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### THE MASONIC VAGRANT AGAIN.

We have experienced no small amount of satisfaction from reading a pamphlet on the subject of the Masonic Vagrant and for these reasons. In the first place, we gather from the "List of Masonic Impostors" which forms an appendix to the Report contained in the said pamphlet, that the proportion of cases in which these disreputable persons have come off second best in their encounters with wary lodge Almoners and others who study their movements carefully is by no means small. In the second place, it is gratifying to find that the influential Province of West Yorkshire—to the courtesy of whose Secretary (Bro. HERBERT G. E. GREEN) we are indebted for our information—has taken the fellows in hand and determined, whenever an opportunity presents itself, of procuring for them, if possible, the board and lodging and healthy exercise they so earnestly declare themselves in need of and are all so eager to obtain. The first step in this direction was taken at the instance of the new Deputy Grand Master of the Province, Bro. RICHARD WILSON, P.G.D., who suggested and presided at a conference of West Yorkshire Lodge Almoners, which was held at the Provincial Offices, 2, Park-place, Leeds, on the 20th July last. After a long and interesting discussion in the course of which the experiences and recommendations of Bro. MORTON, the Chief Constable of Huddersfield, and Bro. J. W. POWNALL, Almoner for the Ashton-under-Lyne District, were laid before the meeting, a resolution to the effect "That this Conference of Almoners respectfully calls upon the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire to consider the subject of Itinerant Masonic Impostors, and urges upon them to make a representation to the Grand Lodge of England that it is desirable to formulate a code of instructions to Almoners throughout England, so that a united stand may be made against an evil which menaces the interests of Freemasonry," was proposed by Bro. MORTON, and having been seconded by Bro. J. H. FORD, of Leeds, was adopted unanimously. We offer no opinion at present on the proposal to invite Grand Lodge to formulate a code of instructions to Almoners, but we consider that by the adoption of the resolution a step in the right direction has at length been taken, and, as we have said already, we are glad the matter has been brought officially before so influential a Province.

It is more than four years since the subject of Masonic Vagrancy was brought prominently under our notice by the Almoner of a lodge in the Province of Kent, and we then, and have since on more than one occasion, pointed out that it was a matter which could only be dealt with adequately by the combined action of the whole English Craft. We remarked that if only a few Provinces here and there took up the question with a determination to put down the impostor—as far as such an evil is attainable—the Vagrant would transfer himself to other Provinces where Almoners were less familiar with, and, therefore, less on their guard against his various schemes for relieving them of the Charity Funds at their disposal. We, therefore, suggested that some kind of general Association should be established, to which every Province and lodge in England, if it desired to do so, might subscribe a small fee periodically, in return for which they should be furnished, also periodically, with a list of all known impostors, with particulars of their aliases, the visits they had paid, the relief, if any, they had received, &c., &c. We offered our services in promoting such a scheme, and mentioned that an Association of the kind existed in North America, was supported by very many of the Grand Lodges in the United States and that of Canada, and that, by its means, the members of the subscribing Grand Lodges were saved annually many thousands of dollars, which, but for the information it obtained and circulated, would otherwise have found their way into the pockets of these worthless vagabonds. But in matters of this kind there is far too much apathy, the result being that the Masonic impostor, in spite of the risk he runs of being caught and punished, finds it worth his while to prey upon the benevolent brother, while the poor, but honest Mason, who really needs help, is oftentimes sent empty away. Now that West Yorkshire has made up its mind to go for the vagrant, and has the sympathy of East Lancashire, whose Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. JAMES NEWTON, was present at the conference in Leeds, perhaps the Provinces of Kent and Surrey, with others that have suffered not a little at the hands of these beggars, will lend a helping hand towards putting an end, as far as possible, to Masonic vagrancy.

### THE "SPURIOUS AND CLANDESTINE" MARK LODGE.

The letters and comments on this subject which have recently appeared in our columns throw additional light upon the early career of the lodge which was so strenuously denounced at the Quarterly Communication in June last of Mark Grand Lodge. The particulars set forth in the Report of the General Board, on which was based the action of the Grand Lodge, are more than confirmed by the statements contained, firstly, in Bro. FOREMAN'S letter of the 28th ult., and then in Bro. JOHN YARKER'S, which we published last week. Bro. YARKER'S account as to the origin of the Mark Lodge for the Ashton-under-Lyne District tallies in essentials with that published in the Report of the General Board. Both declare that, from the information they had received, the lodge in question is said to have been founded towards the close of last century by a non-commissioned officer, who had received the degree or degrees in India, and that at the outset of its career it was known as "The Mark, Link and Ark." The Board's Report also stated that the records, however, only date back to July 11th, 1830, that is, more than a quarter century before the establishment of Mark Grand Lodge. Bro.

YARKER further states that he received the Degree in the lodge now pronounced to be "spurious and clandestine" on "Sunday, the 15 July, 1855," and that it was then known as the "Travelling Lodge" or "Cheshire Mark Lodge," the meeting being held under the warrant of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 402—now No. 320—Mottram. He further tells us that he is not aware "that in these years the participation of the Craft lodge amounted to more than this: that the members allowed the use of their rooms and furniture, a permission with which, I take it, Grand Lodge has no right to interfere." In this he is confirmed by Bro. FOREMAN, who writes with reference to the inquiry ordered into the conduct of the Craft lodges in the neighbourhood, "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.'" The version as given by the General Board differs, however, materially from those of Bros. YARKER and FOREMAN, the Board stating that "The Craft Lodge is first opened in the three degrees, and in the 3<sup>o</sup> the W. Mark Master enters and takes the chair. The Candidates are then balloted for, and afterwards the Mark Lodge is opened and the Candidates advanced." We are unable to account for so material a discrepancy between the two versions, but we prefer that of Bros. FOREMAN and YARKER, which, coming as it does from brethren who were themselves advanced in this district Mark lodge, and of whom the former tells us he is still a member, is decidedly the more acceptable of the two.

But that our readers may be able to form a clearer conception of the case, we lay before them the following summary of statements as taken from the Board's Report and the letters we have published. According to the Board and Bro. YARKER, this "spurious and clandestine" Mark Lodge was founded towards the close of last century, and, as was the custom then and for years after, it worked under the authority of a Craft Lodge warrant, the authority being granted by different lodges at different times. Its minutes, however, the Board tells us, only date from 15th July, 1830. In July, 1855, Bro. YARKER was advanced in the lodge, then known as the "Travelling Lodge," or the "Cheshire Mark Lodge," the meeting being held under the sanction of the Craft lodge at Mottram. In 1856 Mark Grand Lodge was established, with Lord LEIGH as first M.W.G. Mark Master. "In 1870," the Board tells us, "the M.W. Bro. Canon PORTAL, G.M., and the then Grand Secretary"—Bro. FREDERICK BINCKES—"approached these brethren with a view to their giving their allegiance to Grand Lodge, and a Warrant of Confirmation was offered them free of cost, with the understanding that all their members should be registered at a nominal fee, but the Funeral Fund seemed to stand in the way, and the negotiations fell through." Next we have furnished by Bro. FOREMAN the certificate granted him by the Mark Grand Lodge to the effect that he was registered in its books as having been "*admitted as a joining Mark Master*" on the 28th day of December, 1887, in the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 141, Ashton-under-Lyne, the certificate itself, which is not the least important item in the case, as taken from Bro. FOREMAN's letter, being as follows:

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 Marg'in 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.

Since then he tells us he has passed the chair in the Skelmersdale Lodge and been appointed to office in the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire, retaining the while, as it seems, his connection with the Ashton Mark. And yet in the teeth of all this evidence of its acknowledged regularity of constitution, the Mark Grand Lodge now declares it "spurious and clandestine."

