of the dreadful non-affiliate. Hence, almost at the very outset of his address, Grand Master C. BOWEN, after expressing satisfaction that no disturbing elements had arisen during his term of office that "would endanger or even cripple the Order;" that "peace and harmony" generally had prevailed; and that a slight increase in membership was reported, passes at once to the subject of "demits." Much work, he said, had been done by many lodges which were able to show a "surprisingly large increase of membership arising from new material," but, on the other hand, there were many lodges that had done little or no work and had sustained losses, "occasioned by a large number of demits." This he considers is a matter requiring serious consideration on the part of Grand Lodge, but he does not go so far as to think it desirable "to undertake to compel Masons by legislation to retain membership in particular lodges." He is of opinion that Masonry would not be benefited by the adoption of such a course. Some lodges might gain a few dollars, and show a larger gain in membership, but the brethren so compelled to remain would not be of the right sort. The more immediate effect of this mental exercise on the Grand Master is that he becomes poetical, and accordingly he quotes a couple of lines descriptive of the

undesirable Masons thus compelled to retain their membership, and follows this up with two quotations in praise of the very good Masons which lodges are so anxious to secure as members. He also, in connection with this question, refers to the apparent "growing tendency, to some extent, to draw away from the ancient usages and customs of our institution, and to compete with other and more modern societies for membership." So deeply impressed does he appear to have been with the grave impropriety of many of the inducements to membership held out by these latter bodies—"such as cheapness, or charms, or pleasures of club life or life insurance"—that when a lodge applied to him for his approval of its action in sanctioning the establishment among its members of a Masonic Club to be held in the ante room and banquet room of the Masonic hall jointly with the lodge and to have placed there billiard and card tables for the amusement of the members, he seems to have withheld compliance with their request. Though "not insensible to the advantages of the social side" of Freemasonry, and in favour of greater prominence being given to it by the lodge, the billiard and the card tables appear to have been viewed by him in the light of "a means of advertising for new members" and also as unlikely to attract as members the "unco' guid," of whom he is desirous that the lodges in Iowa should be composed.

Reference is also made to the Grand Lodge of Peru, whose return to the ancient ways of Freemasonry would seem to have given the Grand Master unqualified satisfaction. He also mentions that he had been applied to for a dispensation to hold a military lodge by some officers and men of the United States Army in the Philippines, who were Master Masons in good standing, but had not acceded to the request in the belief that he had not the requisite legal authority to do so, and, also, that he had granted dispensations in three cases for brethren to meet and work as lodges. He also enumerated the other events in which he had either personally taken part or authorised brethren to act for him, but these matters do not need to be referred to, and it remains for us to express our pleasure that the Grand Lodge of Iowa should be enjoying so great a measure of prosperity, and that Grand Master BOWEN should have succeeded so well in the discharge of his duties. The brother who has succeeded him is Bro. THOMAS LAMBERT, who, we trust, will be as successful as his predecessor.

COLOURED MASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

It is satisfactory to know that the Grand Lodge of Washington is in a position to resume its former fraternal relations with the other Grand Lodges in the United States. Last year, it will be remembered, it passed certain resolutions which were tantamount to a recognition of the Coloured or Negro Grand Lodges which from time to time have been formed in certain of the States and which all derive their origin from one common source, the African Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts, which was warranted in 1784 as No. 459, by the then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge (regular) of England, H.R.H. the Duke of CUMBERLAND, and out of which shortly afterwards sprang what is known as the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Bro. W. H. UPRON, who is held to be one of the foremost brethren in the United States, was G. Master of Washington at the time the resolutions were adopted, and it seems to be the general opinion that it was at his instance principally that they were so adopted.

Whether this was the case or not, it is probable that neither he nor anyone else can have been prepared for the consequences which followed, and which, in several cases, resulted at once in a severance of the old relations of amity between other American Grand Lodge and that of Washington, while in other cases the strongest possible remonstrances were addressed to the latter. Fortunately the difficulty is now at an end; the obnoxious resolutions were rescinded at this year's annual communication of the offending Grand Lodge, and peace and harmony again prevail, or are in a fair way of prevailing among the American Grand Lodges.

Doubtless the matter was one rather of sentiment than of settled policy with Bro. UPTON, who is generally credited with the possession of a sound judgment and the ability to exercise it with discretion. In this case he seems to have imagined that the brethren in other jurisdictions were as sentimental as himself, and that if one Grand Lodge recognised coloured or negro Masonry, it would not be long before others followed in its wake. But he appears to have overlooked one important consideration, namely, that in recognising coloured Masonry he was virtually destroying that absolute supremacy which the American white Grand Lodges—and not only the American, but also all Grand Lodges wherever established—claim to exercise within the territorial limits of their several jurisdictions. How, for instance, it would be argued, could the Grand Lodge of Washington exercise supreme authority over Masonry within its jurisdiction when within that jurisdiction there were certain lodges working under warrants, which were not recognised as regular by other Grand Lodges in the United States? Had a plan been devised by which the coloured lodges in the State of Washington were prepared to surrender their original warrants, and accept fresh warrants from the Grand Lodge of Washington; then, though it is quite possible that troubles of another kind might have followed, the absolute supremacy of that Grand Lodge would have been maintained over everything Masonic within its jurisdiction, and we are at a loss to see how, on this ground at all events, any opposition could have been raised by the other United States Grand Lodges. But the Grand Lodge of Washington lacked the courage to adopt this course. It resolved upon recognising the regularity of the coloured lodges, but withheld from them the charters which would have made them regular. Now that it has caused infinite damage to its reputation, the Grand Lodge of Washington, having undone its act of last year, will, doubtless, be only too glad to leave coloured Masonry alone.

KENNING'S ARCHÆOLOGICAL LIBRARY, VOL. II.*

The appearance of this handsome volume, will remind many readers of the *Freemason* of the labours of our late lamented Bro. Woodford, in connection with the earliest reprint which has found a place in the series I am about to review.

The previous volume of "Kenning's Archæological Library" contained a handsome reproduction of the first or original "Book of Constitutions," published in 1723. The next of the series, both in date of original publication and subsequent reproduction, was the "New Book of Constitutions" (1738), of which an exact copy was given in the "Masonic Reprints" of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge (*Q.C.A. VII.*), for 1890.

I am here referring to *English* "Reprints" of the various editions of the "Constitutions." Many reproductions of these books have appeared in America—the earliest of which was issued by Benjamin Franklin in 1734—in Germany, and in other countries of Continental Europe.

No complete reprint of the original "Book of Constitutions" (1723) ever appeared in this country, prior to the publication of the first volume of "Kenning's Archæological Library," and the "Constitutions" of 1738 were reprinted in England, for the first time, in the seventh volume of *Quatuor Coronatorum Anti-graphia* (1890).

I must not forget to say that the facsimile of the "Constitution;" for 1738, published by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, was

edited by Bro. Hughan, who also supplied a very excellent "Introduction" to its general contents.

The first and second editions of the "Constitutions," which owe their chief inspiration to Dr. James Anderson, the Father of Masonic History, possess the greatest interest for students, as some of the most obscure points in the archæology of the Craft, are only capable of elucidation to the extent that light may be shed upon them in these volumes.

Of Anderson himself very little is really known, but the inference to be drawn from the scanty evidence which has come down to us, would seem to amount to this—

That he was admitted into Masonry at Aberdeen, and joined an English lodge (the Horn, now the Royal Somerset House and Inverness) a few years after the so-called "Revival" of Masonry in 1717.

