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### THE RESULT OF THE YEAR'S FESTIVALS.

We have no doubt that our readers are as surprised as they must be gratified by the result of the year's Anniversary Festivals. When at the close of last year and the beginning of this we were looking forward to these annual fixtures and speculating as to what the future might have in store for us, the calls that were being made upon the brethren in common with the rest of the public in connection with the several War and Refugee Funds were both numerous and heavy, and it was only natural that the authorities of our Scholastic and Benevolent Institutions should be seriously anxious as to whether the amount required to meet the year's deficiencies of income should be forthcoming in the circumstances. No doubt ever existed in their minds as to the goodwill of the Craft to supply what was needful, but many must have doubted if the ability of the brethren would be equal to their will, in view of the more immediate and more urgent demands to which the war in South Africa had given rise. However, not only has all doubt upon the point been long since set at rest, but to the gratification of the whole English Craft, the Anniversary Festivals of 1900 have proved successful far beyond the average of ordinary years, nor are there any cases in which the aggregate of the three Returns has been exceeded except in 1888, when our Girls' School celebrated the Centenary of its foundation, in 1892, when the Benevolent Institution held its Jubilee; and in 1898, when the Boys' School had its turn, and reaped such a harvest as has never been known in connection with any Masonic or other Institution that is mainly or wholly dependent for funds on the voluntary contributions of the benevolent. The following are the leading particulars in illustration of this year's Festival campaigns.

On Thursday, the 27th February, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its 58th Anniversary at Freemasons' Tavern under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord ADDINGTON, Prov. G. Master of Buckinghamshire. A Board of upwards of 600 ladies and brethren gave their services as Stewards, and the result of their labours appeared in a total of donations and subscriptions which amounted, as announced on the occasion, to

£20,220, but which has since been augmented by the receipt of outstanding lists and additions to £22,298, of which £12,774 was raised by the London brethren, and £9524 by the Provincial, the three largest items included in the latter sum being £1495 from the "Chairman's Province" of Buckinghamshire, £1381 from Essex, and £1800 from West Yorkshire. With such a result as this it is needless to say the Committee of Management was relieved of all anxiety on the subject of the necessary ways and means for the current year.

On Wednesday, the 16th May, the Right Hon. the Earl of DARTMOUTH, the Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire, presided as Chairman at the 112th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A Board of Stewards, composed of 763 ladies and brethren, supported his lordship, and the Secretary had the satisfaction of announcing a total of £23,037, towards which London, with its 300 representatives, contributed £10,458, and the Provinces, with 463 representatives, £12,579, the most important items contained in the latter amount being £1003 from Middlesex; £876 from Worcestershire; and £4034 from the "Chairman's Province" of Staffordshire. Such a result as this set at rest all anxiety upon the subject of funds for the expenditure of the present year.

On Tuesday, the 10th July, Earl AMHERST, M.W. Pro Grand Master of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Kent, as the representative of H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, and District Grand Master of Bombay—who was prevented at the last moment by his military duties from fulfilling his engagement—presided as Chairman at the 102nd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. His lordship was assisted in his task by a Board of Stewards, numbering in all 481 ladies and brethren, and the amount obtained by their united exertions was announced by the Secretary as £16,834, which, with the two outstanding lists and additions, may probably be augmented to, in round figures, some £17,000. Of the total, as stated on the occasion, London, with 233 Stewards, was responsible for £8506, and the Provinces and Abroad, with 248 Stewards, for £8328, the principal item included in the latter being £1365 raised by the Duke of CONNAUGHT'S Province of Sussex.

Thus, during the year a total amounting to upwards of £62,000 has been subscribed by the brethren towards our great Central Masonic Institutions; and if we add to this the "record" return of £5113 to the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and the £3156 raised by our Warwickshire brethren for their own Provincial Benevolent and Educational Fund, as reported in our last week's issue, we have a total which is known to have been raised during the year amounting to considerably more than £70,000. And this is enlarged still further by the subscription to the South African Masonic Relief Fund to about £80,000!

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE.

Wednesday, the 18th inst., in the closing year of the century, will be a red-letter day in the Masonic records of Berkshire. Never in the history of the province—excepting only at the installation of the late lamented Duke of Clarence by his father, the revered Grand Master of the Order—has there been such a numerous and influential gathering of members of the Craft in this county as that which took place at Lockinge, on the kind invitation of Bro. Lord Wantage, V.C., the present Provincial Grand Master. It was

a thoughtful and pleasing act on the part of the noble lord to ask his Masonic brethren to visit him in the charming country home where Lady Wantage and himself happily pass a good portion of their time, and the large assemblage proved how much the opportunity of spending a few hours at Lockinge was appreciated. Those who had enjoyed the privilege of visiting this delightful demesne on previous occasions were only too glad to wend their way thither once more, while those who were strange to Lockinge were more than delighted with all they saw. Whether the visitors came by road or rail they had ample scope for convincing themselves that Lockinge is one of the best kept and most attractive estates in the country. From whichever point the fine old mansion is approached, it is by well-made roads, through rich pastures, or fields of broad dimensions bearing wonderful crops of corn which could scarcely be equalled and certainly not surpassed on any other estate in this part of England. The possession of practically an unlimited capital, the employment of machinery of the most modern and improved construction, and skilled labour, directed by experienced heads of departments, have combined in producing at Lockinge what is really a model estate, noted for the best of everything, cattle, sheep, and horses, as well as dead stock. Embosomed in a sheltered dip amidst shady and lovely surroundings is Lockinge House, full of art treasures, with the interesting Parish Church standing within a few yards of the dining room windows. Altogether it would be difficult to find a more typical example of the home of an English nobleman. Lord Wantage said he was anxious to see the Masons in his own home, and the large muster of the brethren certainly showed that the feeling was reciprocal.

A special train from Paddington, Reading, and Didcot took down a considerable proportion of the visitors, but the members of some of the lodges preferred to drive the entire distance by road—in the case of Newbury nearly 20 miles—the route taken being *via* Shefford and through the Woilley Estate, Mr. Wroughton's beautifully wooded deer park being passed, and a glimpse of the mansion being afforded. The weather was simply magnificent, and everything was seen under the full blaze of midsummer sunshine. Most of the brethren—about 300 in all—reached Lockinge about mid-day, and were cordially and hospitably received by Lord and Lady Wantage, whose kindness of manner much impressed the visitors generally.

The handsome saloon, the walls of which are hung with family portraits, had been fitted up for the purposes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was opened in due form by the Prov. G.M. Seated near his lordship were Bros. John T. Morland (the popular Deputy P.G.M.); Lord Addington, Prov. G.M. Buckinghamshire; Bowen, D.P.G.M. Buckinghamshire; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Fendick; Bevir; J. W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Pettit (Mayor of Wallingford); Alderman Dyson, H. D'Almaine; Maurice Wheeler; E. Margrett, Prov. Charity Sec.; and other "venerable" members of the Craft who did good suit and service to Masonry many years ago during the reign of the late Sir Daniel Gooch, of Great Western Railway and Atlantic cable fame.

There were also present—

Bros. S. G. Kirchhoffer, E. Horne, W. Gardener, W. Ferguson, G. H. Morland, W. Ravenscroft, W. W. Ridley, S. Payne, F. J. Ferguson, W. G. Flanagan, Maurice Wheeler, E. L. Shepherd, and E. Margrett, P.P.S.G.Ws.; G. D. Leslie, R.A., W. J. Maurice, C. Slaughter, W. Bonny, C. W. Cox, and W. Nicholson, P.P.J.G.Ws.; the Revs. A. W. N. Deacon, A. T. Morland, P. H. Ditchfield, and F. F. Penruddock, P.P.G. Chaps.; C. E. Hewett, E. M. Challenor, and F. E. Hedges, P.P.G. Regs.; S. Knight, J. C. B. Tirbutt, W. Galt Millar, E. W. Ridley, C. F. Dyson, and F. J. C. Forss, P.P.S.G.Ds.; A. H. Simpson, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Fenton, J. N. Day, W. A. Hart, and C. E. Belcher, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Hickie, J. J. Gale, E. B. Ormond, and Sydney Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Knight, junr., and G. W. Fortescue, P.P. Asst. G.D.C.; J. B. Bing, and E. J. Lewis, P.P.G. Std. Brs.; G. T. Phillips, P.P.G. Organist; G. H. Stubington, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; G. Boyer, P.P.G. Purst.; R. D. Wilder, C. D. Adkin, T. R. Barnby, and G. J. Cosburn, P.P. Asst. G. Pursts.; Lieut.-Col. J. Otway, S.G.W.; G. J. Phillips, P. G. Reg.; J. B. Evans, A. W. Gundry, and E. A. Stickland, P.G. Sidrs.; W. Hemmings and J. F. Stevens, P.G. Tylers; C. H. Dodd, H. W. Dunlop, Theodore H. White, Harrison H. Jones, R. C. Mount, Blake P. Allnatt, W. W. Williams, Ernest B. George, Richard Penton, J. Rolfe, J. Stradling, J. Howard, C. H. Stradling, E. Turner, E. W. Goddard, S. P. Burton, J. Legg, J. M. Gilkes, E. Gould, G. Elms, W. Edmonds, T. S. Cambridge, W. G. Crombie, A. Camp, H. C. Heard, W. H. Saltmarsh, B. Challenor, Slade H. Baker, W. C. Sell, R. Hughes, junr., T. A. Foreman, D. G. Kennard, C. Luker, J. C. Trenfield, Stuart Campbell, W. Atkins, G. Adams, E. J. Chamberlain, G. J. Dyke, F. H. Liddiard, T. Phipps, R. Pocock, W. Fletcher, J. B. Weedon, J. Robertson, W. Harris, O. Hill, G. Wade, J. K. Reason, C. W. Keylock, L. R. Knapp, H. Lewis, M. H. Collard, G. Walker, W. Holloway, W. Gail, Rev. T. Layng, Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor, Rev. E. R. Adams, C. J. D. Andrews, R. Wilder, J. Wilder, C. T. Rogerson, J. S. Lawrence, H. T. Holme, Clarence Dodd, J. W. Trowbridge, T. Mackrill, E. J. Shrewsbury, Rev. W. Neville, E. O. Farrer, W. G. Loyd, Dryland Haslam, junr., R. H. Bradley, W. J. T. Stapley, F. A. Sargeant, A. Callas, — Shepherd, C. Love, W. R. Nicholas, W. B. Reed, F. Tunbridge, R. E. Rawstorne, G. Norris, W. Kearton, Bell Kempton, J. Bowman, — Reed, Abel Starkey, W. Clay, and others.

Apologies for non-attendance through unavoidable circumstances had been received from Bros. the Earl of Jersey, Lord Onslow, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Canon Brownrigg, Canon Garry, Charles E. Keyser, E. Letchworth, G. Sec., P. Colville Smith, W. G. Mount, M.P., C. Stephens, E. Terry, F. R. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., E. Prince, and others.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY first called over the roll of lodges in the province, when it appeared that all of them were well represented. The roll of the Prov. G. Officers was also called, and, excepting a few who had sent apologies, they responded to their names.

The financial statement of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Charles Stephens (who is staying in the Isle of Wight for the benefit of his health), was read by the PROV. G. SECRETARY, and was adopted on the motion of the PROV. SENIOR G. WARDEN, seconded by Bro. STEPHEN KNIGHT.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then presented his report of lodges in the province, which showed that the membership numbered 771, of whom 206 are Past Masters. During the year 107 regular lodges and four lodges of emergency had been held. Thirty-two brethren had joined, and the initiations had numbered 50.

BRO. MARGRETT, the Prov. Charity Secretary, read the report of the Charity Committee, who acknowledged with gratitude the presentation of 1000 votes by Bro. Keyser. This report was passed on the motion of the DEP. PROV. G. MASTER, seconded by Bro. KIRCHHOFFER.

On the proposal of the PROV. G. MASTER, seconded by the DEP. PROV. G. MASTER, Bro. Margrett was unanimously nominated to represent the province on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER proposed in complimentary terms the re-election of Bro. Charles Stephens as Prov. G. Treasurer, and expressed the regret which all the brethren must feel that ill-health prevented Bro. Stephens being present on this auspicious occasion.

Bro. R. C. MOUNT seconded the motion, referring to Bro. Stephens' long and valued services, and the election proved perfectly unanimous.

On the proposal of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. MARGRETT, the sum of £20 was voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge funds to the South African Relief Fund.

Bro. Sydney Smith ably performed the duties of D.C. throughout the proceedings in the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the grounds and were photographed, Lord and Lady Wantage, Lord Addington, Mr. Lloyd, M.P., and Mrs. Lloyd being seated in the centre of the group.

This item in the day's programme being over, the whole party, including Lady Wantage and Mrs. Lloyd, sat down to a splendid luncheon beneath a capacious marquee.

The catering was most complete, and a large quantity of magnificent fruit, grown in the Lockinge Gardens, was placed upon the tables, which were ornamented by some valuable silver plate, including a massive flagon presented to Lord Wantage many years ago by his late father-in-law, Lord Overstone.

After luncheon, the noble host who presided proposed, in loyal terms, the toast which took precedence on the list—that of "The Queen and the Craft."

The PROV. G. MASTER gave as the next toast "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.; the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. the Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past." (Cheers.) His lordship said he took upon himself to inform the Prince of Wales of the present gathering, which, with the exception of that held on the occasion of the installation of the late Duke of Clarence was, he believed, the largest that had ever taken place in the province. He regretted the unavoidable absence of his old friend and comrade Earl Amherst, who did him the honour of installing him as Prov. G. Master. He was also sorry that they had not the pleasure of seeing among them his old friend the Earl of Warwick, who was an excellent Mason, and did so much in a quiet way to promote the interests of Freemasonry, particularly in the Midland Counties, where he was greatly beloved. Other G. Officers had, of course, been invited to attend, but unfortunately the notice had been rather short. However, they had with them Lord Addington, G. Master of the sister Province of Bucks, whose presence gave him the greatest pleasure. All the G. Officers were earnest men, who strove to do all they could to promote the best interests of Freemasonry.