The reason, of course, is clear. The Ashton Mark has recently dubbed itself "The Honourable United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons, Ashton District." But here there is no claim to anything in the nature of rivalry with the Mark Grand Lodge of England, the title being strictly defined, as applying only to the "Ashton District," and Bro. FOREMAN's certificate mentions as distinctly the "Ashton-under-Lyne Constitution," as being recognised as a regular Mark Lodge by the Mark Grand Lodge of England, as late as the 28th December, 1887. We think that the Ashton Mark lodge has done an impolitic act in introducing the word "Grand" into its designation, but while we entirely agree with Bro. HUGHAN as to the desirability of all Mark bodies being under the banner of the Mark Grand Lodge, we remain of the opinion expressed in our former article on the subject, that the said G. Lodge has taken the course that is least calculated to bring the Ashton Mark and the Grand Mark into harmonious working.

### "THE CRAFT AND GREATER BRITAIN."

(From the Indian Freemason).

Recent issues of the *Freemason* (Lond.) contain the opening chapter of an article on "The Craft in Greater Britain," India having, so far, claimed the attention of the writer. Judging from remarks here and there, emanating from his pen, he appears to infer that the European Official class represents the mainstay of the Order of India, which, we unhesitatingly assert, is by no means the case. As a matter of fact, the official class of Europeans, who, as the part in question runs, "have only gone out to that country for a period, and look forward to retiring on a pension after, say, 25 years' service," represents but a moderate proportion of Freemasons in India, especially if we deduct the military element, which we may, however, add of itself forms the Masonic community in some stations in this country. Some two years or so ago we went into statistics and found two branches of the official class, the Indian Civil and Indian Medical services at least, were notoriously in the minority, hence if we take this fact into consideration, and deduct the military, which can hardly be said to belong to the category officialdom, it is difficult to imagine from what source the class is drawn, which comprises "nearly every European in India" who are entitled to a pension, and have their ultimate abiding place in England.

What appears to us to be rather a deplorable state of affairs connected with the Order in India is that evolved from the writer's observations of our Aryan brethren, and we cannot but think he has been unfortunate in dropping upon incidents connected with certain lodges containing natives of India, which have leavened the whole lump of his views. Granted that the Hindu brother is something of a problem, not only in Freemasonry, we may add, but in almost everything else, we are not prepared to admit that he seeks admission to our Order through curiosity any oftener than the European does. We would rather believe that enlightened by the gradual inroad of Western habits and civilisation generally, he is more frequently prompted by a longing to meet his British Brother on a broader platform than ordinary society would provide, and we have little hesitation in asserting that Freemasonry has invariably fulfilled his expectations by providing facilities of social intercourse, and with it the mutual exchange of sentiment and views, for it cannot be denied that the majority of natives who become Freemasons are our equals in intelligence, afforded by no other means. Indian Freemasonry, as relating to the influx of Aryans into its fold, is even yet in its infancy, and progress will necessarily be slow until we fully realise the universality of our Masonic Principles. Let the Britisher sink the air of superiority so often natural to him in his relations with the native of India—seeing that in the general practice of beneficence and Charity—two leading principles of the Order, our Hindu Brother frequently shines as an exemplar, and encourage him to support Freemasonry to a greater extent. The "difficulty of assimilation between Eastern and Western races" referred to by the writer will become less insuperable, and the spirit of unfairness, so palpable in the bare toleration of our Indian brother on the floor (as the article infers) when his services to the lodge frequently gives him an equal right to its dais, be a thing of the past.

There are numerous other points in the article in question upon which more or less comment could be made, but we cannot find space to dwell upon them now. There is a good deal of

matter, interesting and to the point, relating to general intelligence of the Craft, and we cordially agree, with encomiums passed here and there upon the jurisdiction of the Order through its respective District rulers. If Freemasonry fails in any particular, it is rather by reason of laxity in the interior economy of private lodges than in the administrative qualities of our brethren in high authority.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

#### ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland held its annual meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, on Friday, the 8th inst., under the banner of the Underley Lodge, No. 1074. This is the third visit of the province to the ancient and beautifully-situated little town on the banks of the Lune. The first was in 1867, when the late Earl of Bective was installed Provincial Grand Master by Lord de Tabley, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, assisted by the Earl of Lathom (then Lord Skelmersdale). All these eminent leaders of the Craft have passed away, and very few of the border Masons who were present on that memorable occasion are now left to tell the tale of its magnificence, thanks to the princely generosity extended to all by Lord Bective. Nine years later, the province once more assembled at Kirkby Lonsdale, and again his lordship entertained his Masonic brethren at Underley Hall. This year Lord Bective's son-in-law, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., was the host on a similarly generous scale, and, as the weather turned out beautifully fine, some 300 brethren journeyed to Kirkby Lonsdale from all parts of the two counties, and from distant parts, in order to assist in the celebrations of the day.

Kirkby Lonsdale is a decidedly out-of-the-way place, a strong proof of which is the fact that many lodges had to leave home as early as 7 o'clock, and could not return until close upon midnight. Members of the province out of the two counties, and visitors from other provinces—one in the far south—arrived the night before, and Kendal being a convenient halting place, those who chose had an opportunity of going by road, a distance of 13 miles, a most delightful journey through the best parts of the charming Vale of Lune country, now looking bright and exhilaratingly verdant, and therefore strongly in contrast to the burnt-up vegetation in the south of England. And, as showing the enthusiasm of Westmorland brethren, it is worthy of mention that a large party from Ambleside, for want of railway convenience, travelled over 50 miles out and home again.

The place of meeting was at the Institute, Kirkby Lonsdale, where about one o'clock, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck opened Provincial Grand Lodge, supported on the dais by Bros. Colonel Sewell, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. F. Lamony, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W.; A. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; J. G. Gandy, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Paterson, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Gowan, P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Thompson, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Mills, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Brackenridge, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Gardiner, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Joshua Tyson, P.G. Chap.; and many others.

In the absence of Bro. Spencer Broadbent, P.S.G.W., his chair was filled by Bro. John Barr, P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. J. Roper was in his place as P.J.G.W.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Armstrong, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G. Reg. and P.A.G. Sec. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; T. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; and J. G. Simpkins, P.P.G. Std. Br. Leicestershire and Rutland.

Bro. T. Atkinson, P.P.J.G.W., acted as P.G.D.C., and it is an interesting coincidence that he also occupied that position in 1876, when the province visited Kirkby Lonsdale.

The Prov. Grand Master and the Past Grand Officers of England present having been saluted, Bro. George Dalrymple, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. Sec., called the roll of lodges, when it was found that all were represented, with a single exception, namely, Solway Lodge, No. 1220, a telegram having been received that the brethren had unfortunately missed their train. The minutes were read and confirmed, whereupon Bro. R. J. Nelson, P.G. Treas., produced his balance sheet, showing a substantial balance in hand, which was subsequently adopted.

Bro. LAMONBY moved, and Bro. PATERSON seconded, the re-election of Bro. Nelson as P.G. Treasurer, which was carried with applause, this being his 15th election.

