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GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

Of the seven Grand Lodges which have been established at different times in the different Provinces of British North America, or, as it is more commonly spoken of nowadays, the Dominion of Canada, that of Manitoba has had by no means the least successful career. It has been in existence for a quarter of a century, its 25th annual communication having been held in the City of Winnipeg on the 13th June last under the presidency of its then Grand Master, M.W. Bro. JOHN LESLIE. In that time, though the district over which it exercises jurisdiction is but sparsely populated, it has gone on increasing the number of lodges on its register to close upon 70, while at the annual meeting in question, the aggregate subscribing membership, according to the Grand Secretary's report, was 3091, or 221 in excess of the previous year's aggregate. These lodges are arranged for administrative purposes in 10 Districts, each of which is presided over by a District Deputy Grand Master, and from the reports annually submitted by those officers, the bulk of the lodges carry out their duties satisfactorily, and are in a fairly prosperous condition. Indeed, when we look at the vast extent of territory of which this Grand Lodge is the supreme governing body and the sparseness of its population, there can hardly be two opinions as to the progress of the Craft in Manitoba, the Returns for the whole 25 years showing that the number of new members has been 6134, of whom 3626 were initiated and 2215 joining members, the small remainder of 293 being brethren who have been restored to their Masonic rights and privileges. On the other hand, the number of those who have dimitted or otherwise disappeared from the ranks either through death or suspension is 3292; the dimitted being 1885 and the dead 286. Thus the net gain is 2482, which is at the rate of considerably more than 100 per annum. Moreover, the financial state of the Craft appears to have kept pace with the numerical, the balance in hand on the General Fund of Grand Lodge being stated on the 31st March last at close on 950 dollars.

As regards the past year, we gather from the synopsis of the Grand Master's address, which is to be found in the *Canadian Craftsman* for last month, that it has not been the least gratifying of the 25 that have elapsed since the formation of the Grand Lodge; in fact, in one part of the report of the proceedings it is pronounced to have been "the most prosperous in its history." Naturally, one of the chief topics to which the

Grand Master referred in reviewing the events of his Grand Mastership, was the war in South Africa and the gallant part played by the Canadian troops. "We knew," said the Grand Master, "when they went away that they would nobly uphold the honour of the Maple Leaf, and our expectations have not been disappointed. They have borne themselves as citizens of no mean country, and we are proud of them." He also mentioned that the Finance Committee, adopting his recommendation, had remitted a sum of 100 dollars to the "India Famine Fund." As regards most of the circumstances he noted they are for the most of local rather than of general interest. He impressed, however, upon the brethren the importance of establishing and attending lodges of instruction, and expressed regret that there appeared to be "a tendency among some of the lodges to neglect the time-honoured custom of attending Divine service at some recognised place of Christian worship," on the ground that, "though Masonry is not Christianity," and though there are many Masons who are not Christians, "yet," in his opinion, "anything that looks like a severance of Masonry and Christianity cannot but be mischievous to the best interests of the Craft." With reference to the "large number of our brethren, men who are Masons in the very highest meaning of the term," who "have objection to appearing in public dressed in Masonic clothing and to taking part in Masonic parades," the Grand Master pointed out that "even these"—objections—"may be removed by arranging a Masonic service from which the features objected to could be eliminated." Another matter on which he laid great stress was "the importance of collecting historical data for the purpose of writing a history of Masonry in Manitoba during the first quarter of a century of its existence," and he suggested the "advisability of each lodge having a well-digested history." The advice is all the more worthy of being followed, as the Grand Lodge is still young, and the difficulty of compiling an acceptable record of its proceedings from the very earliest period of its existence will be of the very smallest. Half-a-century hence, if the Grand Lodge and Lodge records are carelessly or indifferently written up, the task of compiling such a history might prove a somewhat serious undertaking. However, under the guidance of such able and discreet rulers as the Grand Lodge appears to have had to preside over it, there does not appear to be much likelihood of any such difficulty presenting itself.