A little later we touch firmer ground, as under the date of September 29th, 1721, the doctor informs us, under his own hand, that he was ordered by the Duke of Montagu, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge, to "digest the old Gothic Constitutions in a new and better method."

There must have been some reason why Anderson was specially selected for this duty, and the explanation which most naturally suggests itself, is the supposition that he must have been regarded as one of the most experienced Masons of his time.

The doctor died in 1739, and it is supposed that the copies of the "Constitutions"—second edition—not sold, must have been purchased by a new publisher, by whom they were issued afresh, with a new and lengthy title page, and dated 1746 (*i.e.*, 1746).

The third edition was published in (or at least bears the date of) 1756; the fourth in 1767; an Appendix (by William Preston) in 1776; and the latest of all—in connection with the older or legitimate Grand Lodge of England—which brought down the History of the Society to 1784, in the beginning of the following year.

The facsimile reproductions in the volume under review comprise the appendix of 1776, by William Preston, and the Title Pages of the editions of 1723, 1738, 1756, 1767, and 1784, together with that of the re-issue for the year 1746.

Bro. Hughan also gives a descriptive list of the eight editions of the "Ahiman Rezon," or Book of Regulations, issued by the Schismatic Grand Lodge of England, or "Ancients"; and he concludes by enumerating the various editions of the "Constitutions" which have seen the light since the amalgamation of the two previously-existing Grand bodies, under the title of the "United Grand Lodge of England," in 1813.

Among the illustrations, are portraits of the Rev. John Entick, editor of the publications of 1756 and 1767, and William Preston, compiler of the appendix for 1776. There is also a very interesting memoir of the latter, and a survey of the somewhat curious circumstances connected with the formation of a "Grand Lodge of England, South of the River Trent."

The particular reasons which rendered a reprint of Preston's appendix (1776) desirable, are summed up very clearly and well by Bro. Hughan. Nor could the task of reproduction have been placed in better hands. The "Introduction" to the volume is a most interesting Bibliography of the long series of "Constitutions," which extends from the original issue of 1723, down to the 23rd edition of 1894. The printer and binder are also to be highly commended for the admirable manner in which their several functions have been discharged.

The Editor of the *Freemason* has most appropriately remarked (July 22nd, 1899)—"It is very many years since Volume I. of 'Kenning's Masonic Archæological Library,' containing the Constitution Book of 1723 and the Philipps M.S., No. 2, as edited by the late Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., was published, and most of us had gradually become reconciled to the belief that Bro. Woodford's carefully-edited reproduction of the Rev. James Anderson's 1723 edition of the Book of Constitutions, would prove the last as well as the first volume of the proposed Library."

To the energy and ripe Masonic scholarship of Bro. Hughan, and the enterprise of Bro. George Kenning, our acknowledgments are now due, however, for a continuance of the good work so ably planned and in part executed, by the "Masonic Student," whose loss so many of us have never ceased to deplore.

For my own part, I should be glad to see a wholesome rivalry in the reproduction of old Masonic works and pamphlets, between the respective manufactories of the *Freemason* and the "Quatuor Coronati." What we most need at the present moment are reprints of published allusions to the Craft—particularly those which appeared in the first half of the last century. Certain individuals—notably the late Enoch Terry Carson and Albert Pike—have distinguished themselves in this sphere of labour,

* CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FREEMASONS, 1723-84; and of the United Grand Lodge of England, 1815-96. By William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c. With a complete facsimile of the Rare Appendix of A.D. 1776 to the Constitutions of 1767, and other valuable reproductions. London: George Kenning, 16 and 16a, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 1899.

and I venture to throw out this suggestion (for what it may be worth), that to any brethren pining for distinction as students of Masonry, an ample field of action lies before them, in the exhumation and reproduction of the many items of printed and manuscript literature which are scattered in the half-dozen (or more) Masonic libraries of the first rank.

R. F. GOULD.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 6th instant :

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th June for confirmation.

2. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :

A brother of the Sidney Lodge, No. 827, Sidcup	...	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Union Lodge, Carlisle	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, London	...	75	0	0
A brother of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 281, Lancaster	...	75	0	0
A brother of the Welchpool Lodge, No. 998, Welchpool	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, London	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 1570, Liverpool	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, London	...	100	0	0

3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board beg to report that numerous communications have been received from the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, requesting the full recognition of the lodge as a working lodge. It will be remembered that Grand Lodge, on the 7th of June, 1893, resolved that the brethren who adhered to their allegiance to this Grand Lodge, instead of joining the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, were entitled to recognition as the Cambrian Grand Lodge. Some delay took place in the transmission of a certified copy of the minutes; and a difficulty arose by reason of the lodge having no Master, Past Master, or Warden, when it resumed its meeting in 1894, after the above resolution of recognition. The plea of the Cambrian brethren is, that they acted under a great and pressing emergency, and took immediate steps to remedy the defect, by electing one or more Past Masters as joining members, electing one of these as Master of the lodge, and having him installed in a Board of Installed Masters; after which they proceeded as a regular lodge. Propositions, elections, and initiations of candidates followed, together with election and installation of Worshipful Master and appointment of officers each year. No doubt the holding of a lodge meeting in June, 1894, without a Master, Past Master, or Warden present, was contrary to the Constitutions and usages of the Order; but after reading the explanations of the Cambrian brethren, and considering in fullest detail the events and correspondence from June, 1888, to the present time, the Board felt that it would best give effect to the resolution of Grand Lodge by recognising the plea of great emergency, and acknowledging the validity of acts loyally performed in the endeavour to overcome the difficulty. It was therefore resolved, at the meeting of the Board on Tuesday, the 15th of August last, as follows :

"That this Board, while regretting the irregularities which have occurred in the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, from June, 1894, and the cause thereof, acknowledges the great emergency under which those irregularities were committed, and resolves to recognise the several elections and initiations of members, elections and installations of Worshipful Masters, appointments of Officers, and other acts necessarily supervening thereon, and confirms in their respective rank and past rank all such Masters and Officers. All returns by the said Lodge to be recognised in the usual course."

The certificates of all brethren in the lodge since 1888 have been forwarded, and a troublous matter has now been swept away.

The Board has to report that the following presentations have been made to the library and museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks :

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
The Broad Arrow	John R. Reep, P.M. 12 th
Masonic Pamphlets (bound)	John Armstrong, P.P.G.W.
History of Lodge St. George, No. 549	R. A. Arnold Jenkins, Sec.
The Theatrical Banquet	John G. Littlechild.
The Grand Sanhedrim	William Shurmur, Past G. Std. Br.
The Virginia Text Book	The Grand Secretary of Virginia.
Sundry Masonic Books and Pamphlets	Mrs. Shadwell H. Clerke.
Old Masonic Diploma (facsimile)	Samuel W. Creech, jun., Boston, Mass.
Transactions of Lodge of Research, No. 2429	John T. Thorp, P.M. and Sec.
30 Volumes of Masonic Works	Frank Richardson, Past G. Deacon.
History of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28	Albert F. Calvert, P.M.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of August, 1899, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £10,379 13s. 3d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

August 15th, 1899.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :

- No. 2761, The Royal Naval College, Malta.
- 2762, The Lindisfarne Lodge, North Shields, Northumberland.
- 2763, The Harringay Lodge, London.
- 2764, The St. Olave's Lodge, London.
- 2765, The Earl's Court Lodge, London.
- 2766, The Putney Lodge, London.
- 2767, The Lord Kitcheners Lodge, London.
- 2768, The Kosmos Lodge, Johannesburg, Transvaal.
- 2769, The East Surrey Lodge, Oxted, Surrey.
- 2770, The Earl of Yarborough Lodge, Grimsby, Lincolnshire.
- 2771, The Yorick Lodge, London.
- 2772, The Richard Eve Lodge, London.
- 2773, The Lodge of Assistance, London.