The Prov. G. Officers for the year were next invested as follows:

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| Bro. G. White, W.M. 1532 (Mayor of Carlisle) ...  | Prov. S.G.W.      |
| " R. Rivington, P.M. 2493, P.G. Stwd. of Eng. ... | Prov. J.G.W.      |
| " Rev. A. Warren, W.M. 2493 ...                   | Prov. G. Chaps.   |
| " Rev. D. Douglas, 1073 ...                       |                   |
| " R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129 ...                      | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| " A. J. Livesey, P.M. 327 ...                     | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| " G. Dalrymple, P.G. Std. Br. ...                 | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| " G. S. Tatham, P.M. 1074 ...                     | Prov. S.G.D.      |
| " G. Webster, W.M. 1074 ...                       | Prov. J.G.D.      |
| " W. Pogson, P.M. 310 ...                         | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| " R. Monkhouse, P.M. 37 ...                       | Prov. G.D.C.      |
| " W. Lumley, P.M. 119 ...                         | Prov. A.G.D.C.    |
| " J. E. Dowie, P.M. 327 ...                       | Prov. G.S.B.      |
| " J. E. Singleton, P.M. 872 ...                   | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " J. Kassell, P.M. 1074 ...                       | Prov. A.G. Sec.   |
| " E. Lindop, P.M. 327, Mus. Bac. Durham ...       | Prov. G. Org.     |
| " A. Horrax, P.M. 2217 ...                        | Prov. G. Purst.   |
| " W. Hannah, P.M. 1660 ...                        | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " J. Gray, W.M. 310 ...                           | Prov. G. Stwds.   |
| " W. J. Scott, W.M. 962 ...                       |                   |
| " F. Treeby, P.M. 1073 ...                        |                   |
| " W. Tully, W.M. 1220 ...                         |                   |
| " E. Griffen, P.M. 1390 ...                       | Prov. G. Tyler.   |
| " J. Noble, P.M. 2285 ...                         |                   |
| " W. Garnett, W.M. 1267 ...                       |                   |

It may be explained Bro. White was prevented from being present for investiture by reason of himself, the Aldermen, and Councillors of the city

of Carlisle receiving the Duchess of Devonshire that day, on the occasion of her Grace laying the foundation-stone of a new church. The Lord Bishop of Barrow, P.G.C., was also absent from the same cause.

The Hon. Treasurer and Secretary of the Provincial Educational and Benevolent Fund were re-elected, as also five members of the Managing Committee, after which the report of the Charity Committee, recommending four grants, was presented and agreed to.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Provincial Grand Lodge would, as for many years gone by, have proceeded to church; but, on account of the invitation banquet in Underley Park, a new arrangement had to be made to save time, and accordingly Bro. the Rev. Joshua Tyson, P.P.G.C., instead delivered an appropriate and most eloquent address, founded on the text—"Faith, Hope, and Charity; but the greatest of these is Charity."

A collection having been made in behalf of the Charities, amounting to over £13, Prov. G. Lodge was closed.

The brethren were then formed in procession, headed by the town band, and marched to Underley, about a mile and a half distant, through the old churchyard, and past the grave of their former and much-revered chief, Bro. the Earl of Bective. The beautiful park of the demesne was soon reached, and presently Underley Hall burst on the view, truly one of the "Stately Homes of England," immortalised in Mrs. Hemans' poem. A large marquee having been erected on the lawn in front of the terrace, on which Lady Henry Cavendish Bentinck welcomed the large party, the guests were speedily seated. The R.W. Prov. G. Master presided, supported right and left by the distinguished brethren present, and a short toast list was gone through. It goes without saying that the health of the popular and noble host evoked ringing cheers, supplemented by a special round or more for Lady Henry Bentinck.

The banquet over, the large company spent a pleasant hour roaming round the charming grounds, which presented a wonderful wealth of floral colouring. Lord Henry Bentinck also kindly conducted his visitors through the hall, and eventually a most delightful day came to an end all too soon. In other words, it was a day never to be forgotten by the brethren of the province and visitors from other provinces alike.

### CONSECRATION OF THE AMBLESIDE LODGE, No. 2745.

The Masonic ceremonies and their enjoyable accompaniments at Kirkby Lonsdale were followed the next day by another important function, namely, the consecration of a new lodge at Ambleside, for which many of the brethren from a distance remained in the county, with the object of combining Masonry with an exploration of the beauties of this part of the Lake District. The new lodge is styled the Ambleside Lodge, No. 2745, and its headquarters are the Queen's Hotel, whilst the first W.M. is Bro. Thomas Taylor, P.M. Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 1705, Gosport, P.P.G.D.C. of Hampshire of the Isle of Wight, so that the lodge starts on its career under very promising auspices as regards its first ruler. Bro. Taylor, while being a prominent business man in Hampshire, has also another important business at Ambleside. With the addition of this new lodge the roll of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland now reaches 22 lodges, five of them being in the latter county.

On the arrival of the Provincial Grand Master, who had driven over from Underley Hall, shortly after 12 o'clock, the ceremonies commenced. The large coffee-room of the Queen's Hotel had been transformed into a lodge room for the occasion, and very soon it was completely filled. A Craft lodge was first opened by Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.A.G.D.C., assisted by Bros. J. Paterson, P.P.J.G.W., and G. F. Lancaster, P. Asst. G. Sec. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, acting as Wardens. The other acting officers were: Bros. G. Dalrymple, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. Sec., as Sec.; Rev. Joshua Tyson, P.P.G. Chap., as Chap.; and J. Kassell, P. Asst. G. Sec., as D. of C.

The Provincial Grand Master then entered the lodge room, attended by Bros. Colonel Sewell, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Right Rev. Dr. Ware, Lord Bishop of Barrow, P.G. Chap.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; and H. Cook, P.P.S.G.W.

After the usual preliminaries the Ambleside Lodge was duly and regularly consecrated and dedicated to Masonry by the Prov. G.M., assisted by the brethren already named.

The incidental music was under the able direction of the Organist of Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale.

The second business was the installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. T. Taylor, by Bro. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec. The officers were invested by Bro. W. W. Sewell, P.P.G.R., as follows: Bros. R. P. Hunter, P.M. 2217, P.P. G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; J. Tolson, P.M. 2217, P.P.S.G.D., S.W.; J. Tyson, J.W.; H. Redmayne, Treas.; A. Horrax, P.M. 2217, P.G.P., Sec.; J. Cowperthwaite, W.M. 2217, S.D.; W. L. Marson, J.D.; J. G. Simpkins, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Leicester and Rutland, D.C.; H. W. Baron, Org.; G. Walker, I.G.; and C. G. Mason, G. Middleton, and A. Huddleston, Stewards.

The first and second addresses were delivered by Bro. Paterson, and the third by Bro. Lamony.

The Prov. Grand Master, his Deputy, and the other brethren who had taken part in the ceremonies, were elected honorary members of the new lodge.

On the propositions coming up, six candidates and five joining members were proposed, to which may be added the fact that the founders of the new lodge numbered 14.

Finally the lodge was closed with a running fire of "Hearty good wishes" from the many visiting brethren.

The proceedings of the day were brought to a close by a sumptuous banquet, at which about 100 guests participated. The W.M. presided, supported on his right by Bros. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, the Lord Bishop of Barrow, W. F. Lamony, J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., and G. Dalrymple; and on his left by Bros. Colonel Sewell, the Rev. J. Tyson, J. Paterson, J. G. Simpkins, and H. Cook.

A lengthy toast list was gone through, interspersed with some capital singing, and it was past eight o'clock ere the happy company separated. It is pleasing to add that Bro. Taylor, the W.M. of the new lodge, and Bro. Hunter, his acting I.P.M., will go up as Stewards at the next Festival of the Boys' School.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1899

**Masonic Notes.**

There can be no doubt as to the right of the Board of General Purposes to act as it has done in the matter of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656 (E.C.), Sydney, New South Wales. The Articles quoted by the G. Registrar from the Book of Constitutions are as clear upon the matter as "the sun at noonday." Article 272 declares that "the Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual Masons when regularly brought before it," while Article 273 provides for the Board proceeding to admonition, fine, or suspension, according to the laws, and then goes on to declare that "its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge." On the

subject of appeals, Article 217—which was not referred to by the G. Registrar—lays it down that "any Lodge or Brother who feels aggrieved by the decision of a Provincial Grand Master, a District Grand Master, or District Grand Lodge, or of any Board or Committee, or of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction whatsoever, may appeal against such decision to the next practicable meeting of the Grand Lodge." It is hardly necessary to remark that the Cambrian Lodge is not likely to feel aggrieved by a decision which condones the irregularities it is shown to have committed under the pressure of "a great emergency," and as no one else would have a *locus standi* as an appellant, there is an end of the Cambrian case once and for all, and we are not sorry for it.

