

THE FREEMASON.

The Organ of the Craft, a Weekly Record of Progress in
FREEMASONRY, LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART

REPORTS OF THE GRAND LODGES ARE PUBLISHED WITH THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND;
HON. JAMES HOZIER, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

VOL. XXXIX. NO. 1618.]

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1900.

[PRICE 3D.]

CONTENTS.

LEADER—		PAGE
United Grand Lodge	... ..	139
The Lodge Room	... ..	139
Freemasonry in Faversham	... ..	140
United Grand Lodge (Quarterly Communication)	... ..	141
Ladies' Night of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641	... ..	143
MASONIC NOTES—		
Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge	... ..	145
Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement	... ..	145
West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution	... ..	145
Cambridge Masonic Charity Association	... ..	145
Correspondence	... ..	145
Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement	... ..	146
The Craft Abroad	... ..	147
Knights Templar	... ..	147
Science, Art and the Drama	... ..	148
Grand Lodge of Mark Masons (Quarterly Communication)	... ..	149
Craft Masonry	... ..	149
Instruction	... ..	152
The Recent Benevolent Festival	... ..	152
Masonic and General Tidings	... ..	154

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The chief interest in the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, which was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Major-General LAURIE, M.P., Prov. G. Master of South Wales (W.D.), as M.W.G. Master, centred, as a matter of course, in the message from the M.W.G. MASTER, in which his Royal Highness was pleased to recommend the formation of a "South African Masonic Relief Fund," under the management of the Board of General Purposes, and that a sum of money be granted thereto out of the funds of Grand Lodge. The proposal was received with acclamation, and the resolutions embodying the several suggestions of his Royal Highness having been adopted, a sum of 1000 guineas was voted as the nucleus of the said Fund, which, as it has started under such favourable auspices, will, we doubt not, receive the generous support of the Craft throughout England and in the Districts abroad which are comprised within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. We understand that Bro. GEO. RICHARDS, District Grand Master of the Transvaal, proposes to incorporate his Fund, which was opened some weeks since in these columns, in this new South African Fund, which will be applicable to the whole body of English Masons throughout South Africa. We offered a suggestion to this effect in our Notes of last week, and are, therefore, the more gratified to find that there will be the one Fund only as recommended by the Grand Master. As regards the other business that was brought under the consideration of the brethren, a full report will be found elsewhere, and, therefore, it is unnecessary to do more than state that Bro. HARRY MA'FIELD is now Grand Treasurer-elect for the ensuing year, and to him accordingly we extend our most hearty congratulations; and that the proposal to recognise the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, as recently formed by the lodges under our District Grand Lodge in that Colony, was adopted with practical unanimity, there being only a very few voices raised in opposition. Under these circumstances, we imagine it will not be long before the lodges under the Scottish and Irish Constitutions accept the new position, and that in the future the bulk of Freemasonry in West Australia, as in nearly all the other Australasian Colonies, will be under the jurisdiction of an independent Grand Lodge.

THE LODGE ROOM.

VIII.—THE BRETHREN.

[COMMUNICATED]

It has been suggested to the writer of these notes that the most important contents of the lodge room have been unnoticed. It appeared, on inquiry, that the brethren present were referred to. Certainly the brethren are a very important element. A lodge room, to be entitled to the description at all, must be just, perfect, and regular; that is to say, there must be present in it the Volume of the Sacred Law, a certain number of officers and brethren, and a regularly obtained warrant. Without these essentials—or any of them—no Masonic business, or, in fact, any other business could be transacted.

It may be mentioned that the word "perfect" has no special moral significance, but simply means "complete," and is the translation of the Greek *τελής*, and, reduced to plain English, it means simply that there must be a quorum.

For the transaction of Masonic business a quorum comprises a Worshipful Brother in the East and Master Masons occupying the chairs in the West and South. For an initiation seven brethren must be present, including the three named, but the other four need not be Master Masons. For a passing or a raising the Master and Wardens are a quorum.

Let us now refer to the landmarks, using, as on previous occasions, Mackey's list. Those in which the brethren are specifically referred to are the election of the Grand Master by the brethren, the right of every Freemason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft and to instruct his representatives, the right of appeal to Grand Lodge, the necessity for brethren to congregate in lodges, the amenability of Freemasons to Masonic jurisdictions whether members of lodges or not, the right of Freemasons to visit lodges other than their own, and the equality of all Freemasons.

The first three of these may be considered together, as collectively they define the direct relationship of every Freemason with the Grand Lodge. It may be prefaced that as far as the landmarks are concerned, Grand Lodge—that is the body to which every brother has the right of appeal, and the body which elects the Grand Master—comprises the whole assemblage of Freemasons. In order to bring it into something like reasonable dimensions, it has been generally agreed upon by the Craft that right of membership shall be limited to those brethren who have attained a certain eminence (*i.e.*, have passed the chair), and all other brethren shall be present by proxy, every lodge sending three delegates—the Master and Wardens.

Next we have to consider the necessity of brethren being attached to lodges. The lodge is the unit of Freemasonry, and the brother who has withdrawn himself from lodge membership has no *locus standi*, and whilst, as shown above he can never put himself out of the pale of Masonic jurisdiction (*i.e.*, he may for cause shown be expelled), still he can never put forward any claim to Masonic privileges. Article 152 Book of Constitutions recognises him in a contemptuous sort of way by decreeing certain limits as to his right of visitation, and that is all the notice the Book of Constitutions takes of him, except to lay down that after a year's lapse of membership he forfeits if a P.M. his right to sit and speak in Grand Lodge. Nevertheless, the great majority of applications for casual relief come from brethren whose interest in Freemasonry has long ago ceased, and who, in fact, only remember Freemasonry when there seems any prospect of getting anything out of it.

There are two classes of unattached brethren who need not be discussed at great length, the expelled and the excluded brother. The latter claims a short consideration however. The reason for a great proportion of the exclusions is inability to pay lodge dues, and we may consider the case of the brother excluded on these grounds, with that of him who has resigned

membership because of the expense. The only difference between them is that one resigned in time, while the other thought he might pull through.

In itself Freemasonry is not expensive, and it is to be regretted that the ill-advised zeal of many excellent brethren tends to make it so. An expensive dinner, constant testimonials, an expensive summer outing, make continual drains on the purse which the needy brother has eventually to succumb to.

This is a subject deserving of serious thought, and a correspondent, in the *Freemason* of the 24th ult., referred to one aspect of lodge expense which deserves very serious thought indeed. That is, the expensive banquet. The cost of this, he said, varied from five shillings to a guinea. True, the brother who cannot afford it is not obliged to partake of it, but he does not increase his popularity or his chances of preferment by his constant absence from the festive board.

We think it will be generally agreed that this is a matter in which a certain amount of consideration is due from the more well-to-do brethren towards those who cannot compete with them in length of purse. It will generally be found that the subscription to the lodge is not the most serious item when a brother comes to total up all that Freemasonry has cost him in the course of the year.

A lodge ought not to allow any of its members to get so much into arrears with their dues that their payment becomes a serious matter. By-laws usually exist which deal with the question of such, and it is true kindness to pull up a member at the earliest moment, and even to exclude him. He can always rejoin, if otherwise eligible on full payment, but if exclusion be put off for too long a time the accumulated dues may weigh so heavily on him that rejoining that or any other lodge becomes a practical impossibility.

Then there are many unattached brethren who have lost their interest in the Craft. Why? Some attended lodge regularly with the idea of gaining knowledge and have been disappointed. Some have been anxious for office, which did not come. Then they began to be irregular in attendance and found that as long as their payments were kept up their presence or absence seemed to be matters of no interest to any one. Resignation followed, and in this manner the great army of the unattached is being recruited. And we should not like to say that all the blame lies with them. Much could be done by the officers of the lodge to modify this state of things. Absentees might be looked up, and in some lodges there is a visiting Committee specially appointed year by year to carry out this duty systematically.

We need not discuss those unattached brethren who have ceased their active connection with the Craft because they have taken offence at something or another. Some brethren are disappointed with the result of an election, some are not successful in keeping political or business differences out of the lodge room; but whatever it be, it will be found that the amount of the grievance generally varies inversely with the cause of it. In such cases as these, the value of wise and experienced Past Masters should be felt. The right word spoken at the right time and in the right way will often accomplish much. Some brethren are very sensitive plants, but there is no reason for plucking them up by the roots on this account. But, whether a brother be a subscribing member of a lodge or not, he can never escape from his obligations nor all that is involved in them.

The right of visitation is a Masonic privilege not generally understood, nor taken advantage of as it ought to be. It not only benefits the taken in good standing who profits by it, but the lodge he visits. It should be understood clearly that, welcome or unwelcome, invited or uninvited, every Freemason has an inalienable right to visit any and every lodge he pleases. Of course, this does not involve any right to join the brethren at the festive board afterwards, and we fancy it is the fear of being considered intrusive in this respect that causes brethren to be diffident in the matter of visitation. We said it benefited the lodge visited. It does so in this way. The lodge ceases to be a private coterie. When it is remembered that at any moment during lodge work, it is possible brethren may drop in from any part of the world, a very wholesome check is imposed upon those who rule the lodge. There is far less chance of any innovation finding its way into the body of Masonry under such circumstances. The lodge is quite justified, of course, in testing the visitor in every possible way, and no sensible brother will object to being put through a very strict examination.

So far we have gone away from the limits of our subject and been discussing brethren not in the lodge room. A few words on etiquette during the lodge meeting may not now be out of place. The Worshipful Master should invariably be addressed as such, and not as "Worshipful Sir." The honorific "Sir" is out of place in a lodge room where all meet on terms of perfect equality.

The attention of brethren should be particularly drawn to that part of the obligation which enjoins upon them strict attendance upon all summonses when not unavoidably prevented. When such circumstances arise, therefore, the least that can be expected is that apology for absence should be sent, or the brother concerned should be in his place at the next lodge meeting to apologise in person. Disregard of this very obvious duty implies serious disrespect to the Worshipful Master.

It will have been noticed that when a ballot is taken the junior brother present is called upon to vote first. This is a procedure based upon that customary in a court-martial in order to avoid the feeling of diffidence with which a junior member would vote if he should happen to differ from his senior. With the ballot it is, of course, but a convention.

A visiting brother must not feel any resentment if he be called upon to retire from the lodge room during the course of private business. This right of visitation means, in strictness, his right to be present when Masonic work is proceeding. Such questions as arguments about testimonials and disposal of Charity funds are private matters which a stranger has nothing to do with.

Applause in lodge is not a desirable thing at any time, but if occasions arise when it is absolutely impossible for brethren to restrain their feelings, it should be remembered that the Masonic way of expressing approval is by a single clap. The peculiar method known as "fire" is more appropriate for the festive board. It is somewhat curious that whereas the Constitutions lay down no rule as to the expression of Masonic approval, Article 72 deals with one particular form of expressing disapproval. The article in question runs thus—"Whosoever shall be so un-Masonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted." It is proper to add that the writer has never heard of a brother being excluded under these circumstances.

Many brethren complain of the want of instruction in lodges. They say, with a certain amount of reason, that, even in lodges of instruction, they see and hear nothing but the working of the same ceremonies, which in course of time grow monotonous. This much may be granted; but, nevertheless, attendance at the regular meetings should not be allowed to slacken. The very fact of a number of brethren, all bound by the same solemn obligation and all subject to the same peculiar moral restraints, meeting together at stated intervals has a powerful disciplinary effect. Each meeting should be regarded as a reiteration of the obligations and ties which bind men together as Freemasons. If a brother take this view, our beautiful ceremonies and ritual need never grow stale.

Our lodge room is an antitype of the Temple, in which the same ritual was gone through day by day for centuries. The Volume of the Sacred Law contains truths which have not been changed for centuries and never will be. Yet one never hears the worship of Jewish, Christian, or even heathen Temple, nor the language of the Volume of the Sacred Law denounced as stale. Let us take the higher view of our lodge meetings, not look upon them merely as the formal preliminaries to a festive evening, and with whatever feelings we enter the lodge room, we shall come away both strengthened in our Masonic principles and with fresh resolves to act and live up to the highest ideal of Freemasonry.

FREEMASONRY IN FAVERSHAM.

Bro. Francis F. Giraud, P.M. and Treasurer, has written and had printed for private circulation a very readable and interesting historical sketch of his lodge, No. 133, Faversham, with Annals and Notes as to Royal Arch Masonry. It is a chronological narrative in part, and evidently carefully compiled, but it is more than a mere transcript of important minutes, for much of the text is devoted to information respecting the Craft generally, and in explanation of the numerous details which are to be found in the valuable work.

A lodge was formed in Faversham by the "Ancients" by Charter, dated 20th May, 1763, and numbered 114. The meetings were held in the "Ship Inn," Market-place, but in the following year the brethren changed their allegiance, the new Warrant of 28th August, 1764, having been granted by Lord Blaney, G.M., and was numbered, originally, 319. Of the five founders of the lodge of 1763 four at least started the second organisation of 1764, so that as respects continuity of membership there was no break, and there has been none from 1763 to the present time. Under Lord Kelly's Charter the members agreed to a code of by-laws, which, happily, are still preserved,

and are quite a curiosity in their way. Deacons were appointed and provided for, as usual with the "Ancients," and a "Lecture on the Science of Masonry shall precede all business—making and choice of officers excepted." It need not be a matter of surprise, therefore, to find that the lodge joined the C.C. of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London, in 1890. The rules required candidates for initiation to be "upright in body and limbs," according to the obsolete "Old Charges," which were intended as Operative Regulations of the Masonic Craft.

The "Ancient" system allowed Wardens to occupy the chair in the Master's absence as a right, but, as a matter of courtesy, Past Masters were in the habit of taking the Chair under such circumstances because of their "superior knowledge."

No visitors were allowed to be present under the rank of Master Masons, which, however, was not logical, as Apprentices being members of the lodge, their privilege of visiting should be allowed, as well as Fellow Crafts, to the Degree they have obtained.

The lodge was visited in 1767 by Bro. Berkeley, the Grand Treasurer, and in 1770-1 by brethren "from Lord Ancram's Dragoons." The latter had a lodge warranted in 1755 as No. 211, and was 155 from 1770 (11th Dragoons), but was erased in 1782.

The new by-laws were agreed to in 1774. The second Prov. Grand Master, of Kent, Captain Charles Frederick, held a Provincial Grand Lodge in Faversham in that year, possibly out of compliment to the lodge, in which he had been initiated the previous year, when he was appointed J.W. and also Prov. G. Warden, so that his promotion was rather rapid. Bro. Julius Shepherd, the first J.W. of the Lodge of 1763, and first W.M. of that of 1764, was appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master. The R.W. Bro. Thomas Dunckerley was also at the meeting.

In 1775 there were numerous visitors present from the "Iniskillen Regiment," when the Right Hon. W. Ogilvie, Lord Banff, and others were initiated. A Provincial Grand Lodge was once more held in Faversham, and though Bro. Giraud does not say so, I take it the assembly was convened for the installation of Captain George Smith, as Prov. G. Master. According to Bro. Gould, in his invaluable "Military Lodges 1732-1899" (p. 31), the York Grand Lodge "issued a solitary Military Warrant to the 6th or Inniskilling Regiment of Dragoons in 1770." This, however, has not been authenticated, and the lodge in that regiment at York must have been under some other Constitution, but it is not quite certain which. Many other regimental lodges were represented at the meetings of this "Harmony" Lodge from time to time, as noted by Bro. Giraud.

In 1785 a member of the lodge had his expenses paid to Maidstone "to vote for a Prov. Grand Master of Kent." It is not recorded who had the benefit of his vote or recommendation, but Colonel Jacob Sawbridge was appointed to that office, in 1785, and visited the lodge in the following year.

A curious minute occurs on September 26th, 1787, to the effect that "Bro. Peter Williams proposed to be a member and rejected without being made again an ancient Mason." Now, the lodge was "Modern," so that the record means that *being* an Ancient Mason, he would not be "remade." On June 17th, 1789, it is stated that two brethren "were refused to be admitted as members, *being* Ancient Masons"—so the explanation is obvious.

The name "Harmony" was selected in 1789, and in the next year the lodge agreed to subscribe to the "Cumberland School," now the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. In 1794 it was agreed that the Landlord was "not to consult members about what to get for supper," so the brethren were obliged to rest content with the fare he supplied. Let us hope it was good!

In 1795 the Provincial Grand Lodge was again held at Faversham, when Dr. William Perfect was installed as Prov. G.M. In 1797 some "Dutch prisoners on parole from Wye" visited the lodge. On January 4th, 1798, at the burial of Bro. Geo. Cowland, the Rev. Francis F. Giraud and two other clergymen were duly thanked by the members "for the attendance and polite behaviour and attention to the orders of the Master, neither of them being a Bro. Mason."

The expenses of four members attending the Provincial Grand Lodge at Malling amounted to £10 3s. 1d., including the dinners. The costs at that time for such "outings" were regularly met from the funds in the hands of the Treasurer.

On February 25th, 1807, five brethren were made "Mark and Ark." Three members represented the lodge at the Presentation and Banquet to the Earl of Moria, A.G.M., at Freemasons' Hall. On January 10th, 1820, eight brethren "took the Past Master's Degree," which was, as Bro. Giraud states, a preliminary ceremony to R.A. Masonry, but since obsolete.

Bro. Peter Gilkes attended the lodge at its expense in 1824, and "gave lectures and instruction at two meetings." Doubtless

these assemblies were convened that the members might perfect themselves in the "Union" work, many such being held over the country from 1815.

Although the *regular* meetings of the lodge were discontinued from 1829 for some 30 years, it should be noted that occasional meetings took place, Masters were elected, officers appointed, and the annual returns duly made, so that the continuity appears to have been preserved, notwithstanding the difficulties in which the members were placed, financially and generally; the effects being gradually "melted" until 1859, when a fresh and vigorous lease of the lodge was again renewed.

In 1873, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in recognition of the services rendered the lodge by Bro. Giraud, who from 1859 had been a never failing friend in need. He is still active as ever on its behalf. The Centenary Jewel Warrant was obtained for the lodge in 1870, and in 1887; the members purchased and adapted the Old Grammar School to be used as their Freemasons' Hall, at a cost of £525, and it continues to be used for that purpose. In 1890, Bro. G. W. Speth, the widely-known and respected Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, delivered a lecture on Freemasonry as illustrated by its early Records.