- 2774, The Vernon Lodge, Doornfontein, Transvaal.
- 2775, The Perth Lodge, Perth, Western Australia.
- 2776, The Richmond Lodge, East Fremantle, Western Australia.
- 2777, The Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Perth, Western Australia.
- 2778, The Kalgoorlie Lodge, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.
- 2779, The Boulder Lodge, Boulder, Western Australia.
- 2780, The Finnerty Lodge, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.
- 2781, The Katanning Lodge, Katanning, Western Australia.
- 2782, The Duke of Albany Lodge, Perth, Western Australia.
- 2783, The Golden Square Lodge, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.
- 2784, The Legge Lodge, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday, the 5th instant.

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 6th June, 1899.

2. The following Report of the General Board :

During the three months ending 30th June, 1899, there have been issued : Mark certificates, 251; total registered, 40,223.

Since the last report one warrant for a new lodge has been granted, viz.

No. 526, Courtenay Luck, North Pine, Queensland.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 79; number registered, 6014.

A warrant for one Royal Ark Mariner lodge, viz. : East Sussex, attached to the East Sussex Lodge, No. 166, Hastings.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been graciously pleased to appoint R.W. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., to be Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, vice R.W. Bro. Colonel A. B. Cook, deceased (by patent dated 21st April, 1899); and R.W. Bro. Emanuel Xavier Leon to be District Grand Master for Jamaica, vice R.W. Bro. William Andrews, deceased.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The 31st annual festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 12th July, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Prov. Grand Master for Essex.

The sum of £2064 was announced as having been paid and promised. The Board have great pleasure in congratulating the Chairman and the Board of Stewards.

The 32nd annual festival will be held in July, 1900, under the distinguished presidency of the Pro Grand Master, M.W. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of ladies and brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The following cases have been relieved : A brother of Lodge No. 236 with £5, and a brother of Lodge No. 10 with £20.

R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, Grand Secretary.

3. A motion will be made that the Report be taken as read.

4. A motion will be made that the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

5. A motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.

INTERESTING MASONIC MEETING.

At the monthly meeting of the Hatherston Lodge, held at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on the 24th ult., Bro. Fred W. Lavender was unanimously re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year. This is only the second time in the history of Walsall Masonry, as we learn from Dr. Willmore's work on the subject, that any gentleman has been re-elected immediately at the close of his first year of office. A very gratifying and unique feature of the evening was the presentation of a massive sterling silver loving cup, given by ladies interested in the lodge, and it bore the following inscription :

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A PROMINENT VISITOR.

Gen. John C. Smith, of Chicago, prominent among the Masons, Old Fellows, and politicians of the State, is a visitor to our city. He is making the round of Southern Illinois in the capacity of Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of the State, a position he is now filling for the 25th time. Last night he visited both our local and subordinate lodges, and was most heartily welcomed by the brethren and patriarchs.

Gen. Smith has twice filled the position of State Treasurer, and served one term as Lieutenant-Governor. He has filled every position known to Masonry and Odd Fellowship. He has visited Masonic lodges in every part of the world, and Odd Fellows' lodges in all the countries where they have been established. He is known to more people, and can call by name more people, than any man in the State. It goes without saying that he is immensely popular.

Once Gen. Smith has circumnavigated the globe, and has recently returned from his fourth visit to the countries of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Being a close observer and a superior conversationalist, there are few who surpass him as an entertainer.

Since his arrival here, we regret to say, he has not been well, and, as a consequence failed to meet many of his old friends. He goes this morning to Harrisburg.—*Carbondale Herald*.

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out of his difficulty.

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something to assist this destitute brother,

We remain, dear Sir and brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROBERT WALLACE, P.M. 184.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1899.

Masonic Notes.

The regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 6th instant, but the programme of business is by no means a formidable one, the principal item on the Agenda being contained in the Report of the Board of General Purposes, and having reference to the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W. The Board expresses regret at the irregularities since June, 1894, committed by the said lodge; but, at the same time, acknowledges the great emergency under which they were committed, and now recognises the acts done by the lodge in respect of the election and initiation of members, the election and installation of Worshipful Masters, the appointment of officers, confirming in their rank or past rank all Masters and officers so elected and appointed.

It appears that warrants have been granted by his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master since the Quarterly Communication on the 7th June last for the constitution of as many as 24 new lodges. Of these eight are located in London, namely, the Harringay, No. 2763; the St. Olave's, No. 2764; the Earl's Court, No. 2765; the Putney Lodge, No. 2766; the Lord Kitchener Lodge, No. 2767; the Yorick, No. 2771; the Richard Eve, No. 2772; and the Lodge of Assistance, No. 2773. Four others are located in the Provinces, and comprise the Lindisfarne Lodge, No. 2762, North Shields, in the Province of Northumberland; the East Surrey Lodge, No. 2769, Oxted, in the Province of Surrey; the Earl of Yarborough Lodge, No. 2770, Grimsby, Lincolnshire; and the Legge Lodge, No. 2784, West Bromwich, in the Province of Staffordshire.

The remaining 12 are all located abroad, the Royal Naval College, No. 2761, in the District of Malta; and the Kosmos Lodge, No. 2768, at Johannesburg, and the Vernon Lodge, No. 2774, at Doornfontein, both in the District of the Transvaal. But the following nine have been added to the roll of Western Australia, namely, the Perth Lodge, No. 2775, the Diamond Jubilee Lodge, No. 2777, and the Duke of Albany Lodge, No. 2782, all three in Perth; the Richmond, No. 2776, East Fremantle; the Kalgoorlie, No. 2778, the Finnerty Lodge, No. 2780, and the Golden Square Lodge, No. 2783, Kalgoorlie; the Boulder Lodge, No. 2779, Boulder; and the Katanning Lodge, No. 2781, Katanning. This is an unusually large addition to make to the roll of a District in a single quarter; but it may be that the English Craft are desirous of not being eclipsed in numbers by the lodges of the Scottish Constitution, which are very much more numerous now than they were a few years since.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 5th instant; but, beyond the consideration of the Report of the General Board, and anything that may arise out of it, there is no business of importance to transact. The Report of the Board, too, contains little else than the usual statistics as to lodges and certificates granted in the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees. In the former a warrant of constitution for the Courtenay Mark Lodge, No. 526, North Pine, Queensland, has been granted, while 251 Mark certificates were issued during the quarter to 30th June, raising the total number of registered Mark Master Masons to 40,223. During the same period there has been granted a warrant of constitution to the East Sussex Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, to be moored off the East Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 166, Hastings, and 79 R.A. Mariner certificates were issued, raising the total number of registered R.A. Mariners to 6014. Announcement is made that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Mark Master has appointed Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.M. of Middlesex, vice Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, deceased, and Bro. F. Xavier Leon, Dist. G.M.M. of Jamaica, in succession to Bro. W. Andrews, deceased.

Under the head of the "Fund of Benevolence" the Board congratulates the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G.M.M. Essex, who presided as Chairman, and his Board of Stewards, on the success of the recent Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, at which a total of £2064 in contributions, paid and promised, was announced. It is also stated that the Earl of Euston, Pro G. Master, has kindly consented to preside at the 32nd Festival in July, 1900, in aid of the same Fund, and the services of brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, to-day (Friday), at which the petitions of 11 candidates will be considered, with a view to their names being placed on the list for election at the next Court of Governors. Of these 11 children, two are for the Educational Fund, five for the Combined Fund, and four for the Advancement Fund.