At the same time, we fully sympathise with Earl Carrington, who was the last District Grand Master of New South Wales under the English Constitution, and the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of that Colony. His lordship remarked in his speech, that when he was sent out to New South Wales, "he had a distinct message from the Grand Master to heal, if he possibly could, the differences which unhappily existed in Freemasonry in the Colony," and thanks to the "courtesy, geniality, and tact," shown by the late Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master, those differences were adjusted. The lodges of the different Constitutions determined upon establishing a Sovereign Grand Lodge of their own, and Lord Carrington, after having been unanimously elected Grand Master, was installed in office as M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, in the presence of upwards of 4000 members of the Craft. At first, it was supposed that the whole body of Masons had joined in the good work. It was not long, however, before a body of dissentients turned up in a section of the members of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, under the English Constitution, and as, though the majority had cast in their lot with the new Grand Lodge, these dissentients were numerous enough to claim under old Article 219, the right of retaining the Warrant, our Grand Lodge had no other course open to it than that of recognising them as the Cambrian Lodge and retaining it in its place on the roll of lodges. By the recent decision of the Board of General Purposes the lodge has had the irregularities it subsequently committed condoned, but we are confident that if its members had joined the new order of things instead of holding aloof from it and engaging in bitter controversies with the New South Wales Masons, they would have stood far higher in the estimation of all English brethren.

In our article on the Ashton Mark Lodge, we state it as our opinion that the Mark Grand Lodge has acted unwisely in declaring it "spurious and clandestine." Here, for instance, is one of the difficulties with which we are confronted at the very outset of this unfortunate dispute. Bro. Thomas D. Foreman, in the letter which appeared in our issue of the 2nd instant, shows that in December, 1887, he was accepted as a joining member of the Skelmersdale Lodge, ranking as No. 141 on the roll of Mark Grand Lodge, from the Mark Lodge under the Ashton-under-Lyne Constitution, and that at the present time he is "a Past Officer in both the Ashton District Mark and the Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Lancashire." But the Mark Grand Lodge by the resolution it adopted at its June Quarterly Communication not only declared the Ashton Mark "a spurious and clandestine Body," but also that "all members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown are hereby prohibited from visiting such Body, or from receiving any member thereof as a visitor in any Lodge of Mark Master Masons under this jurisdiction." Nor, would it seem, does his case stand alone, as he states in another part of his letter, that, "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."

But here comes in the difficulty. Bro. Foreman, as a member of the Ashton District Mark Lodge, may not be admitted into the Skelmersdale Mark Lodge, but as a P.M. of the latter he is eligible to attend its meetings, and as a Past Prov. G. Warden of Lancashire he can also be present at the meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Lancashire. There is nothing new in this, many of the most prominent "Ancient" or "Atholl" Masons having been esteemed members of the "Modern" or "Regular" lodges; indeed, there

were some lodges which worked under warrants from both Grand Lodges. But Mark Grand Lodge must either ignore its own resolution in the case of those Mark Master Masons who are members of both bodies; or, if it carries out its resolution strictly, it must strike all of them from the roll of its own lodges. If it adopts the former course it would have been wiser to have left things as they were; if the latter, it punishes one of its own lodges and one of its Prov. Grand Lodges by depriving them of the services of sundry of their members, while the difference between the two Mark Constitutions will remain in all its force and bitterness.

Again, brethren will naturally ask themselves—How can a lodge, which, according to the certificate furnished to Bro. Foreman by the then Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. Binckes, was accepted as regular as recently as the 28th December, 1887, be now "spurious and clandestine"? It is the same now as it was then, but it has taken to itself the title of the "United Grand Lodge" for the "Ashton District." It is greatly to be regretted that it should have assumed its present title, but it is clear there is no attempt on its part to enter into rivalry with the "Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown." And if it reverts to its old title, or adopts a less grandiose designation than it has recently chosen for itself, who shall say it is not to the full as regular as any of the other "Time Immemorial" lodges on the roll of the Mark Grand Lodge?

But while we consider the course adopted by the Mark Grand Lodge a mistaken one—we may almost venture to say the course that is best calculated to promote differences and render them still more acute—we trust no effort will be spared on either side to adjust these unfortunate differences. Bro. Foreman is of opinion that it is the Mark Grand Lodge which has shown an unconciliatory spirit. We hope he is wrong, and that he has mistaken the cold formality of an official communication, for the abruptness of which he complains. In any circumstances, the case is one which ought not to present any difficulties to an early adjustment, if the dissentient parties meet each other in a fraternal spirit.

The voting papers for the School Elections next month have been issued and with them the lists of candidates, with the needful particulars as to their claims, ages, &c., &c., &c. These lists we purpose analysing as usual in our next issue. We remark with pleasure that the number of children who will have their names removed in the event of their failing to secure admission at the coming election is small, there being only two girls and four boys, with whom it will be a case of "now or never."

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Col. A. Durrant. Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, was present, and received the hearty congratulations of all the members on his evident restoration to health, after his usual summer holiday. The Committee was for the most part occupied with the consideration of petitions, of which there were two for the Malq Fund and two for the Widows' Fund, the result being that the four were accepted.

Bro. J. C. Remington was installed M.W.G. Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales at the new Masonic Hall, Sydney, on Monday, the 24th July. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Sir Joseph Abbott, K.C.M.G., who was assisted by Bro. R. Teece, Dep. G. Master. There was a large attendance, and great enthusiasm was exhibited. Bro. Earl Carrington and the Earl of Jersey, who were respectively the first and second Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, sent their hearty congratulations by cablegram, and so also did Bro. Lord Brassey, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, whose official duties as Governor of the Colony prevented him accepting the invitation to be present. Among the visitors on the occasion was Bro. R. G. Sadler, Pro Grand Master Tasmania, and Bro. S. C. Sadler, Past J.G.D. After acknowledging the congratulations tendered him on behalf of Grand Lodge by Bro. Sir Joseph Abbott, the newly-installed Grand Master delivered a very able address, which was received with the hearty applause of the brethren.

## 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.

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THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF  
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This Provincial Grand Chapter met at Devizes on Wednesday, the 6th inst., the G. Superintendent, the Earl of Radnor, presiding. The receiving chapter was Harmony, No. 663. There were present:

Comps. Edward Bartlett, H. 586; G. A. B. Elers, J. 586; N. E. Nicholson-Browne, 355, P.G.S.E.; Henry Johnson, P. Soj. 663; G. M. Wilson, 1st Asst. Soj. 586; John Chandler, D. of C. 355, P.P.G.H.; H. Mundy, P.Z. 632; J. Harris, P.Z. 586; H. E. Bishop, P.Z. 632; John Chapman, 632, P.P.G.H.; E. B. Merriman, 357, P.P.G.N.; T. S. Hill, P.Z. 632, P.P.G. Reg.; Edward Waters, P.Z. 586; D. Owen, 663; James P. Martin, P.Z. 663; Samuel Snell, P.Z. 355; Chris. Pritchett, P.Z., S.E. 355, H. 1533; W. S. Bambridge, 1533, P.P.G.H., P.G. Org.; Andrew Milloy, S.E. 193; Ernest Williams, P.Z. 632; G. A. Randell, 663; M. R. Sudmerks, 663; J. Wyatt, M.E.Z. 663; Harry Ash, 663; J. Billingham, 663; and Wm. Dean, Janitor 355.

The following companions were appointed and invested Prov. G. Officers:

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| " Herbert Leaf                    | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.N.      |
| " G. M. Wilson, P.Z. 586          | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas.   |
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| " Rev. W. Wheeler, 632            | ... | ... | Prov. G.P.S.      |
| " S. Snell, 355                   | ... | ... | Prov. 1st A.G.S.  |
| " F. Wyatt                        | ... | ... | Prov. 2nd A.G.S.  |
| " H. Mundy, 632                   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " John Chandler, 355, P.P.G.H.    | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C.  |
| " W. S. Bambridge, 1533, P.P.G.H. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org.     |
| " W. Dean, 355                    | ... | ... | Prov. G. Janitor. |

A banquet was served at the Bear Hotel, at which a distinguished company of Masons were present.