Many presents have been received from members and friends during the last few years, and in 1895, Bro. Giraud, the Historian of the lodge, was presented with a combined Past Master's and Secretary's jewel in appreciation of his many years' devoted services to the "Lodge of Harmony," Faversham; which was an honour well deserved.

The roll of subscribing members from 1763 is a valuable compilation, especially as the offices held are all duly recorded, under each name in chronological order, and another table gives similar particulars for the Royal Arch from 1888; the old chapter having fallen through unfortunately. Had the latter been kept alive, the members could have claimed a Centenary Warrant, for the Royal Arch Degree was worked in the lodge so early as 1778, and probably much earlier. In 1786, their founder, Bro. Julius Shepherd, so long D. Prov. G.M., was appointed Grand Superintendent for Kent.

I had no record of this fact. It is singular that the chapter at Faversham was not on the roll of the "Modern" Grand Chapter, so possibly it was a survival of the "Ancient" Lodge of 1763.

The artistic frontispiece is devoted to the F.M.H., Faversham. I congratulate Bro. Giraud on his success as the Lodge Historian.

W. J. HUGHAN.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., Bro. Lieut.-General Wimburn Laurie, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for South Wales, Western Division, presided. Bro. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G. Master Norfolk, occupied the position of Past Grand Master; Bro. George Richards, Dist. G. Master Transvaal, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., as S.G.W.; and Robert Grey, P.G.W., as J.G.W.

Among other brethren present were:

Bros. John Strachan, Q.C.; R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C.; R. D. M. Littler, Q.C.; Lennox Browne, Major Woodall, T. Lean Wilkinson, J. H. Matthews, Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; Henry Smith, P.G.D.; Richard Eve, Frank Richardson, Henry Neville, Sir Squire Bancroft, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, G. P. H. Lewis, Q.C.; J. C. Malcolm, Imre Kirally, W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; J. E. Le Feuvre, J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; T. J. Ralling, Albert Lucking, Hermann Klein, W. Hayman Cummings, G. Org.; Henry Lovegrove, Dr. Strong, Wilhelm Ganz, Dr. Clement Godson, W. G. Kentish, W. F. Smithson, Dr. Lott, and R. Clowes. Bro. R. G. Fricker, W.M., Corona Lodge, No. 2731, Johannesburg, was also present. Over 600 brethren attended.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of December, 1899, were read and confirmed.

Bro. Lieut.-General LAURIE asked the brethren to consider the following message from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master:

The Grand Master, feeling that one effect of the present serious war in South Africa must be to throw upon the local Masonic funds a pressure which they cannot possibly bear, ventures to appeal to the Craft under the Grand Lodge of England to come to the assistance of the sorely tried loyal brethren in that distant part of the world.

The Grand Master is aware of the noble response which the Order has already made in favour of the general Patriotic and Refugee Funds, and is loth to make any further call upon its generosity. But while the civil duty has been so excellently fulfilled, there yet remains unsatisfied that peculiar claim which the principles of Freemasonry inspire its members to have regard to. The Grand Master therefore desires that the sense of Grand Lodge shall be taken upon the following resolutions:

He (Bro. Major-General Laurie) then moved the first resolution as follows:

"That a fund be raised from which the several District Grand Lodges under the English Constitution in South Africa may be assisted to relieve the distresses of their loyal members occasioned directly by the war in that quarter."

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg., seconded the resolution and asked the brethren to bear with him while he explained the position of affairs. It

had come to the knowledge of the Grand Master that for some time great distress must have arisen among the brethren of South Africa on account of the war, and without waiting for an appeal to the District Grand Lodge or to Grand Lodge or private lodges, his Royal Highness felt that a fund should be raised as soon as possible and as local funds might not be enough that funds should be raised in other parts for the brethren out there to deal with as they ought to be dealt with when Masons appealed to Masons in circumstances of distress. A scheme was being formulated when an appeal was made by Bro. Richards, the District Grand Master of the Transvaal, on behalf of the brethren in his district, and it was thought the better plan would be instead of waiting for the making of similar appeals, that the Executive should place themselves in communication at once with Bro. Richards, who most fully and freely gave to them all the information at his disposal with regard to what was required in South Africa; and when he found that a general fund was proposed, instead of several small funds for the several districts in South Africa, some lodges there being under the English Constitution and some of them not under a District Grand Lodge at all—Bro. Richards agreed to the proposal, and it had met with the Grand Master's approval. He was advised that one fund should be established—to his own fund Bro. Richards had most nobly contributed a sum of one hundred guineas to start the Transvaal Fund—and he had agreed that that Fund should be merged into the great and general fund, and that the Transvaal and all other districts should share according to their requirements in the distribution of that fund. Bro. Richards had placed his fund most unreservedly in the hands of the Grand Master, and he had agreed that it should be distributed at the hands of the Board of General Purposes, who, it was thought, could better deal with it. When Bro. Richards went to South Africa he would help in the distribution of the fund. The apportionment and general management would be entrusted to the Board of General Purposes instead of having a separate committee for the purpose. The Board of General Purposes being formed of brethren appointed by the G. Master and brethren elected by the G. Lodge would be the best body to deal with it. The suggestion was made by Bro. Richards, which would be adopted by the Board of General Purposes, that one representative from each of the districts in South Africa should meet in South Africa, at Cape Town or some other place, and deal with the claims there as they were made, because they would be better able to deal with them from their local knowledge of the circumstances of the case. He offered those remarks, and seconded the first resolution.

Bro. WM. RUSSELL said he had taken considerable interest in his own district in what Bro. Richards had done. He thought it most Masonic, and he considered that while they were enjoying the happiness and comforts of home they could not do better than support their brother Masons in distress in the Transvaal. He had induced lodges in his district to subscribe, but when he saw the Agenda Paper of Grand Lodge he felt himself in a difficulty of having betrayed the brethren of his district. But when the Grand Master had come forward with the resolution and Bro. Richards had agreed to it unconditionally, he thought it was the finest feelings that Masons could have shown and that the unanimity shown among the rulers of the Craft in the Transvaal and South Africa in this matter was the greatest testimony they could have to the value of the step taken by the M.W. Grand Master on the subject.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE considered that Grand Lodge would be very glad to assist those of the lodges under different Constitutions who had shown themselves in need of assistance. He wished to emphasize the word "loyal" in the resolution, and he wanted to know whether that meant loyal to the Masonic Craft or loyal to their mother country. He did not think that any words need be added to the resolution so long as it was understood that the funds raised by the Grand Lodge should be administered to brethren belonging to lodges under this Constitution who were loyal to their mother country. It was not necessary for him to say that one of the great principles of Freemasonry was loyalty to their Sovereign.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN said the word "loyal" was advisedly put in, that the Grand Master used the words for the purpose of making loyalty to the British Crown a condition. That was the mode in which it was brought before the Board of General Purposes, and he had no doubt that the instructions which would be sent out by the Board when advised to do so would include those who both before the outbreak of the war and since had remained loyal to the British Crown.

After some further discussion the resolution was carried.

The other resolutions were:

- 2nd Resolution. "That the apportionment and general management of such fund be entrusted to the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge.
- 3rd Resolution. "That a sum of money be granted from the funds of the Grand Lodge towards the said fund.
- 4th Resolution. "That each Provincial and District Grand Lodge, and each private lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be invited to subscribe to the fund; subscriptions to be sent to the Grand Secretary.
- 5th Resolution. "That it is earnestly hoped that subscriptions to the Fund will not be allowed to interfere with intended contributions or donations to the established Scholastic and Benevolent Institutions of the Order.
- 6th Resolution. "That a copy of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Message and the foregoing Resolutions be sent to the several Provincial Grand, District Grand, and Private Lodges, with a request that the Message and Resolutions may be read and acted upon at the first meeting after their receipt."

All these resolutions were carried amidst loud applause.

Bro. STRACHAN said, in seconding the last motion, that everything was in readiness, and on this resolution being passed it would be sent out to all the lodges.

Bro. Gen. LAURIE then moved: "That the sum of 1000 guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge to the 'South African Masonic Relief Fund,' in accordance with the foregoing message of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master."

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN having seconded,

Bro. JOHN GLASS, P.M. 453, said he considered the sum very inadequate to the case, and he moved to that effect.

A BROTHER seconded it.

Bro. STRACHAN asked that the amendment be withdrawn. It had been thought better to consult the District Grand Master of the Transvaal, and he was of opinion that 1000 guineas would be a handsome beginning from Grand Lodge. The Craft at large would like to take part in the raising of the fund, and if at some future time—which he hoped might not be the case

—they should find the distress had grown to such dimensions that the money was not sufficient, they could come again to Grand Lodge.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE thought they ought not to vote a sum which would interfere with the M.W.G.M. The brethren would no doubt like to hear something from the District Grand Master of the Transvaal who would perhaps inform them of the number that might be likely to come to us for help. It would give Masters of lodges an indication of what would be wanted.

Bro. Gen. LAURIE said that he would point out that this was the first contribution to the Fund. He was sure the brethren would realise that this was not the sum to be contributed by the whole of the brethren, but it was a handsome lead. He called upon Bro. Richards to say a few words.

Bro. GEORGE RICHARDS, who was received with loud applause, said he gladly took this opportunity of expressing the feelings of deep and sincere gratitude with which he listened to the message of the M.W.G.M. this evening. When he (Bro. Richards) started the Fund for the relief of the distress of his loyal brethren in the Transvaal some months ago, he had no idea that the distress would have grown and become so accentuated as it had at that day. When he found his Royal Highness, with his usual thoughtfulness, took up the case he knew that no time would be lost in bringing it before the Craft, and he was pleased it had met with the mark of his approval and sympathy, and that his (Bro. Richards') efforts were so well seconded. With regard to the remarks of Bro. Le Feuvre, in speaking of the loyalty of the brethren of the Transvaal, he must inform him that the Masonic brethren were loyal, and he was proud to say that there were Dutchmen there who were not subjects of the Queen, but who were as loyal to the Empire and the State as he (Bro. Richards) was himself. He wished the brethren to bear that in mind. When we were at war, we were not at war with them all. There were Dutchmen fighting on our side against the forces of the Transvaal, and he hoped that we should be able to extend to them the hand of friendship. With regard to the remarks of Bro. Lennox Browne, he would say it was a most difficult thing for him to give the information he asked; he could not tell them how many brethren could be relieved, or the number of cases, for there were many who did not wish to publish their sufferings or privations, and it was with great difficulty the District Grand Officers had been able to trace out many great cases of distress. All he could say was that the contribution from Grand Lodge was a magnificent start of the fund which had been incorporated under the auspices of the M.W.G.M. If it should, unfortunately, be necessary for the brethren in South Africa to come again before Grand Lodge, it would be found, he was sure, that Charity, as it had been in the past—the Charity of English Freemasons—was the "Charity" that "never faileth." Respecting the remarks of the Grand Registrar as to the management of the fund, he would inform the brethren that the brethren in South Africa who were in distress would all share and share alike. One more remark he would make, that the action of the Grand Master had intensified the brethren's loyalty towards him that it was impossible to express, and it would strengthen one more link of the chain of objects which bound the English brethren with their brethren beyond the seas.

Bro. GLASS then withdrew his amendment, and the motion was carried unanimously and with general cheering.

Bro. EDWARD BEAUMONT, P.G.S., P.M. No. 26, in moving the election of Grand Master, said he had the honour of proposing for election as Grand Master for the ensuing year, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Of course he was not going to detain the brethren more than a few moments. The Prince of Wales was so universally popular that it would be idle to waste time in discussing his merits. But he thought the Prince's popularity was founded on that foremost of all virtues the loyalty to the Queen. But more than that, the 25 years he had been Grand Master, he thought the Prince's own merits had accounted for much. He was not going to dilate on them, for that would be outside the limits of good taste, but he thought those peculiarities would impressed themselves upon other brethren; one was the charm of manner and of voice which he had: his voice was heard to the utmost almost of the hugest assembly, as he himself had noticed in the greatest halls. Then, during the 25 years the Prince of Wales had ruled over Masons, the growth of Freemasonry had doubled. It was well to trace that extension of Masons since the Prince had ruled over them. When he was first installed 25 years ago, there were some 1200 lodges; the Grand Director of Ceremonies had just informed him that now the number was over 2700. They might dwell on that as showing the popularity of Freemasonry, and that was owing to the Prince of Wales. He moved his re-election. (Applause.)

Bro. FITZROY TOWER, Prov. S.G.W. Bucks, said, on rising to second the motion with great pleasure, he felt no words were necessary as he was sure the motion would be unanimously carried. He hoped that for many years the Prince of Wales would be Grand Master of English Freemasons.

The election was unanimous, and Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, acting D.C., proclaimed the Prince of Wales by his different titles duly elected.

Bro. JOHN GLASS, P.M. 453, moved, and Bro. JOHN HAVILAND, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. Norths and Hants, seconded the election of Bro. Harry Manfield, as Grand Treasurer, and there being no other candidate for the office, Bro. General LAURIE declared Bro. Harry Manfield duly elected.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for December, 1899, and January and February, 1900, was read, and on the motion of Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, President, seconded by Bro. D. D. MERCER, Senior Vice-President, the following grants were confirmed:

A brother of the Henry Mugeridge Lodge, No. 1679, London...	£50 0 0
A brother of the Newall Lodge, No. 1134, Manchester...	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. David's Lodge, No. 366, Milford ...	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199, Yatton	50 0 0
A brother of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, Birkenhead ...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, London ...	50 0 0
A brother of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, London	100 0 0
A brother of the St. James's Lodge, No. 1579, Enfield...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, London ...	100 0 0
A brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter ...	50 0 0

The Report of the Board of General Purposes, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q.C., President, moved, and Bro. W. J. Mason, Vice-President, seconded the adoption of the following addition to Rule 165, and that Rule 130, Book of Constitutions, be amended by expunging that portion of it commencing with the word "if" in the fifth line on page 65, and ending with the word "meeting" in the 15th line:

"And if in any Lodge it should become impossible to hold the regular meeting upon the day named in the By-Laws for that purpose, the Grand Master, and in Provinces and Districts the Provincial and District Grand Master, may grant a Dispensation for the holding of such meeting upon a day not more than seven days before or after that day fixed by the By-Laws, which day shall for all purposes be deemed the regular day of meeting."

In reply to Bro. R. EVE, P.G.T., who thought the word "impossible" was not the word that should be used, and that a word like "impracticable" or "undesirable" or "inexpedient" would be better,

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND said the Board had simply followed the language of Rule 130, and they thought it far better to do so. The District or Provincial Grand Master could put his interpretation on the word "impossible;" he might decide what in his opinion was "impossible."

Bro. HAMON LE STRANGE, Prov. G.M. Norfolk, thought it injudicious to change the word. The Provincial or District Grand Masters had hitherto well exercised their discretion.

The motion was carried.

The next subject was Sir Albert Woods's letter with respect to the wearing of clothing belonging to Grand Lodge Rank granted in foreign lodges to brethren under the English jurisdiction.

Bro. Gen. LAURIE wished to say a few words, and said he was in an awkward position, representing as he did in Grand Lodge a number of foreign lodges. He desired to ask whether a visiting brother coming from Colonial or Foreign lodges would be excluded wearing the clothing of his rank which he had earned by honest work.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN said the letter of Sir Albert Woods was strictly according to the Constitutions. A brother who had rank conferred upon him (he did not care whether it was by work or not) in some other jurisdiction, coming to Grand Lodge as a visitor would be received as a visitor if he were accepted by Grand Lodge, and as no one could be invited unless he was admissible, he would be received with the honours due to his rank as a visitor. If he was a brother of the Grand Lodge of England he was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and while he was under that jurisdiction, he was bound by the laws of that jurisdiction. The English Constitutions declared the order of precedence given by the Grand Master, and that was the Grand Master's prerogative, and when brethren belonging to the English jurisdiction got honours in other jurisdictions (which they were entitled to in other jurisdictions), when they came within the jurisdiction of the English Grand Master they must work according to the Constitutions of the English jurisdiction, and they must not be admitted into Grand Lodge or subordinate lodges unless in the clothing which was prescribed by the Book of Constitutions. He (Bro. Strachan) was a Past Grand Warden of Kansas, but he should not come to Grand Lodge in the clothing of that rank, though he should in the Grand Lodge of Kansas. If he came as a visitor from Kansas, he would come as a Past Grand Warden of Kansas. It was quite a different thing when brethren came, and as Past Grand Wardens, Chaplains, or Deacons took place above brethren who the Grand Master had decided should have precedence, for they would be taking rank granted by an outside Sovereign. The letter of Sir Albert Woods had gone forth to the whole of the English lodges.

Bro. S. R. BASKETT having asked what clothing General Laurie now wore, General Laurie said he was wearing the clothing of Provincial Grand Master of South Wales.

Bro. Gen. LAURIE, in moving "That this Grand Lodge recognises and acknowledges the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, recently formed by lodges under the District Grand Lodge," said there had been 34 lodges in Western Australia under the English jurisdiction which formed a District Grand Lodge. For some time there had been a feeling that they were large enough and strong enough to have a Grand Lodge of their own, and it had been the policy of the Grand Lodge of England of late years to give facilities to any brethren in the Colonies and Districts where they felt they were strong enough and had sufficient unanimity among them for the purpose to form Grand Lodges. In former days they had to come to such a resolution in a hole-and-corner way, but now Dist. G.Ms. could give dispensations for them to meet for that purpose. The brethren of Western Australia had for some years past been agitating for the formation of a new Grand Lodge; but some outsiders (he used the word advisedly for they could not trace them as Masons, and did not know they were Masons at all) called themselves a Grand Lodge supreme over the whole of Western Australia, and called upon Grand Lodge of England to recognise them. This the Grand Lodge declined. It had been advised by Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, Dist. G.M., that if the lodges who sought to constitute themselves into a Grand Lodge of Western Australia, did not have their request granted, it would have a very, very bad effect upon English Masonry out there, and they might go over to the irregular body.

Bro. T. J. WILKINSON, P.D.G. Reg., seconded the motion.

Bro. W. FARQUHARSON LAMONBY desired that the question should be postponed for six months to obtain further information.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, though not opposing the Grand Registrar's motion, wished to know whether the principle which had been laid down of the rights of minorities had been considered, and that lodges who wanted to retain their warrants and their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England would be allowed to do so.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN assured Bro. EVE that this was so. Everything requisite had been done.

The motion was carried.

Bro. STRACHAN then moved: "That the application from an irregular body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, requesting recognition as sole and supreme Masonic Authority in the Colony, be refused."