The *Indian Freemason* for July contains a sketch of the Masonic career of his Excellency Bro. Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, with an accompanying portrait of his lordship in his insignia of office as M.W.G. Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. It is manifest from the particulars furnished that Lord

Sandhurst, who was initiated in 1880 in United Lodge No. 1629, takes a deep interest in all that relates to the Craft. On arriving out in Bombay, and taking up his appointment as Governor of the Presidency, he was appointed Pro District G. Master and installed in office on the 23rd August, 1895. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a Mark Master Mason, and was installed Dist. G. Mark Master of Bombay in January, 1898. He was perfected Rose Croix in January, 1896, and installed M.W. Sovereign of the Bombay Chapter, No. 18, on 28th February, 1898. He is also a Scottish Craft Mason, and was installed M.W.G.M. of A.S. Freemasonry in India in the Novelty Theatre, Bombay, on 4th June, 1897. It is through his efforts principally that the brethren of the two Constitutions in Bombay were able to secure a capital site for their new Masonic Hall, at the laying of the foundation-stone of which he took the chief part, and which he opened and dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry in April of the present year. His lordship has indeed rendered most important services to the Craft, in the presidency of which he is the Governor, and we rejoice to know that these services are appreciated as they deserve.

For reasons, which, no doubt, appeared good and sufficient at the time, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has placed in charge of the different Districts into which its jurisdiction is divided certain officers on whom it has bestowed the title of Grand Superintendent. It seems, however, that confusion has frequently arisen owing to the similarity of the name to that of the Grand Superintendent of Works, which is an office of inferior rank in Grand Lodge. Under the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions the officers of corresponding rank are designated Prov. Grand Masters, while in the United States and in sundry of the Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada they are known as District Deputy Grand Masters, a title which strikes us as being very appropriate, seeing that if the duties of these Grand Superintendents under the New Zealand Constitution correspond with those of the District Deputy Grand Masters under the United States and British North American Constitutions, they are in fact Deputy Grand Masters for the Districts over which they severally preside. At all events, if the American or Canadian title were adopted, there would be no risk of confounding the Grand Superintendent of a District with the Grand Superintendent of Works or Workings.

The offices of District Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of the Punjab, which were some time since resigned by General Sir George B. Wolseley, K.C.B., have not remained vacant for long, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Power Palmer having been chosen by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master and Grand Z. to succeed him in both capacities. Bro. Sir P. Palmer was Deputy District Grand Master under Sir Geo. Wolseley, and was installed, at 5 p.m., as Grand Superintendent, and, at 7 p.m., as District Grand Master, on the 29th June last. The new Deputy Grand Master is Bro. Col. Keighley.

We learn from the *Freemason* of Los Angeles, Cal., that a Michigan brother recently deceased expressed a wish that the members of his lodge should partake of a supper in his memory and undertook to make provision for the cost of the refreshment. Accordingly after his death it was found that he had bequeathed the necessary funds to the lodge in question—Detroit, No. 2—and the 7th June last was chosen to commemorate the deceased in the manner he had wished, just a few "exercises" being added in order to provide the brethren with appetites that would do justice to the supper.

It is not often we go out of our way to call attention to appeals by, or in behalf of, distressed Freemasons—not from any lack of sympathy with them in their misfortunes, but because the cases are numerous, and there would be no end to our recommendations. But the circumstances recounted in our advertisement columns under the heading—"Appeal from Drum Masonic Lodge, 184"—are such as to justify the hope that the appeal will be largely and generally responded to. The hostility of the Romish priesthood to Freemasonry is well known, and the Bro. James Smith, for whom the appeal is being circulated, is both a Roman Catholic and a Freemason of 24 years' standing, his present critical circumstances being due to his refusal to abjure Freemasonry at the commands of the clergy and the solicitations of relatives. We wish the appeal all possible success.

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.

ASHTON DISTRICT MARK LODGE AND THE GRAND LODGE OF M.M.M. OF ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have waited some months before making any public statement in respect to the attack made on the Mark Master Masons Lodge of the Ashton District by some prominent members of the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of England in order that the feeling and excitement might calm down and the indignation abate, or become less acute, that had been produced by the arbitrary action and expression of strong and indiscreet language of the latter, which, to say the least, might have been more accurately and happily chosen.

It has been my endeavour all through "to pour oil on the troubled waters," and thereby so far as possible prevent the widening of the breach of discord unfortunately produced by the over zeal and indiscretion of those who assumed authority and pronounced judgment without hearing and studying the facts of the case and deciding on the merits.

Perhaps it would be better at this stage to explain the peculiar position in which I am placed, which is unique in consequence of being a Past Officer in both the Ashton District Mark and the Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Lancashire, but still more exceptional, as I have been charged by some and credited by others as being the cause of the whole action and the originator of all the trouble, in consequence of correspondence from me published in the *Masonic Journal* during the early months of 1898.

Those who read that correspondence will have observed that the spirit evinced then was favourable to the union of the two lodges, for all along I have advocated amalgamation or affiliation, and have no doubt the Provincial Grand Secretaries of both Cheshire and Lancashire will be convinced of the same from conversations we have had. However, notwithstanding all this, in consequence of remarks that have reached me, both directly and indirectly, it is but right (in self-defence) I should explain more fully the consistency of my position, in order that I may retain the confidence of my brethren and friends throughout England, and more especially in Lancashire and Cheshire.

I was originally advanced in the M.M.M. Lodge of the Ashton District, and having been enjoined previously in the Symbolic and other Degrees to endeavour to establish union and a good understanding among all Orders and Degrees of Freemasonry, and to render aid to brethren in difficulties and distress, I naturally came to the assistance of the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of England, for in the following year, being canvassed to join the "Royal Mark," in consequence of the lodge at Ashton-under-Lyne being weak in members, &c., several inducements being suggested; in conjunction with a number of others connected with the Ashton District Mark I joined the Skelmersdale Lodge, wherein many of us took office, passed through the different chairs and were rewarded with Provincial Rank, the lodge of late years being equipped with efficient officers capable of discharging all ceremonial work, whereas formerly assistance had to be imported. For the general information of Masons I desire to append a copy of my certificate from the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of England and Wales, &c.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., Grand Master.

"Be it known that our brother Thomas D. Foreman (*Originally Advanced under the Ashton-under-Lyne Constitution*), who hath signed his name in the Margin hereof, was regularly admitted as a joining Mark Master on the 28th day of Decr., 1887, in the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 141, Ashton-under-Lyne, and that he is registered in the books of the Grand Lodge accordingly. All lawful and worthy Mark Masters throughout the globe are therefore prayed and enjoined to receive him as a brother, &c.

(Signed) "FREDERICK BINCKES, Grand Secretary."

There is no mention or suggestion here of either "*Spurious or Claudestine Lodge*," yet in February last the General Board of Grand Lodge, through their Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, wrote the Secretary of the Ashton District Lodge a curt, arbitrary and unnecessarily provocative letter not characterised by much brotherly expression, to which the Ashton District Secretary replied explaining and defending the position and respectfully asked, "What they wished them to do and what they had to suggest?" the only reply was, "They had nothing to add to the former letter," and hence the correspondence was abruptly closed. What transpired afterwards is best known to the General Board. However, either in ignorance of facts and the real merits of the case, or from unrelia ble and wrong information, an unjustifiable attack was made at a meeting of Grand Lodge when Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland and others used many strong expressions which would have been better unsaid, some of the savoury epithets being scarcely characteristic of the great Brotherhood of Masons, for this old lodge although designated "*Spurious and Claudestine*," has had an honourable existence of over 100 years, and has had in the past, as well as at present, many honourable and distinguished adherents. Amongst the officers is his Worship the Mayor of Ashton-under-Lyne, whilst an ex-Mayor is Treasurer, its membership comprising aldermen, borough and district councillors, magistrates, professional men, manufacturers, merchants, &c., many holding high and important positions in society, and in connection with the State and the church.