## Craft Masonry.

## Sackville Lodge, No. 1819.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 5th inst. at the Masonic Temple, St. James' road, East Grinstead. Bro. A. Brandt was installed as W.M., and he appointed the following as his officers: Bros. James Harrison, S.W.; W. H. Hills, J.W.; E. A. Head, Treas.; A. M. Betchley, Sec.; F. J. Budd Budd, I.P.M.; H. Young, S.D.; W. J. S. Mann, J.D.; J. E. Lark, D. of C.; W. J. Dunthorne, I.G.; E. F. Hunt, Org.; C. J. Rowe, Tyler; and E. P. Whitely Hughes and G. H. Lynn, Stwds.

After the ceremony the brethren and visiting friends dined at the White Lion Hotel.

The music was supplied by the Holian Glee Singers from Brighton.

## Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922.

The regular meeting of this very popular and flourishing lodge (which promises to celebrate its record year) was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Monday, the 11th instant, when there were present Bros. Henry Cornford, W.M.; E. J. S. Ware, S.W.; A. Chadderton, J.W.; W. G. Cannon, P.M., Treas.; L. C. Shipton, P.M., Sec.; A. R. Jackson, S.D.; F. W. Riches, J.D.; J. N. Taylor, Org.; W. E. Groom, Stwd.; T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; O. Lamare, P.M.; R. W. Lord, G. N. Wedge, H. H. Dean, W. Graves, E. Vieusseux,

L. Notley, R. Pearson, W. E. Low, Wm. Wise, J. Emary, J. H. Heath, Wal Simmonds, T. G. Messent, H. Tyerman, J. Warne, A. G. Pocock, H. Lambert, E. G. Hewett, G. F. Lambert, Chas. Cook, W. Hipgrave, and S. Shipton. Visitors: Bros. W. S. Robinson, W.M. 788; Alf Hesketh, I.G. 1320; Frank Swinford, W.M. 2272, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463, P.P.G.S.B.; J. S. Pointon, W.M. 1861; W. Dawson, P.M. 1622; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 1901; Hy. Potter, S.W. and W.M. elect 1622; R. Brown, Stwd. 1320; E. Palmer, 2182; Wal E. Jeffery, W.M. 1622; P. H. Clarke, 2384; Robt. Taylor, P.M. 2148; C. L. Plant, P.M. 101; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.W. 1641.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. performed the three ceremonies in an exemplary manner, a circumstance which has happened at each lodge meeting since his installation. Bro. J. F. Emary was raised; Bros. H. H. Dean and R. Pearson passed; and Mr. Ed. George Hewett duly initiated into the ancient mysteries. Bro. Lamare, acting I.P.M., gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he would move that a Past Master's jewel be awarded to the W.M. on his retirement from the chair.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her customary satisfactory style.

The cloth removed, the W.M. presented the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in royal style, and which were most loyally received.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," received the high eulogiums of the W.M.

Bro. Lamare, P.M., in words of well-deserved praise, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who had proved himself one of great proficiency and one worthy of the support which he had most heartily received from the brethren.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

In reply, Bro. H. Cornford, W.M., most heartily thanked the brethren for the great kindness he had always received from every member of the lodge, and also for holding the proud position of their W.M. As he had told them previously that he would endeavour his utmost to support its dignity, so he had done; and it would always be his greatest aim to uphold the prestige of the lodge.

The toast of "The Initiate" was proposed by the W.M. in words of much appreciation, specially remarking upon the high credentials he received, and also the very intellectual manner he had gone through the splendid ceremony.

In reply, Bro. E. G. Hewett said he thanked the brethren very much for allowing him to be present, which was the consummation of the desire he had had for many years. He had not words to fully express his feelings, but knew that Freemasonry was the means of uniting men the more closely together. He hoped to prove a good member of this, the most honourable, Fraternity.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Visitors" with words of great cordiality, and remarked that there were no less than four reigning kings present as visitors, and among them were friends of many years' standing both in and out of Freemasonry. The brethren of the lodge gave them all a most hearty greeting.

Bro. W. Jeffery, W.M. 1622, in reply, said it was the first time he had the pleasure of visiting, and it had given him the greatest pleasure to be present. He congratulated the brethren on having so worthy and capable a W.M., who was ever ready to lend a helping hand to all who might ask for assistance.

Bros. J. S. Pointon, W.M. 1861; W. S. Robinson, W.M. 78; and Frank Swinford, W.M. 2272, also ably responded, together with Bros. J. Loader, P.M. 1622, and Wm. Dawson, P.M. 788 and 1622, the latter remarking upon the splendid manner the Three Degrees had been worked by the W.M. on each night, which had claimed their admiration. But it was easily accounted for, inasmuch as the W.M. was a most capable teacher in lodges of instruction. He (Bro. Dawson) felt confident that the remaining tenure of office would be equally successful, and that when the W.M. had passed the chair, the P.Ms. would highly esteem him in their ranks. Bro. Wm. Dawson also congratulated the lodge upon having two such very capable Deacons.

The toast of "The Treasurer, Bro. Cannon, P.M., and the Secretary, Bro. L. C. Shipton, P.M.," was most ably presented by the W.M., who remarked upon their thorough efficiency in their respective duties.

Bros. Cannon and L. C. Shipton most cordially and appreciatively responded.

That of "The Past Masters" received the high eulogium it deserved, and was duly responded to by Bros. Lamare, Cannon, and L. C. Shipton.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Officers," who had all performed their respective duties with very great proficiency, and he thanked them all for their hearty support.

Bros. E. J. S. Ware, S.W., and A. Chadderton, J.W., very ably replied.

The Tyler's toast closed a happy and intellectual evening.

A very capital programme of music was arranged by Bro. J. N. Taylor, Org., assisted by Bros. Arthur Court, A. R. Jackson, E. Palmer, and S. Shipton. Bro. J. N. Taylor ably presided at the piano.

## Dorothy Vernon Lodge, No. 2129.

The members of the above lodge assembled in the Town Hall, Bakewell, on the 5th inst., when Bro. E. M. Longsdon was installed in the chair by Bro. the Rev. J. E. Jagger, assisted by other Past Masters. The newly-elected W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. E. Jagger, I.P.M.; C. J. Fieldsend, S.W.; W. Clark, J.W.; C. H. Glossop, P.M., Treas.; G. F. Weatherill, Sec.; W. H. Nixon, Chap.; F. J. Woodhead, S.D.; T. W. Parry, J.D.; E. B. Wrench, D. of C.; T. B. Mellor, Org.; H. Severn, I.G.; W. Lytle, P.M., P.P.G.P., Almoner; Wm. Mellor and J. J. Willgoose, Stwds.; and J. Smith, Tyler.