ARS QUATOR CORONATORUM.*

In our Note of last week we briefly acknowledged the receipt of Part II. of the current volume of these Transactions, and in doing so laid particular stress on the number of illustrations with which it is embellished. These include a photograph of the statue of Ignatius von Born, who founded a lodge in Austria in March, 1786, which Bro. Bennett H. Brough, the author of the very interesting paper to which the illustration belongs, describes as "an Austrian Precursor of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge." The statue appears to be a magnificent work of art which is to be seen in the Austrian Museum for Art and Industry in Vienna, and for which the world is indebted to the sculptor, Franz Zauner. Von Born was, the paper tells us, the leading authority on mining and metallurgy of his time, and it was in the course of his inquiries into the history of Mining

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Associations that Bro. Brough "accidentally came across some particulars" of the lodge. These particulars constitute the paper which appears in this part, and will doubtless be perused with interest by our readers. There is also, we need hardly say, a valuable contribution from the pen of Bro. R. F. Gould on the subject of "The 31st Foot and Masonry in West Florida," and a paper which was read by Bro. Speth for the author—Count Goblet d'Alviella, P.G.M. Belgium—at the lodge meeting on the 4th May, on the "Quatuor Coronati in Belgium." This paper, which is also illustrated, is intended to serve as a kind of supplement to the discussion that followed the reading of Professor SWIFT JOHNSTON'S paper as recorded in Volume XII., and as throwing light on a suspicion by Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, that "the legend about Solomon's Temple originated from a Miracle play in connection with some Guild of Masons—but that he was unable to trace it—adding that he never found any evidence of the period when it entered into Masonic lore." While deprecating the idea that he should be able to supply the "missing link," Count D'ALVIELLA sets himself to the task of furnishing evidence that "the Flemish Guilds (*ambachten*) of operative Masons were dealing with such plays as the sixteenth century—at least a Guild from Antwerp which bore the name made famous in our days by the founders of our lodge," namely, that of the "Quatuor Coronati." To what extent the author has succeeded in his object can only be gathered from a careful study of the facts which he has brought together, but the student will be inclined very favourably towards his views by the character of the discussion which followed and in which Bros. C. PURDON CLARKE, G. W. SPETH, the Rev. J. W. HORSLEY, and others took part. The most important of the contributions will be found in the paper compiled by Bro. T. B. WHITEHEAD, the W. Master, on "The Relics of the Grand Lodge of York." This, like all else we have had the privilege of reading from Bro. WHITEHEAD'S pen, has evidently been compiled with the utmost care, and as the W.M. is known for his intimate acquaintance with all that relates to Masonry in connection with York, we can promise that our friends will be delighted with the style as well as edified by the matter of the essay. Moreover, as we mentioned last week, there is a wealth of illustration in respect of the paper such as we do not often meet with even in the Transactions of this lodge, and this materially enhances, in our opinion, the value of the compilation.

The other contents include the usual "Notes and Queries" Chronicle, Reviews, and other matter, of which we need not say more than we have done already, to wit, that it is quite on a level with the standard of merit attained by this publication. There is, indeed, one of the "Notes and Queries," for which we are indebted to Bro. G. W. SPETH, entitled "A Curious Warrant," and having reference to early Masonry in the State of Georgia, U.S.A. On this we have reason to believe we shall be able to offer some remarks which may be acceptable to the Bro. JULIUS L. BROWN, of Atlanta, who is mentioned by Bro. SPETH as being desirous of having any light thrown that may be obtainable.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

With regard to the day and hour of meeting, the lodge bye-law on the subject is generally subjected to a Provincial enactment that no lodge shall hold its meeting on the same day as that on which Provincial Grand Lodge meets. Article 165 provides the following dispensing clause:

" . . . if in any lodge it should become impossible to hold the regular meeting on the day named in the bye-laws for that purpose, the G.M. or the P.G.M. may grant a dispensation for the holding of such meeting on a day not more than seven days before or after the day fixed by the bye-laws."