Bro. LORD ADDINGTON, in responding, assured the company that the whole of the G. Officers were only too glad to do anything in their power to support their much-beloved G. Master. He was very pleased to have the honour of proposing the next toast—"The Health of the Provincial Grand Master of this Province, Lord Wantage." He (Lord Addington) was old enough to recollect the Crimean War, and the extraordinary wave of enthusiasm which passed over the country when they heard that a young Scotch soldier (Lord Wantage) carried the colours of the Scots Guards up Inkerman. Not only did he do that, but when victory had been gained, he gave his earnest care and attention to the wounded. When this gallant soldier returned home and was married, they realised in his case the happy saying that "None but the brave deserve the fair." (Cheers.) In common with many of his countrymen, he (Lord Addington) joined the Volunteer force, of which for so many years Lord Wantage took the lead. Therefore it gave him much pleasure to attend that day and propose his lordship's health. He was sure they would all join him in heartily wishing Lord and Lady Wantage long life, happiness, and prosperity. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was drunk with the greatest possible enthusiasm, and special cheers were given for Lady Wantage.

The P.G.M., in reply, thanked Lord Addington for the very kind way in which he had proposed the last toast. There had been long comradeship between them in the peaceful field of home, a comradeship which always drew men together, and they were mutually interested in a common and good cause, that of the volunteer movement, in which thousands of our countrymen banded themselves together 38 or more years ago to defend their hearths and homes. (Cheers.) Lady Wantage and himself were very pleased to have had the opportunity of welcoming the Masons of Berkshire to their home at Lockinge, which was surrounded by natural beauties. They had fine open downs close at hand, with lands bearing splendid crops, and lovely flowers of all kinds. He hoped they would see at Lockinge much to admire and appreciate, and perhaps something to imitate. (Cheers.) His lordship then proceeded to refer to the South African war, and dwelt specially on what he considered to have been the merciful way in which the campaign had been conducted by Lord Roberts and other commanding officers downwards. He also touched upon the appalling state of things existing in China, but they could only hope and believe that all was being done that could be done to avoid sacrifice of human life in that distant Empire. They could only trust to the Great Architect of the Universe to overrule events there for the best. Lord Wantage assured the brethren that he should always be glad to advance the interests of Masonry to the utmost of his power, and he thanked them for having come to Lockinge in such numbers in response to his invitation. (Cheers.)

The DEPUTY P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of Lady Wantage," who, he observed, was always ready to promote any good work in this county as elsewhere.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY gave "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.

Bro. McLEOD, in reply, congratulated Lord Wantage on presiding over a happy, harmonious, and very charitable province, Berkshire standing very high among the provinces which supported the Masonic Charities most generously.

The P.G.M., in complimentary language, proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Secretary," expressing the hope of all present that Bro. Martin might long be spared to hold the office, the duties of which he performed so ably. (Cheers.)

Bro. MARTIN briefly returned thanks.

The numerous company then repaired to a shady part of the grounds, where several brethren from St. George's Chapel, Windsor, executed the following programme under the direction of Bro. W. Kearton: Glee, "The

Foresters; song, "I seek for thee in every flower," Bro. Abel Starkey; glee, "By Celia's arbour;" song, "Green Isle of Erin," Bro. Walter Clay; part-song, "Sweet and low;" song, "Song of the bow," Bro. Bell Kempton; song, "As once in May," Bro. Wilfred Kearton; and part-song, "Departure."

The guests perambulated the grounds at will, and towards five or six o'clock they began to take their departure homewards, highly delighted with their visit to Lockinge.

The arrangements were most satisfactory, and reflected great credit not only upon the P.G. Secretary, whose organising ability is well known, but also upon Lord Wantage's household staff.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 17th inst. at the Town Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick and Brooke, Dep. Grand Master of England, and was in every way a most successful and agreeable function.

Bro. the Earl of Warwick, accompanied by Bro. Colonel Lockwood, M.P., D.P.G.M., and several Grand Officers, reached Clacton-on-Sea by train at 2.47, and was received at the station by the W.M. of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge (Bro. W. G. Lowe), and the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Ralling), and the party at once drove in an open landau to the Royal Hotel, which is the headquarters of the lodge.

Meantime some 300 brethren had assembled in the Town Hall, which under the skilful direction of the local brethren, had been transformed into a charming lodge room, and when his lordship entered, accompanied by his officers and a number of distinguished brethren, the spectacle was a very brilliant one.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Tilbury, having been read and confirmed,

The PROV. G. SECRETARY announced that communications of regret at their inability to attend had been received from Bros. Earl Amherst, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Onslow, P.G.M. Surrey; Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.M. Middx.; Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk and the Isle of Man; the Earl of Stradbroke, P.G.W.; his Honour Judge Philbrick, O.C., P.G.W.; Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts; Hamon le Strange, P.G.M. Norfolk; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Sir Francis Boileau, D.P.G.M. Norfolk; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; the Lord Mayor, W. F. Lamonby, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Matthew Clark, P.G.D.; the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C.; Chas. T. Tyler, P.G. Sec. Surrey; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Sec. Kent; G. W. G. Barnard, P.G. Sec. Norfolk; Sir Wm. Abdy. Bart., P.G.D.; James Round, M.P.; W. D. Merritt, P.P.S.G.W.; E. C. Wills, P.P.J.G.W.; W. E. Dring, P.P.S.G.W.; E. H. Bailly, P.P.J.G.W.; R. D. Poppleton, P.P.G.D.; Rev. A. R. T. Eales, P.G. Chap.; J. P. Lewin, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; and others.

The roll of lodges was then called by the Prov. G. Sec., and all the 44 composing the province were found to be represented.

Bro. JOHN J. C. TURNER, P.P.S.G.W., moved the adoption of the report of the Board of General Purposes. This report stated that during the year there have been 181 initiations, compared with 178 last year; and 78 joining members, compared with 134 last year; 97 resignations, against 81 last year; the losses by death have been 39, whilst 52 brethren have been struck off the books of their respective lodges, leaving the present strength of the province 2368 members, against 2297 last year. The Board recommended the following grants: £21 to the South African Masonic Relief Fund; £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and £5 5s. towards the Clacton-on-Sea Cottage Hospital. The Board also recommended that the portrait in next year's Calendar should be that of Bro. A. J. H. Ward, P.M. 659, P.P.S.G.W.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Charity Committee's report, which was also adopted unanimously, was as follows:

The Charity Committee congratulate the province on the fact that since the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge one girl, three boys, and two widows have been elected to the benefits of the respective Institutions. At the three Festivals the province has, as usual, been very liberal in its support, the large sum of £20.12 12s. 6d. having been contributed in the aggregate. More than half of this was given at the Benevolent Festival, when there were 39 Stewards, of whom those from two of the newest lodges—the Seven Kings and the Charles Dickens—raised respectively £346 and £405. At the same Festival the Albert Lucking Lodge also subscribed £153. For the Girls' Festival there were 16 Stewards, who raised £191, and here again the Seven Kings Lodge headed the Essex lists with £126. At the Boys' Festival, a few days since, there were 15 Stewards, whose contributions reached the total of £470 8s. 6d., and in this instance the Brooke Lodge headed the list with £105.

The PROV. G. MASTER then, amidst hearty applause, rose to address the brethren. His lordship said

He should just like to say how much he regretted that he had not been able to see them at Warwick Castle, as he had hoped to have done. But there had been various difficulties, chief of which was that owing to medical advice he had had to spend a considerable portion of the spring abroad, and almost immediately on his return he, like so many others in these days, had been doing his best to serve his Queen and country by devoting some extra time to military duties, and had been under canvas with his troop. (Applause.) He did not see, however, why it should not come off next year. His friend, the Provincial Grand Secretary, had visited Warwick, Kenilworth, Stratford-on-Avon, and other places of interest in the district, and under his guidance he felt sure a very pleasant trip might be taken which would include a visit to Warwick Castle, where Lady Warwick and himself would be delighted to welcome them. (Applause.) As regards Masonry in the province they had not experienced such an eventful year as the last, when they added five new lodges to the roll, but allowing for inevitable losses the strength of the province had increased by 130 members, which he felt was very satisfactory. He regretted that since they last met several very prominent brethren had been removed from their midst by death. The district around Southend had suffered very severely by the deaths of Bro. Glasscock, Edward Bowmaker, and Thomas Hood; the lodge under whose banner they met to-day had to lament the death of one of its founders in the person of Bro. Penfold, who was also one of the

pioneers of this charming watering place in which they were meeting; the Epping Lodge had lost Bro. Moore, who for many years was its able Secretary; and they all, he was sure, sympathised with their Provincial Grand Secretary in the loss he sustained in the early part of this year in the awfully sudden death of one of his brothers. (Hear, hear.) The South African war had also had its influence upon this county. Essex, like other parts, had been called upon to find soldiers, and had cheerfully done so. They missed from their meeting to-day a brother who always took a deep interest in Freemasonry, and who now, he regretted to say, was a prisoner of war—he meant Bro. Woodhouse. It might not be known what a patriotic spirit had been exhibited by Bro. Woodhouse in this matter. He was a very skilful worker in iron, and had made some most beautiful things, and being anxious to place his talents at the service of his Queen and country, he had joined the colours as a farrier, and it was while exercising his duties in that respect that he was captured. He was informed by Colonel Lockwood that Bro. Woodhouse had also been called upon to act as dentist to his troop, which was probably not so pleasant a duty to him as the other. (Laughter and applause.) It was, he thought, highly satisfactory that in spite of the calls that had been made upon the country to support the various war funds, the Indian Famine Fund, and others, Masonic benevolence had shown no falling off. He had the pleasure of being present at the festival of the Boys' School a few days ago, when it was stated that up to the present this year the three great Institutions of the Craft had received no less than £64,000. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Of course, as the lists were read out he naturally watched for that from his own province, and he was delighted to find that Essex was about third highest on the list of provinces, including that of the chairman of the day, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Altogether, the Province of Essex had given £2000 this year to the Charities, while if the amounts given by the county during the past three years were added together, it came up to the very handsome total of £7500. (Loud applause.) He thought he should like to congratulate three of the youngest lodges—the Albert Lucking, the Seven Kings, and the Charles Dickens—on the very substantial help they had given during the year. While on the subject of Charity, he should like to allude to the work of the Charity Committee. They had been very successful at the elections in carrying their candidates, but it was only through outside help. Take, for instance, the last election for the Boys' School—the Charity Committee only received about 1400 votes, whereas the number possessed by the brethren of the province amount to about 3000. It had been suggested to him that the collection of votes would be more efficiently carried out if, instead of electing a fresh representative each year as was done in so many lodges, some zealous brother could be prevailed on to undertake that office for a series of years, whereby he would get familiar with the work, to the great advantage of the cases which from time to time came to be helped by the Committee. It was very easy for the voting papers to get mislaid, every post nowadays brought a large quantity of printed papers which were apt to be laid aside for the time, whereas, if brethren had a reminder that their votes had not been received many proxies would be rescued and utilised. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They could not very well discuss this matter at so large a gathering, but if any brother had any suggestion to offer and would communicate with the Provincial Grand Secretary it would have every consideration. (Hear, hear.) In reference to the local lodge he very well remembered coming down to Clacton to consecrate it, when he was hospitably entertained by its first Master at his most charming house. He had also come down there in other capacities, and was pleased to see the place growing in prosperity and popularity, whilst his wife and children had received great benefit from its salubrious air. (Applause.) He appealed to the officers he had appointed that day to give him the same loyal support their predecessors had done and were doing. He feared it was inevitable that there were disappointments on these occasions. The officers had been selected with great care, and the announcements of their names, he was glad to see, were heartily received. In conclusion, Lord Warwick expressed the hope that the coming Masonic year would be one of prosperity to the Craft in general, and that province in particular. (Loud and continued applause.)

The next business was the election of four members of the Board of General Purposes, but as only the requisite number had been proposed, his lordship declared them duly elected as follows: Bros. W. Ernest Dring, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; W. D. Merritt, P.M. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Salter, P.M. 2342, P.G.D., P.P.J.G.W.; and John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. W. S. MILLER, W.M. 2717, proposed the election of Bro. James P. Allen, P.M., Treas. 2063, as Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, which was seconded simultaneously by Bros. R. J. STEBBINGS, P.M. 2063, P.P.A.G.D.C., and A. S. GARDINER, W.M. 2707.

There being no other nomination, Lord WARWICK declared Bro. Allen to be duly elected.

The Earl of Warwick having, amidst the heartiest applause, re-invested Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., as Dep. Prov. G. Master, appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows:

- Bro. R. Haward Ives, P.M. 51 ... Prov. S.G.W.
- " W. Scott Miller, W.M. 2717 ... Prov. J.G.W.
- " the Rev. H. E. Bicknell, Chap. 650 ... } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " the Rev. Sinclair Carolin, Chap. 2477 ... }
- " Elliott G. Fletcher, W.M. 1000 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D. of C. Eng. (24th year) ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " W. G. Lowe, W.M. 2063 ... } Prov. S.G.Ds.
- " J. Bourne Bromley, P.M. 2154 ... }
- " Frank Evans, I.P.M. 2749 ... } Prov. J.G.Ds.
- " J. T. Dormer, I.P.M. 2757 ... }
- " J. H. Retallack Moloney, P.M. and Treas. 2504 ... Prov. G.S. of Wks.
- " A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.G.P. Eng. (27th year) ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " James Graham, W.M. 2750 ... Prov. D.G.D.C.
- " Offwood Bendall, P.M. 2339 ... }
- " Capt. Frayling, P.M. 563, Sec. 2063 ... } Prov. A.G. Ds. of C.
- " J. Sutton Abbot, P.M. 2077 ... }
- " B. G. Thomas, P.M. 160 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " Robert Emson, P.M. 697 ... }
- " W. Thompson, I.P.M. and Sec. 1280 ... } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " F. B. Townsend, W.M. 214 ... } Prov. G. Org.
- " Thos. E. Pilgrim, W.M. 1312 ... } Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
- " S. J. Sparling, W.M. 1799 ... } Prov. G. Purst.
- " Wm. Fieldgate, I.P.M. 433 ... } Prov. A.G. Purst.
- " C. V. Harman, P.M. 2063 ... }
- " W. Siggers, I.P.M. 2342 ... }
- " Robert Ford, W.M. 1817 ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " Dick Ham, P.M. 2477 ... }
- " Stanley J. King, W.M. 2342 ... }
- " A. W. Martin ... } Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. R. Haward Ives, Prov. S.G.W., was elected a member of the Charity Committee in the place of the brother retiring by rotation. Bro. Col. LOCKWOOD, D.P.G.M., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to

the members of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting.