Afterwards a banquet was held at the Rutland Arms Hotel. There were present: Bros. Rev. J. E. Jagger, W.M.; E. B. Wrench, S.W.; C. J. Fieldsend, J.W.; C. H. Glossop, Treas.; W. Clark, Sec.; J. F. Woodhead, J.D.; Dr. T. Wilson-Parry, I.G.; J. Smith, Tyler; W. S. Frost, P.M.; G. Leigh, P.M.; C. F. Wardley, P.M.; H. C. Heathcote, P.M.; H. Brooke-Taylor, P.M.; Stanley Orme, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; C. J. Mansford, W. Hudson, E. M. Longsdon, B. Morton, H. Severn, Rev. W. H. Nixon, H. Biggin, J. J. Willgoose, and W. Mellor. Visitors: Bros. W. L. Dodd, 1085, P.P.G.O.; J. Melrose, 731; B. Toft, W.M. 731; W. Lingard, W.M. 1952; C. Letch Mason, W.M. 1, P.P.G.W.; A. J. Dawes, W.M. 1495; W. Jaffrey, S.W. 1495; T. Tyack, 1495; J. O. Manton, W.M. 253; P.P.G. D. of C.; R. W. Mapp, W.M. 787; A. Hingley, P.M. 737; S. Bennett, W.M. 802; and F. L. Somerset, 681.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

## Ravensworth Lodge, No. 2674.

An interesting ceremony took place at the usual meeting of the above lodge at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, Gateshead, on the 5th instant, when Bro. Edward Scurfield presented the lodge with a beautiful and artistic banner. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M., P.P.G.D. A vote of thanks to Bro. Scurfield was moved by Bro. T. R. Jobson, W.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Northumberland, seconded by Bro. W. J. Jobson, P.M., P.P.D.G.D. of C., J.W., and carried. A large number of visitors were present at the lodge, amongst them being Bros. Seymour Bell, P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland; T. A. Moffit, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. M. Lyon, P.P.S.G.D. Northumberland; Burrill, P.M. 424; Plumpton, W.M. 431; Chard, W.M. 1342; and others.

## Harringay Lodge, No. 2763.

The first meeting of this newly-consecrated lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Salisbury Hotel, Green Lanes. Amongst those present were Bros. C. E. Welton, W.M.; Barnes, S.W.; Toynton, J.W.; E. Gevige, P.M. 1489; Winzar, P.M. 1950; Hodgkinson, P.M.; Austin, and several other visitors.

The lodge having been opened, Dr. Ambrose Atkinson, Dr. H. B. T. Morgan, Messrs. Lewin, T. K. Sly, and J. Brooks were duly initiated. After the usual routine business had been transacted the lodge was closed.

The usual banquet followed, presided over by the W.M., who not only proved himself a good Mason but likewise an excellent chairman, while the comfort of the brethren and visitors were well looked after by the various officers. The dinner, which was provided by the management of the hotel, was all that could be desired and the wines excellent.

After the usual loyal toasts had been given and duly honoured,

Bro. Hodgkinson, P.M., in a few well-chosen words, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him a successful year of office and a prosperous future for the lodge.

The toast was received enthusiastically by all present and was briefly responded to by the W.M.

The toasts of "The Initiates," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge," were given and responded to.

The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

During the evening a selection of songs was given, most ably rendered by Bros. Thurlow, Macey, Jackson, and Toynton, J.W., while Mr. Steele, a clever elocutionist, caused considerable amusement with some well-chosen recitations.

### Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Broxbourne on Saturday, the 9th instant, the brethren attending being Bros. C. C. Renaud, W.M.; A. Ingram, I.P.M.; F. H. Johnson, as S.W.; H. R. Bower, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; F. Page, P.M., S.D.; C. Nicole, J.D.; A. D. King, as I.G.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; T. Williams, Tyler; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. H. Moore, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M.; J. Gravatt, P.M.; A. P. Palmer, W. Wicking, S. Butler, G. H. Redding, O. P. House, H. A. House, and S. L. Brewer. Visitors: Bros. J. Duncan, P.M. 59; H. Hebbard, P.M. 167; R. Philip Upton, P.M. 1328; W. Medwin, P.M. 1613; and W. T. Bush, 65.

The business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. S. L. Brewer, and this ceremony having been very ably performed, the lodge was closed.

After spending an interval in the grounds, the brethren re-assembled for refreshment, which was followed by the customary toasts.

Bros. Duncan, P.M., and Medwin, P.M., replied to that of "The Visitors."

The brethren were vocally entertained by Bros. F. H. Johnson, G. H. Redding, E. H. Moore, and R. P. Upton. Bro. E. Blinkhorn gave a recitation, and Bros. Bower, Butler, and King told stories.

A pleasant evening having been spent, the brethren returned to town in the saloon carriage which the Great Eastern Railway now kindly places at their disposal.

## Royal Arch.

### St. John's Chapter, No. 692.

On Tuesday evening last, the 12th instant, the ordinary monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Warrenpoint, when there were present Comps. Thompson, M.E.Z.; the Rev. Dr. Glenning, H.; Dr. Forshaw, acting J.; W. Courtn, J. C. Ingram, H. L. Booth, J. Robb, and J. Graudy. Visitors: Comps. Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., 603, and J. N. Smith, 304, both under the English Constitution.

The minutes of the last regular chapter were read and confirmed, and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Naylor, Vicar of Warrenpoint, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation, and duly elected, the ceremony being arranged to take place next month. Comp. Dr. Forshaw was, on the motion of Comp. H. L. Booth, seconded by Comp. W. Jones, Scribe E., unanimously, and with enthusiasm, elected an honorary member; after which, by special request of the convocation, he delivered an address on Royal Arch Masonry in England, pointing out the difference between the Royal Arch under the English Constitution from that under the Irish; and it was arranged that on some future occasion the doctor should be invited to deliver before the members of the St. John's Lodge and Chapter his lecture on Freemasonry.

## Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Whittington, 5 and 7, Moorlane, E.C. Present: Bros. Robeson, W.M.; Gernon, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; William Baker, Treasurer, and acting Preceptor; Jas. Smith, Asst. Sec.; Fergusson, S.D.; H. Palmer, J.D.; Rix, I.G.; Read, Welton, Baxter, Maurice, Worrall, and Ferry.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maurice acting as candidate, Bro. Palmer giving the charge. Bro. Welton then answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and passed Bro. Welton to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Robeson then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and closed down in the Third and Second respectively. The W.M. rose the usual times, and Bro. Gernon was unanimously elected to occupy the chair next Wednesday evening. The lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 8th instant, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. Present: Comps. Wm. Dawson, M.E.Z.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z., H.; Hy. Cornford, J.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., Scribe E.; Barratt, Scribe N.; and Stone, P.S.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. G. Wm. Reed personating the candidate. Comp. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). The business of the convocation ended, the chapter was closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. B. Harding, P.M., W.M.; H. R. Bower, S.W.; C. C. Renaud, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; H. J. Kimbell, jun., S.D.; S. Cload, J.D.; G. T. Atkinson, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; C. Nicole, S. L. Brewer, E. Lucas, W. J. Townsend, A. F. Hardymont, R. E. Maskall, F. H. Johnson, A. L. Langton, and H. J. Kimbell, sen.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lucas being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hardymont, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bower being the candidate. Bro. S. L. Brewer was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Bower was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2693.

The first meeting of this lodge after the recess was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn, when there were present Bros. A. F. Hardymont, W.M. 2693, Preceptor, W.M.; Maurice Spiegel, P.M., S.W.; C. E. Batchelor, J.W.; R. J. Campbell, P.M., Asst. Preceptor and Treasurer; Harry Willsmer, Sec.; H. de L. Wood, S.D.; W. G. Coxon, J.D.; G. D. Fraser, Org.; S. A. Marks, I.G.; W. J. Smith, P.M., Tyler; Palmer, Line, Aylett, Stott, Brown, C. J. Greaves, A. H. Marks, P.M.; and M. W. Clement, P.M.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Greaves being the candidate. Bro. Hardymont delivered the lecture on the tracing board. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. M. Spiegel was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

BRO. EARL FERRERS has left Hendon for Staunton Harold, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

## Obituary.

### BRO. G. J. GLASSCOCK, J.P.

Essex Freemasonry generally, and the Shoeburyness brethren in particular, have lost a very worthy brother in the person of Bro. George J. Glasscock, P.M. 1000 and 1817, P.P.G.S.B., who expired very suddenly at his home, Napier House, Shoeburyness, on the 4th inst. Bro. Glasscock, besides being an active Freemason, was a most useful public man, and for many years has filled various positions with great satisfaction to the residents. As chairman of the Urban District Council he became ex-officer and J.P., and the testimony of the chairman of the Bench, in speaking of his death, was that "he was always most loyal and courteous, and he brought to bear clear intellect and common sense upon all questions brought under his consideration." At his funeral on the 8th inst. there was a great demonstration of public sympathy with his family.