Such meeting is for all purposes a regular meeting, from which it would seem that under such circumstances a brother might take a higher Degree under a less period than four weeks without a special dispensation in his behalf. Article 195, however, says he cannot; but if the meeting at a three weeks' interval is to be regarded as a regular meeting, as explicitly stated in Article 165, common sense would suggest that Article 195 be interpreted with a saving clause, and when the Constitu-

tions are revised the matter should be made quite clear one way or the other. The latter part of Article 165 was added quite recently, having been brought up in Grand Lodge by V.W. Bro. the Rev. F. N. B. Norman-Lee, P.G.C., and it was probably quite an accident that necessary modifications were not made wherever else necessitated.

In this connection an incident was reported some six years ago in an Australian contemporary which was not without its amusing side. In order to suit the convenience of the Wor. Master elect, it was proposed to postpone the day of intallation for a week and the necessary dispensation was applied for. For reasons which did not appear, a dispensation was refused. The lodge accordingly met on the proper day and was opened and routine business transacted, after which it was "called off" for refreshment, and not "called on" again until a week had elapsed!

In making any alteration in the day of meeting care should be taken that such alteration does not effect the claim of the Wardens to have held office for a whole year. It is quite possible that if the day of meeting were to be altered, say from the fourth Monday to the first Monday, when the time of installation came round the Wardens, one of whom would probably be the W.M. elect, might find the validity of the election challenged under Article 130. Such a case actually came under the writer's notice, but the District Grand Master ruled that the "year" referred to in the Article meant occupying the Warden's chair during 12 regular meetings and the objection was thus disposed of. The writer, however, offers no opinion as to the correctness of the ruling. It appears to be in accordance with common sense however.

The bye-laws then go on to refer to the admission of members. As this very important matter is alluded to in detail in the Constitutions, the only room for variety is with regard to the number of dissentient votes or black balls requisite to negative an election. Three are the maximum (Article 190), but the bye-laws may demand that an election shall be absolutely unanimous.

The schedule of fees generally comes next, and again the lodge has a practically free hand, Article 193 merely prescribing the minimum fee for initiation, which is £5 5s. in England, inclusive of fees for registration, and £3 3s. abroad, exclusive of such fees. With regard to the formation of a refreshment fund the lodge has also a free hand, Grand Lodge merely offering the excellent example described in Article 43, which prescribes that no expense shall fall on the Grand Lodge, and we might also allude to the further excellent example afforded by Grand Lodge, whose members, after an exhausting afternoon's work, partake of an "excellent entertainment" (*vide* Grand Lodge reports), whereas the members of some small lodge, after the close of the labours of the evening (which may have been confined to reading the minutes), repair to a "sumptuous banquet" (*vide* reports which find their way to the public press).

The list of officers generally found in the bye-laws affords little room for variety, being but a reprint of Article 120. Officers are classified as regular and otherwise, and no brother may hold two of the former at the same time. He may, however, hold the offices, say, of Deacon and Chaplain. The lengthy description of their duties, which sometimes runs to several pages, is somewhat unnecessary, and as they have been exhaustively discussed in a former series of articles, there is no necessity for further reference.

Every new member of a lodge must be supplied with a copy of its bye-laws, and should sign his name in acknowledgment of receipt in a special book for the purpose. Many lodges have a Benevolent Fund, which, of course, must be regulated by bye-laws, recent correspondence in the columns of this journal having shown that it is unsafe to trust to tradition.

It is frequently prescribed in Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws that no lodge shall have attached to it any benefit fund from which *as of right* any brother can claim relief. This is to maintain the voluntary nature of our Charities, and also to keep up the status of the lodge. A lodge which maintained a sick club would be making a distinct bid for a large membership, and the religious, speculative, and scientific aspect of the Craft would be in danger of being entirely lost sight of.

On his installation the W.M. not only pledges himself to observe the bye-laws, but also to enforce them, and he is responsible to higher authority for doing so. It is also in accordance with ancient usage that he reads the bye-laws in open lodge once during his year of office.