The statements made use of in Grand Lodge, although inexpedient, were not so injurious to the Masonic cause as what afterwards occurred in the provinces, for the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, evidently unacquainted with facts, reiterated the former statements of Grand Lodge at the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at Stockport, the remarks, unfortunately, got into the public press and were copied and criticised by the evening and weekly papers in such a manner that I regret considerable injury has been done to the cause of Masonry and its prestige lowered in the district.

Another questionable procedure—to crush the Ashton District Lodge through the Craft lodges of the neighbourhood—was a puerile attempt to make a fuss, which, in the minds of more enlightened brethren, was only "a storm in a teacup," and has created a feeling in the district not conducive to the general interests of Freemasonry, and decidedly detrimental and injurious to all the higher Degrees; however, I entertain the hope and belief that time will efface the present prejudice. It is believed the Craft lodges will emerge unscathed from this high sounding enquiry; indeed, nothing had been done by any of the lodges beyond permitting the use of rooms with a portion of their furniture, a custom which had existed for at least 60 years, and a procedure which has been regularly granted by Craft lodges to Knights Templar, the Allied and other Degrees, and even to the "Royal Mark" itself, all of which Degrees are not recognised by the Constitutions of the Craft any more than that of the "Ashton District Mark."

Had Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland been aware of the history and facts connected with the constitution and administration of the Ashton District Lodge, and that its Secretary had written asking the Board of the Royal Mark, "what they wished them to do, and what they had to suggest?" it is scarcely likely he would have made such sweeping assertions; as afterwards, when a copy of a letter addressed to the General Board was sent to him, he courteously replied in

a gentlemanly manner, and evinced a Masonic spirit by brotherly expressions of conciliation and consideration much in contrast with the former statements, which tended "to sour the milk of human kindness."

It is to be regretted that others to whom a copy was sent did not adopt a similar course, as it would have cleared the way for general conciliation; for many of the Mark brethren have been so annoyed at the slanders and untrue statements that they will not be reconciled to Masonry until the epithets of "*spurious and claudestine*" are withdrawn.

Feeling I have trespassed too far on your space, I conclude, but, with your permission may make some suggestions on a future occasion relative to union, a purpose which all have, or ought to have, in view. I believe a fair, patient, and considerate treatment, with withdrawal of the offensive epithets, would lay a basis on which an amicable arrangement for union could be promoted and effected, honourable alike to all parties.—Yours fraternally,

THOMAS D. FOREMAN,
P.P.J.G.W. Lancs.

Denton,
28th August.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been away from home since 4th July, and have only just seen the 8th of July number. In reply to my good friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, I may remind him that the statement was made on the authority of another brother, and I explained that, in consequence of the death of that brother, I could give no further particulars. I am very glad to find, however, that it has brought forth a letter from such an authority as Bro. W. J. Hughan, which sets that matter in its proper light, and will be useful to all Mark Masons.—Yours faithfully,

MAGNUS OHREN.

Burleigh, 4, Garlies-road,
Forest Hill, S.E.,
August 25th.

THE TYLER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have just read your admirable article (communicated) upon the above subject, and I fully endorse everything said by the writer therein. I am a Mason of 50 years' standing, and I do, and always have, contended that sufficient attention is not given to this important appointment, more especially by new lodges.

First impressions in Masonry go a long way, and it is all important that the initiate should be impressed, not alone by the actual ceremony, but from the moment that he places himself in the hands of the Tyler for preparation. I would be no party to the election of any Tyler who is not a Past Master in the Craft. How gratifying it is to see such a brother taken under the wings of the lodge, loved, respected, and honoured, as one who has in his time borne the "heat and burden of the day," now filling the honourable and responsible position of Tyler as a means of livelihood. Can you compare the services of such an one with the modern waiter type of Tyler, too frequently to be met with nowadays, without a soul above tips, and who probably has never been in a lodge during its working half a dozen times in his life?

There is no excuse for appointing such brothers to such an important office, because good Past Master Tylers are to be got.

Should one not be known to the Founders of a new lodge, or the Officers of an old one, let them write to Bro. Sadler, the Tyler of Grand Lodge (whose courtesy is proverbial), and he will, I am sure, gladly give them the benefit of his personal experience.

I am sorry to know that some Secretaries now deprive the Tyler of the privilege you refer to of supplying the Masonic clothing to newly-made brethren.

Is not this, to say the least, somewhat paltry and mean when we compare the social position of the two?—Yours fraternally,

J. G., P.M. and P.Z.

FROM FAR FIJI.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With reference to your Leader in *Freemason* of June 3rd, just to hand, I would submit the following opinion, which, I think, is held by many brethren abroad besides myself.

It seems to me but right that brethren in "Masonic clothing" should be prohibited from exhibiting themselves in public places, particularly in churches, where, no doubt, they distract a great deal of attention from worthier objects to themselves, and I think this undesirable, even if, through their presence, a little more money is collected.

In processions through the streets the Masons in full regalia attracts the same kind of attention, curiosity and comments from the lower classes as on other occasions is given to Lord Mayor shows, circus troops, &c., and such Masonic processions are certainly undesirable as they are unnecessary, besides being humiliating to many brethren.

On the whole, the members of a lodge should not be asked to do anything of this kind which it is at all likely some of them seriously object to. A man has a right to become a Mason and work as such without the outside world being aware of the fact; but I am afraid his prospects of advance in some lodges may be seriously affected, if he declines to take part in Masonic church or street shows. I would certainly not lend my presence to such, nor, if I could prevent it, allow the members of my lodge doing so, not even for the sake of Charity, though I would take good care the latter did not suffer on that account.

To wear Masonic clothing at balls or concerts—if given by regular lodges—is a different thing altogether. Such entertainments can hardly be considered "public," the guests are relations or special friends of members of the lodge, they have some idea of what Masonry is, many of them are future candidates, or, at any rate, fit to be admitted into our society should they desire it, and there is an indisputable advantage in demonstrating to them in a visible manner that the best and highest honoured men in the room wear the insignia of our Order.

Whether ladies should be admitted to Masonic entertainments or not is a matter of opinion, but if they are, it is certainly the duty of the brethren to appear to the best outward advantage, that is, in full Masonic clothing. I am afraid the ladies would otherwise suffer as great a disappointment as it would be for them to attend a military entertainment where all the officers appeared in evening dress instead of in uniform.

The circular from Grand Lodge seems to me a hard blow at Masons in general; no doubt indifferent members do injure the Craft by exhibiting themselves in Masonic clothing, but it is also a fact that the immensely greater number of good and true Masons raise the dignity of our Order and inspire desire in others to follow them.

Finally, I would point out, what appears to me to have been lost sight of, that a good and true man honours the Craft by wearing its insignia; the Craft can add nothing to his character or virtues, though it may add some distinguishing mark as a sign of the appreciation of his services.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally.

N. N. THIELE,
Master Rewa Lodge of Vita, No. 2238 (E.C.).

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THE TYLER.

One has never heard of the Tyler's obligation, though it is doubtless practised somewhere; I do not believe in it; and as to the incidents of the stranger who "scored off the lodge," he would have done nothing of the sort if I or some others of my acquaintance had been told off to examine him.

C. H. W.

Reviews.