Bro. R. CLOWES, P.G. Std. Br., seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation.

The W.M. of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge suitably acknowledged the vote.

The Earl of WARWICK announced that the meeting for next year would be held at Loughton, and also that he had accepted an invitation to preside at the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next.

The proceedings having been closed, an adjournment was made for the banquet, which was held in a handsome marquee in the grounds of the Warwick Castle Hotel. Some 200 brethren sat down, under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick, and the catering of Messrs. Wright Bros., of Colchester, gave the greatest satisfaction.

During dinner the band of the 2nd Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment played a nice selection of music; while between the speeches a capital musical programme was given under the direction of Bro. H. Baynton, the Organist of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, who was assisted by Madame M. Vagnoli (soprano), Bros. Trefelyn David (tenor), R. Grice (bass), and A. W. Briggs (pianist).

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. G. Lodge was held at Hitchin, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the auspices of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, the last occasion on which the lodge was thus honoured having been in 1888, when it celebrated the Jubilee of its Constitution. Bro. T. F. Halsey M.P., Prov. G. Master, presided, and was attended by his principal officers, there being, in addition, a full attendance of the brethren from the different lodges in the province.

In the course of the proceedings, Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D. England, was obligated and invested as Dep. P.G.M., in succession to the late Bro. George E. Lake, P.G.D., and Bro. J. R. Cocks, P.M. No. 403, P. Prov. G.W., was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer, in place of Bro. Knyvett, who had held the office by annual re-election for a long term of years.

The following brethren were appointed and invested as the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—

Bro. T. E. Brookes, P.M. 449	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Beresford-Ryley, M.D., P.M. 2323	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. E. J. Carter, M.A., Chap. 2518	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. R. Cocks, P.M. 403, P.P.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. J. Pearson, P.M. 504	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" O. C. Cockrem, L.L.D., P.M. 404	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. H. Lipscomb, P.M. 1479	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. Blinkhorn, P.M. 2278	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. Arnold, P.M. 2054	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" James Terry, P.M. 3724	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Mc. L. Rainsford, P.M. 1385	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Metcalf, P.M. 1327	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. H. Catchpole, P.M. 2331	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" A. Spicer, P.M. 2218	...	...	
" J. L. Gregory, S.W. 403	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Strange, P.M. 2086	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" S. Lichtenfield, P.M. 2353	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. H. Mansell, P.M. 2518	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" H. Gervis, P.M. 409	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" W. Weiss, P.M. 449	...	...	
" W. H. Roscoe, P.M. 1580	...	...	
" J. Southam, P.M. 1984	...	...	
" W. J. James, P.M. 2218	...	...	
" T. J. Mercer, I.P.M. 2732	...	...	
" J. Percival, Tyler 404	...	...	

A banquet followed, at which the Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair, and, though a large number of brethren left before this part of the annual function took place, everything passed off admirably, and the entertaining lodge was heartily congratulated on the completeness of its arrangements.

### CONSECRATION OF THE HUDSON LODGE, No. 2791.

The consecration of the above lodge, named after Bro. Robt. Hudson, for over 20 years Provincial Grand Secretary of Durham, whose great services to the Craft have been frequently recorded, was held at the National Schools, Wolsingham, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there was a large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers and lodge officers and members. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was unable to be present. The Provincial Grand Officers present were:

Bros. the Rev. Canon H. B. Tristram, Dep. P.G.M., officiating as Prov. G.M.; Babington Boulton, P.P.G.W., as Dep. P.G.M.; Sir George Hare Philipson, P.S.G.W.; William Gray, P.J.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.W.; Charles T. Johnson, P.G.D. of C.; Rev. J. G. Ryles, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. Sykes, P.G. Chap.; Thomas Robinson, P.S.G.D.; Harry Brown, P.S.G.D.; G. C. Askew, P.D.G.D.C.; George W. Hudson, P.P.G.S. of W., N. and E. Yorks.; Andrew Farmer, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks.; J. H. Pillard, P.G. Treas.; Edward Milburn, P.G.D.; Charles W. Anderson, P.P.G.D.; William Hutchinson, P.P.G.D.; Rev. Harby Jennings, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Hauxwell, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Hardy, P.P.G.P.; D. G. Smith, P.G.P.; Thos. Banks, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Isaac Thomson, P.P.G. Treas.; W. J. Sanderson, P.P.G.D.C.; George Emmerson, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Rutherford, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Robt. W. Wraith, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Barnet, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Hunter, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Lidster, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Moore, P.G. Org.; J. Ellis, P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Grieve, P.G. Tyler; and George J. Christopher, P.P.G. Std. Br. Among others present were:—Bros. J. R. Dixon, P.M. 1121; T. Putman, W.M. 1379; J. Henderson, P.M. 2415; Wm. Addison, I.P.M. 2019; W. J. Anderson, P.M. 2019; S. Barkas, W.M. 2019; Wm. Todd, I.P.M. 111; Geo. Patrick,

W.M.; George Murray, junr., I.P.M.; M. Hobday, P.M.; J. Coulthard, P.M. 2135; A. Guthrie, I.P.M.; T. Youngs Tuck, P.M. 1121; Richard Walker, W.M., P.P.G. Std.; Joseph Rickerby, W.M. 124; J. Jacobs, W.M. 94; H. T. Halfpenny, S.W. 94; Thos. Harrison, P.M.; John Grayston, W.M. 949; R. Hogg, W.M. 1932; W. Cowley, P.M.; T. Raine, I.P.M. 1932; T. H. Thompson, P.M. 1121; W. N. Cochrane, P.M. 1379; W. Chapman, W.M. 1650; and Chas. Cox, P.M. 1121.

The brethren having assembled, and Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., being in the chair, the consecration ceremony proceeded according to Masonic order.

The Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. R. HUDSON, read the petition to Grand Lodge, and the charter to the new lodge granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

The founders of the Hudson Lodge were Bros. Robert Wm. Wraith, P.M. 2019, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; W. Johnson Anderson, P.M. 2019, I.P.M.; Edward Milburn, P.M. 2019, P.P.S.G.D., S.W.; William H. Telford, 2019, J.W.; William Atkinson, 2019, Treas.; Wm. Shaw, 2019, Sec.; Dr. T. V. Devey, 1230, S.D.; Walter C. Smith, 2019, J.D.; Joseph J. Devey, 2019, D. of C.; Geo. W. Eggleston, 2019, Org.; Arthur Wooler, 1342, I.G.; John Thos. Stobbs, 2019, Charles S. Roberts, 2019, and Thomas Nichol, 2019, Stwds.; John Geo. Bainbridge, 2019; John Geo. Lawson, 2019; John Easton, 728; W. C. Johnson, 2019; Joseph Vickers, 2019; Wm. Pallister, 2019; and Thomas Raine, 2019.

The officers of the new Lodge were presented to the acting Prov. Grand Master, and the address to the lodge was given by Bro. the Rev. J. G. RYLES, P.G. Chap., in the course of which he said they were connected with a province which was noted for the distinguished names and services of its chief officers. The Prov. Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., had given his name to two of the lodges in the province; the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., had given his name to one lodge with which he had the honour to be connected; and now they were associating the name with a new lodge of one who was second to none in his love and earnestness for Freemasonry, and who in all the lodges he had visited had never failed to impress upon them the highest tenets of Freemasonry; and he would ask the brethren of the Hudson Lodge to take care to establish for some years to come in the history of the lodge such a high standard that those who followed them after the first years of their existence might continue to maintain the prestige of the lodge so that it would not fall short of the high standard they were ever exhorted to set. (Applause.)

Scripture and prayers were read by the Bro. the Rev. E. Sykes, P.G. Chap., and the Hudson Lodge was officially and solemnly dedicated by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., and was afterwards formally constituted, the ceremony being directed by the Prov. G.D. of C., Bro. Charles T. Johnson.

The first officers of the new lodge were appointed as follows: Bros. Robert Wm. Wraith, P.M. 2019, W.M.; E. Milburn, P.M. 2019, S.W.; Wm. H. Telford, J.W.; W. J. Anderson, I.P.M.; W. Shaw, Sec.; and others.

The banquet in the evening was held in the Town Hall, Bro. R. W. Wraith, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. B. Boulton, Sir George H. Philipson, W. Gray, Deputy Mayor of Durham; R. Hudson, G. W. Hudson, C. T. Johnson, T. Robinson, J. C. Moor, W. J. Anderson, and others.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen."

Bro. E. MILBURN, S.W., proposed "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., Past G. Chap., and Bro. R. HUDSON, Past G.S.B., responded.

Bro. J. J. DEVEY then proposed "The P.G.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.; the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham."

Bro. GEORGE HARE PHILIPSON, P.S.G.W., responded in felicitous terms.

The toast of "The Hudson Lodge" was enthusiastically received and honoured, and the great interest given to Freemasonry by Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., after whom the lodge is named, was most fittingly referred to.

The toast of "Bro. Hudson, P.G. Sec.," was duly proposed and replied to by Bro. HUDSON.

The gathering was a most enthusiastic and successful one.

### CONSECRATION OF THE SAINT BRIDE LODGE, No. 2817.

A new lodge entitled the St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817, was consecrated on Monday, the 23rd inst. Its *raison d'être* is the cementing in fraternal union those engaged in journalism, and the various branches of literary work. The meeting was held at the Hotel Cecil, the Consecrating Officer being Bro. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; Col. J. C. Fitzroy Tower, D.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., as I.G. The founders of the new lodge are Bros. C. J. Drummond, P.M. 1541 and 2096, W.M. designate; A. W. Letts, S.W. designate; C. R. Warde, J.W. designate; G. C. Burry, P.M. 1347, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; Rev. W. C. Heaton, M.A., 1425; G. R. Blades, 1, J.D. 2581, Stwd. 2757; W. Hilton, 1269; Alick Marshall, 2499; Alderman G. W. Truscott, 1; J. R. Hosker, J.W. 2528; John Buchanan, P.M. 1853; Alfred F. Blades, 1; Geo. W. Jones, 2319; Alderman and Sheriff Elect W. Vaughan Morgan, P.M. 96, P.G. Treas.; Horace B. Marshall, M.A., P.M. 1777, 2728, and 1745, P.G.W. Middx.; Alderman Frank Green, P.M. 1827, P.G.D.; Sir J. R. Somers Vine, C.M.G., P.M. 2105, P.G.D.; Paul L. Waterlow, P.M. 29 and 2545, G. Stwd.; Imre Kirally, P.M. 2581, W.M. 2712, 2705, 2772, and 2796, P.A. G.D. of C.; Alderman and Sheriff Sir W. P. Treloar, P.M. 63; Alderman T. Vezey Strong, P.M. 1538; Sheriff Elect J. Lawrence, 1010, 2528, and 2009; Major Vane Stow, P.M. 1718 and 2578; Frank Griffith, I.P.M. 2508; C. F. Roworth, 2331; and Carl Hentschel, 2705.

Among the numerous visitors there were

Bros. J. Rock, P.M., P.G.S.; J. D. Langton, P.M. 1673, 2096, 2473, and 2712, P.D.G.D.C., P.P.G.W. Surrey; Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.; Lord

Glenesk, J.G.W.; Guy Repton, S.G.D.; J. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Cumming, Mus. Doc., P.G.O.; E. M. Morress, W.M. 1; D. A. Ross, W.M. 1656 and 2319; G. S. Beeching, W.M. 2430; F. G. Mason, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.W. Herts; J. Falconer, W.M. 3, P.M. 2509; J. A. Whittam, P.M. 185, 2509; H. T. Matthews, W.M. 2509, P.M. 1910; H. Schartau, P.M. 1261, P.P.G.O. Middx.; Frank Griffith, I.P.M. 2508; W. Lewis, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; H. K. Newton, W.M. 2686; M. Bates, P.G.T.; Capt. A. Lee Mitchell; Dr. J. R. Bosworth; R. J. Clinckett, P.M., P.D.G.S.B. Barbadoes; Lieut.-Col. A. R. Holbrook, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.R. Hants and the Isle of Wight; D. Posener, P.M. 1227, 185; G. V. A. Schofield, P.M. 162, 2047; J. G. Craggs, W.M. 14, G. Stwd.; F. W. Rose, P.M. 1607, Sec. 2809; A. F. Simpson, P.M. 1361, Treas. 2809; Thomson, P.M.; H. Massey, Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; Capt. H. Turner Emery, W.M. 2578; F. Tennant Pain, P.M. 2384, 22; H. Tulman, P.M. 1853; F. Allen, P.M. 1686; J. Passmore Edwards, R. W. Bowers, P.M. 15; W. Heath, P.M. 766; J. F. Beck, P.M. 1853; E. P. Luke, W.M. 1853; C. Robinson, W.M. 1541; W. O. Walbrook, 27; C. E. Tinney, W.M.; F. B. Townend, W.M. 214; F. Adams, P.M. 1259, 1702, J. Cootie, P.M. 1259, 2579; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; G. R. Steel, P.M. 1, 2499, P.G.S.; F. Corbett, P.M. 2499; H. Lynn, P.M.; L. Antill, P.M. 1931; and many others.