### BRO. W. A. TINNEY, P.M., P.Z.

It is with regret we have learnt that our anticipations of last week have not been realised, and that Bro. William Alexander Tinney, who had an apoplectic stroke on Thursday, the 31st ult., died on Monday, the 11th inst. The funeral is arranged to take place at Brompton Cemetery at 1 p.m. to-day (Friday). Bro. Tinney was P.M. and Secretary of Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, and also of the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670; P.Z. and S.E. of the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; he was also a member of the Samson and Lion Lodge, No. 86, and Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238, and was present Master of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 487, in the Mark Degree. In addition, he was a Life-Governor and had twice served as Steward for the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions, and a Life-Governor and once Steward for the Girls' School. We tender our respectful sympathy to the members of our deceased brother's family and friends.

### BRO. J. E. CUSSANS, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.W. HERTS.

We announce with regret the death on Tuesday, the 5th instant, of Bro. J. E. Cussans, who was, we believe, originally made a Mason in the United States, but for many years had been an active member of the Craft both in London and the Province of Hertfordshire. He was installed W.M. of the Hertford Lodge in 1881, and appointed Prov. S.G.W. Hertfordshire the following year, and served as W.M. Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet, in 1891. In the Royal Arch he was a P.Z. of the Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385, and P. Prov. G. 1st A.S.; and in the Mark Degree, P.M. Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 367. He had served as Steward for the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions, and was a Life Governor of the former, and Life Governor of the Male Fund of the latter.

## TOUR THROUGH THE TYROL (AUSTRIA), THE ENGADINE, AND ZERMATT (SWITZERLAND).

To those contemplating a tour in the above districts, the details of a few notes taken while travelling may be found serviceable. Left Victoria Station for Ostend, *via* Dover. From Dover by rail, *via* Brussels, Metz, Strasbourg, for Basle—this is an important thriving city in a Protestant canton of that name. I visited the cathedral, built of red sand stone, constantly requiring repair, the cloisters are interesting, they form a Campo Santo, where are buried those of the city who have made themselves famous. From the terrace there is a fine view of the surrounding country. From Basle to Zurich, also in a Protestant canton of same name; this city is very prosperous and rapidly extending, it has some handsome public buildings. Any one of observation cannot fail to be struck with the marked contrast which exists between the Protestant and Catholic cantons of Switzerland. In the one you see increasing prosperity and progress, in the other stagnation and retrogression; the cause for this may easily be assigned, but it will be out of place to enter into details here. I put up at Hotel Belle Vue, which commands an extensive prospect of the lake of Zurich, behind which is the Uetliberg Mountain, easily accessible by rail; from the summit is a fine view of the Alps. The Minster is a plain building with two steeples; visited the Swiss National Museum, a small edition of our South Kensington Museum. In the evening, I attended a café concert on the opposite side of bridge, over the lake, the music was of the highest order, and the price of admission moderate, there was a large consumption of beer by its frequenters. Next day left, *via* Sargans and Feldkerke, for Innsbruck, the journey was most interesting, the scenery having for its back ground lofty mountains, the summits crowned with perpetual snow. From Feldkerke we passed through the district called Voralberg, waterfalls being seen from the surrounding heights, went through the famed Arlberg Tunnel, (time 18 minutes), reached Innsbruck. This city is the capital of the Austrian Tyrol; it has one of the finest situations conceivable in the middle of an extensive valley entirely surrounded by lofty Alpine mountains white with snow. The chief thoroughfare is the Marien Feresen Strasse, public buildings and fine shops on either side. The situation of this handsome city resembles that of Turin, in Italy. Visited the Imperial Church; here is the magnificent tomb of Maximilian, the Emperor of Germany; on either side, in the aisles, are life-sized bronze figures of his ancestors and descendants. There is also a fine marble monument to Andreas Hofer, the great Tyrolean patriot, who checked for awhile the progress of the French invaders, 1808, was captured and shot by order of Napoleon I. in a public square of that city. The name Innsbruck signifies the bridge over the Inn, and this river forms an important item in the beautiful scenery of the vicinity.

Amongst other fine buildings is the Ferdinand Imperial Museum. In a large collection, ancient and modern, there are 10 important pictures of F. Defregger, one of the best painters of the Tyrolean school. An especial room is reserved for them; they represent personal adventures in the life of Andreas Hofer during his conflict with the invaders of his country, the betrayal to his enemies by a friend, and his subsequent death as a patriot. Visited the University and the Pfaar Kirche. This church is gorgeous in style, profuse in gold and silver ornamentation. One evening, returning from a concert, I passed down the Marien Strasse; the moon was shining brilliantly, whilst the greater part of the street was in deep shadow; the snow-clad peaks were fully revealed by the silvery light, which also illumined the pinnacle of the marble column in the centre of the street—the picturesque effect may be easily imagined. At Berg Isel, a short distance—a most romantic spot on a lofty hill—I saw another monument to Hofer, close to which is the Hofer Museum, comprising solely pictures of events in his life, relics, &c.

In the evening to Zither concert; there was some good vocal music; over at 10.15; early hours kept here; absolutely necessary, as the chief shops are open and business is done at 6.30 (morning). In a church close by I saw the mummified bodies of two saints beneath the High Altar, clad in gold and silver frippery—a gruesome sight. Left Innsbruck; returned to Feldkerke, thence to Landeck. Here an amusing adventure happened to me. As there was necessity for me to change, I made enquiries of one of the railway officials. I was obliged to speak German; now as my knowledge of colloquial German is very limited, I had great difficulty in making myself understood. I succeeded at last, and then, in a torrent of words, came the directions. I was completely non-plussed. I suppose I showed my want of intelligence in my face, for again was the information given. The official, seeing that I did not comprehend him, thought he would overcome the difficulty by addressing me in my own language. He suddenly turned round, intimated the direction I should take with his outstretched finger, and simply said, in an impressive tone, "Bunk!" A smile illumined his stolid countenance. Where and how he had picked up this slang word I don't know. I have no doubt he thought it elegant English, and quite convincing. It was so in my case; I did not trouble him any more.

From Landeck to Buchs, thence to Sargans Landquart, and arrived at Davos Platz. This is a great resort for invalids, who are sent here by their medical advisers to retard and in many cases to recover from their serious ailments. The air is very soft and pure. Of course, it frequently happens that cure is hopeless, and they die here in peace. Many English visitors in robust health resort here; it forms a good centre for mountain excursions.

There are many fine hotels, the chief being the Victoria and the Hotel Belvidere—the walks and scenery are most beautiful. A walk to Davos See (Lake) well repays the visit, and at Davos Dorf (Hamlet) is a good representative Swiss village. Left by diligence for Pontresina (Engadine), a journey lasting from early morning till the evening, over a mountain pass, slowly, yet steadily ascending by a zig-zag road till we reached the region of snow and ice. The sun shone brightly, and its rays were warm, but the air, though exhilarating, was keen and cold. We came to small Sees (Lakes), saw several waterfalls descending from the heights. The ever changing aspects of the mountains were magnificent. Arrived at the highest point of the pass, we rapidly descended by the zig-zag road into a charming valley where is situated the little town of Sus. We should like to have stayed here awhile, but it was necessary to resume our journey. We arrived at Pontresina, an important centre in the Engadine, situated amongst the Bernina range of the Alps. On Sunday, went for a walk to view the mountain scenery—visited the Morteratsch Glacier. On the following day I proceeded on foot, a very pleasant walk, through the woods to St. Moritz, visited the Bads (Baths), and took up my quarters at the Victoria Hotel, fitted out in the most sumptuous style, but, as the season had only just commenced, there were but few visitors.