"THE DEVON MASONIC DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 1899."—(Excer, Bros. Besley and Dalglish, South-street. One shilling each). This well-printed and carefully-edited Annual is a credit to all concerned in its production, and Bro. John Stocker, the zealous Provincial Grand Secretary, may be congratulated accordingly. The province is a large one numbering 59 lodges, 29 R.A. Chapters, 20 Mark Lodges, five K.T. Preceptories, and four Rose Croix Chapters, as well as other bodies. About these an immense amount of information is provided, down to the latest date of issue, the appointments made at the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 10th August being included, and other very recent changes in the personnel of the province. It is a pity that the lists of officers of so many lodges contain appointments not recognised by the Book of Constitutions, such as Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Organist, Standard Bearer, &c. Whatever they may be called, such brethren are not legally officers of their lodges, and are fanciful creations of Masters, who thus pay their friends doubtful compliments by placing collars on their shoulders not permitted by the regulations. An excellent feature is a List of Brethren officially connected with the Province, and their addresses; and an addition in this year's issue is a complete reprint of the Bye-Laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge to date, which is a real boon, and will prove most useful. Much valuable information is appended as to the local Masonic Charities, which are well supported, and fraternally provide for aged Masons, widows, and children not successful in securing admission to the Central Institutions, or maintain many who else would be left out "in the cold" by reason of lack of friends and supporters. Bro. Hughan's interesting Table of "Pre-Union Lodges in Devonshire, 1732-1813" is a curious and useful compilation, and with this and other features, the Annual is, undoubtedly, one of the most complete issued.

MASONIC PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, which is to be held in the Public Rooms, Launceston, on Monday, the 11th instant, is likely to prove a very united and fraternal gathering. The Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Past Deputy Grand Master of England, is to preside, and there is no lack of business to transact. The present lodge held in Launceston—the Dunheved, No. 789—was warranted on May 16th, 1859, and was constituted on January 17th, 1860. It is one of several lodges in Cornwall that assemble according to the full moon rather than on a fixed day in each month, and has over 30 members on its register. Although one of the smallest in the province, it has long had an excellent record, and its roll of subscribing Past Masters begins as far back as 1863. The first lodge warranted for Launceston was in 1767, and was held in the Plymouth and Devonshire Tavern, but it fell through in 1783, and its number subsequently distinguished a lodge held in Plymouth Dock (Devonport), but only for some three years, as its career ended in 1786.

The last Provincial Grand Lodge held in the town was in 1877, when there were 27 lodges on the roll. Now there are 31, and about double the number of members; the Craft being very popular in the county under the genial rule of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. The Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund has over £6000 invested, and the Charity Association is doing excellent work in promoting Life Governorships in the Central Masonic Charities by inducing brethren to subscribe annually, and ballot for preferential votes until all are successful.

The agenda for the 11th inst. is full of business as customary at such gatherings. At 12.30 the Prov. Grand Lodge will cease work so as to proceed to the Parish Church, where the annual sermon will be preached and a collection taken to be devoted to local and general purposes. At the conclusion of the service, the procession will be reformed and return to the Public Rooms, when the business will be concluded. The votes will be collected on application for local annuities and educational grants; and the officers for the ensuing term will be appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master, and committees also elected. A luncheon will be provided at three p.m.

Mark Masonry.

Southdown Lodge, No. 164.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath, on the 23rd ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Glassington, Prov. A.G.D. of C., supported by the following officers and brethren of the lodge: Bros. C. Clarke, I.P.M.; J. Howe, J. Abell, G. Smith, the Very Rev. Dean Currie, D.P.G.M. Sussex; A. Alwen, F. H. Beeny, F. Bailey, P. G. Griffith, F. C. Golding, W. Goaring, A. H. Smith, B. Secker, and E. J. Waugh. The visiting brethren were Bros. Newbery, P.M. 27; W. B. Freeman, P.G.D.; and B. V. N. Burden, Sec. 75.

The chief business was the installation of Bro. F. H. Beeny, P.P.G.S.B., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. H. Glassington. The W.M. appointed his officers and invested them with the insignia of their respective offices as follows: Bros. J. H. Glassington, Prov. A.G.D. of C., I.P.M.; A. Alwen, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; A. H. Smith, J.W.; E. H. M. Fennell, P.P.G.S., M.O.; A. D. Bailey, S.O.; E. J. Waugh, J.O.; Warrington Stock, Chap.; George Masters, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; F. C. Golding, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; W. Goaring, S.D.; B. L. Secker, J.D.; F. G. Bailey, R.M.; P. G. Griffith, I.G.; and J. G. Clarke and C. W. Wood, Stwds. The retiring W.M., Bro. Glassington, was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year, and Bro. F. C. Golding was presented with a jewel

by the retiring W.M. in appreciation of his services as Secretary during his year of office.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

The customary loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening a programme of music was admirably sustained by Miss Eda Chaplin, Miss Clarke, Bro. F. W. Roberts, Mr. Wakefield, and Mr. Beeny, jun. A guitar and mandoline duet was played by the Messrs. Geariog, the duties of accompanist being in the hands of Mr. E. T. Gearing.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM SIMPSON, P.M. 2076.