The consecration ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary in his well-known and impressive manner.

The W.M. designate, Bro. C. J. Drummond, P.M., was installed by the Grand Secretary.

The election of Treasurer and Tyler then took place.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. G. C. Burry, P.M. 1347, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, acting I.P.M.; Alfred W. Letts, 2509, 2076, S.W.; C. R. Warde, 1259, J.W.; G. R. Blades, 1, J.D. 2581, Stwd. 2757, Treas.; W. Hilton, 1269, Sec.; Alick Marshall, 2499, S.D.; Alderman G. W. Truscott, 1, J.D.; J. R. Hosker, J.W. 2528; John Buchanan, P.M. 1853, D.C.; Alfred F. Blades, 1, and Geo. W. Jones, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler.

The Grand Secretary gave the three addresses impressively. A Committee consisting of the officers of the lodge, was elected to frame the by-laws.

After a sumptuous banquet in the Victoria Hall, the customary toasts were proposed. The W. Master was not prolix, but spoke briefly to the point.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the W. MASTER said that toast appealed especially to Masons at the present time.

"God save the Queen" was sung.

The W. MASTER, in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," reminded the brethren of the interest the M.W.G.M. always evinced in all matters pertaining to the Craft.

In proposing "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W. MASTER said the G. Officers were always found ready to render any assistance that might be required. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.

In reply, Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON spoke of the Lodge of St. Bride as being composed of brethren of intellectual standing. He alluded in a most amusing manner to the definitions of a verb—to be, to do, and to suffer.

The W.M. gave "the Consecrating Master, the G. Sec., and the Assist. Officers." He said he was greatly impressed with the ceremony, and the thoroughly able manner in which it was performed—he had the honour of being acquainted with Bro. Letchworth. From his personal experience he could testify how ready and willing the G. Sec. was to render counsel and assistance in the discharge of their important duties, to those who occupied the chair of W.M. He should ever gratefully remember the kindness of the Installing Master and his Assist. Officers, on this memorable evening. He coupled with this toast the G. Sec., Bro. Letchworth.

Bro. LETCHWORTH replied. He said the torrid heat they now experienced, induced more to cooling draughts than to torrents of elquence—he alluded to the enforced absence of Bro. Strachan, the G. Reg., who would have been pleased to assist him—and heartily thanked Col. Fitzroy Tower for having filled the chair of J.W. at the last moment.

The GRAND SECRETARY proposed "The Health of the W.M." in genial terms.

The W.M. replied in a few well-chosen, appropriate words. He spoke of the honour and the great responsibility attached to the office of W.M. He had at first hesitated whether he should undertake this important trust, but was finally induced to do so from the great pressure put upon him by his numerous friends. He heartily thanked the brethren for their kind welcome, and, relying upon their loyal co-operation, he would do his best to further the interests of the Saint Bride Lodge.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors." He said the many visitors who had honoured the banquet considerably outnumbered the actual members of the lodge. Among the guests that evening were a brother from Barbadoes, another from Portsmouth, and among other brethren Bros. Passmore Edwards, Dr. Cummings, Sir Wm. Treloar, and H. K. Newton, W.M.

On behalf of the visitors Bros. CLINKET of Barbadoes, Dr. CUMMINGS of the Guildhall School of Music, and Col. HOLBROOK of Hants, responded.

Bro. PASSMORE EDWARDS, spoke of the members and visitors, many of whom he well knew, as being members of the Press. He alluded to the W.M. of the lodge, and more especially reminded the brethren of the cosmopolitan nature of Freemasonry.

Bro. H. K. NEWTON, W.M., gave some interesting details of the Making Lodge previous to the raising of the seige.

Bro. Sir WILLIAM TRELOAR replied in an amusing speech.

Bro. PORTER gave some humorous imitations of well-known musical artists, in the varied renderings of "Cassa Bianca."

"The Officers of the Lodge," was next given, to which the S.W. responded.

Song, "Down the vale," by Bro. Alcock Marshall, rendered with taste and feeling.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most successful evening.

At the banquet table a highly artistic souvenir of the lodge with portraits of the Consecrating Officers and founders, limited to 200, was presented to each of the brethren present.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx.

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The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of the above province was held at the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. Bro. P. Colville Smith, P.M., P.G.D. of England, Dep. P.G.M., presided in the absence of Bro. the Earl of Halsbury, Prov. G.M., who was detained in London.

The following Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers were present: Bros. P. Colville Smith, D.P.G.M.; W. W. J. Sharpe, P.P.G.R.; Sholto Hare, P.G.M.O., P.P.S.G.O. Devon; E. M. Milford, Prov. G. Treas.; A. H. Ferris, P.P.G. Chap.; I. G. Blight, P.G.S.B.; N. Gray, P.P.J.G.W.; J. M. Blamey, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Benney, P.J.G.O.; Wm. F. Clarke, P.G. Std. Br.; W. S. Chegwidden, Prov. J.G.W.; Jas. M. Cornish, P.S.G.O.; Wm. Colenso, P.P.G.R.; J. Retallick, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; T. Tidy, G. Std. Br.; W. J. Collins, P.P.J.G.D.; Noah Lean, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. J. Partridge, G. Stwd.; J. M. Carne, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Whetter, I. of Wks.; W. J. Johns, P.G. Sec.; P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Theo. Michell, P.P.J.G.O.; J. C. Burrow, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Timmins, P.P.S.G.D.; J. H. Bunt, P.G.O.; R. Pease, P.G. Reg.; H. P. Vivian, P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.P.G.I. of W.; J. W. Gill, P.P.G.S.; C. D. Smith, P.G.D.C.; B. Gregg, P.P.G.S.; John James, P.G.I.G.; John T. Letcher, P.P.J.G.O.; T. A. Kistler, P.P.J.G.W.; John E. Rogers, P.P.G.I.G. P.G. Tyler; Hy. Opie, P.P. J.G.O.; Sam Tressider, P.P.G.I. of W.; and Richard Pearce Couch, Prov. S.G.W.

There were also present—

Bros. T. G. Holder, A. Smith, A. E. Webber, E. J. Head, E. J. K. Nicholls, D. Benney, J. H. Peters, A. Mann, M. Richards, J. Cloak, H. S. Johns, G. H. Chilcott, E. I. Ellery, F. Parsons, W. E. Dunstan, Odgers Eva, E. J. Jenkin, W. M. Harrison, W. J. Staple, F. W. Crane, R. B. C. Hooper, W. Hall, H. Downing, N. Williams, J. W. Welsh, F. F. Beringer, Wm. Parkin, T. Turner, Geo. Trethewy, J. R. Chalice, H. Wills, R. Dunstan, J. H. Chapman, W. C. Wickett, E. J. O. Pengelly, W. J. Davey, T. Lukes, W. H. Lake, E. A. P. Broad, 73; R. Colenso, 404; J. W. Olver, and R. H. Gilbert.

Bro. P. COLVILLE SMITH, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., was re-appointed Dep. Prov. G. Master, and he invested the following brethren as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. W. J. Sharpe, 94	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Sholto Hare, 101	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. C. Burrow, 417	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" C. D. Smith, 379	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Bruce Gregg, 94	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" A. H. Ferris, 73	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. H. Chilcott, 78	...	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
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" Richard Colenso, 404	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Hall, 73	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Jos. W. Gill, 379	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" T. G. Holder, 94	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. H. Lake, 275	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. W. Olver, 351	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. J. K. Nicholls, 94	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. I. Ellery, 78	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" George Trethewy, 379	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" E. Dunstan, 175	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. J. Doney, 275	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. J. O. Pengelly, 101	...	...	...	
" M. Richards, 94	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The routine business having been transacted, a grant was made to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and at the close of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, the brethren repaired to the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, where 72 members sat down to luncheon, and a few Masonic toasts were honoured.

The remainder of the day was enjoyably spent in a trip on the Queen of the Fal to Helford River and St. Mawes, the party landing at the docks.

Several ladies joined in the steamer trip, which proved a fitting close to a successful day.

Dark Masonry.

Noel Lodge, No. 505.

The installation meeting was held at the Jolly Sailors Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. F. Lockett, W.M.; C. S. Rogers, J.W.; E. J. Packington, M.O.; E. H. Lewis, I.P.M.; C. Wells, S.D.; H. Cameron, D. of C.; W. King, H. W. Willis, Major G. Duberly, J. Pennington, Johnson, W. Hames, Dr. Bennett, A. Lyons, J. H. Summers, H. C. Coupir, P.M. 30; J. D. Vicary, and G. Free, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson, 152, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. E. H. Lewis, I.P.M., then assumed the Master's chair, and duly raised Bro. Hames to the Honourable Degree of a M.M.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Clement S. Roger, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. E. H. Lewis, and a Board of Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. Roger was very ably installed into the chair. The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. E. J. Packington, S.W.; Dr. Oust, J.W.; C. Wells, M.O.; H. W. Willis, S.O.; Major G. Duberly, J.O.; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, Chap.; J. H. Sumner, Treas.; E. H. Lewis, Sec.; C. Yeatman, R. of M.; H. Cameron, S.D.; W. King, J.D.; G. Lunt, D.C.; J. E. Abbott, Org.; A. Lyons, I.G.; Dr. Bennett and Johnson, Stewards; and G. Free, Tyler. Bro. J. D. Vicary, P.M. 451, &c., Hon. Member, then gave the addresses in his well-known style to the delight of the brethren. Letters of regret for non-attendance were afterwards received. The W.M. then referred to the death of the late Treasurer, Bro. A. M. Levey, and the Secretary was directed to write a letter of condolence to his widow. The W.M. proposed and the S.W. seconded, "That an address on vellum be presented to Very Wor. Bro. his Excellency Jarvis Bey Ragheb, D.G.M.M. N.E. Africa, on his re-appointment for a further term of three years in Egypt." Bro. Lewis previously explained that his Excellency was a founder and still a member of the lodge. The design and shape, &c., was left in the hands of Bro. H. C. Coupir, 30. This concluded the business, and the W.M. closed the lodge.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual toasts were honoured and responded to. The speeches were brief and to the point.

The I.P.M., Bro. F. Lockett, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel for his services, to which he ably responded.

The Tyler's toast terminated a happy evening.

The Committee of the National Eisteddfod, to be held at Merthyr next year, have withdrawn their offer of a prize of £50 for the best cantata out of a certain number sent in competition. They intend, instead, to give the same sum to a composer of known ability to write a choral work for them. It is far better to do this, for it is only very rarely that competitive compositions are of conspicuous merit, though, of course, such schemes no doubt do much to encourage young musicians to try their 'prentice hands.

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SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1900.

**Masonic Notes.**

The regular Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 1st prox., when the usual formal business will be dealt with. The only noticeable feature about the Report of the Committee of General Purposes is that it contains recommendations for the grant of two warrants, one for the constitution of a new chapter at Bccles in the Province of Suffolk, to

be attached to the Apollo Lodge, No. 305, and to be known as the St. Michael's Chapter; and the other for the Engineer Chapter, to be attached to the Engineer Lodge, No. 2599, in the London district.

The summer entertainment on Thursday, the 12th instant, to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in residence at Croydon, passed off, as it invariably does, with great success. Regret was expressed on all sides at the unavoidable absence of Mrs. and Miss Terry, who, whenever possible, make a point of being present, and lay themselves out to contribute to the entertainment of the Old Folk; but Bro. Terry himself and the members of his Committee were there, and under his direction and with the kindly support of Bro. James and Mrs. Stephens, the *fete*, as we have said, passed off admirably. The worthy residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the excellent musical programme which Bro. Herbert Schartau conducted with his accustomed ability. And so the evening passed, all too quickly, to the mutual gratification of hosts and guests, and one more was added to the long list of red-letter days for which the inmates of the Benevolent Institution at Croydon are indebted to the initiative of Bro. Terry.

Bro. Charles E. Keyser, who presided at the recent Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, took the opportunity of describing, as far as was possible, the progress that has been made in the erection of the new School buildings at Bushey, and expressed his opinion that a fair proportion of the work had been done. He mentioned, however, that the architects were not so satisfied with the rate of progress, the great difficulty experienced by the contractors being to obtain the necessary amount of skilled labour, the result being that additional money was being paid, with—apparently—the possibility that the building might not be completed within the specified time. In the event of this possibility being realised, the consequences, as Bro. Keyser pointed out, might be serious. We trust, however, that the difficulties which the builders are experiencing will be overcome, and that the work will be done in time.

It is some time since that Lord Henniker, who has been absent at his post of Governor of the Isle of Man, has found it possible to be present at the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, and therefore the pleasure which his lordship and the brethren experienced at their re-union at Ipswich, on the 13th instant, must have been greater than usual. Lord Henniker was appointed to office in 1886, and in the interval that has since elapsed Suffolk has made great progress. It is not so much that the Province has increased in strength, as only one lodge has been added to the roll since his appointment. But the reports that have been presented annually during his 14 years of service have invariably shown that under his lordship's government, or during his enforced absence elsewhere, under that of his able and experienced Deputy—Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn—the lodges have carried out their duties admirably.

It is, however, as one of the most consistent and most regular supporters of our Institutions, that Suffolk has more especially distinguished itself, nor, though the aggregate of its subscriptions has not been on the same scale as we have known it to be, has the present year proved by any means an exception, the total distributed among the three Central Charities being in excess of £800. We trust that when Lord Henniker is again in a position to meet his brethren, he may have the pleasure of being greeted with reports as satisfactory as were submitted on the occasion of his recent visit.