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY seconded the motion. (Laughter.)

Gen. LAURIE: I am glad to see that Masonic harmony again prevails among the brethren. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was carried.

Bro. STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg., next brought up the following two appeals:

APPEALS.

1.—By Bro. WILLIAM HENDERSON, P.M. of Franklin Lodge, No. 2486, Windsorton, South Africa—

Against a decision of the Deputy District Grand Master and Board of General Purposes of Central Division, South Africa. (Postponed from last Quarterly Communication.)

2.—By W. Bro. Lt.-Col. E. P. FRENCHMAN (I.M.S.), P.M., D.S.G.W. and by Lodge Palm, No. 2645, Bassein—

Against rulings of the District Grand Master of Burma, as to an installation in the said lodge.

The first he moved be not further entertained (which was seconded by Bro. T. L. WILKINSON and carried), and in the second that the first part of the appeal be dismissed, and that the second part be not entertained. This was also carried, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE CRICHTON LODGE, No. 1641.

This highly successful and happy event took place at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., on the 23rd ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Chas. Hy. Stone, who was most ably supported by Bro. Vincent T. Murché, I.P.M., and the officers of the lodge. The company began to assemble at 6 p.m., and from that time till 6.20 p.m. mutual congratulations took place which were sustained throughout the whole of the proceedings. The banqueting hall was very tastefully decorated with flowers, and an excellent banquet partaken of, which was thoroughly appreciated. The whole arrangements were personally supervised by Bro. Kalla, the manager, who was most indefatigable in his attention:

There were present Bro. Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M., and Mrs. Stone; Bro. C. W. Stone, P.M.; Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., and Mrs. Pugh; Bro. Hy. Eyre, P.M., Mrs. Eyre, Mr. Hitchings and Miss Eyre, Mr. Ed. Eyre; Bro. H. C. Turner, P.M., and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. F. Turner, Mrs. Coles and Miss E. Turner; Bro. Oxley, P.M., and Mrs. Oxley; Bro. Stanger, P.M., and Miss Stanger; Mr. E. Rushbrook and friend, and the Misses Marian and Laura Rushbrook; Bro. Vincent T. Murché, I.P.M., and Mrs. Murché, Mr. Hichison and Mrs. Hichison, Mr. Hy. Murché and lady, Mr. Davis and Miss Murché, Bro. R. Elgar, P.M., and Mrs. Elgar, and Messrs. Percy, Stanley, Arthur, and Frederick Murché; Bro. G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M., and Mrs. Hamilton; Bro. Geo. King, P.M., and Mrs. King; Bro. Geo. Gill, Mrs. Gill, and friend; Bro. Rd. Greenwood, P.M., and Mrs. Greenwood; Bro. Tom Evans, S.W., and Mrs. Evans; Bro. S. J. Derham, P.M., and Mrs. Derham; Bro. J. J. Elliott, J.W., and Mrs. Elliott; Bro. Petley, P.M.; Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M.; Bro. Auburn and Mrs. Auburn; Bro. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens; Bro. Melton and Messrs. W. and F. Melton; Bro. T. Ball and Mrs. Ball; Bro. W. H. Ball and Mrs. Ball; Bro. Kingston and Mrs. Kingston; Bro. Foskett and Mrs. Foskett; Bro. G. Rankin, M.C.; Bro. Flux and Mrs. Flux; Bro. Ayres and Mrs. Ayres; Bro. Greville and Mrs. Greville; Bro. Cresswell, Miss Cresswell and friend; Bro. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey and friend; Bro. Slater and Mrs. Slater; Bro. Shovelier and Mrs. Shovelier; Bro. Carroll and Mrs. Carroll and friend; Bro. Davies and Mrs. Davies; and others.

During the banquet a selection of music was performed by the Frascati Salon Orchestra, under the musical director, Bro. Archibald Evans, which was ably carried out.

The PRESIDENT, in proposing the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," said it always appealed to the hearts and affections of her subjects and he might say to the whole civilised world, for a better monarch had never reigned, and he ventured to state that it was never received more loyally than at the present time when many distinguished brethren and fellow-countrymen were fighting on her behalf in the cause of justice.

The National Anthem was sung by the whole company. Bro. R. B. Hopkins gave the "Queen of the earth" on the silver bells, which was loudly applauded. He also gave two other solos during the evening.

The toast of "The Ladies" was next proposed by the PRESIDENT in most appreciative terms, although in their presence he felt most diffident. The precedent was set last year, and that had proved so successful, and he hoped that the present occasion would be equally as happy and would be continued by his worthy successors in the chair. He thanked the ladies for their attendance and gracing the festive board.

Bro. C. W. Stone, P.M., sang "Connemara."

Bro. G. RANKIN, in reply, said on behalf of the ladies he was most grateful to the President for such kind words, and they were only too willing to give their support to such happy gatherings. He would remind the brethren that when the company adjourned from the banqueting hall they should not be left too long but allowed to enjoy their company to the fullest in the ball room. On behalf of the ladies he heartily thanked them.

Bro. V. T. MURCHÉ, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The President," who was also the W.M. of the Crichton Lodge, and one always happy to do whatever he could for the brethren. He had thoroughly worked up through all the offices to his present proud position. He and the W.M. had been friends from very small boyhood, and he trusted that that friendship would ever remain. He would couple with the toast that of Mrs. Stone, who also took a very lively interest in Freemasonry, and he said, on behalf of the Committee, he had a very pleasing duty to perform—to present a silver cake tray, as a slight token of the esteem her husband was held in by the brethren of the lodge, which was highly reflected in herself.

Patriotic song by Mr. P. Murché.

Bro. C. H. STONE, W.M. (who was most cordially received), replied. He was very grateful for the very kind words that had fallen from the I.P.M., and thoroughly endorsed every word respecting their life-long friendship. It was indeed a proud moment to preside over such a pleasant gathering, and, being the W.M. of the lodge, he would endeavour to emulate his worthy predecessors in the chair. He most heartily thanked the brethren on behalf of Mrs. Stone, who was one of the best, and made many sacrifices on behalf of Freemasonry.

Mrs. STONE, who also was loudly greeted, made a few very appropriate remarks.

Mr. F. Melton sang a patriotic song.

The speeches ended, the company adjourned to the ball room, and most thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the light fantastic. Bros. H. A. Stunt, P.M., and G. Rankin acted as very capable M.Cs.

As a souvenir each lady was presented with a very nice bottle of secant. Mr. Willie Melton very ably presided at the piano.

ACCORDING TO the directions of the Archbishops the sums of £79,377, which was raised in the churches on Queen's Sunday, has been equally divided among the British Red Cross Society, Lloyd's Patriotic Fund, and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, each institution receiving £23,459.

MAYO'S CASTLE HOTEL,
EAST MOLRSEY, HAMPTON COURT STATION.

BRO. JOHN MAYO. MASONIC TEMPLE.

Accommodation in the new wing for Banquets for any number up to 120. Every convenience for Ladies' Gatherings. Spacious landing to river, whence Steam Launches can start. Five Lodges meet here, and reference may be made to the respective Masters as to the catering, &c.

FUMAGALLI'S RESTAURANT,
12 & 13, WILTON ROAD,
VICTORIA STATION.

LUNCHEONS, DINNERS AND SUPPERS.

LARGE DINING SALOONS FOR PARTIES,
ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

WEDDING BREAKFASTS & BANQUETS PROVIDED.

For particulars apply to G. RONCHI, Manager.
Bro. C. FUMAGALLI, Proprietor.

TOWER BRIDGE HOTEL,
TOOLEY-STREET, S.E.
PROPRIETOR: C. J. BROWN.

Within five minutes L. B. and S. C. Railway, and S. E. Railway (London Bridge); 10 minutes from Liverpool-street and Broad-street Stations.

SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR MASONIC LODGES AND CHAPTERS. LARGE BANQUETING HALL.

All up to date, and latest improvements. Acknowledged by the Press to be the finest Masonic Hall in London.
Telephone No. 222 Hop. Inspection invited.

ANDERTON'S HOTEL & TAVERN
FLEET STREET, LONDON.

F. H. CLEMOW, Proprietor.

In connection with the Peacock Hotel, and Royal Hotel, Boston, Lincolnshire.

The central position of Anderton's is unequalled for Masonic Banquets, Public Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, Meetings of Creditors, Arbitrations, &c.

The RESTAURANT on Eastern Side of Hotel Entrance is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Breakfasts, Luncheons, Teas, and Dinners.

The 2s. Hot Luncheon, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Coffee Room, unequalled.

Registered Address for Telegrams:—
CLEMOW, LONDON.

CANNON STREET HOTEL,
CANNON STREET, E.C.

RITTER & PUZEY, PROPRIETORS.

SPACIOUS AND COMMODIOUS ROOMS

FOR LARGE OR SMALL

MASONIC LODGES,

AND

BANQUETS,

MEETINGS, AUCTIONS, BALLS, CONCERTS, ARBITRATIONS, CINDEPELLAS, ETC.

W. G. FENELEY, MANAGER.

Telephone No. 879, Holborn. Established 1808.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

STATIONERS, PRINTERS, LITHOGRAPHERS
ACCOUNT BOOK MAKERS,

37 & 38, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.
Law Department—10, GRAY'S INN PLACE, W.C.

A HIGH-CLASS WRITING PAPER
"THE PROFESSIONAL NOTE,"

White or Blue Tint, 5 quires 1/6, 1 ream 6/-, 5 reams, 28/6.
SAMPLES SENT POST FREE.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & Co.'s
SPECIALLY SELECTED PENS,

Assorted Sample Box containing 3 dozen (16 varieties)
POST FREE SIXPENCE.

OFFICE STATIONERY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

FISH, POULTRY, GAME, OYSTERS.

JOHN GOW, LIMITED,

17, NEW BROAD STREET, E.C.,
12, HONEY LANE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE, E.C.,
23, LONDON STREET, MARK LANE, E.C.,
93, THEOBALD'S RD., HOLBORN, W.C.,

AND
86, HIGH STREET, PECKHAM, S.E.

JOHN GOW, Limited, always have on sale the Largest Stock in London of the Very best Quality at Lowest Prices

THE FOLLOWING HOTELS

OF

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY
COMPANY will be found complete in all the arrangements, and the charges moderate.

MIDLAND GRAND
(St. Pancras Station), LONDON, N.W.

The new Venetian Rooms at this Hotel are available for Wedding Breakfasts, and Public and Private and Masonic Banquets.

ADELPHI
(Near Central Station), LIVERPOOL.

QUEEN'S, LEEDS.

MIDLAND, BRADFORD.

MIDLAND, DERBY.

MIDLAND, MORECAMBE.

Tariffs on application.

Telegraphic Address—"MIDOTEL."

WILLIAM TOWLE, Hotels, &c., Manager.

THE MANCHESTER HOTEL,
ALDRSGATE STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

This Hotel has been recently RE-DECORATED and RE-FURNISHED THROUGHOUT.

ELECTRIC LIGHT INSTALLED.

THE BRISTOL, GLOUCESTER, & YORK ROOMS will provide every accommodation FOR LODGE MEETINGS, BANQUETS, &c.

Terms on application to the Manager—

Bro. F. G. NEWELL, Domestic 177.

NOW READY. 5s.

MILITARY LODGES.

THE APRON AND THE SWORD,

OR

FREEMASONRY UNDER ARMS;

BEING AN ACCOUNT OF

LODGES IN REGIMENTS AND

SHIPS OF WAR,

BY

ROBERT FREKE GOULD

(Late 31st Foot, Barrister-at-Law),

PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACON OF ENGLAND,

Author of

"The History of Freemasonry," and other Works.

PUBLISHED BY

GALE & POLDEN, LTD., 2, AMEN-CORNER, PATERNOSTER ROW, LONDON, E.C.,

And Supplied by

GEORGE KENNING, 16, GREAT QUEEN-STREET, LONDON, W.C.

A BROTHER, 53 YEARS OF AGE,
SEEKS EMPLOYMENT in the capacity of Registrar, Private Amanuensis, Librarian, State Messenger, or the like; satisfactory references. RUSHDEN, Freemason Office.

ALL SUFFERING FROM GOUT,
RHEUMATISM, CRAMP, NERVOUS COMPLAINTS, NEURALGIA, and wishing to keep the FEET SWEET and COOL, and prevent unpleasant odours from them, should write for particulars of cures and testimonials, or post 2/6 for pair of WILLIAMS' ELECTRIC SOCKS; superior 5/6, best 10/6. Over 1000 testimonials. WILLIAMS' INVENTION Co., 8, Breams Buildings, Chancery-lane, London, E.C. Mention size of boots.

BEFORE YOU BUY YOUR
MACHINE FOR 1899,
INSPECT THE "HOLBORN."

Guaranteed to be a First Class Machine at a Moderate Price.

THE HOLBORN CYCLE COMPANY,

39, GREAT QUEEN STREET, HOLBORN.
(Nearly opposite the Freemasons' Hall.)

COMPLETE FURNITURE
(SECOND-HAND) of CRAFF LODGE required. Full particulars and price to H. PADFIELD, 110, Huskisson-street, Liverpool.

TRANSVAAL BRETHREN
RELIEF FUND.

The following Contributions to this Fund have been received, namely:—

	£	s.	d.
R.W. Bro. George Richards, Dist. G.M. Transvaal	100	0	0
Empire Lodge, No. 2108	21	0	0
Logic Club of Freemasons, per Bro. Robt. D. Cummings	21	0	0
Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076	10	10	0
Cheerybles Lodge, No. 2466, per Bro. J. S. Recknell	10	10	0
Haven Lodge, No. 2022	10	10	0
St. John's Lodge, No. 761	5	5	0
" " " " Collected	10	10	0
" " " " by the Brethren	5	5	0
Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, per Bro. Robt. D. Cummings, Sec.	10	10	0
Bro. Sir O'Leary Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M. Shropshire	10	10	0
Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan	10	10	0
Dinner Collection, Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, per Bro. Glaeser	6	6	6
R.W. Bro. Hamon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk	5	5	0
Girls' School General Committee Dinner Club, per Bro. F. R. W. Hedges	5	5	0
Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28	5	5	0
Eyre Lodge, No. 2742, per Bro. Jas. Stephens, P. Dep. G.D.C.	5	5	0
Dorking Lodge, No. 1149	5	5	0
Globe Lodge, No. 23	5	5	0
Bro. W. Russell, c/o Bedford, Darnley Pond, Gravesend	5	5	0
W. Bro. W. Smithett, P.G.D.	5	5	0
Committee Dinner Club, R.M.I. for Boys, per J. M. McLeod, Secretary	5	5	0
University of London Lodge, No. 2033	5	5	0
Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363	5	5	0
St. Anne's Lodge, No. 593	5	0	0
Tyldesley Lodge, No. 2572	5	0	0
Weald Lodge, No. 2707	3	3	0
Bro. J. M. McLeod and Family, Christmas Dinner Collection	3	3	0
East Medina Lodge, No. 175	2	4	0
Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.	2	2	0
St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1046	2	2	0
Chine Lodge, No. 1884, per Bro. F. Newman	2	2	0
St. Bede, No. 1119	2	2	0
Liberty of Hivering Lodge, No. 1473	2	2	0
Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730	2	2	0
St. Mary's Lodge, No. 1312	2	2	0
Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586	2	2	0
W. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G. P.G. Sword Bearer	2	2	0
Lady Warren	2	2	0
Northcote Lodge, No. 2659	2	2	0
Bro. Rev. Henry B. Tristram, Dep. P.G.M. Durham	2	2	0
Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976, Bruton (Somersetshire), per Bro. W. P. Buckley, P.M., Treas.	2	1	0
Engineer Lodge, No. 2599	2	0	0
Brighouse Lodge, No. 1301	1	15	0
Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 329, per Bro. S. R. Baskett	1	11	2
Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195	1	11	0
Ealing Lodge, No. 2662, Contents Charity Box	1	10	0
Yarborough Lodge, No. 422	1	3	0
St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1538, per Comp. E. M. Money	1	1	0
Horwich Lodge, No. 2324	1	1	0
Bro. Rev. H. Lansdell, D.D., P.G. Chap.	1	1	0
Bro. S. R. Baskett	1	1	0
Bro. W. F. Lamonby	1	1	0
Beamminster Manor Lodge, No. 1367, per Bro. S. R. Baskett	1	1	0
Bro. the Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G. Chaplain	1	1	0
Bro. E. R. Parr, P.G. Chaplain	1	1	0
Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770	1	1	0
Whitwell Lodge, No. 2104	0	10	6
" " " " per Bro. J. M. Ring-guist, 2nd donation	0	10	6
" " " " per Bro. A. W. Fenny	0	10	6
Bro. Rev. J. Grant James, Marske-by-the-Sea	0	5	0
Bro. J. F. H. Woodward	0	5	0

MACDOUGAL AND COMPANY,
SCOTCH TAILORS,

29, PATERNOSTER ROW, LONDON, E.C.

DRESS SUITS, A SPECIALTY.

MASONIC CLOTHING of every description.

TOURISTS' SUITS MADE TO ORDER.

COLONIAL AND SEA OUTFITTING, &c

UNIFORMS, BOTH MILITARY AND NAVY.

WANTED.—INFORMATION

of the whereabouts of ISIDOR WEIL, P.M., who was born at Schwerin (Germany) in 1842, and was some years since in business at Knightsbridge as a Cigarette Manufacturer.—Apply, J. P., 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

ADVERTISER SEEKS ENGAGE-

MENT as Foreman, Manager, or any position of trust; has had 15 years' London experience in Sanitary, Gas, Electric, Steam, and Hot-water work; thoroughly practical, used to estimating and managing workmen; excellent reference and security; age 37 years. Address, T. L. K. E., Office of The Freemason.

FIELD LANE INSTITUTIONS.

REFUGES, RAGGED and INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS,
CRECHE, YOUTHS' INSTITUTE,
CHRISTIAN MISSION, &c.

FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED.
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDS 31ST MARCH.
£1,500 REQUIRED to ENABLE the COMMITTEE
to CLOSE the ACCOUNTS FREE OF DEBT.

Bankers, Barclay & Co. (Limited).
Treasurer—W. A. BEVAN, Esq., 54, Lombard-st., E.C.
Secretary—PEREGRINE PLATT, The Institution,
Vine-street, Clerkenwell, E.C.

SPIERS AND POND'S STORES

(NO TICKETS REQUIRED).

QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, E.C.

Opposite Blackfriars Station (Dist. Ry.) and
St. Paul's Station (L.C. and D. Ry.)