The appendices comprise copies of the forms of declaration, and application for admission to be filled up by the candidate and signed by him, his proposer, and seconder. The former need only be signed by the candidate himself, and is shown in full in Article 187.

A short history of the lodge, with a list of Masters and Wardens, forms an interesting and useful appendix.

As we have already stated, the fewer bye-laws the better. It has more than once happened that a lodge is hampered by its bye-laws and regulations, and the Constitutions provide for practically any point that may arise demanding a decision. The bye-laws provide for local conditions, and should go no further.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

I wrote a few lines on the South Australian Craft in the *Freemason* for September 18th, 1897, based on "The Masonic Guide of South Australia, 1897-8." Now the able Editor, the R.W. Bro. Philip Sansom (Adelaide), Past D.G.M. of South Australia, has sent me the edition for 1900-1, so we can compare the statistics to be found in both issues, and thus note the continued prosperity of the organisation, as well as draw attention to the chief characteristics of this most useful, carefully-edited, and very interesting compilation, which is in its 17th year of publication, and assuredly indispensable for the South Australian Fraternity.

There are 43 lodges on the register, returning 2498 members, being an advance of five and 220 respectively since 1897-8. Besides which there is the "Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 363," hailing from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and constituted in 1855, having now 178 members. There is also a R.A. Chapter of the same Constitution, working a separate Mark lodge, both having been formed in the same year as the Irish Craft Lodge. It seems to me that this is much to be regretted, and that the time has fully come for these brethren and companions to throw in their lot with the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of South Australia, which though prosperous, would, I feel sure, gladly welcome them into the fold, so that the Craft may be thoroughly united in one strong Governing Body, having the hearty support of all the Brotherhood in the Province.

The M.W.G.M., Sir Samuel James Way, Bart, P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., Lieut.-Governor and Chief Justice of South Australia, is universally esteemed, and surely our Irish brethren would like to gratify that worthy and distinguished brother by every means in their power. I venture to suggest their adhesion to the Grand Lodge, whilst Sir Samuel Way is in the chair, and show their respect for the Grand Master, by fraternally deciding to unite with members of the local Grand Lodge, thus doing their part to secure complete unity and continued harmony in the jurisdiction.

The valuable List of Lodges, &c., with their nights of meeting during the official year (a Calendar in miniature) cannot fail to be most useful, as also the "Points from the Constitutions." The latter illustrate wherein the Laws of the Grand Lodge of South Australia differ from those of England. Mostly, however, they agree. The Degrees recognised are those of the first three, the Mark, and the Royal Arch, thus agreeing with Scotland as to the Mark, with England as to the R.A., and with Ireland as to both these ceremonies.

Grand Lodge Officers are nominated, and fined for non-attendance. Petitions for new Lodges must be signed by at least 14 Master Masons; no brother can be appointed to the office of Chaplain unless a Minister of Religion; brethren to be eligible for the chair must have served for one year as Master or Warden of a lodge in South Australia, or have served as Master in any lodge under the constitution of a regular Grand Lodge. Candidates must on or before the night of election to office signify in writing their consent to act. Past Master certificates may be had for half-a-guinea each (a good idea), and lodges may determine by their bye-laws whether they will elect, or the Master appoint, the Wardens and other officers, and lodges must affix a seal to all official documents issued by the lodge (also a good plan), and a copy of the seal sent to the Grand Secretary. Candidates cannot be initiated until the minutes recording their election are confirmed, unless by dispensation. "A rejected candidate (for five years after rejection) is allowed to petition only to the lodge which rejected him, or to another lodge, with the consent of the rejecting lodge, by a resolution carried by a majority at a regular meeting, after due notice of such resolution has been given."

"Memorable Dates" make an interesting dozen, or more, pages of special items of historical information.

In "Grand Lodges of the World and Dates of their Organisation," I wish Bro. Sansom would alter his reference to Egypt, as the Grand Lodge of that country is well established and recognised by the British Grand Lodges, and many other old Masonic authorities.