The annual meeting, at Hitchin, on the 18th instant, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire proved, as usual, a success. Bro. Halsey, M.P., presided, and had the pleasure of inducting into office Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D., as his new Deputy. Moreover, a worthy successor to Bro. Knyvett as Prov. Grand Treasurer, was unanimously elected in the person of Bro. J. R. Cocks, the senior P.M. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403—the senior lodge in the Province—and a P.P.G.W. But the number of those who remained to the banquet was small. Whether this was owing to the price of one guinea, which it is the custom in this Province to charge per member for a dinner ticket, or to other circumstances, we are unable to say. We understand the matter was informally discussed among the brethren, and it certainly appears advisable to consider whether if a more modest charge

were made for dinner, and each brother left to choose his own liquid refreshment, and pay for it himself, the attendance at the banquet might not be far greater. It does not look well for only about 30 or 40 brethren to dine together at the annual meeting of a Province which, to speak roughly, must number quite 800 subscribing members. At all events, it seems to us that the experiment is worth trying, for this, if for no other, reason, that the respected Provincial Grand Master may have the pleasure of meeting more of the brethren he has presided over for so many years.

It is, indeed, to be regretted that Hertfordshire, which is in so many respects strong and enthusiastic in its Freemasonry, but more especially in its support of our Masonic Institutions, should exhibit such marked indifference to the annual meetings of its Provincial G. Lodge. Even in the years in which the attendance has been described in our columns as a full one or considerable, it has rarely happened that the number of those present at such gatherings has greatly, if at all, exceeded a round hundred, and we venture to say that if anything like a record has been kept of the number that have remained to the banquet, it has been more often below than in excess of one-half. For several years past the subscribing members in the Province have mustered about 700, and now they are probably nearer 900 than 800, though in the preceding paragraph, in order to be on the safe side in our reckoning, we have given the latter figure. At all events without diving too minutely into these matters, we consider the annual meetings leave much that is to be desired in respect of the attendance, and it is by no means improbable that a moderate charge for dinner, leaving it to the brethren to provide their own liquor, each at his own cost, might bring about an improvement.

The great function at Leeds on Wednesday, the 18th instant, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Deputy G. Master of England, laid the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall which is about to be erected in that city, was worthy of the Province of West Yorkshire, while all the arrangements, from first to last, were carried out with a completeness which reflects the greatest credit on the Committee in charge. It was his lordship's first visit to West Yorkshire, and the brethren, therefore, made it the opportunity for presenting him with a beautifully illuminated address, which his lordship briefly but gracefully acknowledged. As for the proceedings, they were similar to those with which we have become familiar. They were, however, more imposing in consequence of the large number of brethren that attended, all but three of the 81 lodges in the Province being represented, while the Leeds lodges were in great force, and there was, in addition, a most brilliant muster of the members of the Prov. G. Lodge. A lengthy report of the meeting appears elsewhere, and will, no doubt, be welcomed with appreciation by our readers. We congratulate the Province on the success of the function.

The Province of Essex had a most successful field-day at Clacton-on-Sea on the 17th instant, when the Earl of Warwick had the pleasure of presiding at the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, the arrangements for which by the entertaining lodge—St. Osyth's Priory, No. 2063—were gratefully recognised by the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren present. The past year has been a most successful one. There have been no new lodges added to the roll, but there has been a substantial increase in the number of subscribing members. The state of the funds is also most satisfactory, while the Charity Committee were able to report that since their last annual meeting they had succeeded in carrying the election of one girl, three boys, and two widows. Above all, the support which has been forthcoming from the Province to the Masonic Institutions has been considerable, amounting, as it has, to upwards of £2000, made up of £1381 to the Old People, in February; £191 to the Girls' School, in May; and £470 to the Boys' School, early in the present month.

The Earl of Warwick, who must be proud of presiding over a Province that is so favourably circumstanced, and can accomplish such things, announced that he had accepted an invitation to preside at next year's Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, bearing in mind how loyally he was supported as Chairman at the Girls' School Festival in 1884, and at that of the Boys' School in 1893, we augur favourably as regards the prospects of our Old People's anniversary in February next under his lordship's auspices.

## 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.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have much pleasure in informing you of further successes gained by our boys at recent public examinations.

LONDON UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION.

(Three boys entered.)

H. W. Roberts, aged 16 years 9 months.

H. D. A. Maidment, aged 16½ years.

L. W. Croft, aged 16½ years.

All passed in the First (highest) Division.

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F. H. Gabbutt " " 73 " "

Three boys have also gained third-class certificates, and one a second-class, in Pitman's shorthand.

The ex-pupil Groombridge has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The ex-pupil Leeming has passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Bankers.

During the last five years, 10 boys have been entered, and all passed, in the London University Matriculation, nine of them in the First and one in the Second—the average being under 17 years.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. McLEOD,

Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
25th July.

## THE R.A. AND OTHER MATTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

I am sure your correspondent, Bro. T. Taylor, cannot have been in earnest, when he suggested to make P.M.s. by paying for it. Your other correspondents of last week, in reference to that suggestion, were all of *one opinion*, that something has to be done to make R.A. more attractive and more popular. I am a very old active Mason, and work and visit a great many chapters. I have the opportunity to observe all "pros and contras" of the different working and the lack of attending or otherwise supporting the chapter.

I have come to the conclusion that Grand Chapter must come to the rescue, Grand Chapter must take the initiative in order to make R.A. dignified and popular. Grand Chapter ought to make the same rules as the other G. bodies.

First of all, I would suggest that the Book of Regulations be altered. I give you *only one case in point for the present*. Book of Regulations, 72, lines 9, 10, 11, and 12, says that any companion can join a chapter if he is, or WAS, a member of a chapter. This does not seem to be very dignified. A companion, who paid his exaltation fee, perhaps, 20 years ago, but never paid any subscription or attended a chapter, is admitted without any question, perhaps, even without being a subscribing member of a Craft lodge, or he remembered he was so fortunate as to have been a W.M. of a lodge in bygone days, and having been exalted in R.A., might just as well join a chapter again.

Then as to the admission into Grand Chapter. A companion, with a red collar, goes in the ante room, signs his name and the number of a chapter where he is, or was, a subscribing member; perhaps the chapter might not be any more in existence.

In point of fact, I have seen a companion entering and signing his name, and the name of the chapter, which he resigned 15 years ago, and never joined another chapter, "until it was found out" and he was compelled to do so.

So much for the Grand Chapter, now the duty of the Craft Lodges.

The lodges to which chapters are attached ought to work hand to hand with them, and support each other. The former should consider the chapter attached as their offspring, they ought to inform each candidate on being raised M.M., that the chapter is attached to the lodge, and that it is desirable and expected that he should join it as soon as possible, while as an inducement he may join at the minimum fee, according to Rule 72, it might even be a condition to obtain office in the lodge.

I shall be obliged by your inserting this letter, and remain.—Yours fraternally,  
A MASON OF 44 YEARS' STANDING.

July 17th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. May's request for information in your issue of the 7th instant meets with most uncharitable sneers and irony from those supercilious brethren "P.M. and P.Z." and "Cynicus," who seem to think that the way to encourage honest inquiry and genuine zeal for the welfare of the Craft is to chill the enthusiasm of young inquirers with a pompous display of rank and wit. I notice Bros. Lovegrove and Milledge reply in a sensible and courteous manner, as brethren should, and would like to add a word on the subject with a view to giving Bro. May such light as I have, and seeking further information from better-informed brethren than myself.

In a history of Lodge of Antiquity, No. 178, Wigan, I find among some minutes dated September 13th, 1786, the following entry:

"A Night of Emergency.

"Bro. Morgan passed the chair on his emergency, there being a sufficient number of Past Masters present. This occurs very frequently, brethren from Leigh, Chorley, and other places coming to Wigan to pass the chair. A fuller account is given November 19th, 1787."

Again—

"April 28th, 1787.

"Lodge of Emergency.

"Bro. John Green passed the chair, and was duly declared Master for a certain space of time."

At this time no brother could become an Arch Mason until he had passed the chair, that is, become a regularly installed Master of a lodge, and this was a ceremony gone through to enable a brother to become an Arch Mason, but it did not entitle him to rank as a Past Master of a lodge. However crude "P.M. and P.Z." may think Bro. May's idea it is undoubtedly ancient.

If we look at Canadian chapters and those in U.S.A. we find the idea still

carried out. In U.S.A. a brother first becomes Mark Master, then Past Master, then Most Excellent Master, before he can take the R.A.

The Past Master is simply used as a Degree preliminary to advancement to R.A. and carries no "rank." They are termed *virtual* Past Masters as distinguished from actual Past Masters, and have no status in lodge. In most States the Degree is worked in the chapter. In Pennsylvania, however (where they still retain a beautiful ritual differing from the other States, and termed "Ancient York" work, owing no doubt to its having been carried over by the Puritans during the time of the division in England), a different method obtains. While the chapter Degrees are the same as in the other States, the Grand Lodge jealously maintains its right over everything connected with the lodges or "Blue Degrees," and Past Masters (*virtual*) are made on application by the chapter to the Grand Master for a dispensation for the candidate to "pass the chair." On dispensation being issued, the Blue Lodge having jurisdiction installs the candidate, who gains no rights or rank as actual P.M.

While there is no (transatlantic) law that the three chapter chairs shall be occupied by Past Masters only, it is an unwritten rule to elect only actual Past Masters to the highest office in chapter, except under unusual circumstances, of no P.M. being qualified to give the Degrees of the R.A. Chapter.

Perhaps Bro. May's idea was that P.M. requirements might be treated as a degree without rank, as in the above illustrations, and I cannot see what harm is done since no privileges of rank go with it.

As "P.M. and P.Z." and "Cynicus" seem to think "rank" essential to knowledge and are highly offended that Bro. May without "rank" should aspire to the knowledge they deem sacred to the superior beings of their Order, perhaps you will kindly vouch to them for my "rank" being sufficient to justify my speaking on a subject they have condescended to touch. In haste.—Yours fraternally,

ONE WHO SEEKS LIGHT.

July 17th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As "P.M. and P.Z." (Leeds), says, in reply to your correspondent, T. May, the idea of buying the title of "Past Master" is "delicious." But why stop short there? Having got so far why not pay four guineas and become a Past Third Principal, five guineas for Past Second Principal, and for six guineas blossom into a P.Z. at once? By the way, can there be any connection between Bro. May's suggestion and the query in last week's *Freemason* by "P.M. 872." It is possible that the "Shiners" mean dollars and the "working" as suggested by Bro. May? I am afraid Bro. Lovegrove's proposal as to electing to the Third Principal's chair others than Installed Masters would not work well; for once numbered among the Principals a companion would, naturally, expect to proceed to the Second and First chairs, and yet might not be elected W.M. of his lodge. As "An Officer" remarks, the R.A. does not need the commiseration that is being bestowed upon it. It consists of the pick of the Fraternity, and, I think, can hold its own. There is, however, one suggestion for the good of R.A. Masonry in general, which I should like to make for the consideration of the companions, especially those who are working up to the chair of their lodge. It is that when a W.M., who is a R.A. Mason, is selecting his lodge officers, let him carefully consider whether a brother who has proved his interest in Masonry by completing his Third Degree, and is otherwise proficient, will not make a more zealous officer than he who has not. This would remove the present unfortunate custom of brethren waiting until they are Past Masters before joining the R.A., as they would probably be R.A. companions before they were installed as W.M.—Yours fraternally,

ROYAL ARCH.

## THE SHRINERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Replying to "P.M. 872" in your issue of the 14th instant, the so-called *Masonic* Degree of "Shriners" which exists in U.S.A. has no claim whatever to the term "Masonic" other than through the fact that its founders made it obligatory that all applicants must be Knights Templar or 32° Masons. Its full title is Order of the Mystic Shrine, and members are Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. It claims to be based on an ancient Arabian Order, which was conferred on an actor in the East, who adapted it to Western ideas. It uses elaborate regalia of Oriental character, and has long ceremonies, which, however, contain nothing edifying or Masonic, however amusing. Its chief object is to cultivate sociability among its members, and the elaborate banquet with which it concludes is its chief claim to merit.—Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THE "NOBLES"?

July 17th.

## "SHINERS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

P.M. 872 probably means "Shriners, the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a social and benevolent society with a ritual and history linked to Arabic traditions, in which Oriental mysticism, names, legends, and titles are freely employed." "It originated, apparently about 1871, and on January 1st, 1899, its total membership was about 50,000, distributed among 79 temples in as many cities." Full particulars are given in Bro. Stevens' *Cyclopædia of Fraternities* published last year, from which the only "Shiners" I have ever heard of are, I believe, androgynous, and can hardly be called an order. I have only heard the word from Cornish people, and probably some Cornish brother can better explain the meaning of the term.—Yours fraternally,  
LEX SCRIPTA.

Evershot, Dorchester.

July 19th.

## MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The communications in the last two publications on this subject are very instructive, and read with great interest.

It instructed us to submit and obey; if any wrong or irregularity is done, all you can do is either to leave the lodge or enter your protest in the minutes, and there the matter ends.

But let me state to you two facts in my experience, and ask you how should a brother act, if he takes great interest in the welfare of the lodge.

1st. The Secretary, who always acts on his own opinion, has the by-laws reprinted and altered without the knowledge of the members. Let me tell you they were over 10 years in existence, and approved of by the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell Clerke. I remonstrated, but all the answer I could get, was, that he submitted to Grand Secretary, the minutes, and pointed out some of the by-laws not being according to the Constitutions, which I am sure was not the truth.

2nd. The Secretary gave notice of a motion, in the regular way, brought it before the lodge and carried it, I myself voting in its favour. At the next regular meeting, on reading the minutes, I found a whole line added. I protested, said the Secretary cooked the minutes, but only a few members being present, the minutes were carried.

In respect of such acts must the members be quiet and say nothing for the good harmony of the lodge.

When your correspondent answers this I will communicate to you the sequel.—Yours fraternally,

M. L. S.

IN MEMORIAM.