PRICE BOOK (1000 pages, illustrated),
free on application.

FREE DELIVERY
in Suburbs by our own Vans.

LIBERAL TERMS FOR COUNTRY ORDERS.

For full details see Price Book.



SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1900

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge, which was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th instant, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M., was numerously attended. There was, however, nothing of a contentious character in the business on the Agenda and the proceedings passed off quietly. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was unanimously re-elected M.W. Mark Grand Master for the ensuing year, whilst for the office of Grand Mark Treasurer, the only nominee was Bro. John Dimsdale, who was accordingly declared elected and whom we heartily congratulate on his election.

It was a foregone conclusion that the annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which is one of the most popular, as it undoubtedly is one of the most instructive, of our annual gatherings, should prove a success. There was a feeling of disappointment at the enforced absence, through illness, of the Earl of Warwick, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. of Essex, who had very kindly promised to preside; but his place was worthily filled by his lordship's respected Deputy Prov. G.M.,

Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., P.G.D., who at short notice discharged the duties of Chairman in a manner that left nothing to be desired on the score either of efficiency or geniality. The work in lodge was pronounced by one who speaks on such matters with the most approved authority was simply perfect, and probably the one feeling which the 600 brethren who attended experienced on quitting Freemasons' Tavern was one of regret that such intellectual Masonic treats come, like Christmas, but once a year.

Among the many Educational Institutions which have been established from time to time in sundry of our Provinces, there is none in a more prosperous state, or that confers its benefits on a greater number of children, than the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which was founded in the year 1850, and, thanks in great measure to the deep interest taken in its welfare by the late Earl of Lathom, is warmly supported by the lodges and brethren of the Province. The Report of the General Committee for the year 1899 has just reached us, and, though in respect of the Donations and Subscriptions received during the year there is a substantial falling off as compared with the receipts under the same head during the preceding 12 months, we think the Committee have just grounds for believing that the falling off is merely temporary.

The Treasurer's Audited Statement of Account shows a total Income, including a balance of over £1030 brought forward from the previous year, of nearly £2674, the principal items being (1) £771, composed of Proceeds of Annual Ball (£343 10s.) and Donations and Subscriptions; and (2) £760, being interest on various Stocks. The Donations and Subscriptions are less by £427 than in 1898, but the Committee are of opinion that this "must not be taken as an indication of any want of interest in our Institution by the brethren of the Province, but is due to the fact that most lodges have sent their contributions through the medium of the 'Lord Lathom Memorial Fund,' and the amount so collected will, no doubt, reach us early in the coming year." In fact, they believe the sum so received "will be considerably in excess of that usually collected, and will be a lasting testimony of the love of the brethren for their late Provincial Grand Master." We assume that the Committee would not have ventured to express this anticipation if they had not good reason to believe it would be realised. There is no one more worthy of such a Memorial Fund than the late Lord Lathom, and none to whom such a tribute of affection and respect is more likely to be paid.

The expenditure on all counts, including £500 paid for a Swansea Harbour Trust Bond, amounted to over £1983, of which nearly £1397 was disbursed for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of the children, and only £70 for expenses of administration, being nearly £16 less than in 1898. The number of children benefited during the year was 211, and the total expended on them, including the year's proportion of cost of eight presentations, was £1517. The invested funds of the Institution amount to £23,428, to which must be added the balance of £690 remaining to the good on the account, and a further sum of about £1094, being the present value of the eight presentations above mentioned.

It will be seen from the facts we have quoted that this Educational Institution, which is the oldest of the four Institutions formed by the Province of West Lancashire, is, as regards its invested capital, very firmly placed, while in the matter of support from the lodges and brethren it receives a large income year by year. There are, however, quite a number of lodges which do not appear to contribute, and we trust these will become fewer and still fewer, so that ultimately the whole of those on the register will participate in the work of maintaining this Institution in a state of efficiency, and even enable it to extend still further the benefits it has been conferring for the last 50 years.

The Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, which is one of those organisations formed for the purpose of enabling brethren to become Life Subscribers and Life Governors of our Central Institutions without too great a demand being made on their purses, has done some excellent work, and enabled the Province to figure prominently—for its size—among the supporters of our Charities. It started operations in 1883, and from that year, inclusive to the 31st October, 1898, was instrumental in contributing over £5369 among our Benevolent and Scholastic Institutions, giving an average per year of about £335.

During the year to 31st October, 1899, a further sum of £367 was raised, making the total from the beginning £5737. By the votes thus obtained the Province has secured the election of its candidates—there being now three children in the Boys' School and two in the Girls' School, as well as one annuitant on the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution, while the widow of another annuitant is in receipt of half her late husband's annuity. This is good work indeed, and in every way creditable to the Province, which has but seven lodges on the register.

It must also be a satisfaction to the Committee of the Association and more especially to the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Bro. Major O. Papworth, P. Prov. G.W., the Prov. G. Secretary, to be able to report an increase in the number of subscribing brethren, every lodge in the Province being more or less represented, while contributions voted by Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, four of the seven lodges, and two of the four chapters amounted during the past year to £149, and we trust that with each succeeding year the Committee will be able to report that still further progress has been made, or at the very least that there has been no diminution in the number of subscriptions or in the total of the grants voted by the Provincial and Private Lodges and Chapters. In such case future annual reports will be as pleasant reading as that for the year to 31st October, 1899, to which we are indebted for the foregoing particulars.

We have received copy of the Proceedings at the regular Convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasonry in India under the Scottish Constitution, which was held under the presidency of Comp. K. R. Cama, Grand Superintendent, at Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 4th September, 1899. A few matters of interest appear to have been referred to by the Grand Superintendent, the most noticeable being that the Prov. Grand Chapter had been able, without strain upon its funds, to make a further donation of 200 Rupees to the New Hall Building Fund, and, that if things continued to be as satisfactory, a still further donation might be forthcoming.

We also notice with pleasure that on a suggestion thrown out at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter in April of last year, the companions had raised a fund—the subscription to which was strictly limited to one rupee per member—which enabled them to present Comp. Capt. C. D. Wise, Prov. G. Scribe E., on his departure for home, with a dressing case as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the companions. Comp. Capt. Wise has done good service to Scottish Freemasonry in India in his dual capacity of Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Scribe E., and well deserves to have received this kindly recognition of his worth.

The *Australian Keystone* of the 24th January last contains a most interesting account of Bro. John James, Past D.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, who died on the 6th of the same month at his residence in Armadale, at the ripe age of 82 years. The deceased, who was a member of a Masonic family, was not only a Past Dep. G.M. of Victoria, but was also representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Past G. Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, and Past Prov. Prior of the Order of the Temple (E.C.). The late Bro. James was born at Walsall in 1818, and migrated to Victoria in the early fifties. He was a staunch Mason, and was looked up to and respected by the whole Craft in the Colony.

He was also a great lover of hunting, cricket, and all kinds of genuine sport, and one of whom his biographer in our contemporary writes as follows: "Mr. James lived and died a 'good old English gentleman.' He was absolutely without guile, with a heart as tender as a woman's, and a courage equal at all times to death. Those who knew him best mourn him most, for as the world is constituted there are not many men who live to enjoy so full a measure of respect from all classes as was enjoyed by our late deceased brother."

We are always sorry to hear of errors either of omission or commission in our articles or reports, especially those relating to the Festivals of our Institutions. But the time at our disposal is too short to admit of guaranteeing complete accuracy in all the minute details of a list of 600 names, with sums of money entered against between 400 and 500 of them, and in the report and analysis which accompany them. Perhaps the one of our three correspondents who writes—"How your staff could have made such a miserable blunder passes my comprehension" (*sic*) will kindly realise that newspaper people are not the only persons in the world who make mistakes, and should, therefore, be dealt with gently. As for the corrections requested by our correspondents, they will be made in the Reprint of the Report and Analysis which is already in course of preparation.

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.

MASONIC CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At a time when such vast sums are being so generously subscribed for such a magnificent object as the well-being of those who are fighting for their country's honour, as well as for the relief of those at home who are dependent on them, we may with all reason inquire whether certain other funds and institutions may not, in consequence, suffer a serious diminution in their own receipts.

It is, therefore, a reasonable period to put to ourselves the home-question. Are we doing all in our power, both as individuals and by exerting our influence in the lodge, to see that the noble Institutions we are so intimately responsible for keeping on a sound and flourishing basis, are not suffered to be included amongst those which must inevitably feel the outburst of enthusiastic patriotism?

At our entry into the Craft we are taught, most rightly, that Charity should be the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, bringing as great a blessing to the donor as to the recipient.

Relief of the distressed is the second grand principle on which Masonry is founded, being a worthy offspring of the first, Brotherly Love. This grand principle was the all-pervading doctrine of one of our most ancient and dignified Grand Masters, St. John the Evangelist, Bishop of Ephesus, who presided over Masonry at one of the most critical periods in its history. Love and Charity are the constant theme of the grand writings he has handed down to us in the Sacred Volume.

It is a well-authenticated tradition that when, on account of his great age and consequent increasing weakness of body, he was carried daily into the Temple to share in the ministrations he loved so well, his unflinching text was—"Little children, love one another," reminding his hearers that "Love being well done, nought else remains to be done." Love to our Almighty Creator, love to our fellow men—this is, indeed, a magnificent summing up of the whole duty of man.

Having thus satisfied ourselves of the attention we are bound to bestow on the exercise of this grand principle of Charity, let us reflect on the methods we can adopt of carrying out this principle. Referring again to our introduction into Masonry, we remember that it is customary "to make such a claim on a Mason's Charity as his circumstances in life may fairly warrant." Here comes in our opportunity for deciding what this injunction means with regard to ourselves, and it is probable many of us will find that we have been deterred from giving at all from a fear that we should not have been able to give enough; in other words, lest others should put our circumstances at a higher level than we know them to be ourselves. It may seem a harsh observation, but probably well-justified, that an immense amount of Masonic Charity is given by those who ignore this injunction, erring as much on the side of giving too much as of giving too little. Let us hasten to explain this seeming paradox, taking two typical lodges we are well acquainted with, as illustrations.

One is an old lodge, numbering under 50 members, distinguished for the large amount annually subscribed to the various institutions; the other is a comparatively young lodge, with a membership of considerably over 100, and equally distinguished for the rarity of its contributions to Masonic Charities. Now, in the first case, certain brethren head whatever list is in progress with such amounts that the remainder of the lodge feel constrained to emulate their worthy example by placing against their own names sums double or treble what they can really afford to give, in fact more than their circumstances in life warrant. It is carefully explained, and supposed to be understood, that no one is asked, or expected, to give more than he can easily afford; and that because a Past Master feels justified in giving 10 guineas, a junior need not be ashamed of offering half-a-guinea, or even five shillings. Fear of being thought mean prompts a more liberal donation than a modest purse can afford, and the habit, once begun, cannot easily be abandoned without a blow to one's *amour propre* that the best of Masons may well be excused for dreading to inflict.

Again, may not the same dread of appearing mean, of not sufficiently practising the principle of Charity, be a strong reason for many members of the second lodge we have pictured being so backward in the proposal of a collection at a banquet or the sending up of a brother as Steward. What remedy, then, can we suggest that would equally meet the case of both these typical lodges? A very simple one indeed. Only a more complete carrying out of the Scriptural doctrine, "Let not your right hand know what your left doeth." Do away with all open lists. Substitute a Charity box, in which notes, gold, or silver can be deposited with secrecy, and a far worthier result will be attained. The amount in the one case may be less by, perhaps, five or 10 guineas, but this will be more than compensated for by subscriptions of 20 guineas or more from a lodge which, from its very numbers, fears to open a list in case the modest offerings of some of its members should tend to lessen the respect and esteem they are entitled to from their brethren.

To quote once more from the Sacred Volume, "God loveth a cheerful giver," and what better authority do we want for our endeavour to show an alteration that is needed for the encouragement and development of true benevolence?—Fraternally yours,

S. B. H.

London, 26th February.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The Emulation Lodge of Improvement celebrated the commencement of the 78th year of its existence on the 2nd inst., by a display of its excellent working which was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, and a banquet subsequently at Freemasons' Tavern. Over 600 brethren were present at each place, and the chair was taken at the former by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., as W.M. of the lodge of improvement, and the latter by Lieut.-Col. A. R. Mark Lockwood, M.P., P.G.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master for Essex, in place of the Earl of Warwick, whose absence through illness was much regretted.

Among the wearers of the purple who attended were Bros. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., Treas.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; Robert Grey, P.G.W.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; James Henry Matthews, Pres. B. of B.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bart., P.G.D.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Charles Edward Keyser, P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; Ralph Clutton, P.G.D.; Colonel J. A. Bindley, P.G.D.; Lennox Browne,

P.D.G.D.C.; Ernest M. Money, P.A.G.D.C.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; James Tertius Collins, P.G.S.B.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; Gordon Smith, P.G.S.B.; T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; A. C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Vincent, P.G. Std. Br.; W. G. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Br.; and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

Bro. E. Cutler, Q.C., P.G. Org., presided at the organ, and played in masterly style the following selections as the brethren assembled: 1. Fugue in D Major (J. S. Bach); 2. (a) Andante Religioso, (b) Minuet (Edward Cutler); 3. "Fixed in his Everlasting Seat" (Handel-Smart); 4. Intermezzo (Edward Cutler); 5. Offertoire in E Flat (Lefebvre); 6. Finale, Secondo Symphony (Widor); 7. March, "Tannhauser" (Wagner).

The lodge offices were held as follows: W.M., Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; P.M., Bro. W. G. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.; S.W., Bro. Charles Lewis, P.M. 1706, P.P.G.D. Essex; J.W., Bro. George Rankin, 1641; S.D., Bro. John F. Roberts, 76; J.D., Bro. J. H. Jenks, I.P.M. 8; and I.G., Bro. J. Collett Smith, 1965. The Second Lecture was worked, the answers being given in the 1st Section by Bro. J. H. Jenks, P.M. 8, P.G. Stwd.; the 2nd Section by Bro. W. R. Bennett, P.M. 1965; the 3rd Section by Bro. R. L. S. Badham, 21; the 4th Section by Bro. Chas. Lewis, P.M. 1706, P.P.G.D. Essex; and in the 5th Section by Bro. T. W. Allsop, P.M. 88, P.P.G.D. of C. Bucks.

At the close of the work Bro. Col. LOCKWOOD, who said it was the first time he had witnessed the performance in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the brethren who had given the visitors such a good entertainment.

The motion was seconded by Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.W., who said that having formerly occupied the position held that evening by Bro. Sudlow he might perhaps be allowed to be a judge of the work, and in that capacity he could say that during his long experience he did not recollect having seen the work done more perfectly. Every word of it came back to him; it was absolutely correct.

The motion was unanimously carried, and Bro. SUDLOW acknowledged it; after which a very large number of brethren gave in their names for ballot as joining members.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to supper. The number was so large that in addition to the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, the Crown Room had to be utilised for the accommodation of the company.

Bro. Col. LOCKWOOD, in proposing "The Queen," said: Brethren, I give you the toast of her to whom whatever may have been our private sorrows and anxieties in weeks gone by, our hearts have always turned to the great Queen who has made the sorrows of the nation and of the Empire her own, and who has shared our joys, whose sympathies have cheered the dying soldier on the field, and made glad the heart of the widow. I give you "The Health of the greatest Queen that has ever lived."

In giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," Bro. Colonel LOCKWOOD said that, following the example set him by his royal mother, the Prince of Wales had endeared himself to the whole of the nation, but to none more than those with whom he was so intimately associated—his brethren of the Craft. A royal example had been sometimes bad to follow; in some cases good. In his Royal Highness, as regarded Masonry especially, they had much to admire, and they were always proud to follow him.

Bro. J. RUSSELL, P.M. 8, P.G. Stwd., proposed "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the Grand Officers were not in their positions for the mere pride of place and power, but on every occasion that it was possible for them to serve the great Order of which they were the chief representatives they were always willing and ready to come forward. On any occasion they were appealed to for assisting the Charities or any good work they never refused.

Bro. G. RICHARDS, Dist. G.M. Transvaal, responded, and said it was an honour he greatly appreciated to be called upon to respond to that toast. He felt the honour the greater, because he stood before the brethren not only as a Grand Officer appointed five years ago, but as representing part of her Majesty's dominions (might he say so?)—(loud and continued applause)—upon which the eyes of all the world were at that moment most firmly set. Many Grand Officers were in that part doing loyal and good service for the Queen and to save the empire. God grant in His great mercy that the war might be brought to a successful issue! For the Grand Officers he might say they strove to do good. They were very much indebted to the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for the masterly and intellectual treat they had given that evening. He did not think that in any part of their Masonic jurisdiction the work had been equalled; it could never be surpassed. For Colonial Masons it had been a wonderful treat, and he would communicate it in the Transvaal, to which place he hoped shortly to go back, and where he should be only too happy to see a good many members of the Lodge of Emulation.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., proposed "The Chairman." Whether as a soldier, a legislator, a sportsman, or a Mason, Col. Lockwood had won the esteem and respect of those who had been fortunate enough to be brought in contact with him, and on behalf of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement he tendered his warmest thanks to him for presiding that evening.