The "Masonic Guide" contains much else that I must not stay to enumerate, and a complete directory of Officers and Past Masters of the several lodges, chapters, &c., in South Australia. Bro. Sansom has done his work well.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A LADIES' DAY AND A VISIT FROM THE BISHOP OF RIPON.

The half-yearly meeting of the West Yorkshire Mark Province was held on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at the Town Hall, Ripon, under the banner of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352. For the first time in the history of this Prov. G. Lodge a departure was made from the usual course of procedure. This consisted in an invitation being extended to the ladies. A visit to Ripon and an excursion to Fountain's Abbey, combined with Masonic hospitality, it was thought might prove attractive. The event fully justified the prediction, for at mid-day close upon 200 brethren and ladies assembled at the Town Hall of that ancient city. On their arrival, the ladies were warmly welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress (Bro. Richard and Mrs. Wilkinson). The former kindly placed the whole resources of the building—Council chamber, Mayor's parlour, committee

rooms, &c.—at the disposal of the brethren, whilst the latter undertook to provide occupation and entertainment for the ladies during the time the brethren were engaged in the usual routine of Prov. G. Lodge. After light refreshment the Mayoress conducted her guests on a tour of inspection of the Cathedral, where Bro. E. J. Crow, Mus. Doc., P.M. 352, P.G. Org. Eng., at the organ, treated them to some beautiful selections of music. Satisfied that their lady friends were in excellent hands, the brethren proceeded to business.

Prov. G. Lodge was opened at 12.30 by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Charles Letch Mason. He was accompanied by Bros. John Barker (his Deputy); G. H. Parke, P.M. 110, Past G. Treas.; W. W. Clayton, P.M. 374, G. Std. Br. Eng.; and Dr. Crow, P.G. Org.

The Prov. G. Officers present were:

Bros. T. Rowbotham, P.M. 53, P.S.G.W.; W. Flockton, W.M. 111, P.J.G.W.; M. A. Brigg, P.M. 374, P.G.M.O.; T. W. Pattinson, P.M. (T.I.) as P.S.G.O.; W. C. Fox, W.M. 53, P.J.G.O.; B. S. Bailey, P.M. 374, P.G. Treas.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Martin, P.M. (T.I.) as P.S.G.D.; F. Smith, P.M. 352, as P.J.G.D.; Wm. Chambers, P.M. 501, P.G. I. of Works; R. J. Smith, P.M. 111, P.G. D. of C.; G. C. Gamble, P.M. (T.I.) as P.G.S.B.; J. J. Simcox, P.M. 525, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Sykes, P.G. Org.; Joshua Hill, W.M. (T.I.), P.G.I.G.; T. Ashworth, P.M. 14, J. T. Thompson, S.W. 53, J. H. Dyson, W.M. 137, W. B. Smith, W.M. 352, Stwds.; and T. F. Wheeler, Tyler.

There were many Past Provincial Officers also, amongst whom were:

Bros. F. Pateman, P.M. 352, P.P.G.D.; John Reed, P.M. 398, P.P.G. Treas.; J. F. Dyson, P.M. 137, P.P.G. D. of C.; Alf. Leach, P.M. 110, P.P.G. D. of C.; and Alf. Gill, P.M. 137, P.P.G.D.

Brethren from all parts of the province assembled, comprising amongst others:

Bros. R. A. Pullan, S.W., W.M. elect, Chas. Cromack, J.W., J. Forth, J. Dunlop, H. Brook, A. W. Hudson, S.D., and Jos. Smith, Old York, T.I.; J. T. Thompson, S.W., W.M. elect, Chas. Stokes, J.W., E. Rowbotham, Sec., Jas. Hastings, J.O., E. J. Whiteley, Reg., H. Cawood, I.G., T. H. Vernon, A. Truelove, G. L. Wood, and T. S. Wood, 53; J. P. Varley, 58; W. Fennell, 110; F. Hinchliffe, J.W., and J. E. Cawthorn, J.O., 111; J. L. Sykes, S.W., and J. Ashton Riley, 137; W. Waldon, S.W., and Wm. Harrison, P.M., 352; W. H. Rendell, 374; J. E. Mann, W.M., and C. H. Nicholls, I.G., 457; Walter Davey, S.W., Wesley Petty, S.O., and W. H. Wainhouse, J.O., 525; and E. Foulds, S.W., G. Whitaker, J.W., Wright Wagstaffe, J.O., R. Barrett, and J. Driver, 535.