W. BRO. GEORGE GRAVELEY, P.M., P.G.P.  
DIED SUDDENLY, 13TH JULY, 1900.

Dear, worthy friend, whose loss we all deplore,  
By sudden summons lately called away  
To join thy brethren on the heavenly shore,  
Where perfect bliss reigns through eternal day.  
Though mute the voice which ever urged the claims  
Of sacred Charity, by word and deed,  
Grateful remembrance will preserve thy name  
By those thou hast befriended in their need;  
Sincerely simple, as an honest man,  
The precepts of the Craft thou did'st uphold.  
Ready in counsel, foremost in the van  
Of those who nobly work for young or old;  
May the Great Architect in Lodge Above,  
Reward thee with the bounty of His Love!

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., Prof.,  
P.M. 45, P.Z. and E. 742.

23rd July, 1900.

NEW MASONIC HALL, LEEDS.

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE BY THE R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, THE EARL OF WARWICK.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., the R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, accompanied by many Grand Officers, paid his first Masonic visit to West Yorkshire. The occasion was a very suitable one. On the invitation of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., the Earl of Warwick consented to lay the corner stone of the new hall which the Freemasons of Leeds are building, particulars of which appeared in our columns a fortnight ago. The event excited considerable interest, and a very large gathering, not only of Freemasons, but also of the general public, assembled to witness the ceremony. Platforms draped with scarlet cloth were erected for the convenience of those who were privileged to take part in the proceedings and a spacious gallery was provided for the ladies. This, it is almost needless to say, was filled to overflowing, for Masonic matters appear to have special attractions for the female mind, and the gay summer attire and charming toilettes formed a pleasing adjunct to a very striking scene.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was summoned to do honour to the R.W. Deputy, and the response was enthusiastic and general, for on the roll being called it was found that of the 81 lodges in the province three only were unrepresented.

At three o'clock the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. Richard Wilson, entered the Albert Hall, and opened Provincial Grand Lodge. The officers present were—

Bros. F. Cleaves, 904, Prov. S.G.W.; H. Gaskell Blackburn, 1311, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Canon Glendenning Nash, 974, and Rev. Geo. Ford, M.A., 2558, Prov. G. Chaps.; C. F. Bennett, 2268, Prov. G. Reg.; H. G. E. Green, 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; E. S. Tozer, 139, R. Hodgson, 448, J. Mallinson, 1645, and J. W. Foster, 289, Prov. G.Ds.; J. L. Fox, 208, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. Millington, 1221, Prov. G.D.C.; S. Mortimer, 603, W. C. Fox, 2263, C. Middleton, 2069, and J. Sykes, 1514, Prov. A.G.D.Cs.; W. J. Morris, 1736, Prov. G.S.B.; C. Lingard, 1513, and J. Constable, 2259, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; J. Dunnill, 1019, Prov. G. Org.; H. Banks, 1042, Prov. A.G. Sec.; W. Townsend, 750, and W. Akeroyd, 971, Prov. G. Pursts.; E. Newsum, 242, W. E. Turner, 1108, G. Williams, 139, E. R. Dickenson, 308, and J. H. Greaves, 910, Prov. G. Stwds.; and T. Leighton and J. Chester, Prov. G. Tylers.

There was a strong muster of Past Prov. G. Officers, amongst whom were the following:

Bros. John Seed, 1302, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Butterworth, 1302, P.P.A.G. Purst.; J. T. Simpson, 61, P.P.G.D.; T. J. Walker, 1231, P.P.G.D.; C. Stokes, 2558, P.P.G.D.; E. Billington, 1462, P.P.G. Purst.; Wm. Cockerlyne, 304, P.P.G. Org.; the Rev. F. E. Egerton, 910, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Jackman, 139, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Flockton, 1042, P.P.G.D.; R. Jackson, 289, P.P.G. Treas.; the Rev. L. S. Calvert, M.A., 208, P.P.G. Chap.; D. R. Glover, 289, P.P.G.D.; J. Dobson, 289, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Richards, 208, P.P.G. Treas.; C. Scriven, 1211, P.P.G.S. of W.; D. Salmond, 302, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Richardson, 2095, P.P.G.P.; F. W. Turner, 408, P.P.G.P.; W. Greenwood, 439, P.P.G.D. of C.; the Rev. T. H. Greenhough, 275, P.P.G. Chap.; S. T. Steele, 380, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Brayshaw, 2091, P.P.G. Reg.; F. Smith, 837, P.P.G.D.; F. G. Dimery, 2069, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Wrigglesworth, 1783, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Woods, 2695, P.P.G. Treas.; Joseph Matthewman, 1019, P.P.A.G. Secretary; A. Fawthrop, 1302, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Thompson, 1101, P.P.G.P.; T. Harrison, 296, P.P.G. Treas.; J. T. East, 2321, P.P.G. Reg.; J. A. Heastie, 652, P.P.G.P.; G. H. Robinson, 275, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Hartley, 810, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Bolton, 1736, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Watson, 61, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. W. Clayton, 1311, P.P.G.D.; T. Gaukroger, 307, P.P.G.P.; Rev. J. J. Needham, 910, P.P.G.C.; John Barker, 1102, P.P.G. S. of W.; Wm. Blackburn, 306, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Fisher, 1221, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Goodyear, 149, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Browne, 1648, P.P.G.D.; W. Cockerroft, 307, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Mellor, 652, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Castle, 750, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Backland, 1231, P.P.G. Org.; G. Hoyle, M.D., 1231, P.P.G.D.; J. L. Brayshaw, 2091, P.P.G.D.; W. R. Thompson, 208, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Monckman, J.P., 1018, P.P.G. D.C.; Rev. W. H. Stansfield, 1221, P.P.G.C.; W. H. Bradford, 1211, P.P.G.D.; Rev. H. R. Harrison, 910, P.P.G.C.; J. Dawson, 521, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Armitage, 521, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Laycock, 1108, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Robertshaw, 448, P.P. G.D.; H. Columbine, 1221, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Harrison, 1031, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Smith, 1211, P.P.G. Treas., and W. F. Tomlinson, 304, P.P.G.D.C.

Amongst the visiting provincial officers were—

Bros. T. G. Wallis, 1511, P.P.G.D.C. N. and E. Yorks; T. Hewson, 1616, P.P. G.D. Surrey; G. Proudman, 1013, P.P.G. St. Br. W. Lancs.; W. Richmond, 267, P.P.G. St. Br. Cheshire; W. Wilkinson, 566, P.P.G.D.C. N. and E. Yorks; E. Fox Thomas, 312, P.P.G.C. N. and E. Yorks; H. Bonser, 460, P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; A. T. Akeroyd, 2131, P.P.G.D.C. Salop; and J. M. Bottomley, 1848, P.P.G.S. of W. N. and E. Yorks; also Bros. A. C. Ranhant, 1342, Northumberland; G. F. Taylor, W.M. 1040, N. and E. Yorks; and G. W. Browne, W.M. 1511, N. and E. Yorks.

The Leeds lodges were in strong force, being headed by Bros. Martin Frobisher, I.P.M. 289; F. Hinchliffe, W.M. 304; C. Fenton, W.M. 306; H. Whitfield, W.M. 1042; John Haigh, W.M. 1211; A. Gardiner, W.M. 1221; E. L. Frazer, I.P.M. 1311; J. Buckley, I.P.M. 2069; and J. Pryce Lewis, P.M. 2608. Every lodge in the province except three sent its quota of brethren, so that the gathering was eminently representative in character.

After some routine work had been got through, the R.W. Deputy, the Earl of Warwick, was announced. He entered, accompanied by a great number of G. Officers, many of whom, as will appear later, were also West Yorkshire Freemasons.

After the usual salutations, the PROV. G. MASTER rose, and, turning to the noble earl, said that he had been requested to present to their guest on this, his first appearance amongst them, an illuminated address of welcome, which he also hoped would prove a *souvenir* of a distinctly pleasant visit. He then read as follows:

To the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Warwick and Brooke, R.W. Deputy G. Master of England, and R.W. Prov. G. Master of Essex.

R. Worshipful Sir,

We, the brethren of the 81 lodges of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of West Yorkshire offer to your lordship a real hearty Yorkshire welcome, and express to you our sincere appreciation of your acceptance of our invitation to lay the corner-stone of a new Masonic hall in Leeds.

We beg to assure you of our devoted and loyal attachment to our M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and to the Grand Lodge of England, and of our great respect for the M.W. Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst, and for yourself, the Deputy G. Master.

We hope that your lordship may long live to continue those valuable services to the Craft which have characterised your distinguished Masonic career.

We ask to be allowed to include in this our welcome all Officers of Grand Lodge and other distinguished visitors who have honoured us with their presence to-day.

(Signed on behalf of the Province)

W. LAWIES JACKSON, Prov. G. Master.  
RICHD. WILSON, Dep. Prov. G. Master.

Albert Hall, Leeds, 18th July, 1900.

The Earl of WARWICK, on receiving the beautifully-bound and executed address from the hands of the Prov. G.M., offered his thanks for the welcome so charmingly expressed; he had often, he said, heard of, but never before experienced, a Yorkshire reception, and it had given him very great pleasure. He regretted the absence of the Pro G.M., but would do his best to supply his place. He was much struck with the popularity of Freemasonry in West Yorkshire; they had a strong sense of Masonic duty, too, as shown by the noble response which they invariably made to the calls of Charity, and his presence amongst them was but a slight acknowledgment of the support which Freemasonry received from the brethren before him. The noble Earl concluded by saying that it would be a pleasing duty to him to express to the M.W.G.M. the satisfaction which that visit had afforded him.

The brethren then turned their attention to the business of the day. A procession was formed of the lodges in order of rank, juniors going first; then followed the Prov. Grand Lodge comprising the brethren named above. These were succeeded by the officers of Grand Lodge and others as follows: Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Bros. F. Hinchliffe, W.M. 304, C. Fenton, W.M. 306, and H. Whitfield, W.M. 1042 (all Leeds lodges), bearing the corn, wine, and oil: Bro. Fitzroy Tower, D.G.D.C.; Bros. J. S. Rymer and Ensor Drury, 296, G. Deacons; Bro. W. F. Smithson, 1211, as G.S. of W.; Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., carrying the plate for the stone; Bro. W. H. Brittain, J.P., 139, as President of the General Board, carrying the Book of Constitutions; Bro. John Strachan, O.C., G. Reg., with the Great Seal; Bro. G. Smith, 61, as G. Treasurer, carrying the coin to be deposited; Bro. J. C. Malcolm, 306, with plumb rule, as J.G.W.; Bro. Henry Smith, 302, with the level, as S.G.W.; Bros. J. H. Whadcoat and D'Arcy Power, G. Deacons; Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., 2069, as G. Chaplain, carrying the Bible on a cushion; Bro. Richard Wilson, as acting Deputy G.M., with the square; Bro. Col. Blunt, G.S.B.; Bro. the Earl of Warwick, as Pro Grand Master; and Bros. Dan Meyer and W. C. Lupton, 974, G. Deacons. Bro. F. Richardson acted as D.C.

On the arrival of the brethren at the building they opened out to form lines, through which the officers of Grand Lodge passed, and afterwards grouped themselves on the platforms which had been erected. The Deputy Grand Master having taken up his position near the stone, the Prov. G.M. invited him to undertake the ceremony, for which purpose he handed him a handsome presentation silver trowel bearing an appropriate inscription.

The Deputy Grand Master having briefly explained the objects and scope of Freemasonry, prayer was offered by the acting Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary then read the inscription on the brass plate which was to cover the cavity in the lower stone forming the bed for the corner stone itself. In this cavity the Grand Treasurer deposited a phial containing current coins, copies of the *Freemason*, *Yorkshire Post*, and *Leeds Mercury* newspapers, and the prospectus and articles of association of the Masonic Hall Company, and, the plate having been adjusted, the Deputy Grand Master spread the mortar on the upper surface of the bed stone. The corner stone was then slowly lowered, with three distinct stops. In accordance with Masonic rites, the Deputy Grand Master then proved the stone with the plumb rule, declaring: "I find this stone plumb, and that the craftsmen who prepared it are true and trusty." Then applying the level to the top of the stone, added: "I find this stone to be level, and that the craftsmen have laboured skillfully." Next applying the square, the Deputy Grand Master declared: "I find this stone to be plumb, level, and square, and I declare it to be duly prepared and duly laid, and that the craftsmen have worked well." Satisfied in these particulars, the Deputy Grand Master gave the stone three knocks with the handsome presentation mallet, and proceeded to strew corn (the emblem of plenty), and to pour wine (the emblem of joy and happiness), and oil (the emblem of peace and unanimity) over the stone, accompanying each ceremony with the ancient Masonic formula, after which he said: "May prosperity, happiness, and

goodwill ever prevail among those who assemble in this building, to the glory of the Most High, until time shall be no more," to which invocation the brethren responded "So mote it be."

The architect, Bro. J. Mitchell Bottomley, was then presented to the Deputy Grand Master, who, after carefully inspecting the plans of the intended building, returned them, with an injunction that the work was to be completed in conformity with the designs.

The Grand Chaplain having offered up a short prayer, and pronounced the Benediction, the procession formed in reverse order, and the Deputy Grand Master was reconducted to the Albert Hall, after which Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

The stone, it may be mentioned, was a solid block of Shap granite, weighing three-quarters of a ton, and was presented by Bro. Tom Atkinson, P.M. 2c69.

The brethren, to the number of 250, afterwards dined together in the Town Hall, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

After the toast of "The Queen" had been proposed and warmly honoured, that of "The M.W. the G. Master, the M.W. the Pro G. Master, the R.W. Dep. G. Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," followed.