Bro. Col. LOCKWOOD, in replying, and in proposing "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," said there was no one who regretted more than he the absence of the Earl of Warwick. When he looked round at that large and illustrious assembly of brother Masons, of whom he was one of the humblest—humility in each being an essential qualification (perhaps he might not always be possessed of that inestimable virtue)—at the present time he felt the absence of Lord Warwick very deeply. Let them hope that his lordship's indisposition would be but a short one, and that he might return soon to our shores to resume his duties. He felt certain of one thing—that that large and brilliant assembly came to see the Earl of Warwick, and not the humble individual who held the chair for him. Many strangers and many young Masons, including himself, now present, were not aware of the antiquity and the illustrious past of this Lodge of Emulation. Founded in 1823, it early engaged the attention of a Mason well known to many by reputation, Bro. Peter Gilkes, who gave the lodge his very earnest care, and who worked for it some 10 years with all his might. There were two other brethren whose names were well known in connection with the lodge, Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson and Bro. John Hervey, both of whom were illustrious exponents of the Masonic art. Bro. Hervey, who was many years the lodge's Treasurer, was succeeded by a brother who had been present in lodge during the evening, Bro. Thomas Fenn, who was connected with the lodge for 40 years, a long apprenticeship to serve in any trade. With Bro. Fenn's Masonic qualities and with what he had done for the Craft, the brethren were well acquainted. Then came the distinguished Mason, Bro. Sudlow, whose experience in the Craft and in the working the brethren had seen that night. No one had ever seen the work better done or a brother more worthy to fill Bro. Sudlow's place. (Hear, hear.) The records of Grand Lodge bore testimony to the good work performed by this lodge and the standard of Masonic excellence to which it had attained. Its past career had been rendered brilliant not only because its aim was perfection, which it had shown to Masonry at large, but also by the magnificent way in which it had supported all the Masonic Charities. Let not the brethren forget it had never abated its interest one jot in the working; every weekly meeting was well attended, and its annual festival was as popular as ever. The numerous young Masons who were joining might account for this, which showed to the Craft at large how the Lodge of Emulation stood in the minds of the brethren and how they had appreciated the efforts it had made. If uniformity of

ritual was not possible or desirable, it was at all events necessary that a standard of perfection should be shown. The brethren of the lodge might fairly claim to have worked out that standard of perfection and shown it to the world at large as year by year Masonry continued to increase, and as Englishmen they should be proud of the way in which they had guarded the Craft from danger. Englishmen had a habit of guarding their institutions from dangers which in other countries would have swamped and upset them. They knew the principles on which they had erected the Craft, and how faithfully they had adhered to those principles. While in some other countries the Craft had suffered greatly, in England, in the United States, and in the Colonies the Craft remained higher than ever in the estimation of all. (Applause.) True, it was a secret society, and the history of secret societies, *qua* secret societies, was a curious and not always an edifying one. If they looked at a few celebrated secret societies of the present day, like the Mafia in Italy, they could say that those secret societies Masons had never followed. What the difference roughly speaking between them and Masons was that those societies with their secret signs and mysteries were founded to upset the laws of the land, on bloodshed and crime, while Masonry was founded on the worship of the Almighty and on a determination to maintain the throne and the laws of the great country to which we had the honour to belong. (Applause.) There was another great point with regard to Masons, that they took care, or should take care, that worthy men, and worthy men alone, were admitted to the Masonic mysteries—(hear, hear)—and that was one of their great safeguards; the brethren could not be too careful or too anxious to see that that precept was invariably and always carried out. (Hear, hear.) Talking of secret societies and secret signs and mysteries carried him back but very shortly to the two great secret societies of the 13th century—the Guelphs and the Ghibelines; their customs entered into their daily life, and formed part of it; one wore their feather on one side, and the other wore it on the opposite; one cut their fruit from right to left, and the other from left to right; the one wore white roses, the other wore red; the daily life of the citizen was so eaten up by his secret signs, both in eating and drinking, in swearing, in passing in the street, in the ordinary conventionalities of life there was always some secret sign or a mystery. If the brethren wanted to follow this he could not recommend to their perusal a better work than that of Addington, who told how jealous they were of guarding their secrets: there was one, Bergamot, who murdered the whole of his guests at one banquet because they sliced their garlic the wrong way. (Laughter.) Even as late as the 13th century the Ghibelines tore down a cross of the Saviour because it was going on the wrong shoulder. This showed to what extent the secrets or mysteries were carried. But what was the end of all these societies, carried on by secret signs, founded in wealth by followers of art—and they were followers of art in those days? They perished and fell away; and for this reason—the principles they worked on were wrong; they were principles of bloodshed and of working against the laws of the land; while Masonry—a great guild founded on principles of religion and virtue—remained, and ever would remain, as long as she followed her present course, a great instrument for good in the world. It was only when men were initiated and began to know the work Masonry carried on that they fully appreciated the duties of Freemasonry. Long might that Craft flourish, long continue to increase, and, intimately connected with it, long might the Emulation Lodge of Improvement continue to flourish, and to set the standard of excellent working! With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Sudlow. (Applause.)

Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW, P.G. Std. Br., in acknowledging the toast, said: Colonel Lockwood and Brethren,—In this year of change from 1800 to 1900—I am very careful to avoid any reference to the century—it is very gratifying to the Committee to find that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement stands as high in the favour of the Craft as at any time in its long career. (Hear, hear.) Inasmuch as this year is in a sense an exceptional year, it seems to me that it may not be inopportune to review the present position of the lodge, particularly as the result cannot but be agreeable to the well-wishers—and they are many—of this institution. (Hear, hear.) To begin with—we were to have had as our Chairman this evening the Deputy Grand Master of England. For a long series of years these festivals have been presided over by Masons of very exalted rank; but so far as I know in the history of the lodge this is the first time the position of Chairman has been accepted by the Deputy Grand Master. I should like to take this opportunity of repeating the thanks so eloquently given by our brother Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, to Col. Lockwood for his extreme kindness in coming among us this evening. (Hear, hear.) We all, the Committee, members, and visitors alike, appreciate his great kindness in taking the Earl of Warwick's place. (Hear, hear.) You may perhaps remember that in the lodge room I stated that the funds of the lodge, after paying the working expenses, were given to the three Masonic Charities. By the courtesy of the Secretaries of those Institutions, I am able to tell you that from the founding of the lodge in 1823 we have paid over to the Old People, to the Girls, and to the Boys a total sum of £1634—(applause)—which gives an average of over 20 guineas for every year that the lodge has been in existence. It is also interesting to note that for the first 55 years, that is to say, from 1823 to 1878, our average annual contribution was £13; for the 21 years from 1878 to 1899, our average annual contribution has reached £43. I cannot but think that those figures must be eminently satisfactory, as they indicate that we get stronger as we grow older. (Hear, hear.) I must not forget to refer to the fact that the adoption of the Emulation system is gradually extending. Not only is this true of London, it is also true of the provinces, and we are receiving even from abroad an increasing number of letters from brethren who tell us that they are anxious to bring their working into harmony with the Emulation system—(hear, hear)—and to that end they invite us to give information upon this or that point of ritual. Last of all, I must speak of the standard of working of this lodge. This, brethren, is a matter of extreme importance, because, according to the traditions of the Emulation Lodge, every brother who takes office acts as an instructor for the work that he undertakes. Undoubtedly, year by year advance is made towards absolute accuracy in that work. I may say that it is now no uncommon occurrence for a brother who occupies the Master's chair to rehearse the whole ceremony without a single slip—(hear, hear)—(I borrow the phraseology of one of the Sections to-night), a circumstance particularly marked by the member of the Committee who occupies the Past Master's chair, and by him is permanently recorded, and, I believe, in a manner which is very highly appreciated. (Hear, hear.) I would like to say just one word to the brethren who have passed in their names to-night as joining members. Don't let that accuracy of working to which I have alluded deter you from coming among us; rather let it be an incentive to attend every one of the weekly meetings. That accuracy will be extremely helpful to you. If you know our system and desire to enter into the work it will give you an ideal to which you can aspire. If on the other hand you prefer simply to listen and to watch, you will learn how the work, not only of the Master, but of every inferior office, exactly how every little detail, ought to be carried out. Brethren, when the 21st century shall come round let me express the hope that the brother who stands in my place and responds to the toast of "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement" so ably proposed from the chair, so cordially received by this grand assembly, and will be able to speak of as generally satisfactory a condition of things as I have put before you to-night. (Applause.)

Bro. Admiral ST. CLAIR proposed "The Lodge of Unions," to which Bro. CRAWFORD, the W.M., responded.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, P.D.G.D.C., proposed "The Masonic Charities,"

which brought an excellent reply from Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., and Bro. Col. BINDLEY, P.G.D., proposed "The Stewards," which was replied to by Bro. JOSEPH RUSSELL, P.G.S.

The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. FREEMAN, P.M., before the brethren separated.

The Craft Abroad.

FREEMASONRY IN THE WEST INDIES.

We are indebted to W. Bro. Robert J. Clinckett, Past D.S.G. Warden, District Grand Secretary Barbados, W.I., for the following account of the constitution and consecration of the Abercrombie Lodge, No. 2788 (E.R.), at the Town of Castries, in the Island of Saint Lucia, by him and other District Grand Officers from Barbados on Thursday, the 8th ult.:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master having issued a warrant or charter to sundry brethren resident in the Island of Saint Lucia, W.I., constituting them into a lodge called the Abercrombie, No. 2788 (E.R.) and No. 5 Barbados District, the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Robert Haynes (in the absence from the island of R.W. Bro. John Locke, the District G. Master), issued a mandatory commission empowering Bro. R. J. Clinckett, Past D.S.G. Warden, to proceed to the Island of Saint Lucia for the purpose of establishing the lodge and installing the W. Master designate. Accompanied by Bros. John C. McQueen, D.S.G.W.; Valdemar Hauschell, Past D.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; and the Rev. J. G. Clark-Holman, D.G. Chap., he left by the Royal Mail Steamer on the 5th ult., and on the 8th ult. the proceedings began by a Masonic service at the Anglican Cathedral, in Castries, at 2 p.m. The brethren, who numbered nearly 40, assembled in the school room, within the church enclosure, and having there put on their regalia formed up in procession, passed round the side of the church and entered by the western porch, the brethren formed in two lines facing inwards, and the Dist. G. Lodge Officers, preceded by the Sword and Standard Bearers, passed through their ranks and took their allotted places.

The service was intoned by the Rev. Mr. Hatton, the Chaplain to her Majesty's Forces at Saint Lucia, and the lessons were read by the Rev. Mr. Bascom, the Rector of Castries, and the anthem, "Comfort ye My People," from Handel's "Messiah," having been beautifully and faultlessly sung by Bro. McQueen, the D.G. Chaplain ascended the pulpit and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, the offertory being devoted to the "Reservists' Fund."

The church was packed to its utmost capacity, and Bro. Carruthers, of the R.E. Department, presided at the organ, and the choir was augmented by a good many ladies and gentlemen.

The brethren re-assembled at 4 o'clock p.m., at the Masonic Hall in and consecrating the lodge was carried out by Bro. R. J. Clinckett in the fullest manner as prescribed for such occasions.

With the assistance of Bro. McQueen, the W.M. designate, Bro. the Hon. David Gloster Garraway was duly installed, and Bros. Alick C. Robinson (Lieut. R.E.) and John Wm. Elliott invested as S.W. and J.W. respectively. The other office-bearers were then respectively invested permanently or *pro tem.*, as they were charter members or not. Quite a large number of joining members and initiates were proposed, and after votes of thanks to the District Grand Officers, "Hearty good wishes," &c., had been tendered, the Charity-box was passed round, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where the Manoel-street, Castries, where the ceremony of constituting, dedicating, usual Masonic toasts and sentiments were expressed.

The "Soldiers of the Queen" having been sung, the Dist. G. Chaplain went round with the hat, and £21 10s. was again got together for the "Reservists' Fund."

The movement for opening a lodge at St. Lucia met with very uncompromising hostility from the Roman Catholic priests there, who even went so far as to refuse mass to one of the petitioners for the warrant, who belongs to their Church, and to threaten all the members of their sect if they dared to join the lodge; hence the Dist. G. Chaplain and Bro. Clinckett deemed it advisable to offset their opposition by a Masonic service at the Anglican Church prior to establishing the lodge.

Knights Templar.

Camden Preceptory, No. 163.

The installation meeting of the above preceptory was held at Arderton's Hotel, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Sir Knights Edwin Styles, E.P.; N. Goodchild, P.E.P.; R. C. Leversedge, P.E.P.; John Read, P.E.P. 154; Major T. W. Richardson, P.E.P. 117; Alfred Molony, Richard Barnes, J. H. Smyth, F. J. Larkman, John Dean, Henry Humphries, and others.

The preceptory having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. At the request of the Eminent Preceptor, the chair was taken by Sir Knight Major Richardson. The Preceptor elect, Sir Knight Alfred Molony, was presented and duly installed as Preceptor. The following were appointed as officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights J. Brittain, 1st Constable; W. Baddeley, 2nd Constable; F. J. Larkman, Treas.; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.E.P., Recorder; R. Barnes, Chaplain; J. L. Barrett, Marshal; W. H. Holroyd, Almoner; J. H. Smyth, Herald; Rev. J. H. P. Mew and John Dean, Standard Bearers; and H. Humphries, Captain of the Guard. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Comp. H. H. M. Hancock he was admitted and installed as a Knight of the Order by the new Eminent Preceptor. It was proposed by Sir Knight Alfred Molony, E.P., and seconded by E. Sir Knight Edwin Styles, P.E.P., "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the preceptory to E. Sir Knight Major T. W. Richardson for the assistance he had so kindly rendered on this and other occasions and that he be now elected an Honorary Member of the preceptory." This was carried unanimously. Sir Knight Major Richardson returned thanks, and stated what a pleasure it was to him to be able to help the Camden Preceptory in working the Degree. The Recorder read apologies from several members and two candidates who were unable to be present. Sir Knight E. Styles was presented with a Past Preceptor's jewel on vacating the chair.

The preceptory was closed, and the knights subsequently dined together. At the next meeting, in September, it is proposed to hold a Priory of the Order of Malta.

BRO. SIR BLUNDELL MAPLE, BART., M.P., has been re-elected a member of the council of University College, London.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

THE KID GLOVE AND KID SKIN INDUSTRY IN FRANCE.

The kid glove industry of Grenoble is of ancient and doubtful origin. The town itself is situated in the centre of the finest kid skin region in France and is surrounded by mountains, where the cheap labour of the peasant women can be economically employed in hand sewing. Several centuries ago. Grenoble won a well-deserved reputation for the quality of its gloves. The actual quantity of gloves manufactured was small in comparison with the output of to-day, but it appears that in 1691, the glove corporation of Grenoble was organised and founded, and that ever since that time, records have been kept which testify to its importance. Since the invention of the sewing machine, this industry has been gradually decentralised, and kid gloves are now made in almost every country of the civilised world. The American Consul at Grenoble says that commercial competition, notably in Belgium, Germany, England, Italy, and Austria, following closely upon the heels of this invention, has been, perhaps, the chief reason why Grenoble has lost its pre-eminence in this branch of manufacture. It may justly be said, however, that Grenoble always has been, and is still, the centre of the kid glove industry, especially for the finer qualities of gloves. This industry may be conveniently divided into four main branches or departments, viz. (1) The raw skin business; (2) the dressing or alum tanning process; (3) the dyeing or staining process; (4) the actual glove making, *i.e.*, the stretching and thinning down of the skin to its proper size and thickness, the cutting out into the shape and size required, the sewing together of the different parts and the embroidering. The quality of the skin is best judged after the dyeing and tanning process is complete, and may be said to be based on the strength, softness, and pliability of the leather, and on the size of the skin, the fineness of the grain, and its freedom from defects, which are mainly caused by scars or diseases. These qualities of the raw skin depend on the care given to the young kid, on its breed, on the nature and the abundance of its food, and on climatic influences. The finest kid skins are undoubtedly to be found in France, but this does not mean that French skins are uniform in quality. For instance, in the departments of Savoy and Upper Savoy, the skins, as a rule, are large and heavy, with a fine grain for the size; they are soft and elastic, and, at the same time, strong, and well suited for men's gloves. The rich pasturage of this country is an important element in the superior quality of these skins as a class. In the region of the Vosges, in the north-eastern part of France, kid skins are much smaller and less elastic, owing to the fact that the animals are not so well cared for. Here the poverty of the soil is one of the reasons for the inferiority of the skins. To the west of the Vosges, on the line between Paris and Lyons, the kid skins are of a better quality. Still further west, towards the centre of France, in Touraine especially, where the pasturage is good and the animals well cared for, the grain of the skin is fine, the skin itself is thin and strong, and comparatively free from scars and disease. Further south, towards the Spanish frontier, the quality of the skin is inferior as a rule, the poorer pasturage and hotter climate having a marked effect upon it. The peasants in this part of France are careless in their methods of work. They neglect the kids while alive, and after they have been butchered, take the skins off carelessly, and prepare them for market in a slovenly manner. At least one-third of these skins are so dry that they are fit to be used only as linings for boots and shoes. Kid skins have the same general characteristics through the south-west of France—that is, from the Rhone to the Spanish border and the Bay of Biscay. Kid skins generally pass through several hands before reaching the glove maker or his agent.

(To be continued).

HANS HOLBEIN.

Few excellent artists have had more justice done to their merit than Holbein. His country has paid the highest honours to his memory and to his labours. His life has been frequently written; every circumstance that could be recovered in relation to him has been sedulously preserved; and, as always happens to a real genius, he has been complimented with a thousand wretched performances that were unworthy of him. The year of his birth, the place of his birth, have been contested; yet it is certain that the former happened in 1498, and the latter most probably was Basle. Holbein's inclination to drawing appeared very early, and could not fail to be encouraged in a family so addicted to art. His father himself instructed him, and he learned besides, graving, casting, modelling, and architecture; and in the two latter branches he was excellent. Yet, with both talents and taste, he, for some time, remained in indigence, dissipating with women what he acquired by the former, and drowning in wine the delicacy of the latter. At that time Erasmus was retired to Basle, a man whose luck of fame was derived from all the circumstances which he himself reckoned unfortunate. He lived when learning was just emerging out of barbarism, and shone by lamenting elegantly the defects of his contemporaries. His being one of the first to attack superstitions, which he had not courage to relinquish, gave him merit in the eyes of the Protestants, while his time-serving had an air of moderation, and his very poverty, that threw him into servile adulation, expressed itself in terms that were beautiful enough to be transmitted to posterity. His cupboard of plate, all presented to him by the greatest men of the age, was at once a monument of his flattery and genius. With a mind polished no wonder he distinguished the talents of young Holbein. He was warmly recommended to employment by Erasmus and Amerbach, a painter of that city. He painted the picture of the latter in 1519, who, showing him the *Moria Encomium* of the former, Holbein drew on the margin many of the characters described in the book. Erasmus was so pleased with these that he kept the book 10 days—the subsequent incidents were trifling indeed, and not much to the honour of the politeness of either. Holbein, rudely enough, wrote under the figure of an old student the name of Erasmus. The author, with very little spirit of repartee, wrote under a fellow drinking the name of Holbein. These are anecdotes not worth repeating for their importance, but very descriptive of the esteem in which two men were held, of whom such anecdotes could be thought worth preserving. Supported by the protection of these friends, Holbein grew into great reputation. The Earl of Arundel, returning from Italy through Basle, saw his works, was charmed with them, and advised him to go to England. At first Holbein neglected this advice;

but in 1526, his family and the froward temper of his wife increasing, and his business declining, he determined upon that journey. At first he said he should quit Basle but for a time, and only to raise the value of his works, which were growing too numerous there; yet before he went he intimated that he should leave a specimen of the power of his abilities. He had still at his house a portrait that he had just finished for one of his patrons—on the forehead he painted a fly, and sent the picture to the person for whom it was designed. The gentleman, struck with the beauty of the piece, went eagerly to brush off the fly, and found the deceit. The story soon spread, and orders were immediately given, to prevent the city being deprived of so wonderful an artist; but Holbein had withdrawn privately.