In the absence of Bro. the Rev. J. Lloyd Brereton, W.M. 127, the Deputy acted as Chaplain.

After the usual salutes and the presentation of the minutes, the roll of lodges and of Provincial Officers was called. Several omitted to answer whose absence was unexpected. The explanation, however, was forthcoming when a telegram reached the Prov. Grand Secretary announcing that a party of 19 brethren, with 15 ladies, had missed the North Eastern connection at Holbeck, but were coming on by special train. They came, but were unfortunately too late for the meeting. These brethren comprised Bros. Jas. Milligan, W.M., G. Tinker, I.P.M., W. Crabtree, S.O., P. Alderson, Reg., J. Whiteley, Sec., A. Worsnop, S.D., M. Greenwood, and Robt. Potter, all of 58; also of the same lodge Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, W.M. 535, P.M. 58, P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br.; Richd. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. J. Morris, P.M., P.P.G.O.; C. E. Rose, P.M., Prov. G. Overseer; and Thomas Robertshaw, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. In addition were Bros. Wm. Haigh, P.M. 14, P.P.G.O.; W. E. Smithies, P.M. 137 and 493, P.P.G.W., P.G. Stwd., Chairman of the Charity Committee; A. W. Law, S.O.; and James Proude, 493.

But for this *contretemps* all the 16 lodges in the province would have been represented except Portal, No. 127, Barnsley. These brethren, however, with their lady friends, reached Ripon in time to take part in the after proceedings.

During the course of the meeting, the PROV. G. MASTER gave the following address:

Brethren,—It is not my intention, and I am sure that it is not your wish, that I should take up much time in my remarks to you to-day. We have other and more attractive duties before us, not the least of which is to promote the pleasure of the ladies who have honoured us by joining our party. This is, I believe, the first time in the annals of the Mark Lodge of this province that we have invited ladies to take part in our proceedings. It is, therefore, an experiment, and if it proves a success, as I have excellent reasons for believing it will, we may on other occasions be tempted to repeat the invitation. We meet to-day under the banner of Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352. Consecrated by myself on the 10th April, 1885, though never numerically strong—as in the nature of things we could not reasonably expect—yet it has not lacked vitality. The founders of the lodge were Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, Francis Smith, Dr. E. J. Crow, R. E. Collinson, Wm. Harrison, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., C. E. Ruddock, and J. C. Wolstenholm. Of these eight brethren three resigned in less than three years from the formation of the lodge, and of the rest we have unhappily lost three by death. Through the energy of a few brethren the lodge has been kept going, though latterly I regret to say in a somewhat feeble way. The infusion of new blood by the addition of more members is all that is needed to strengthen it and if each individual brother would endeavour to promote this object, satisfactory improvement would speedily follow. With a Craft lodge of about 40, the Mark should at least have 25, but this is not the case. I do trust that by the aid of such excellent and efficient brethren as Bros. Dr. Crow, F. Smith, the Worthy Mayor, and the present energetic W. Master, distinct progress will shortly be shown. The popularity and success of the Mark Degree are steadily advancing. This is clearly indicated by the increasing number of lodges and the more general support of our Benevolent Fund. We all hope that the Prince Leopold Lodge will not allow itself to fall behind in the onward march, and if it is a question of help I venture to say that it is only necessary to let that need be known, and brethren who are well qualified will readily volunteer. With you, brethren of the Prince Leopold, we all regret the loss of your staunch and faithful friend, Bro. Francis Smith. A Past Warden of the province, a founder and consistent supporter of your lodge, you will miss him greatly. But whilst you deplore his death, you can take example from his life, for he leaves behind him the record of a good and faithful servant and Mason. The kindness of Bro. Wilkinson, the worthy Mayor, in placing this building at our disposal, and the courteous consideration of Mrs. Wilkinson towards the ladies, are, I am sure, fully appreciated, and will later be suitably acknowledged. We will now close our business as briefly as possible, and will proceed to carry out the programme which has been so kindly arranged for our benefit.