After referring to the personal attachment which all Masons feel to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and to the excellent work being done by the Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst, the CHAIRMAN, turning to the guest of the evening, declared that he and his brethren in West Yorkshire were especially indebted to the Deputy G. Master for the ready way in which he accepted the invitation to visit them. It was no secret, he believed, that the Earl of Warwick had for some time had a desire or a curiosity to meet a Yorkshire audience of Freemasons. He had that day got his wish, and he could assure his noble friend that a more united or more harmonious body of brethren could not be found. Bro. Jackson added that through association with him in the House of Commons he had come to recognise the noble Earl's ability and sound commonsense; he had also marked his power of discipline, a discipline which was always combined with consideration and courtesy. In proposing this toast he should couple it with the name of the Deputy G. Master, and he called upon the brethren to make it a matter of impossibility for him to doubt the thorough heartiness of their welcome.

This, it need scarcely be said, the brethren did, and on rising to respond it was some time before a hearing could be obtained.

The Earl of WARWICK said: I thank you, R.W. Sir, and the brethren of this great province, in my own name and in that of the Grand Officers for the overwhelming cordiality of your reception. You have said many kind things of me to-night, some undeserved, I fear, but in any case such remarks inspire me to do all that I can in the cause of Freemasonry. I have occupied the chair of Deputy but a short period, and it is not only a duty but a very pleasing duty in the absence of the Pro G. Master to come down in that capacity and assist in the interesting ceremony of to-day. It gives me great pleasure to see how Freemasonry is flourishing among you, to note the firm hold it has taken of you. You show it by your Charity, and I ask you to be kind and charitable to me. At the next Festival of the "Old People" I shall preside, and I want you to do your best for them on my behalf. (The cheering at this point was tremendous, promising well for the future Festival.) I have seen the plans of the building you are erecting, and in my mind's eye I see the building itself. When your labours are ended, and your hall is *un fait accompli*, I hope you will be kind enough to ask me to visit you again. I shall, I assure you, be glad to come, and with you right heartily drink the cup of kindness yet for the sake of auld lang syne. Before sitting down, the R.W. Deputy, in very eulogistic terms, proposed the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire, the W. Deputy, and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge."

In response, Bro. W. L. JACKSON said that it was considered to be the highest pitch of organisation when you had reached the stage of getting everything done in the best possible way—by some one else—and declared that if he had not got to that condition he was getting very near it; that he was perfectly happy in his Deputy, and that he appreciated the very kind terms in which his noble friend, in proposing the toast, had recognised the work of himself, but especially the services of Bro. Richard Wilson and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge.

At this stage the Prov. G.M., the R.W. Deputy G.M., and some other guests were obliged to leave. They got a hearty "send off," and the chair was taken by Bro. R. Wilson. He at once continued the toast list by rising to propose "Success to the New Masonic Hall."

Bro. WILSON congratulated the brethren upon the successful day they had had, and said the Earl of Warwick had gone away delighted. They were met, he continued, to assert Masonic principles, to show that they were actuated by the one spirit of Brotherhood. The difficulties and responsibilities which rested upon the directors of the Masonic Hall Company, and the anxieties and labours of the Chairman, Bro. J. Barraclough, and the Secretary, Bro. C. Scriven, they would all recognise, and it behoved the brethren to show no antagonism, but only a kindly feeling of sympathy. Let them take interest in the success of the scheme; let them render such help as lay in their way, and in doing so they would not only strengthen Masonic sentiment, but they would also advance the prestige of the province. On those grounds he asked them to drink "Success to the Leeds Masonic Hall Company."

Bro. JOHN BARRACLOUGH, I.P.M. Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds, Chairman of the Board of Directors, replied. The Directors, he said, were under a debt of gratitude to the R.W. Deputy, the Earl of Warwick, and other Grand Officers, as well as to the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire for their presence, doubtless at much inconvenience, in support of the scheme which had received such encouragement that day. From the very first its success was assured, and they could confidently look forward to the future as there would be ample room to accommodate 10 or 15 lodges within the building. They had been ably served by their architect and

builders, but ought especially to be grateful to the W. Deputy, Bro. Richard Wilson, as without his advice and help it would have been impossible to have organised that great Masonic gathering. He (Bro. Barraclough) was no speaker, rather something of a worker, and he could assure the brethren in all that had been done, not a single axe had been ground and no selfish consideration had influenced any of them. He thought they might fairly congratulate themselves upon the magnificent meeting of that day as it augured well for the success of the new Masonic Hall.

The W. DEPUTY then said that as he was sure it would be a pleasure to all of them to hear the Grand Registrar he would ask Bro. John Strachan, who was a thorough north countryman, to propose the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. STRACHAN, who was very warmly received, said he was proud to be recognised as a Mason. He was at one with every brother in Grand Lodge. Time was when the Grand Registrar's duties were much more onerous and important—and the pay? some one queried—the pay promptly replied Bro. Strachan, was the love of the brethren. He a north countryman, born on the banks of the Tyne, was glad that he was not compelled to return that night to London, but was able to spend an hour with his Yorkshire friends. His toast was "The Visitors," but he would come to that presently. He wanted to make it clear to them how glad the London Masons were on hearing that so good and tried a brother as Richd. Wilson had accepted the position of Deputy in this important province. He was beginning to understand how Bro. Wilson had become so popular. It was because of his directness of purpose; he had learned the secret of true eloquence, his words came from his heart and went to the hearts of his brethren—hence, would Freemasonry flourish amongst them more even than it had hitherto done, and he congratulated the worthy Deputy upon his enviable position. Turning to the toast, after relating a circuit story of much humour, Bro. Strachan said a Yorkshire welcome extends to all who rightly might visit them, and he thought the brother whom he should call upon to reply was one especially entitled to be welcomed, as he was somewhat of a Masonic historian—a veracious historian, he would add. He had a sympathetic feeling for Bro. Fox Thomas, as he was a little in that line himself. Bro. Strachan concluded a very interesting speech by proposing "The Visitors."

This was most cordially received, and Bro. FOX THOMAS, 312, P. Prov. G. Chap. N. and E. Yorkshire, responded. In the course of his reply he expressed the hope that the new building they were raising would not only afford lodge accommodation and offices for the province, but that it would offer them library conveniences—they already had the books—that it might form a club or meeting place to which visitors might repair and find the same sense of home as they experienced in their own lodges. Their Deputy had referred to the principles which actuated Freemasons all over the world, and he (the speaker) could assure them that Bro. Wilson had fully exemplified those principles in his conduct towards himself. He had given him much assistance, many hints, and considerable sympathy. "Of course (continued Bro. Thomas) there is no province like North and East Yorkshire, but after the kind way in which I have been received amongst you I shall have to modify my opinion, and admit that you are closely allied to ourselves. I hope to become a member of one of your lodges, but all are so enticing it is difficult to choose. In consequence of the many courtesies I have met with at your hands and those of your Deputy the least I can do will be to seek association with the province over which he so ably presides." Bro. Thomas concluded by thanking the brethren for their appreciation of the toast.

"The Health of the Deputy," proposed by Bro. WM. BLACKBURN, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charity Committee, and received with great enthusiasm, closed the proceedings.

Bro. WILSON briefly replied.

Songs by Bros. Gilbert Jackson, Wm. Cockerlyne, Rhodes, and others added much to the enjoyment of the brethren, and the recitation of Bro. Gale was also fully appreciated.

To the directors and the numerous Stewards, by whose thought and foresight all things worked so smoothly, too much praise cannot be given. Every detail appears to have been considered, and the convenience and comfort of one of the largest Masonic gatherings Leeds has witnessed were not only studied, but also secured. We congratulate Bro. Barraclough, the Chairman, Bro. Scriven, the Secretary, and all the directors on the complete success of the day's proceedings, and we trust that in a reasonably short space of time they will realise the fullest fruition of their hopes and expectations.

#### THE REV. F. B. N. NORMAN-LEE, P.G. CHAP.

We regret to learn from a correspondent that Bro. the Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee, Chaplain to H.M. Forces, and Past Grand Chaplain, has been invalided home from South Africa, after enteric fever contracted at Bloemfontein while ministering to the sick in hospital. Our readers will remember that our V.W. brother left England for the seat of war last year as Senior Chaplain on the Headquarters Staff of the Sixth Division, under Lieut.-General T. Kelly-Kenny, C.B. Since then he has taken part in the now famous march of Bro. Lord Roberts, G.C.B., from Enslin to Bloemfontein, and was present at the battles of Kip Drift (relief of Kimberley), Paardeberg (capture of Cronje), Oosfontein, and Driefontein.

While at Bloemfontein the brethren of Lodge Rising Star, No. 1022 (E.C.), gave him and other military brethren a hearty welcome, and on Sunday, the 1st April, a special Masonic service was held in the Cathedral (by the kind permission of Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Vincent, Chaplain of the lodge), and the Grand Chaplain was asked to preach the sermon. It was truly a unique and impressive service in the conquered capital of what a short time since was the Orange Free State but is now the "Orange River Colony."

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the second year of Bro. Haarberger, with his officers, and behind, and on the other side, numbers of brother Masons from all branches of the Army, dressed in faded khaki, who had assembled to give thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. for His mercy, and to tender their offerings towards the War Fund for sick and suffering in connection with the lodge. It was a grand and never-to-be-forgotten sight. The cathedral full of soldier men and brothers singing the old hymns so dear to all our hearts. The Old Hundredth; special Psalm—the 20th; which with the lesson, I. Cor., xii., 28—xiii., 13; the Magnificat; the anthem, "Rend your hearts," Mendelssohn; and the hymns, "O God our help" and "Brief life is here our portion;" as well as certain special prayers, made up the service.

The sermon was given by Bro. the Rev. Norman Lee—the first, we believe, ever preached to soldier Masons by their soldier Grand Chaplain and in a conquered capital, the Blessing and God save the Queen bringing a helpful and memorable service to a close.

A few days later, the Field Marshal and Lord Kitchener honoured the Rising Star Lodge with their presence. The Grand Chaplain had the privilege of seeing some of the Degrees given, and the working was excellent.

Within the walls of the lodge Boer and Briton meet as brothers, and we are informed that at least on one occasion, a life has been spared by the brother giving the sign. May Lodge Rising Star continue to flourish, and may her star ever remain at its zenith!

**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.**

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next the 1st prox.:

The minutes of the last quarterly convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th April, to the 18th July, 1900, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£ 50 11 10	Disbursements during the Quarter	£ 356 3 0
" " Unappropriated Account	258 13 0	" Balance	35 10 5
" Subsequent Receipts..	308 11 7	" " Unappropriated Account	256 3 0
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which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Charles Henry Youngman as Z., William Farrow Stratford as H., Thomas Augustus Woodroffe as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Apollo Lodge, No. 305, Beccles, to be called the Saint Michael's Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Beccles, Suffolk.

2nd. From Comps. Crichton Walker as Z., John Percy White as H., Ernest Sidney Standing as J., and 20 others for a chapter to be attached to the Engineer Lodge, No. 2599, London, to be called the Engineer Chapter, and to meet at 33, Golden-square, London.

The foregoing petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received memorials with extracts of minutes for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Truth Chapter, No. 1458, from Mosley Hotel, to the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

The Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048, from the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, to the King's Head Hotel, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

The Victoria Chapter, No. 2184, from the Phoenix Hotel, Rainham, Essex, to the King's Head Hotel, Chigwell, Essex.

The Eastern Star Chapter, No. 95, from the Ship and Turtle Hotel, Leadenhall-street, to the Queen's Hotel, Leicester-square, London.

The Committee having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

A memorial with particulars has been received from Thomas Henry Salter, Z., Stephen James Halliday, H., Francis Arkinstall, J., and the other members of the Dartmouth Chapter, No. 662, West Bromwich, for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter having been lost.

The Committee having been satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the Charter of Confirmation be granted.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
18th July, 1900.

**Obituary.**

BRO. ALFRED T. BERNARD WINKLER.

Bro. Winkler was initiated in the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, in April, 1892, and was appointed I.G. in November, 1899. He was always a punctual and regular attendant not only at the lodge, but also at the lodge of instruction, and, although only I.G., was quite capable of doing any work in the lodge, and in

the lodge of instruction made an excellent W.M. He was well liked and respected by all, and will be greatly missed amongst his many friends. Everyone considered him a strong and healthy man, and he was only laid up about a week, and died of acute diabetes; in fact, very few of his friends knew of his illness. Bro. Winkler was Chief Inspector attached to the A Division of Police, and for the last 12 years held the important position of being attached to the staff of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and will be greatly missed from his little office at the gates of Marlborough House. He was a great favourite with the Prince and Princess, also the Duke and Duchess of York, and during his illness not a day passed by without some kind and sympathetic message was dispatched to his private house at Upper Holloway. He died on Friday morning, the 20th inst. The funeral took place on Monday, the 23rd inst., at Finchley, in the Islington portion of the cemetery. Among those who followed was his widow, son, and two daughters, and other relatives and many of his intimate friends were present at the burial services at the cemetery. Amongst those who were present from Marlborough House were Bros. Blackburn, Menager, and Pelletin, and Messrs. Eggleton, Syanyo, and Cox; and from the Duke of York, Messrs. Fuller, Strutton, and others. Many visitors were also present, including: Bros. Superintendent W. Melville Beard, Messrs. Phillips, Bourgen, and other members of the Household police; Bros. J. H. Warwick, W.M.; and T. H. Beach. The Secretary of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, represented the lodge, the W.M., Bro. H. J. Homer being away on a holiday. The floral wreaths were very numerous and beautiful, and amongst the donors were the Prince and Princess of Wales, and members of the Household, Duke and Duchess of York, the servants of Marlborough House establishment, the City of Westminster Lodge and others. Bro. Winkler was a subscribing member to all the Charities, and at the last Festival of the Girls' Institution acted as Steward, his name being on the big list of Bro. H. J. Homer.

**The Craft Abroad.**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN ONTARIO.**

London, Ontario, 21st July.