(To be continued).

THE DUKE OF YORK'S THEATRE.

The comedy, entitled "Miss Hobbs," which is at present played at the above theatre, is by a well-known writer, Jerome K. Jerome. There is not much plot in this piece, which is spread over four acts, and might easily have been told in two. There is, however, an amount of smart writing, which fully compensates for lack of incident. There is a certain Percival Kingsearl, whose newly-married life appears to be clouded over by the influence which Miss Henrietta Hobbs is able to exercise on the mind of his simple young wife. This Miss Hobbs is a type of the New Woman, whose doctrines declare that the female sex is held in unworthy bondage by the tyrant man, and would advocate that her sisters should shake off the yoke imposed upon them, and assert their independence. The foolishness of the teacher is seen reflected in a crude manner in the actions of the pupil and the absurd endeavours of the unthinking wife to put into practice the precepts she has been taught, only tend to render her husband, a worthy young fellow, and herself very unhappy. However, a Nemesis awaits Miss Hobbs in the person of Woolf Kingsearl, and, in due time, she gradually perceives how unreasonable is the course she has hitherto pursued. How this comes about and the amusing episode of the wager, we leave for visitors to discover. Miss Evelyn Millard takes the part of Miss Hobbs, and, by her great artistic talent, does full justice to a rather thankless character. Mrs. Kingsearl, the young wife, is in the hands of Miss Agnes Miller. Miss Susan Abbey, the maiden aunt, who is an important agent in uniting again the husband and wife, is well depicted by Miss Susie Vaughan. Among the male characters we may mention Percival Kingsearl and George Jessop; these are efficiently represented by Messrs. Allan Aynesworth and Cosmo Stuart. To Mr. Herbert Waring, is entrusted Woolf Kingsearl, who does not fail to bring into due prominence the caustic remarks of the character. Taken as a whole, "Miss Hobbs" will well repay a visit.

GENERAL NOTES.

At a meeting of the Zoological Society at Hanover-square, lately, Mr. C. W. Andrews, in the course of his remarks on Christmas Island, which he visited some 18 months ago, made reference to the interesting robber crab. He said that these crabs were exceedingly numerous on the island, and acted as scavengers, in picking up and devouring any dead animals, or carrion, that came in their paths. He also showed some lantern slides of the creatures climbing trees in order to get at the fruit, which forms one of their favourite foods. They are good climbers, and ascend and descend perfectly perpendicular trunks, with, apparently, the greatest facility. When making a raid on a fruit tree, all the crabs do not climb up it, but some of them remain on the ground, under the tree, and pick up the fruit that is knocked down by their companions in the branches.

* * * *

The Hog-deer is an animal that thrives well in captivity, and is generally represented by one or more specimens in menageries. It is of very small size, not measuring more than 26 or 27 inches at the shoulders, and being about 40 inches in length from nose to root of tail. The horns measure, when full grown, about 13 inches, and have two tines upon each of them, the brow tine being comparatively long, while the upper one, towards the tip of the horn, is quite short. The winter coat of this deer is of a general chestnut colour above, with lips, eye spot, inner sides of limbs, and under surface white. In summer the old males become a dark greyish colour, but the younger animals and females assume a much lighter brown colour, and are often spotted over the back and flanks with white. The fawns when first born are always spotted. From the habit of running with its head bent forward and with its nose almost touching the ground, somewhat after the manner of a pig, the hog-deer has derived its popular name. India is its home, where it frequents the grassy patches in open country and rarely takes to forest-grown lands. Sportsmen hunt it on elephants, and, as a rule, use guns to bring it down. Dogs, however, are sometimes employed in its capture, and it falls an easy victim, on account of its sitting close in its hiding place until they are nearly upon it, and also on account of its not being very fleet of foot. It does not congregate in herds, as do several other kinds of deer, but is met with singly or in pairs, being very abundant in several parts of India, particularly towards the north.

* * * *

The charming *Tableaux Vivants*, which were performed so recently at Her Majesty's Theatre, will probably be repeated at the Crystal Palace, and the *Masque* will also be given at some *matinées*. At present only an *édition de luxe* is obtainable of the latter, as it was expected to be only a *pièce d'occasion*. But, with slight alterations, Mr. Hamish McCann's music and Mr. Parker's lyrics could be converted into a species of patriotic cantata, so that a cheaper edition will doubtless be soon published. The music is simple in form, and is just the sort of thing for provincial choral societies.

* * * *

Veteran opera-goers may recollect that Madame Pauline Lucca, the once celebrated prima donna, married early in her career Baron von Rhaden. The union proved unhappy and was dissolved, the fair artist later espousing Herr von Wallhofen, who died a short time back. It is now reported that Madame Lucca is about to emulate Madame Patti, and, for a third time, enter the bonds of matrimony. Her bridegroom elect is said to be a singing master named Forsten.

* * * *

A contest for a cantata by a foreigner, no Frenchmen being allowed to compete, is likely to be opened in connection with the Paris Exhibition. It is said that M. Leon de Mayrand has prepared a libretto for those who desire to use it, and that several German and American composers will enter their names when full particulars are published.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASONS.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening last, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Pro G. Master, presided. The chair of Deputy Grand Master was occupied by Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; the chair of Senior Grand Warden by Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; and the chair of Junior Grand Warden by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer. Bro. Charles Belton took the chair of G.M.O., and Bro. Baron de Ferrieres the chair of S.G.O. Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg., acted as G. Secretary in the regretted absence of Bro. C. F. Matier through illness.

Among other brethren present were Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C., President of the General Board; Dr. Clement Godson, John Strachan, Q.C., Imre Kiralfy, E. St. Clair, Harry Nicholls, R. Newton Crane, Thomson Lyon, John Smith, G.I.G.; F. Mead, Frederick West, F. S. Knvyvet, and W. A. Scurrah.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge of December 5th, 1899, and of the Moveable Grand Lodge held at Dukinfield on February, the 15th ult., were read by Bro. Frank Richardson and confirmed.

Bro. Frank Richardson then read a letter from Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, to the Earl of Euston, informing his lordship of his inability to attend through illness.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON afterwards said he had received that day a telegram from Bro. Byrne from Ladysmith sending "Hearty good wishes."

Bro. FITZROY TOWER, P.M. 504, then rose and said: M.W. Pro Grand Master, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge I had the honour and privilege of nominating his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for election as Grand Master for the ensuing year. I have now the honour of proposing him for election. His Royal Highness's services are so well known to you all that I am sure his election will be unanimous, and therefore I have nothing to do but formally to move that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be elected as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Masons for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. E. SMITHIES, Grand Steward: M.W. Pro Grand Master, I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Earl of Euston put the motion to Grand Lodge and it was carried unanimously.

The GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES then proclaimed the Prince of Wales as duly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Masons.

Bro. H. S. CLUTTON moved the election of Bro. John Dimsdale, P.M. Menatschim Lodge, as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. PROBYN seconded.

The Earl of EUSTON, as no other candidate was proposed, declared Bro. John Dimsdale duly elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q.C., President of the General Board, seconded by Bro. F. RICHARDSON, G. Reg., the report of the General Board, as already published, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, in moving a recommendation arising out of the report of a grant to a widow, detailed the circumstances of the case, and Bro. F. RICHARDSON, in seconding the grant, said that from enquiries made by the General Board, he was sure the case was a very deserving one, and that the grant proposed would be the means of enabling the sons of the deceased brother to shine in their professions in after life.

The recommendation was adopted.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND added that before proposing the last motion he would say a few words, by the kind permission of the Pro Grand Master, with regard to the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Those brethren who had read the Report of the General Board would gladly recognise how gratified they all felt to the Pro Grand Master for having consented for the second time to preside over the coming Festival. On the last occasion when his lordship was President of the annual Festival he broke the record of subscriptions which had been obtained by any brother who had previously presided at those Festivals. He would now appeal to the brethren throughout the length and breadth of the land to place his lordship at the forthcoming Festival in the proud position he was in before of breaking the record of any sum given by members of the Mark Degree to the Benevolent Fund. The Fund was doing excellent work for the girls, the boys, and the old people, and he hoped it would have the hearty co-operation of every brother at the ensuing Festival. He now begged to move "That the Report of the General Board be adopted."

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion which was therefore put by the Earl of EUSTON, and carried.

There being no further business before the brethren, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Although Herr Joachim will not play at the popular concerts this season, he intends to visit London this summer, and it is not improbable he may perform in public on one or two occasions. The amusing report that the veteran violinist was about to marry Madam Melba has been laughingly, but emphatically denied, by that charming artist.

Craft Masonry.

Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165.

A regular meeting of this ancient and popular lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, when the following were present: Bros. F. Howard Rosher, W.M.; Alfred P. Crabb, I.P.M.; John Woodhouse, S.W.; Godfrey Sykes, J.W.; J. W. Howard Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Henry Times, P.M., Sec.; W. de B. Herbert, S.D.; W. M. Thompson, J.D.; H. Bearman, acting I.G.; Richard Eve, P.M., P.G. Treas.; F. E. Rosher, P.M.; H. W. Clarkson, Org.; J. A. Dugdale, F. B. Thompson, W. H. Burt, C. J. Andrews, Percy L. Ellis, Hayward J. Strudwick, Bertram B. Van Praagh, J. H. Stone, and G. Pitt-Lewis, Q.C., P.M. 44 and 165, P.G.D. Visitors: Bros. E. N. Benningfield, 2278; W. T. Farthing, 55; Sir W. R. Murray, Bart., 1257; C. H. Rosher 1777; Reginald Groome, 1929; Robert Ganthony, 2190; J. H. Ford, 2032; F. W. Powell, 1803; and F. H. Cheesewright, P.M. 907.

The ceremonies of raising and initiation were worked according to Emulation working, and on a motion proposed by Bro. J. W. Howard Thompson, Treas., and seconded by Bro. A. P. Crabb, I.P.M., a sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on Bro. Henry Times's list as Steward for the lodge. The Secretary read letters of regret from Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; the Ven. Archdeacon of London, P.G. Chap.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; Charles Warner, and others, for absence through illness and other unavoidable causes. Other Masonic business having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was given, and received with great enthusiasm, the National Anthem being sung by Bro. Reginald Groome.

Bros. Richard Eve, P.M., P.G.T., and Pitt-Lewis, Q.C., P.G.D., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Crabb, I.P.M., next gave the toast of "The W.M.," which was replied to in suitable terms by Bro. Howard Rosher.

Bro. Sir Wm. Murray, Bart., in replying for "The Visitors," mentioned that he much regretted that his eldest son who was to have been initiated that evening in the ancient Lodge of Honour and Generosity was unable to attend, but his excuse was a good one and one that would be accepted by every brother present, it was that he was at "the front" with his regiment, but he trusted that before many months had elapsed he would be able to present himself for initiation and have a good account to render of himself to the lodge.

Bro. Benningfield, S.W. 2278, also briefly responded, and referred to the excellent working he had seen in the lodge room.

The speeches were agreeably interspersed with some excellent music, special mention may be made of songs by Bro. Fred Cheesewright, and musical sketches by Bro. Robert Ganthony. Bro. Reginald Groome and his pretty daughter also contributed a pleasing duet, Miss Groome also accompanying her father's songs on the pianoforte.

A pleasant evening was brought to a close at a somewhat late hour by the Tyler's toast.

The next regular meeting of this lodge will be held on the 27th instant, when the ballot will be taken for the Master for the ensuing year.

Ebury Lodge, No. 1348.

The installation meeting of this lodge attracted a large attendance of brethren at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 27th ult. The members present included Bros. C. Botterill, W.M.; C. Stuart Walker, S.W.; Frank Clark, J.W.; W. C. Wigley, P.M., Treas.; H. Fincham, P.M., Sec.; A. Atkin, I.P.M.; J. T. Davies, P.M.; F. Stephens, P.M.; W. M. Ward, S.D.; A. W. Bray, J.D.; W. E. Thomson, I.G.; J. McLaren, P.M., Stwd.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Laughton Field, Org. 2308; J. Hattersley, P.P.G.W.; G. W. Lacey, 1310; H. W. Payne, 2705; E. Salt, 1275; E. A. Fairhall, 1000; J. Collins, 1539; G. F. Payne, 2705; W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec. 2000; S. Welch, 2730; P. Leach, 1571; T. Davies, I.P.M. 1381; H. Leonard, I.G. 1310; E. Wallace, P.M. 907; W. Batting, 1566; M. Lincoln, P.M. 2398; F. J. Young, 2627; G. P. Channing, W.M. 1987; S. H. Schwesee, 185; A. Abrahams, 1707; G. Billings, 1364; W. Harbert, P.M. 1987; E. J. Wickenden, P.W. 1599; J. H. Pearson, 1567; F. E. Davy, 1571; W. Malleden, P.M. 1539; T. W. Wade, 1000; E. S. Lardner, P.G.S.; A. H. Hawkey, I.G. 957; W. Roots, P.M. 2589; F. Lennard, 907; G. C. Paine, 1507; W. A. Weeks, 1585; W. Edgar, 1719; H. J. Keen, W.M. 2473 and 1614; Geo. Goatley, 1567; J. G. Glover, 1719; T. W. Booth, 9; W. Thomson, P.M. 1297; W. Sugg, P.M. 33; F. Foulger, 1076; T. J. Smith, P.M. 1622; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

After the opening of the lodge, Messrs. A. Smith, G. J. Harvey, and R. L. McLaughlin (of New Jersey, U.S.A.), were initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Alf Atkin, I.P.M., then took the chair, and in a very able and impressive manner installed Bro. C. Stuart Walker as W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. C. Botterill, I.P.M.; Frank Clark, S.W.; W. M. Ward, J.W.; W. C. Wigley, P.M., Treas.; H. Fincham, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Bray, S.D.; W. E. Thomson, J.D.; H. Langton, I.G.; M. A. Attwood, Org.; J. H. H. Davy, D.C.; J. E. McLaren, P.M.; T. F. Quelch, and W. J. Alabaster, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and after a banquet in the Victoria Hall, the usual toasts were proceeded with.

"The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Lardner, P.G. Stwd.

Bro. C. Botterill, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and congratulated the lodge on having such a worthy and good brother as Bro. Stuart Walker for their W.M. during the ensuing year. Those who had known Bro. Walker since his initiation would agree that he had always proved himself a most worthy Mason and excellent junior officer. Now that he had attained the chair the lodge wished him a successful year of office, and trusted he would leave it as financially sound as he found it.

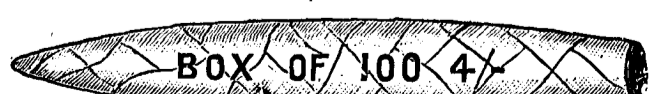
Bro. C. Stuart Walker, W.M., returned thanks for the courteous reception given him. He had already told them not to expect anything from him in the way of speech-making, and he could only promise them that during his year he would strain every endeavour to keep up the well known reputation of this lodge—both for its working of the ritual and its amiability and sociability. He could also promise them that whenever they met they would have music to listen to. He hoped they would be satisfied with his endeavours and that he should meet with an adequate reception at the end of his tenure of office. He next proposed "The I.P.M.," and remarked that Bro. Botterill, I.P.M., had proved himself an arduous worker who had done his best for the lodge. He asked the I.P.M. to accept a Past Master's jewel as a mark of esteem and approbation for the good work done.

Bro. C. Botterill, I.P.M., acknowledged the toast and the gift. Whatever he had done for the lodge had been done as well as he could do it and no one could do more. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for their congratulations on his restoration to health. He trusted the present W.M. would be as well supported as he had been, and he tendered his sincere thanks for all their kindness.

WARTMANN & Co., LTD.

73 to 77, COW CROSS ST., LONDON, E.C., and 918, HIGH ROAD, TOTTENHAM,

Manufacturers of High-Class Cigars.

Prices from
3/3 to 30/- per 100

SAMPLES AND PRICE LIST SENT ON APPLICATION.

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," and said the installation ceremony as rendered by Bro. A. Atkins, P.M., was worthy of all praise. That distinguished Past Master was well known for his work in the ritual and in Charity, and in the former element he had excelled himself that evening.

Bro. A. Atkins, P.M., returned thanks, and hoped to be spared for many years to do what he could for the lodge. It showed the necessity of a Past Master keeping up his knowledge of the ritual, in order to come forward and assist when required.

The Initiates replied for the toast of their health, after which the W.M. gave "The Visitors—of whom there were 44 present—and coupled the names of Bros. Keen, W.M. 1614; Channings, W.M. 1987; Sugg, P.M.; and Harbert, P.M.

Other toasts followed before the proceedings terminated. The W.M. was supported in the musical programme by many artistes, including Bros. A. W. Bray (Musical Director), Mervyn Ward, F. Stephens, P.M.; J. Warren, W. E. Goodwins, and others.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

PRESENTATIONS TO BRO. J. G. ROBESON, I.P.M.