Bro. William Simpson, artist, traveller, war correspondent, archaeologist, and man of letters, died of bronchitis, on Thursday, the 17th instant, at his residence, 19, Church-road, Willesden, in the 76th year of his age. He was a member of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, honorary member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and of the Glasgow Institute of Architects, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, member of the Royal Asiatic Society, honorary Librarian to the Society of Biblical Archaeology, and member of the Alpine and the Omar Khayyam Clubs. Our brother was originally destined for the architectural profession, but he soon turned from the pursuit of architecture to that of art, sketching and painting wherever opportunities occurred, and eventually settled on lithography as his vocation. But this also came to an end in 1854, in which year he was sent out to the Crimea by Messrs. Colnaghi, the fine art publishers of Pall Mall, for the purpose of making a series of illustrations of the war. After this he entered into an engagement with Messrs. Day and Son, of Lincoln's Inn Fields, to visit our Indian Empire, and make a series of sketches to be reproduced in a large work in chromo-lithography. In 1866 he joined the staff of the *Illustrated London News*, and the first duty entrusted to him was that of attending the wedding of the late Tsar. A couple of years later he accompanied his old friend, Lord Napier of Magdala, through the Abyssinian campaign, but got back in time to illustrate the new route to India, *via* the Mont Cenis Tunnel and Brindisi, which was shortly to be opened up by the completion of the Suez Canal. Then came the stirring time of the Franco-Prussian War, where the experiences of our late brother were very eventful. The following year saw him in Paris during the terrible period of the Commune, and a little later, in 1871-72, he was at Peking, where, by means of a stratagem, he succeeded in witnessing the marriage procession of the Emperor Tung-chin. Returning by way of Japan and America, his homeward journey was arrested at San Francisco, by a war in North Carolina between the American troops and the Modoc Indians. Following the fortunes of this contest, he for some time lived in imminent danger of losing his scalp. He next accompanied the Prince of Wales on his visit to India, after which he was despatched to Mycenae and the Troad, and in the Afghan war of 1878 was attached to the force under Sir Samuel Browne in the Kyber Pass. In 1883, he attended the coronation at Moscow of Alexander III., and in 1884-5 again visited India with Sir Peter Lumsden and the Afghan Boundary Commission. In the course of his career, our late brother published numerous works, including, in addition to his "Campaigns in the East" and "India, Ancient and Modern"—"Meeting the Sun, a Journey round the World;" "Picturesque People, or Groups from All Quarters of the Globe;" "Shikaree and Tamasha, a Souvenir of the Visit of the Prince of Wales to India;" "Arkite Ceremonies in the Himalayas;" "An Artist's Jottings in Abyssinia;" and "The Buddhist Praying Wheel, a Collection of Materials Bearing on the Symbolism of the Wheel." Many interesting papers were also read by him before the learned societies, and among them a long series relating to the master art or science with which the body of Freemasons are, or should be, most closely concerned. For instance, he read papers before the Royal Institute of British Architects, on the architecture of India, of China, of Abyssinia, of Afghanistan, and on the wooden architecture of the Himalayas. Bro. Simpson was initiated in the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, London, in 1871, and in the same year became a member of the "Masonic Archaeological Institute," which during its short span of life did excellent service in fostering a spirit of enquiry among leading members of the Craft. The first Honorary Secretary was Bro. (now Sir) Walter Besant, during whose period of office papers were read by the late Professor F. H. Palmer on the "Secret Sects of Syria," afterwards published as an article—which attracted great attention—in the *British Quarterly Review*; by Bros. Simpson, in "Phallic Worship"; Hyde Clarke, on "Tree and River Worship"; R. S. Halliburton, on "The Year of the Pleiades"; and W. Besant, on "The Newly-Rescued Remains of the Temple." Other papers were promised, though, we believe, not read, by Bros. Captain (now Lieutenant-General Sir) Charles Warren, on "Moorish Architecture," and W. Besant, on "The Secret Religion of the Middle Ages." Bro. Simpson was the first joining member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and would have been a founder, but for the accidental circumstance of his being in Afghanistan when the petition for a warrant was sent in. Of this lodge he became the third Master in November, 1888, when he delivered a most powerful address, and his interest in its proceedings only terminated with his decease. Papers were read by him on "The Threefold Division of Temples," "The Worship of Death," "Brahminical Initiation," "The Noose Symbol," "Sikh Initiation," and "The Consecration of a Parsee Priest," and he wrote several interesting reviews, which also appeared in the *Transactions of the Lodge (Ars Quatuor Coronatorum)*, notably of "La Croix Gammée, ou Svantika," and "Migration des Symboles," both of which were from the pen of his friend and fellow-traveller in India, Count Goblet d'Alviella. In a recent memoir of our deceased brother, his friend, Mr. John Trude Frapp, very finely remarks: "He was a man greatly beloved. All who have known him will endorse this epitaph. His kindness of disposition, his goodness of heart, his tenderness for the feelings of others, his love for children in his old age, are qualities which will long be enshrined in the memories of those who mourn his loss. A truly great man, with an almost boundless store of knowledge, gained during his long life of travel and adventure, it was a treat, never to be forgotten, to sit and listen to him, as he narrated his experiences or expounded those subjects which he had made so peculiarly his own. Had he written, as he sometimes said he thought of doing, a book of 'Men I Have Met,' it would, indeed, have been full of interest. He had been on terms of personal acquaintance with most of the Royal Families of Europe, and with our own Royal Family was always a *persona grata*. On one occasion he was the guest of the Queen for two days at Balmoral, and enjoyed long conversations with her Majesty, and it will be remembered that on the death of the Duke of Clarence, Mr. Simpson was the only artist allowed in the death chamber, and by special order of the Prince of Wales was treated as a guest and allowed free access to the whole of Sandringham House. He was, notwithstanding, one of the most modest and unassuming of men, and one had to know him to find out how really great a man he was. The sympathies of all will be extended to his widow and daughter on the irreparable loss which they have sustained, and their grief will be in some measure assuaged by a knowledge of the esteem, admiration, and affection with which Mr. Simpson was regarded by all who knew him."

Craft Masonry.

Palatine Lodge, No. 97.

A lodge of emergency called for the purpose of raising Bro. Matthew Robson Pattison, of Cairo, Egypt, eldest son of Bro. J. Robson Pattison, P.P.S.G.W., was opened at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., by Bro. Jas. McMillan, W.M., assisted by Bro. J. R. Cutter, P.M., acting I.P.M. The ceremony of raising Bro. Matthew Robson Pattison to the sublime Degree of M.M. was performed by Bro. J. R. Cutter, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. The following were the officers and acting officers on the occasion: Bros. Charles Tait, S.W.; Thomas James, J.W.; W. A. Priestly, P.M. 2039, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, S.D.; J. Reed, J.D.; C. Gamick, P.M., I.G.; and Joseph Robson Pattison, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as Sec. There were also present Bros. John Charlton Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Joel, P.M. 2019, P.A.G. Sec., P.P.J.G.W.; W. J. Anderson, I.P.M. 2019; James Smith, D.M. 133; and John Nicholls, P.M. 1389. Many of the Past Masters and Provincial Officers afterwards congratulated Bro. Pattison on his being raised, and his father, a distinguished P.M. and Prov. Grand Officer of the Province of Durham.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE BRETHREN of Plumstead have offered to present a pulpit to St. Margaret's Church (in that parish) as a permanent memorial of the principles of the Craft.

ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1471.—The weekly meetings will be resumed on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., at 7.30 p.m., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bro. Walter Hancock, P.M. 2191, Preceptor.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY reached London on Saturday last, on the conclusion of a two days' visit to the Queen at Osborne. His lordship was engaged for a couple of hours at the Foreign Office, before leaving town to rejoin Lady Salisbury at Walmer Castle.

BRO. SIR MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY has returned to his Northumberland seat, Blagdon Hall, from Riggsdale in Teesdale, where he had been staying for a few days' grouse shooting. The right hon. brother goes to Scotland next month to visit the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen at Haddo House, Aberdeenshire, after which he will be the Minister in Attendance on the Queen at Balmoral for a week.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES arrived at Copenhagen at eight o'clock on Saturday evening last. The members of the British Legation were assembled at the station to welcome her Royal Highness, who proceeded almost immediately afterwards for Gjentofte. At Gjentofte Railway Station the Princess was received by King Christian, the Dowager-Empress of Russia, and all the members of the Danish Royal family, with a number of distinguished guests. Her Royal Highness drove to Bernstorff Castle.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Arrangements have been made to issue every Saturday and Sunday, until September 24th inclusive, first-class return tickets from Paddington to Henley-on-Thames, in connection with a launch from Henley up the picturesque reaches of the Thames to Pangbourne and back. Luncheon will be provided on board the launch, and dinner at the Red Lion Hotel, Henley, at an inclusive charge of 20s., and the railway tickets will be available by the express train leaving Paddington at 10.10 a.m., reaching Henley at 11.0 a.m., and returning from Henley at 9.0 p.m., and arriving at Paddington at 9.25 p.m.

SATURDAY LAST was the anniversary of the birthday of the late Prince Consort, and the Queen gave a fête to the labourers on the estate, the servants, and some of the men of the Royal yachts, in remembrance of his Royal Highness. The people were provided with a dinner, after which there were rustic games and dancing. Her Majesty, attended by the Countess of Lytton and the Hon. Harriet Phipps, drove to the Recreation Ground, where the Royal Family had already assembled, and witnessed some of the sports. Afterwards, with her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg, she, for the second time, visited the Ground at the conclusion of the fête, and presented prizes to the successful competitors.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK was the guest of Lord Sackville at Knole on Saturday last. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Prince Alexander George of Teck, Lady Eva and Mr. Frank Dugdale, the Hon. Francis Bridgeman, Capt. Reginald Peel, and Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, and having been received by Lord Sackville and Mrs. Lionel Sackville West, were conducted over the mansion for the purpose of viewing the State apartments and antiques and inspecting the valuable pictures in the Cartoon Gallery. The distinguished visitors having taken tea with Lord Sackville and Mrs. Sackville West on the South Colonnade, the Duchess drove in an open carriage in the cool of the evening through picturesque Knole Park to Swaylands, Penshurst, where she was staying as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Drummond.