The Grand Lodge of Canada, being the governing Craft body in the Province of Ontario, met on the 18th and 19th instant, in annual communication, and closed its sittings this afternoon. M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, who has made a most efficient Grand Master, presided, and to-day R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, the D.G.M., was elected Grand Master, an office which is generally held for two years. R.W. Bro. John E. Harding, the County Judge of Lindsay, Ontario, was elected Deputy Grand Master, and he, in due course, will succeed to the Grand East in two years. In recognition of the work of M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, who is now in Switzerland, and who this year, after 16 years of labour, has published in two volumes of 1000 pages each, Grand Lodge, by acclamation, has appointed him to the honorary position of Historian of the Grand Lodge. During the period of Bro. Robertson's Grand Mastership in 1891-2, he made a phenomenal record by visiting, at his own expense, each of the 360 lodges in his jurisdiction, a task involving 20,000 miles of travel by steamer, rail, and road, and nearly one year of actual time. At New Year's Day, 1892, Bro. Robertson sent a congratulatory telegram of his good wishes to each of the W.Ms. of the 360 lodges, and before midnight had as many greetings from the W.Ms. The first letter sent by ocean penny postage from Canada was from Bro. Robertson to the G. Secretary of England, Bro. Letchworth; and Bro. Robertson, who represents that Grand Lodge in Canada, sent by the following mail a card with the new penny or two cent. stamp of Canada to every officer and W.M. of the Grand Lodge meeting in London, about 600 cards in all.

A question that is now being discussed in the Province of Quebec in Canada is that affecting three lodges in Montreal which did not come into the Grand Lodge of Canada at the union in 1859. For years every effort has been made to bring them into the Quebec Grand Lodge, but without effect. A Bro. McCord, a P.M. of St. Paul's Lodge, has, however, renewed the effort, and coming as it does from a P.M. of the principal lodge affected, there is a possibility of an amicable settlement. The Grand Lodge of Quebec are willing to do anything to secure harmony; and as this move does not emanate from that body but from the English lodges, it is to be hoped that it will not prove abortive. The Grand Lodge of England, on the death of the late Bro. Hutton, of Montreal, who was the official head of England in that province on Craft matters, decided not to renew the office, not even that of District Secretary. The Grand Lodge of England officials in London have all along hoped that the three lodges would join with Quebec. The Grand Lodge of England would welcome the change, but cannot, so it is claimed, do anything to initiate the change—as these three lodges hold English warrants. As, therefore, it is a matter to be settled in Montreal, and by the Masons of the three lodges concerned, and as the agitation comes from within, and not from without, these lodges, great hopes are entertained of a union.

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### MIRAGE.

This is the name applied to certain optical illusions, due to the curving of rays of light as they pass through the atmosphere. The illusory appearance may take one or other of three forms: objects may simply seem very much elevated, or they may be elevated and inverted, or, lastly, they may seem depressed and inverted. Because rays usually travel in straight lines we cannot see round corners, nor can we see objects below the horizon, but, sometimes, because of the peculiar state of the atmosphere the rays of light are so bent that when they reach the eye they make distant objects seem in a higher position than they actually are. In this way bodies that are really below the horizon may seem elevated above it, and though at a great distance, may thus become visible. This sort of thing is usually seen across water, and among nautical men it is known as "looming." Not unfrequently objects that "loom" seem unusually near, and are magnified vertically, so as to appear like spires or columns. Snowdon is now and then seen by pilots in Dublin Bay, although the difference between them is over 100 miles as the crow flies. The Isle of Wight has several times been visible from Brighton; and the cliffs near Calais have been seen from Ramsgate, the distance in both cases being about 60 miles. But it is in tropical seas that the most remarkable instances have occurred. A good many years ago a pilot in Mauritius reported that he had seen a vessel which turned out to be 200 miles off. The incident caused a good deal of discussion in nautical circles; and, strange to say, a seemingly well-authenticated case of the same kind occurred afterwards at Aden. A pilot there announced that he had seen from the heights the Bombay steamer then nearly due. He stated precisely the direction in which he saw her, and added that her head was not then turned towards the port. This caused some alarm, and a steamer lying in the harbour was sent out to tow in the vessel supposed to be disabled. It cruised about in the direction indicated for a whole day without success; but two days afterwards the missing steamer entered the port, and it was found on inquiry that at the time mentioned by the pilots she was exactly in the direction and position indicated by him, but about 200 miles off. To prove that there is no hallucination in statements like these, evidence would be required as conclusive as that needed to establish the reality of the great sea-serpent. Sometimes, however, objects are not only elevated, but inverted. This appearance is very common in Polar seas, the inversion being due to the rays from the lower part of the distant object being more bent than those from the upper part. Sailors see it best from a lofty position, such as the mast-head. A well-known case occurred off the coast of Greenland in 1822, when Capt. Scoresby was made aware of the nearness of his father's ship by recognising its inverted image in the sky; and in 1854 the whole English fleet of 10 sail was seen as if suspended in the air, up side down, by those on board H.M.S. Archer, cruising 50 miles away off Oesel in the Baltic. It is not unusual to see two or three different horizons with images of a distant vessel alternately inverted and upright. Cold, heavy air over water is just as it were in the opposite condition from warm, light air over a sandy desert—hence in the latter case the rays are bent in the opposite direction, and seem to come from an object below the real one. So that in the mirage of the desert the observer sees the distant object directly through the uniform part of the air between himself and it, and he likewise sees an inverted image below, as if caused by reflection in a sheet of water. Indeed, travellers across the desert have often been cheated by the appearance. A Deputy Surveyor-General of South Australia once reported the existence of a large inland lake there. He did not take the precaution to go up to it, and when the lake was afterwards sought for, it was found that he had been deceived by the mirage. The mirage can be seen nearly every day in the plains of lower Egypt, and also, to a limited extent, in the plains of Hungary and Southern France. Now and then, something of the kind can be seen in summer, by stooping down and looking along our sandy coasts, such as Morecambe Bay, and the coast of Devonshire, or over the Fen district, at that season dried up by the summer heat. We must remember that the mirage of the Desert creates nothing, but merely invests bodies that actually exist a little distance off; though in the Sahara, skylight rays descending are bent upwards by the hot air next the sand, and the eye is actually deluded by an impression resembling the reflection of skylight from water, the illusion being increased by the flickering due to convection currents, suggesting the effects of a breeze on the water. Many of the descriptions given of the mirage are "travellers' tales," in the uncomplimentary sense. One of the most absurdly extravagant examples of this, is the following: "This treacherous phenomenon deludes the traveller's eye, with a regular succession of beautiful lakes and shady avenues; and then, again, with an expanse of waving grass around a picture-que villa; here is presented a grove of towering trees; there, a flock of browsing cattle.

### STATE OF PAINTING UNDER MARY I.

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Another artist in this reign was Joas Van Cleeve, or Sotto Cleeve, *i.e.*, crazy Cleeve, an industrious painter of Antwerp, his colouring was good, and his figures fleshy and round, but before he arrived at the perfection he might have attained, his head was turned with vanity—a misfortune not uncommon to the profession, who living secluded from the world, and seeing little but their own creation rising around them, grow intoxicated with the magic of their own performances. Cleeve came to England, expecting great prices for his pictures from King Philip, who was making a collection, but, unluckily, some of the works of Titian arrived at the same time. Cleeve begged the recommendation of Sir Antonio More, his countryman, but Philip was too much charmed with the beauties of the Venetian master, and overlooked the labours of the Fleming. This neglect completed his frenzy, the storm of which first vented itself on Sir Antonio. Cleeve abused him, undervaluing his works, and bidding him return to Utrecht, and keep his wife from the canons. At last the poor man grew quite frantic, painted his clothes, and spoiled his own pictures, till they were obliged to confine him, in which wretched condition he probably died. He had a son that followed his profession, and was, it is said, no despicable artist. There is a portrait of Joas, painted by himself, with a black cap and fur gown, upon a greenish ground, and one of his wife, which were purchased by King Charles I., who had, also of this master, a picture of Mars and Venus. James II. had of his painting the Judgment of Paris and the Birth of Christ with Angels. The Duke of Buckingham had a portrait of a man,

and Sir Peter Lely a Bacchanalian, 2 ft. 1 in. wide by 3 ft. 4 in. high. Grants in this reign were given to another painter, who, it seems, had been in the service, too, of Henry and Edward. His name was Nicholas Lysard; he had a pension for life of £10 a year, and the same fee charged on the customs as had been granted to the serjeant painters John Brown and Andrew Wright. Of Lysard there is only a mention that in a roll of Queen Elizabeth's New Year's gifts he presents her with a picture of the history of Ahasuerus, and her Majesty gives him one gilt cruse and cover. This was in the first year of her reign. He died in her service 1570. In the register of St. Martin's is this entry, "5th April buried Nicholas Lysard, serjeant painter unto the Queen's majestie." There was in this reign another person too illustrious a lover and even practiser of the art to be omitted. This was Edward Courtenay (the last Earl of Devonshire), the comeliness of whose person was very near raising him to that throne, for nearness to which in blood he was a prisoner from 10 years old; and from that time to 30, when he died, he scarce enjoyed two years of liberty. When Queen Mary released him she restored him, too, to the Marquisate of Exeter, though that title is omitted by all our historians when they mention him. Strype says that it was a happiness peculiar to him to be able to amuse himself with drawing in an age in which there were so many prisoners and so few resources, but, strictly speaking, this unfortunate nobleman was a lover but not a practiser of art.

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### HAYMARKET THEATRE.

A long stay abroad has caused our theatrical notices to be somewhat in arrear. Last week we visited the above theatre. After a very successful run, the "School for Scandal" was played for the last time on Saturday evening. By many this comedy is considered to be the masterpiece of the brilliant writer, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, but for our part we much prefer "The Rivals." Taken as a whole, there is more of human interest in the one than the other. We must admit that the celebrated screen scene in "The School for Scandal" transcends anything that Sheridan has ever written. The gradual, yet natural, manner in which the action of the scene reaches its climax is admirably shown—there is no artificial straining for effect, each event follows in due sequence. The scenes, however, of the Scandal coterie are too lengthy, and become very tedious. Though, in a somewhat exaggerated form, they represent the manners of the time in which the comedy was written, they do not in the present age elicit our sympathy. Then, again, the character of Maria, of which so much might have been made, is absolutely colourless and is devoid of interest. A few words must suffice in respect of the exponents of the comedy. Miss Winifred Emery, our favourite actress, who achieves a succession of triumphs, has certainly made her mark as Lady Teazle. She does not render the character so frivolous and heartless as is commonly done, but, by her artistic bye-play (the mark of true genius), shows that beneath the surface there is ready to gush forth the pure living water of affection. This was evident in the screen scene, the great success of the evening. Mr. Cyril Maude ably sustained the character of Sir Peter Teazle; gave full effect to the well-known points, still we think his bearing was not so aristocratic as befitted the part. Joseph Surface and his brother Charles were in the able hands of Messrs. Sydney Valentine and Paul Arthur; Sir Oliver Surface, whose elocution was clear and distinct, by Mr. H. Kemble. Crabtree and Sir Benjamin Backbite did not satisfy us. Moses was fairly good, though exaggerated in the make-up. Miss Lottie Venne made the best of Mrs. Candour, for which she was not suited. We understand that at the commencement of the ensuing season the prosperous run of "The School for Scandal" will be resumed.

### HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

During the long and prosperous run of Rip Van Winkle, we were unable to attend until Saturday, 21st inst., the last night of the season. The torrid heat we now experience induced Mr. Tree to antedate the closure, which was originally announced for the 27th inst. We could not fail recalling to our remembrance the previous representation in years gone by of Mr. Jefferson in the title rôle. It was a bold thing to vie with that distinguished actor, but there was so much originality in Mr. Tree's conception of the character, that we think he was perfectly justified in the revival. In one point, however, there appears to be a discrepancy. As the drunken dissolute husband in the early part of the play, Rip is made too youthful in aspect to justify in the lapse of 20 years the senile decrepitude afterwards evinced. We should have expected that the hard outdoor life he spent would have left its evident traces on the furrowed visage, and that the conscience of the man at the occasional recollection of his wrecked estate would have been indelibly impressed on his visage. In a word, the change seems too violent from the youthful debonaire appearance in the first act to the infirm old age after the 20 years awakening. With this exception, we have nothing but unqualified praise to bestow on Mr. Tree for his artistic conception of the character. The personal charm and grace of Miss Lily Hanbury, rendered it difficult for us to imagine that she was really the virago Washington Irving would have us believe, especially so, when the gleams of pathos which, from time to time, appear, show that, in spite of her provocation, she has a deeply seated love for her worthless husband. Meenie, as the little child, is prettily acted by Miss Georgie Fryer, and later on the grown-up daughter was undertaken by Miss Leticia Fairfax, with unaffected modesty and grace. Derrick Bickman and his sly nephew, Ian, were well played by Messrs. Norman McKinnel and Fred Tiden. Nick Vedder, the landlord, was in the able hands of Mr. F. Percival Stevens. Hendrick Vedder, as the boy, was acted with truthful simplicity by Master Harold de Becker, whilst the handsome manly bearing of Mr. Gerald Lawrence, invested the character of the lover Hendrick, with great interest. The ravine in Kaatskill Mountains and Sleepy Hollow are both triumphs of scenic art. The play delighted an appreciative audience, and, at its conclusion, Mr. Tree, still in his picturesque costume, in taking his farewell for the season, shadowed forth what were his plans for the future.

### GENERAL NOTES.

Mr. Newman's London Musical Festival has certainly been a success, and he intends to again make it a feature next year. Two things have been shown clearly by the festival which has ended, that if two orchestras are engaged it is better for them to play separately. They can thus edify and delight, while, when amalgamated, there is plenty of noise but indifferent artistic realisation. The other notable fact was that our own young school of composers has little to fear from French rivalry.