The installation meeting of this well-known and important lodge took place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on the 1st instant, and was well attended by the members and a large number of visitors. Present: Bros. J. G. Robeson, W.M.; William Baker, I.P.M.; T. Stokes, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Fergusson, J.W.; T. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; J. Smith, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Rippin, J.D.; R. F. Roche, I.G.; G. Everett, P.G.T. (Hon. Member); G. Abbott, P.M.; F. Hughes, P.M.; Mower, P.M.; E. Jones, P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; C. Garton, P.M.; Collins, F. Chatterton, Meers, Fishleigh, Dixon, Ward, Crawshaw, A. A. Jones, Grimdsdale, W. Lloyd, F. Farr, R. W. Jones, R. Leach, T. Davies, W. E. Brough, G. W. Bamford, F. A. Thomson, D. Williams, W. J. Lockett, T. Fergusson, R. Cowderoy, G. Bayley, M. Willey, W. V. Franklin, S. J. Prevost, G. Welton, J. J. Bassett, E. L. Smirk, W. J. Blaxton, C. Purbrook, G. Couchman, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. Captain R. G. Hall, P.G.S.B.; Harry Tipper, P.A.G.P.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; H. Johnson, 2409; A. Myers, P.M. 704; A. E. Jones, D. Harlow, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; Albert Hess, J. H. Rake, J. Hess, M. Reed, W.M.; A. C. Everitt, F. H. Steward, Fishenden, P.M.; H. Meadows, P.M.; G. Durant, W. A. Martin, T. Flynn, C. W. Girling, J. Miller, J. P. Bliss, Speller, J. Cheverton, J. Copper, A. T. Eyers, R. T. West, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. T. Stokes, was then presented by Bro. William Baker, P.M., and installed into the chair by Bro. J. G. Robeson. The new W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers and addressed them in suitable terms as to their respective duties, but made special mention of Bro. William Baker, P.M., for his efficient service that evening as D. of C. They were as follows: Bros. J. G. Robeson, I.P.M.; A. Fergusson, S.W.; A. J. Rippin, J.W.; T. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; J. Smith, P.M., Sec.; R. F. Roche, S.D.; W. J. Lockett, J.D.; W. J. Fishleigh, I.G.; William Baker, P.M., D. of C.; E. Chatterton, P.M., Org.; J. Collins and F. H. Farr, Stewards; and G. Couchman, Tyler. The delivery of the customary addresses was very ably and impressively rendered by Bro. J. G. Robeson, and he is to be congratulated on the exemplary manner in which he carried out the installation ceremony. The W.M. then presented, on behalf of the lodge, a handsome 18ct. Gold jewel, also P.M. collar and Silver jewel to Bro. J. G. Robeson, I.P.M., which, he stated, he did with much pleasure, as it was a slight return for his great services, and if anyone had earned the jewel, Bro. Robeson had. Bro. Robeson, in reply, tendered his thanks for the jewels. The jewels bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John G. Robeson, P.M., by the Lion and Lamb Lodge in recognition of his services as W.M. during the year 1899-1900." On the motion of Bro. T. Cohu, P.M., it was resolved that the sum of 20 guineas be taken from the lodge funds and placed on the list of the W.M., who was going up as Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1901. Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then partook of a superb banquet, which was admirably served. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M., Bro. Stokes, stated that the first toast he had the honour to propose was "The Queen and the Craft." It was one that was always received with the utmost enthusiasm at every Masonic gathering, and it was particularly acceptable that evening as was the good news of the relief of Ladysmith—(great applause)—and her Majesty had much concern for all her brave soldiers.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm, and immediately afterwards the National Anthem was sung, followed with a verse of "Rule Britannia," and three ringing cheers were given for her Majesty when the Union Jack was displayed.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been honoured, the W.M. gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said they were a representative body. They had many G. Officers who were serving their country at the front, and Freemasonry was well represented in South Africa. They were honoured that evening with the presence of Bros. Geo. Everett, P.G.T.; Captain R. G. Hall, P.G.S.B.; H. Tipper, P.A.G.P.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, and they were proud to have them there.

In response, Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G.T., stated that that day had been one of rejoicing throughout the land. A great day for the Smiths, especially the ladies of that large family (Ladysmith), and every one was delighted that she had been delivered of all her trouble. He appreciated the way the toast had been received, and he was glad to be there that evening to witness the proceedings in the lodge. The G. Officers were always delighted to see work well done as it had been that night. The banquet was excellent, and the Grand Officers would carry away with them a kind recollection of their proceedings and the entertainment provided.

Bro. Capt. R. G. Hall, P.G.S.B., also responded, and stated that it was one of the pleasantest instances of his life to see the W.M., his old friend of 23 years' standing, installed into the chair. He had only been there once before when the W.M. was initiated and he was glad to find he had made so much progress in the Craft.

Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler, also acknowledged the toast, observing that he was indebted to his dear friend, Bro. Cohu, for being there. He did not often visit lodges because he had to attend many at their birth, but he was pleased he had come as he intended to have a good look at some of the lodge's curiosities.

Bro. J. G. Robeson, I.P.M., gave "The W.M., Bro. Thos. Stokes," and said it was a great pleasure to propose the toast, especially as Bro. Stokes had made himself very much loved by the members. His good working that night and what they knew he could do of the ritual, and his genial manner and friendship to them all, would make him a great success as W.M.

The W.M., Bro. Stokes, who was enthusiastically received, thanked Bro. Robeson for his kind words, and said he wished he deserved half the good things said of him; but he hoped the receipt on they had given him would prove a good augury for his year of office, and with the assistance of his officers he would do his very utmost to promote the interests of their good old lodge.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Robeson," and said that during his year of office his excellent working of the ritual had given every satis-

faction to the members and their many visitors, and they would all agree that his rendering of the installation ceremony was perfect. He had the honour to present him on behalf of the officers and initiates during his year of office with an album containing a cabinet photo of each, and he hoped Bro. Robeson would always look upon it as a happy memento of his successful reign as W.M., and that it would ever remind him of his officers and initiates.

The album which had been specially made to take cabinet portraits only, was bound in best morocco, having the recipient's monogram in relief on front, and on the first page the following inscription handsomely illuminated:—

PRESENTED TO
WOR. BRO. JOHN G. ROBESON, I.P.M.,

by the
OFFICERS AND INITIATES
During his year of Office as
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

In token of the esteem and fraternal regard in which he is held by
them and all the Members of the
LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192,
and in recognition of the

SKILL AND ABILITY

With which he carried out the duties of the chair; also of the courteous and
genial manner in which he presided over them during the year

1899-1900.

MARCH 1ST, 1900.

Bro. Robeson, I.P.M., on rising to respond was received with acclamation. In earnest terms he thanked them for the hearty manner the toast had been received and for their welcome. He could hardly express in words what he felt towards his officers and his initiates, and he appreciated the handsome album from them. He had also been the recipient that evening of a silver cigar case from the Auditors, Bros. Collins, Farr, and Lloyd, and a gold mounted amber cigar holder enclosed in a silver case, the gift of his I.P.M., Bro. William Baker, and their great kindness had overwhelmed him.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

In submitting the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. observed that the lodge was second to none in the welcome it extended to their visitors, and he hoped those who had not been there before would come again. They had with them that evening Bro. D. Harlow, P.M., and the lodge owed him a deep debt of gratitude for his great instruction in the ritual, and he (the W.M.) and many members of the lodge had to thank Bro. Harlow for their Masonic knowledge, as he was a clever and painstaking Preceptor, and he had much pleasure in coupling his name with the toast.

In response, Bro. D. Harlow, P.M., stated that he was proud to be there, and he had been a visitor for many years. The W.M. had kindly referred to the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, of which he was the Preceptor, and it was happiness to him to be reminded of the many pleasant evenings he had spent in that lodge of instruction, and the members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge were more numerous in attendance than those of the Prosperity Lodge. The visitors were proud to be there, and they sincerely hoped to be invited on many occasions, and while the work continued as was done that night they would always have a grand treat.

Bro. Speller also acknowledged the toast, which he did in an able speech. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Masonic Charities," remarking that no words of his were necessary to extol the toast. They knew that he was going up next year as Steward for the Old People, and in very eloquent terms he urged them to give liberally to his list to support those who were not able to help themselves. He was in hopes of having Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., there to respond, and he trusted the absence of an eloquent speech from him would not affect his list in amount.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters," and said they could rely upon them to give the lodge every support. The oldest was Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., who had been a member of the lodge for 40 years but a Mason of 50 years' standing. Then they had Bro. T. Cohu, P.M., also a veteran, Bros. Hughes, P.M., and James Smith, P.M., and of the more recent ones was Bro. William Baker, P.M., whose brilliant year of office would never be forgotten.

Telephone—1389 Holborn.

Telegraphic Address—"Cigarotype."

**S. COHEN & CO., Wholesale Cigar Merchants,
2, SNOW HILL, E.C.**

HAVANA CIGARS FULLY MATURED OF 1894 CROP.

	Box of		Box of		Box of		Box of	
J. S. Murias	50	12/6	Romeo & Juliet	50	19/-	La Vencedora	25	21/-
"	"	15/-	"	"	18/6	Rosa de Santiago	50	15/-
"	"	16/6	(Victor Hugo)	"	"	"	"	26/-
"	"	17/6	La Vencedora	50	18/-	La Comercial	"	16/-
"	"	22/6	"	"	11/6	"	"	18/-
"	25	25/-	"	"	13/-	Bock & Co.	"	12/-
"	"	30/-	"	"	16/3	"	"	17/-
Bock & Co	25	12/6	Casimiro Alvarez	50	"	"	"	27/6
"	"	27/6	"	"	13/-	Flor de A Murias	50	12/6
"	"	12/6	"	"	20/-	"	"	22/6
"	"	22/6	"	"	10	"	"	27/6
"	"	9/6	A. Allones	25	9/6	Flor el Todo	"	19/-
"	"	36/-	Larranagas	100	36/-	Casimiro Alvarez	25	7/-
"	"	20/-	Puro Habana	50	20/-			

Will be sent Carriage Free in the United Kingdom on receipt of remittance.

Cheques and Postal Orders Crossed "London City and Midland Bank, Newgate Street Branch."

Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., responded, and said he became a joining member in 1860, and went through the chair in 1868. The lodge had had its ups and downs, but he was pleased to see it then so prosperous.

Bro. F. Hughes, P.M., said he was glad to see the grand array that evening in their good old lodge. They had had nothing but cheers, which he thought was a good augury for the W.M., who was a perfect worker in the ritual, and there was no doubt he would have a very happy and successful year of office.

After repeated calls and at the request of the W.M., Bro. William Baker, P.M., also acknowledged the toast. He said the Past Masters would do their best for the lodge, and he would only be too happy to assist the W.M. in any way, and do everything to promote the interests of the lodge.

The W.M. announced that his list as Steward for the Old People's Festival next year amounted to the substantial sum of £145, which he hoped to make up to 200 guineas before his year of office expired.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. paid a well-deserved tribute to the past services of the Treasurer, Bro. T. Cohn, P.M., and he hoped that he and the Secretary, Bro. James Smith, P.M., would long continue to hold their respective offices; and they both responded in very appropriate terms.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end the very happy proceedings. The musical arrangements were ably carried out by the Celia Quartette, Bros. W. Hiles-Smith, A. Pinnington, J. L. Haddon, and Sydney Galey. Bro. Harry Tipper, P.A.G.P., gave a grand performance on the bells, for which he received a well-deserved encore, and special mention should be made of Bro. Haddon, whose rendering of a patriotic song was received with great applause. Bro. T. F. Noakes ably presided at the pianoforte.

Chine Lodge, No. 1884.

The monthly meeting took place on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, and was of more than ordinary interest. There were present Bros. Alfred Greenham, P.P.J.G.D., W.M.; R. R. Russell, I.P.M.; Andrew Brown, S.W.; J. C. Carter, J.W.; F. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; F. C. Taylor, Sec.; Alfred Kent, J.D.; H. Osborne, D.C.; W. T. Deeks, I.G.; W. B. Chase, Stwd.; W. J. Mew, Tyler; J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Young, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Matthews, P.M.; W. H. Willis, P.M.; A. F. Swayne, P.M.; J. Collinson, P.M.; F. Rayner, and Samuel Clark. Visitors: Bros. Col. Lumsden, Prov. G.M. West Aberdeenshire; H. C. Millett, 97; C. B. Field, W.M. 1869; T. Porter, P.M. 1869; A. G. Prickett, P.M. 1869, P.P.G.S.B.; W. R. Gordon, S.D. 1869; C. Ford, 60; G. W. Withers, P.M. 1869, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and A. J. Firth, P.M. 1869, P.P.G.O.

The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the Rev. Ernest Neville Lovett and Mr. Alfred J. Meer, and both were declared elected, and were subsequently introduced separately and initiated by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The W.M. then proposed that six months' notice be given to the mortgagees to pay off the debt on the Masonic Hall, and that some permanent mark be placed in the lodge recording the names of those assisting and associating with it the consecrating and dedicating the lodge and the opening of the Masonic Exhibition in 1886 by the Provincial Grand Master. He said it was nearly 20 years since Chine Lodge was founded, and among the 11 brethren who signed the petition, four did not reside in Shanklin, and after a few years, absence and other causes, further diminished the active interests of several of the founders. As soon as the lodge was consecrated and the building progressed it soon became necessary to secure a mortgage to pay the builder, and although a considerable sum was subscribed by the few members who founded it, this was mainly spent in furnishing. It was right that they should know what until within the last fortnight very few of the members were aware of, that in order to secure the mortgage money personal and legal guarantees were given by a few of the then members, and, in addition to this guarantee, in order to secure the necessary signatures, further obligations were entered into. He was now happy to say that if they unanimously accepted his resolution he would be personally responsible for the £250 on the day when the mortgage money fell due. He knew that some of the brethren were of opinion that the task was too great to accomplish, but as he had never disappointed them in former days in similar schemes so now they, one and all, would believe and have faith enough in him that the task was not beyond his power to accomplish if he were spared to be their W.M. during the year. The Chine Lodge had a most unique association with their Prov. Grand Master, who had consecrated, dedicated it to Freemasonry, opened the great Masonic Exhibition in 1886, allowed the honour to the lodge and to him, of dedicating the catalogue to him, which was to this day a List Book of Freemasonry. He had permitted his coat of arms to be used on the medal struck to commemorate the Exhibition, and experts had expressed the opinion that it was the finest engraved medal of the century, therefore whilst finally marking the kindness of those who should assist him we should accord these associations of our beloved Prov. G. Master with Chine Lodge, for they were events which formed the chief history of it. They would not forget his intention to be with them on the installation day to install him, frustrated alone by illness, and the ceremony being performed by the Prov. Grand Master of West Aberdeenshire, whom he was very pleased to see amongst them that evening. The W.M. then fully explained his scheme, he was sanguine enough to believe that he should find no difficulty in either raising the £20 free of interest, or the funds necessary for the memorial, and as the lodge was on the crest of a wave of prosperity he was able to make a very astounding statement that £50 per year, after this year, he would undertake to say, could be applied from the lodge funds to the reduction of the voluntary loan, and as he had earned by his pen the honour of being a member of the Author's Society, he hoped to write the history of Chine Lodge, and he was confident that the patrons he should get from that scheme would enable him to hand over £50; this, with another scheme, somewhat outside his control, would enable him to provide all the funds to liquidate the debt in a very few years. He would accept the entire responsibility if they gave him an unanimous vote, and work hard to accomplish all that he had laid before them. Bro. R. R. Russell, I.P.M., seconded the resolution, saying he believed the W.M. would do all that he had promised. Bro. R. Young, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., complimented the W.M. on his resourcefulness, saying he was a very "Present-Minded Beggar." He, however, judging from previous efforts of the W.M., all of which were successful, believed this scheme of his would not fail.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and the W.M. thanked the brethren, and the lodge adjourned to the banqueting room. By the thoughtful kindness of Bro. S. Clarke, who hails from Arbroath, the Scotch dish "Haggis" was placed on the menu as a compliment to the Prov. Grand Master of West Aberdeenshire. The assembly was pronounced a "small installation" and the choice Scotch dish was partaken of during the inspiring strains of music "The Campbells are coming," and other Scotch airs.

The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, having given the "The Queen and the Craft," to which Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., contributed the solo of "God save the Queen," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Bro. F. Cooper also singing "God bless the Prince of Wales," amid much enthusiasm.

The W.M. submitted the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Prickett, P.M. 1869, P.P.G.S.B., replied for the province in very eulogistic terms, saying he was very proud to have had the honour of serving under so distinguished a chief as Bro. W. W. B. Beach.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Aberdeenshire, Bro. Col. H. Lumsden," saying how very pleased they all were to see him amongst them again. He was only expressing the feelings of every member of the lodge when he said they were all proud to have him proposed as a member. He was not aware that the Hampshire Calendar recorded a Provincial Grand Master as a member of any

lodge, except their own Prov. Grand Master, who was also a honorary member of the Chine Lodge.

Bro. Col. H. Lumsden, P.G.M. of West Aberdeenshire, in responding, said that it had given him great pleasure to occupy the place of the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight by installing Bro. Alfred Greenham in the chair of Chine Lodge, and more especially as it had brought him in contact with so many genial brethren in Shanklin who had given him such a hearty reception. To him one of the great features of Freemasonry was that it brought men in friendly association who from their different positions in life would not otherwise know each other. He was glad of the honour of becoming a joining member of such a distinguished lodge. Referring to the remarks of Bro. Greenham as to the antiquity of Scotch Masonry he said that was perfectly true, and he believed there were documents extant in Scotland prior to any that could be produced in England relating to Craft Masonry. Further than this, he was a member of Lodge No. 2 of the Scotch Constitution. He was especially pleased to be at the ceremony that evening to witness the excellent working of the lodge in the initiation of his nephew, the Rev. E. Neville Lovett, and he hoped to be at other ceremonies and spend other evenings with them. He thanked them for the hearty reception given to the toast, and humorously remarked that at the installation banquet he had been reminded that it was Burns' birthday and he intended referring to it but time did not permit, as the speeches began and continued at so late an hour. The introduction of the Scotch haggis that evening he took as a graceful compliment to his nationality, and he believed he had to thank Bro. Clarke for the conception of the idea.

The toast of "The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham," was given by the I.P.M., Bro. R. R. Russell, who said he should not at this the first occasion say all that he could wish, for he generally found on concluding a speech he omitted to say something which he should have remembered. He could not but admire the energy Bro. Greenham was showing in the interest of the lodge, and he was very glad he had preceded him in the chair and that he had not to follow him. It was gratifying to see so many present that evening to support the W.M., and he believed he would have a very successful year of office.

The W.M. briefly thanked the brethren for the reception given to him, excusing and contenting himself by saying ever since the opening of the lodge the work, his scheme, and the loyal toasts had kept him speaking.

Bro. Young, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., proposed the toast of "The Visitors." He had the honour of proposing the toast which always gave pleasure to the brethren of Chine Lodge; he was proud to acknowledge the compliment which had been paid them by the distinguished brethren present; they could not help being genial because they had cordially adopted the principles of Freemasonry. But on this occasion a chord of sympathy had been vibrating with more than ordinary energy during the evening—the fact was the presence of their military brethren had intensified their sense of loyal and patriotic brotherhood. The blessing of peace they esteemed beyond all measure, but to ensure it too often war became an absolute factor for its enforcement and security, because right and justice and freedom could not exist without war against the tyranny which tramples on the rights of humanity. Hence it came about that lovers of peace were fighting for life and liberty, and among the fighters were the brethren. He gave "The Health of our Visitors," with the earnest hope that all may meet again in health and harmony, with good news from the front, and peace established upon justice for time and time to come! He associated the names of the Prov. G. Master, Bros. Col. Lumsden, Captain Ford, Gordon, and Field.