St. Moritz, like Davos, is a resort for invalids, but there is also a steady influx of visitors, chiefly English and Americans. The great charm of this place is its picturesque situation, its pure, invigorating air, and the facilities for mountain expeditions to the healthy and vigorous. The walks are varied and interesting; there is a constant round of amusements of every kind offered to the visitors, *pour les distraire*. I may mention that the Engadine is in the canton of the Grisons, adjoining Italy.

Spent an agreeable time at St. Moritz, then left by diligence, passing through Silva Plana, Tufen Castle, and Chur Walden, to Chur, or Coire as the French call it. This is a thriving city, the see of a Catholic bishop. There are also some handsome churches of the Reformed Protestants. In this quaint old city there are many interesting traces of the Middle Ages. Near the venerable cathedral is a pretty little cemetery tended with loving care—a perfect garden of flowers in full bloom. This affectionate remembrance of the loved ones who have passed away is a marked feature of the peasant people abroad.

The journey by diligence to Andermatt occupied the whole of the following day; the weather had been cold from the absence of the sun, the air chilled by the vicinity of the lofty, snow-capped mountains which we traversed; descending into the valleys, where the sun shone, it became warm.

Next morning I strolled through the pretty village, the air fresh and sweet, the sun brightly shining. Early as it was, about 6 a.m., the place was full of life; saw a band of school boys and girls in bright Swiss costume starting for a holiday, with their sticks, hats, and caps crowned with Alpine roses. Later on I observed a body of soldiers going through their different exercises, which seemed to me very exact; returned to hotel; after an excellent breakfast, took the diligence to cross the renowned Furka Pass to Brigue. Passing several small villages, and one or two ruined castles, by a continuous winding ascent we came to the famed Rhone Glacier. Here the carriage halted, that we might visit one of the finest ice caverns. From the early morning we had been gradually ascending, till we reached the summit of this grand pass, the air, though exhilarating, becoming colder and colder. This, the Furka Pass, is one of the highest in the Alps. By a rugged path we came to the edge of the glacier; it led to a cavern formed out of the solid ice. With others I entered it, but only for a few moments. I was glad to leave it, it was so intensely cold. The colours of the ice varied from a deep blue to a light green. We joined our conveyance, and rapidly descending the winding road, came to a smaller glacier—the Rosach. The way had only been cleared five or six days previously, having been rendered impassable by masses of fallen snow. From our high elevation we could clearly distinguish our destination, which by zig-zags we rapidly approached. In turning the winding curves the four horses

whisked round so suddenly that at times we had our hearts in our mouths that we should topple over and be hurled down the frightful precipices seemed inevitable, but the driver and the horses were quite unconcerned, it was an every day business to them, and, really, there was no danger; safety lay in the rapid speed maintained—an accident is of the rarest occurrence. Arrived at our destination, we had to change for another diligence; the luggage had to be transferred. It is very advisable that each person should personally see to his own things, otherwise they may be mislaid or lost. I found it so in my case, I would not trust the porter's assurance, and it was well I did not, for I found my bag had been put on the *wrong* coach. Left Gleichen, and set out for Brigue, through comparatively tame scenery contrasted with that of the morning; just before starting saw two tame marmots in a cage—pretty, harmless creatures. Passing through fertile villages, the rushing river Rhone at our side, we had a view of the Simplon Mountain and the mouth of the Simplon railway tunnel, so well known to many travellers. Next day left hotel, went by rail to Visp, thence to Zermatt, stayed at Mont Cervin Hotel. The day was unpleasant, the air charged with misty vapour, which totally obscured the Alpine peaks; the lofty Matterhorn, or Mont Cervin as the French call it, was invisible. Stayed rest of day in hotel; going out was impossible.

The clear bright dawn of the next day gave promise of fine weather, which was fully realised. Left hotel at 6 a.m., passed through the primitive village of Zermatt, the shops of which were open, prepared for the day's business, observed the little church, with its churchyard, where a tombstone is erected to the memory of Croz, the Swiss guide, who perished in the well-known disaster which happened to Lord Francis Douglas and Mr. Hadow in their descent from a successful attempt to reach the summit of the Matterhorn. Mr. Whymper, the well-known Alpine climber, has given a graphic account of the fatal expedition in his charming book; he was one of the party, but fortunately escaped. Proceeding on our way, we soon beheld the Matterhorn in all its massive grandeur, its snow-clad summit towering in majesty far above the surrounding peaks against the bright blue sky, undimmed by the least fleck of cloud—it was, indeed, a most magnificent sight. Returned to hotel, did full justice to my breakfast, made an excursion afterwards in the mountains, visiting the Gorges leading to the Riffel Berg, a stiff climb brought me in full view of the Matterhorn, and the toil was well repaid. Later in the day I reached the Görnér Gratt glacier—fine, but not equal to the Rhone glacier I had previously seen. From the elevated position I had reached an easy zig-zag descent, at times encountering snow on the path, led down to the beautiful Zermatt valley. It was an enjoyable day, spent amid the grandest Swiss scenery.

Next day (Sunday) was wet again—rain all day. Attended morning service at the plain unpretentious English church opposite the hotel. During the day saw, in the gardens of the hotel, two tame chamois; these are rarely now seen on the mountains, they have been hunted down by so-called sportsmen, almost to extinction. There was also a fine barn-door owl, with eyes blinking in the daylight.

The following morn was fine. Left Zermatt with regret; should like to have made a longer stay. Took train back to Visp, through charming village scenery where the vine is extensively grown, lofty mountains crowned with snow on either side, in full view of the Rhone. Found that I had made a mistake relative to the train. I could not arrive at my proposed destination (Lausanne) till 11.30 (night). I, therefore, resolved to stop at Sion, a very ancient city capital of the canton of Valais, and I was glad I did so. I found much to interest me. There are two castles—one completely ruined, the other partially so—they face each other on opposite hills. There is a curious old cathedral well worth a visit, a quaint Hotel de Ville. In a church I entered I heard the Office of the Rosary of the Virgin chanted by the brethren of some monastic Order, which was harmonious and impressive. This city is but little modernised, and is an interesting relic of the Middle Ages.

In the morning I took train for Lausanne. Arriving at Villeneuve, I left the railway, and completed the journey by steamboat for Ouchy, on the Lake of Geneva, a most pleasant change from railway travelling. At Ouchy, where I disembarked, a very long, steep hill brought me to Lausanne. I visited the cathedral; from the adjoining terrace there is a fine view of the city and its environs, at least, so I was told, but I could see nothing, it was so hazy. I saw the University: no academic dress is worn by the students; but the faculties are distinguished by caps of different bright colours.

On the morrow I went to Fribourg, where there is the celebrated suspension bridge, a marvel of engineering skill. It formed, I believe, the model for our Hungerford Suspension Bridge. It connects the city with a populous suburb, separated by a lofty ravine, through which flows the river Gerance. The tower of the fine cathedral bears a striking resemblance to that of our St. Dunstan's, Fleet-street, E.C. In the afternoon to Berne, the capital of the Canton, and the capital of Switzerland. There is a great deal to see here—the clock tower, the cathedral and terrace, with the distant view of the Bernese Alps, which I was able to behold, the day being fine and clear. All the streets have colonnades like those I have visited in Italy, especially Bologna. This city may well be called Berne (for it is indeed a Bear city) even in its armorial bearings—Ursa-Major, in all possible combinations and forms, meets you at every step. There is even a bear pit, where four of these creatures are seen, maintained at the cost of the city. Visitors, of course, make a point of congregating there, feeding the shaggy animals with buns and carrots, of the latter they are extremely fond. It is strictly forbidden to give the bears any kind of animal food; whether those who have charge of them give them any I do not know.

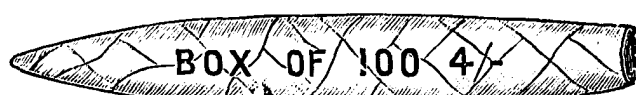
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