DONCASTER RACES, 1899.—The Great Northern Railway Company are, as usual, making very extensive special arrangements in connection with the 1899 Doncaster race meeting. The ordinary service of 15 express trains from London will be maintained, and the following additional trains will run: On Monday next, September 4th, expresses at ordinary fares from King's Cross at 3.15 p.m. and 5.40 p.m., also a cheap five days' excursion from Moorgate at 11.38 a.m., Aldersgate, 11.40, Farringdon, 11.42, King's Cross (G.N.), 12.10 noon, returning from Doncaster at 6.25 p.m. on Friday, September 8th, at the low third-class return fare of 13s. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, a special express, with first and third-class luncheon cars attached, will leave King's Cross at 9.40 a.m., arriving at Doncaster 12.40 p.m. First and third-class dining cars will also be run on the special express leaving Doncaster at 6.5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 5th, 6th, and 7th, due King's Cross at 9.10 p.m.; and on Friday, September 8th, on the 5.0 p.m. special express, due at King's Cross 8.20 p.m. First and third class dining cars are also attached to the ordinary express trains leaving Doncaster at 6.18 p.m. and 7.32 p.m., due at King's Cross 9.20 p.m. and 10.45 p.m., respectively. To enable visitors from town to return immediately after the last race on Friday, the 8th inst. (cup day), special expresses will be run, leaving Doncaster at 4.40 p.m. and 5 p.m., and arriving at King's Cross at 8 p.m. and 8.20 p.m. On Wednesday, the 6th inst. (St. Leger Day), a cheap excursion, for one or three days, will be run from Woolwich (Arsenal) at 6.25 a.m., Woolwich (Dockyard) 6.27, Charlton 6.30, Maze-hill 6.35, Greenwich 6.40, Deptford 6.43, Blackheath 6.46, New Cross 6.50, Sp1-road 6.55, Moorgate 6.57, Aldersgate 6.59, Farringdon 6.41, King's Cross (G.N.) 7, returning from Doncaster same day or Friday, the 8th inst., at 6.25 p.m. For this excursion the low fare of 12s. 6d., third-class return will be charged. Tickets, bills, and all information can be obtained at any of the Company's stations or to wa offices.

A MASONIC HALL is being erected at Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

THE DUKE OF YORK has left Bolton Abbey for Grantown, Scotland.

THE MARCHIONESS OF TWEEDDALE has left London for Inverness.

THE MARCHIONESS OF GRANBY has left Derbyshire for Pagham, near Bognor.

THE KING OF THE HELLENES left Aix-les-Bains on Saturday last for Copenhagen, *via* Geneva and Bale.

BRO. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF-ELECT TRELOAR has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Surrey.

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND and Countess Cadogan and their sons have arrived at Affric Lodge, Beaulieu, from Dublin.

BRO. EARL AND COUNTESS CARRINGTON have returned from the Earl of Rosebery's residence, Mentmore, Bucks, to Daws Hill, High Wycombe.

AN ENGAGEMENT is announced between Eva, only daughter of Bro. Alderman Sir Walter and Lady Wilkin, and Dr. Alfred Copeman, youngest son of the late Canon Copeman, of Norwich.

BRO. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF ALLISTON has promised to preside at the Hotel Metropole on Tuesday, November 21st, at the 42nd annual banquet of the Dramatic and Musical Benevolent Fund.

WE ARE pleased to hear that the statement concerning the health of Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough and Lady Mildred Denison is incorrect. Both Lord Lonsborough and Lady Mildred are quite well.

BRO. SIR SQUIRE BANCROFT has promised to give a reading in aid of the East London Hospital for Children at St. Martin's Town Hall on Monday, January 15th. The Duke of Portland will preside, and their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and the Duchess of Albany have consented to become patrons of the entertainment.

THE EARL OF ROSEBERY will visit Bishop Auckland on the 8th instant, to open the cottage hospital, the scheme for which was initiated and successfully carried through by Lady Eden, and leaves the same evening for Carlisle. During his stay he will be the guest of Sir William and Lady Eden, whose house party will also include the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, Bro. Lord and Lady Barnard, Sir G. W. Pease, M.P., Mr. G. M. Paulton, M.P. for the division, Mr. G. A. Pease, M.P., the Junior Liberal Whip, and Mrs. Pease.

ALTHOUGH rain has fallen at last, the Thames at East Molesey and Hampton Court was 2 ft. 3 in. below summer level, the river being lower than for the past 40 years. No water has passed over the weir for some days, and several barges are unable to get through Molesey Lock. At 1agg's Island the sides of the river have the appearance of a seaside beach, the boats of the local watermen being left stranded. It is satisfactory to learn from Plymouth that, so far as the west is concerned, the break-up of the weather is complete. Rain fell on Wednesday in torrents from an early hour.

DUNDEE WAS *en fête* on Saturday last in honour of the visit of the Duke of Connaught to inaugurate two memorials in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. His Royal Highness arrived at Tay Bridge Station at five minutes to nine, accompanied by Bro. Colonel Egerton, his Equerry, and Captain Metcalfe, of the General Staff in Edinburgh. Having breakfasted with the Lord Provost, the Duke proceeded to open the Victoria Hospital for Incurables, the building and site of which have been acquired at the cost of £50,000, provided by public subscription in the city and district. A large company was present, including the Earl of Strathmore, Bro. Lord Kinnaird, General Chapman, C.B., Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Playfair, Lord Dalhousie, Sir Reginald Ogilvy, Sir John Leng, and Hon. C. M. Ramsay. Ex-Lord Provost Mathewson, chairman of the executive of the hospital, handed a gold key to his Royal Highness, who, in declaring the hospital open, observed, amid loud cheering, that, as one of her Majesty's sons, it was a great satisfaction to him to have been asked to associate himself personally with an object so dear to his beloved mother, the Queen. His Royal Highness afterwards inspected the building, and then drove through some of the principal streets of the city to the Albert Institute, beside which the statue of the Queen is placed. Here another enthusiastic greeting was accorded him, and Sir Thomas Thornton, the Town Clerk, read an address of welcome, which, enclosed in a massive gold casket, was presented to the Royal visitor. In accepting the gift the Duke expressed his gratitude for the hearty reception given him and his satisfaction at having been asked to unveil what he was sure would prove a most admirable likeness of her Majesty, an 1 one which would be for ever a great ornament to Dundee. He then pressed an electric button, and the drapery fell from the statue amidst loud applause. Lunch was afterwards served in the Victoria Galleries, and in reply to the toast of his health his Royal Highness said he had difficulty in finding words in which adequately to convey his great thanks for all the kind expressions of the Lord Provost in proposing the toast of "The Royal Family" and for the very hearty reception accorded him by all classes of the community that day. He also referred again to the strong attachment to the Queen and the Throne shown by all the country, and to the kindly feeling subsisting between the Army and the nation. His Royal Highness concluded by gracefully proposing the health of the Lord Provost. After lunch the Duke left by special train for Ballater, arriving at 7.20, and driving to Abergeldie Mains, to join the Duchess of Connaught and family.

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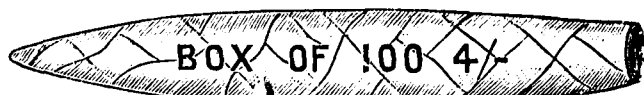
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