The toast of "The Initiates" was given by the W.M., and the loving cup passed round.

Bro. Lovett expressed his pleasure at the warmth of the reception given to the toast, and the kindly feeling extended to him by all Shanklin when he came amongst them so recently.

Bro. Alfred Meu also briefly responded, and the Tyler's toast brought the pleasant evening to a close.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

DEATH OF BRO. J. H. LAVIES, P.M.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 28th ult. In the absence of Bro. William Turner, the W.M., Bro. R. S. Fairbank, I.P.M., presided, supported by Bros. H. T. Taylor, S.W.; A. D. Jones, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas.; W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.; J. Davidson, S.D.; Spencer Lewin, J.D.; W. W. Szlumper, I.G.; T. Bowler, Tyler; R. Lake, P.M.; G. Budd, R. J. Probyn-Williams, M.D., J. H. Dallas, H. L. Sarson, J. F. W. Silk, M.D., W. A. Bud, W. L. Barrett, H. M. Allom, A. R. Woodbridge, and G. F. Smith, 404.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. H. M. Allom and A. R. Woodbridge were examined as to their proficiency, and, having been entrusted, were passed to the Degree of F.C., the explanation of the tracing board being given by Bro. W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec. Bro. H. R. Rese, P.M., Treas., on behalf of the Past Masters, then presented the lodge with a die of the Coat-of-Arms of the Earl of Mornington, the right to use which had been granted to the lodge by his Grace the Duke of Wellington and Earl of Mornington, and the Past Masters were heartily thanked for their gift. After some routine business had been transacted, the W. Master in the chair rose, and called the brethren to order, and, with deep emotion, stated that a telegram had just been received stating that Bro. Joseph H. Lavies, P.M., P.P.G. Dir. of Cer. Surrey, had died that afternoon. The information was received with astonishment and profound feelings of regret. The son of the founder of the lodge, Bro. J. W. Lavies, M.D., P.M. 291, 1826, and 2000, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, Bro. J. H. Lavies had acted as Secretary of the lodge for two years. Death was due to pneumonia, and he had only been ill for about five days. After a few feeling observations on the melancholy event from the W.M. in the chair and several other brethren present, the Secretary was desired to record in the minutes an expression of the sorrow felt by the lodge at the loss of one who had endeared himself to its members, and who by his ability, wise counsel, and many services had largely contributed to its success. He was also requested to express to Mrs. Lavies, the widow, the deep sympathy of the members with her in her sudden bereavement, and to send a wreath as a slight mark of the respect and affection felt by the members of the lodge for their departed brother. The Charity maul having been passed round for the Lodge Benevolent Fund, the lodge was closed in profound sorrow.

No banquet was held.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The lodge met at Freemasons's Hall on Friday, the 2nd instant, at five p.m. There were present Bros. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., I.P.M., as W.M.; Hamon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk, as S.W.; G. Greiner, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; C. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S.G.C., as J.D.; E. J. Castle, Q.C., S.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D. of C.; the Rev. J. W. Horsley, I.G.; G. L. Snackles and E. Armitage, Stwds.; Dr. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. Ireland; the Rev. C. H. Malden; S. F. Klein, P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; and F. H. Godney, P.G.D. Also 54 members of the Correspondence Circle, among whom we observed Bros. G. Richards, Dist. G. Master Transvaal; Harry Tipper, P.G.P.; G. Graveley, P.G.P.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.G.P.; and others. Also five visitors.

The following two lodges and 52 brethren were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Lodge Maryborough, No. 811 (S.C.), Maryborough, Queensland; Barunga Lodge, No. 43, Snowtown, South Australia; and Bros. E. C. Acworth, W.M. 549, Bombay; the Rev. W. K. Firminger, 229, Calcutta; Lieut.-Col. W. F. Thomas, M.D., W.M. 2356, and P. J. Bedford, 150, Madras.—In Queensland, W. H. Crank, 769 (S.C.), and H. B. Ranken, 2169, Hughenden; and P. Winton,

AMONG THE LEADING BRANDS OF

CHAMPAGNE
Blankenhorn's "SPORTSMAN" EXTRA DRY,

ENJOYS A REPUTATION OF A QUARTER-OF-A-CENTURY.

London Offices—18, CULLUM STREET LONDON, E.C.



2624, Mackay:—In West Australia, W. W. Knight, 2782, and J. E. Brederkoff, 861 (S.C.), Albany; W. E. Mason, 447 (S.C.), Durban, Natal; E. J. Briscoe, 1601, Pernambuco, Brazil; A. McK. Stewart, D.D.G.M., Morden, Manitoba:—In the United States, W. W. Mitchell, P.M., Medfield, Massachusetts; W. F. Kuhn, M.D., P.M. 563, Kansas City, Missouri; S. G. Smith, D.D., 181, St. Paul, Minnesota; and W. H. Brewster, P.M. 2, Middleburg, Vermont; H. Kuendig, Lodge Union des Cœurs, Geneva; T. L. Washington, W.M. 2755, and J. R. Niss, 2725, Malta; L. Blumenau, 126, and J. Sibthorpe, P.M. 4, Dublin; W. S. Reid, P.M. 87, A. C. McAdam, O., and R. Millburn, P.M. 87, Glasgow; G. Clarry, P.P.G.W., Cardiff; the Rev. J. G. Ryles, W.M. 2415, Hunwick, Durham; H. C. Marston, West Hartlepool; J. R. French, W.M. 1416, Thirsk; H. J. Campbell, M.D., 974, Bradford; G. B. Goodfellow, P.M. 1030, Stockport; C. T. T. Bateman, 1375, Manchester; J. S. Norton, 120, J. C. M. Vaughan, 120, and W. R. Stafford, Prov. G. Sec. Hereford; J. K. Bond, P.M. 1247, and J. R. Wilson, W.M. 954, Plymouth; S. J. Downe, 342, Portsmouth; G. H. Robinson, 2101, Godalming; E. R. Taylor, 190, Sidcup; and in or near London, F. Lewis, 1155; T. H. Wall, 1155; V. Moulder, 2694; F. N. Tritt, 2108; A. J. Thomas, P.M. 1; H. H. Hayter, 871; J. J. Hiam, 1538; J. M. Grant, P.M. 176; L. W. Harris, P.M. 2488; T. J. Carpenter, 1982; C. E. Pillinger, 902; S. A. Weeden, and A. C. Mead, P.M. 1420.

The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the General Fund towards the relief of distressed Masons in the Transvaal, for which Bro. Geo. Richards, Dist. G.M., expressed his thanks, and announced that he hoped his modest proposal would now soon be merged in the larger scheme about to be advocated in Grand Lodge. The following objects of interest were on exhibition and were explained by the Secretary: A coloured print entitled "The mysteries that here are shown are only to a Mason known," designed by "William Thompson, Hieroglyphus," and printed by Robt. Sayer and Co. The print is a moderately rare one, and was reproduced in facsimile by Bro. Jackson, of Leeds, a few years ago. The medal struck in honour of Bro. the Chevalier Burns, exhibited by Bro. Shackles in illustration of the paper by Bro. Gould down for reading. Two thin engraved jewels, one a sun in splendour, and the other a plumb of which the bob was a smaller sun in splendour. These are the property of the Apollo Lodge, Beccles, and bear the hall-mark for 1814. Tradition in the lodge has it that they were formerly the collar jewels of the W.M. and J.W., but against this supposition is the fact that ordinary jewels for these officers of the same date are also in existence. They were possibly worn by the officers on the breast or in some other way additional to the usual jewels; also the old seal of the lodge, showing the arms of the Grand Lodge of England previous to the Union, and an impression from an engraved plate, thought by the members to have been used to mark the lodge aprons, but which was possibly a plate for the lodge summons. These were exhibited by Bro. Le Strange. Bro. Geo. Graveley exhibited an old apron, embroidered in coloured silks and spangles on white satin and edged with a narrow silver fringe. On the circular flap is an irradiated eye; down each side an indented border embroidered in crimson, blue and purple; it also shows the two columns; a R.A. standing on a tessellated pavement of white, red, blue and purple squares; an ark on a sea within a rainbow surmounted by a rod and serpent; and other usual Masonic devices. According to the tradition in the owner's family, the apron belonged to the Duke of Wharton, G.M. in 1723, but from the nature of the symbols introduced, this is manifestly impossible. The apron, however, may possibly date from 1750 or thereabouts. The thanks of the lodge were tendered to the exhibitors. Letters of excuse for non-attendance were read from Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., the W.M.; E. Conder, jun., S.W.; Admiral Markham, P. Dist. G.M. Malta, J.D.; E. Macbean, P.M.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; and others. An address in loving memory of the late Bro. John Lane, P.A.G.D.C., by his fellow townsman and friend of long standing, Bro. W. J. Hughan, was, in the absence of the latter, read by the Secretary, and will appear in the printed transactions of the lodge. Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., D.C., then read a paper entitled, "Masonic Celebrities, No. VIII., the Chevalier Burns," giving an interesting account of the remarkable career of this prominent Indian Mason, who at one time was Provincial Grand Master of all three Presidencies under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and was for a long series of years the mainstay and moving spirit of the Craft in India. His father was a Mason as were his four brothers, and on one occasion all six were present in lodge together. Bro. Dr. James Burns was in other respects, too, a remarkable man, and his biography as given by Bro. Gould will form a valuable addition to the gallery of portraits already printed for the lodge by our learned brother. Such a paper is naturally not open to much in the way of discussion, but some additional remarks in elucidation of the subject were offered by Bros. C. Purdon Clarke, G. L. Shackles, Rev. C. H. Malden and J. R. B. Bell. Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Hughan and Gould. A telegram was dispatched to Bro. Sir Charles Warren, founder and first W.M. of the lodge, in the following terms: "To General Warren, Ladysmith, hearty good wishes and congratulations from 2076 in lodge assembled."

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Holborn Restaurant.

Marcians Lodge, No. 2648.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Friday, the 25rd ultimo. The W.M., Bro. T. Simpson, was supported by Bros. Rev. C. J. Smith, I.P.M.; J. Easterbrook, P.M.; R. M. Gatliff, S.W., W.M. elect; C. E. Betts, S.D.; F. Muntzer, J.D.; T. W. Blott, D.C.; H. J. Foan, Org.; J. Pollard, Sec.; H. Edmead, A. Busby, C. Busby, W. G. Norman, J. A. Howland, A. L. Rayner, R. A. Pollard, G. F. Muntzer, G. H. Foan, P.M.; W. A. F. Colyer, A. J. Heal, C. Cary, F. Fairlie, G. A. Nielson, J. Parson, F. Jackson, S. Sidders, P.M.; J. G. Wood, W. R. Dear, A. C. Busby, E. J. Sainsbury, W. G. Hodgson, P. B. Evans, A. C. Adams, H. Jude, W. G. Mann, A. H. Waller, C. B. Leatherby, and J. F. Pollard. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Boddington, P.M. 1016, P.P. A.G.S. Warwickshire; J. Misted Spencer, P.M. 1922; J. H. Richardson, W.M. 1828; J. Sherman, P.M. 1146; L. H. Walker, W.M. 2163 and 2602, S.D. 2157; T. W. Heath, P.M. 1767; W. R. Carter, P.M. 404, W. W. Walford, P.M. 2054; A. W. Weston, P.M. 1278; W. A. Madeley, S.D. 1716; Shirl Mussell, Org. 2765; A. J. Mullens, Org. 2490; A. E. Turner, J.W. 1839; J. West, 2157; C. E. Loader, 2705; T. Chamberlain, 2090; T. J. Liley, 865; E. G. Lynex, 2157; and W. G. Kent, 1745.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. W. Bromage in a faultless manner, the I.P.M. giving the charge in his usual impressive way. Bro. Gatliff was then presented for installation, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Foan acting as D. of C. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Betts, S.W.; F. Muntzer, J.W.; S. Sidders, Treas.; T. Pollard, Sec.; the Rev. C. J. Smith, Chap.; T. W. Blott, S.D.; H. Rayner, J.D.; H. J. Foan, Org.; J. Parson, I.G.; F. Jackson and W. R. Dear, Stwds.; and G. H. Foan, D. of C. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., who was congratulated on the extremely efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties during his year of office.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Empire Room for the banquet. The delightful repast and beautiful decorations gave all extreme satisfaction.

Afterwards the usual toasts were proposed, the harmony between being supported by Bros. J. Pollard, A. Busby, and R. Pollard, and Bros. A. L. Rayner, W. Churcher, and J. Porter afforded the brethren much amusement by their humorous contributions, Bro. T. W. Heath also contributing in a masterly manner two cornet solos.

An extremely enjoyable and successful evening was brought to a close about 11.30 by the usual Tyler's toast.

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. E. Thomas, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; H. J. Dunaway, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; D. Taylor, S.D.; T. E. Newman, J.D.; J. Horstead, I.G.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; A. Oliver, P.M.; A. C. Smith, E. N. Beningsfield, C. Nicole, R. W. Nicole, F. H. Johnson, H. J. May, W. B. Griffiths, E. P. Fischer, A. Noel, G. Mortlock, D. Meredew, H. King, W. Horseman, and J. Birks, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Fischer being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being the candidate. Bro. Evans was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation. It was decided to hold the annual festival of the lodge on the 27th inst. The lodge was then closed.

EARL'S COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington-square. There were present Bros. J. W. Facey, W.M.; T. Nicholls, S.W.; T. Leete, J.W.; J. Worth, Preceptor; J. Cox, Dep. Preceptor; J. W. Facey, Treas.; Albert J. Taylor, Sec.; J. H. King, S.D.; W. Neighbour, J.D.; S. Mussel, I.G.; H. S. Cox, Stwd.; S. W. Keene, P.M.; R. R. Young, H. O. Sanders, F. W. Smethurst, J. Hallam, W. James, W. S. Lyon, P. Howard, J. Wynman, T. C. Dyer, J. Davis, and J. J. Orr. Visitors: Bros. Arthur Williams, P.M. 834; F. J. Ingram, J.D. 144; and H. Holley, 804.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hallam answered the usual questions and retired, being a Fellow Craft. Bro. Young was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Young being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lyon being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bros. Arthur Williams, P.M. 834; F. J. Ingram, J.D. 144; and Holley, 804 (Johannesburg, South Africa) were all unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Williams, in replying, said it gave him much pleasure to become a member of this new lodge, which he was sure would be a great success; members being so comfortably housed and attended to. Bros. Ingram and Holley also suitably replied. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the W.M., Bro. Facey, for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the Third and First Degrees. There being no other communications, the lodge was closed.

The annual supper of this lodge—in conjunction with the Dalhousie Lodge—takes place on Tuesday, the 27th instant. An early application is necessary to obtain tickets.

THE RECENT BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

The following lists and additions to lists have been received since our report of last week:—

LONDON.		£	s.	d.	
Lodge	147 Bro. John Cook, additional ...	...	6	16	6
	(raising his list to £111 16s. 6d.)				
162	„ A. B. Kent, additional ...	...	1	1	0
	(raising his list to £26 5s.)				
165	„ Henry Times, additional ...	...	21	0	0
	(raising his list to £31 10s.)				
186	„ W. S. Page, additional ...	...	5	5	0
	(raising his list to £76 2s. 6d.)				
228	„ B. J. Douthwaite, new list ...	...	41	18	0
754	„ B. Stocker, additional ...	...	9	9	0
	(raising his list to £264 12s.)				
813	„ R. Clarke, additional ...	...	131	5	0
	(raising his list to £204 15s.)				
1228	„ F. Morrison } new list ...	...	66	3	0
1288	„ J. A. Tharp } ...	...		
2728	„ W. H. Pocklington, additional ...	...	13	16	0
	(raising his list to £169 1s.)				
1349	„ David Moss, additional ...	...	10	10	0
	(raising his list to £582 10s.)				
1537	„ G. N. Abernethy, new list ...	...	67	4	0
1901	„ R. W. Thomas, additional ...	...	5	5	0
	(raising his list to £68 5s.)				
Chapter	2511 Comp. Jas. Pinder, new list ...	...	10	10	0
Lodge	2581 Bro. C. J. Kiralfy, additional ...	...	2	12	6
	(raising his list to £70 17s. 6d.)				
2603	„ Edward White, additional ...	...	3	2	0
	(raising his list to £38 16s.)				
Unattached	Bro. J. Songhurst, new Steward and list ...	...	10	10	0
	„ G. Gaddes, new list ...	...	10	10	0
	„ H. J. Collier, additional ...	...	5	5	0
	(raising his list to £10 10s.)				
THE PROVINCES.					
BERKSHIRE.					
Lodge	2671 Bros. Payne and Hardy, additional ...	...	17	6	
	(raising list to £27 16s. 6d.)				
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.					
631	Bro. Sir B. Savory, new list... ..	...	47	5	0
DEVONSHIRE.					
70	„ F. B. Westlake, additional ...	...	63	0	0
	(raising his list to £94 10s.)				
ESSEX.					
1734	„ P. E. Beard, additional ...	...	10	10	0
	(raising his list to £78 15s.)				
LANCASHIRE (E. D.)					
348	St. John's Lodge, new list ...	...	31	10	0
MIDDLESEX.					
1460	Bro. W. H. J. Blake, new list ...	...	12	11	6
NORTHUMBERLAND.					
393	„ T. Marten, additional ...	...	21	0	0
	(raising his list to £68 5s.)				
SHROPSHIRE.					
Unattached	Bro Rowland G. Venables, new list ...	...	10	10	0
WARWICKSHIRE.					
Lodge	1431 „ T. H. Woollen, new list ...	...	10	10	0

"LIST OF AGRICULTURAL SHOWS, CATTLE, HORSE, AND SHEEP FAIRS, DOG AND POULTRY SHOWS, &c."—The Great Northern Railway Company have issued the 1900 edition of their handy book, containing a list of principal agricultural shows, cattle, sheep, and horse fairs, racing fixtures, dog and poultry shows, &c., for the year. Copies can be obtained gratis of the Company's Agents in the various towns, or on enclosing stamp for postage to the Superintendent of the Line, Great Northern Railway, King's-cross Station, London, N. A folding card list of the principal agricultural shows for 1900 has also been prepared, and copies can be obtained by enclosing stamp for postage to Mr. F. Elliott, Goods Canvassing Department, Great Northern Railway, King's-Cross Station, London, N.