The W. Deputy, Bro. JOHN BARKER, on being asked to say a few words, congratulated the province upon the very good attendance of the brethren that day. He thought the new departure they had taken in inviting ladies to their autumn meeting was a step in the right direction; it was a beginning and he hoped it would be followed by many similar gatherings. Though they were anxious to make the proceedings in Provincial Grand Lodge as brief as

possible in order to give more time for the pleasures which were before them, yet he could not let the opportunity pass without mentioning to the brethren—some of whom, perhaps, would not know—the honour which had been conferred upon their R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Mason. Through the death of Bro. R. Eve a vacancy had occurred upon the Board of General Purposes. To fill that vacancy their Provincial Grand Master had been nominated by his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., and he (Bro. Barker) was sure that they would all join in congratulating their Provincial G. Master upon his appointment. It was a well-deserved honour for Bro. Mason, and it was also a compliment to the province over which he had so long and so ably presided. Bro. Barker concluded by expressing his thanks for their cordial salutation to himself.

On the motion of Bro. G. H. PARKE, P.G. Treas., seconded by Bro. W. W. CLAYTON, G. Std. Br., a hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of Prince Leopold Lodge for their excellent arrangements was carried by acclamation.

Bro. W. B. SMITH, W.M. 352, said how pleased they were to see so good a gathering, and hoped that the brethren and ladies would carry away with them only pleasing memories of their Ripon visit. Bro. Smith then explained the programme for the day, which comprised luncheon at the Unicorn, followed by a visit to Fountain's, with tea on their return.

This completed the business, and Prov. G. Lodge was closed.

All then adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, where covers were laid for about 180. Amongst the guests of the Prov. G. Master, in addition to the Mayor and Mayoress, were the Lord Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Boyd Carpenter), and Mrs. Boyd Carpenter, also Dr. Freemantle, Dean of Ripon.

The toast list was very brief.

After "The Health of the Queen" had been loyally drunk, the Prov. G. MASTER proposed "The Visitors." He specially referred to their distinguished guest, the Bishop, who, though not a Freemason himself, had many relatives and friends members of their community. He was sure the brethren would give his lordship and Mrs. Boyd Carpenter, as well as the Mayor and Mayoress, not forgetting the Dean, a thoroughly hearty welcome.

This the brethren did, and, on rising to respond for the toast,

The Bishop of RIPON had a very enthusiastic reception. He said that he could not address them as brethren in a Masonic sense, as he had taken no Degree in Freemasonry. He could not even claim to be a step-brother, but hoped he might venture to call himself a brother-in-law. He thought that the common and free law of this great and glorious realm of England established a brotherhood between himself and them. After receiving the invitation of their Prov. G. Master, who filled the (to himself) important position of Chairman to the Lay Helpers' Society in his diocese, he wondered as to the reason which had induced Bro. Mason to ask him to their meeting. He knew that Freemasons were most inclusive in their charitable efforts and most exclusive as to their secrets, and after mature and careful consideration the chief reason for his being present amongst them seemed to him to be—that no good Mason could do without a Carpenter. In that spirit of co-operation he would join with them in trying to build the house, and he could also unite with them in any plan which had—as he believed Freemasonry had—for its object the welfare of our kind and the dignity and progress of the human race. For himself and his fellow visitors he heartily thanked the brethren.

The Dean of RIPON also spoke.

Bro. R. WILKINSON, Mayor of Ripon, then proposed "Health and a long reign to their Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. Letch Mason."

This toast was received enthusiastically.

Bro. MASON, in a few brief words, returned thanks. He also proposed that they should drink the health of, and express their thanks to, the Mayor and Mayoress and the W.M., Bro. W. B. Smith, and brethren of the Prince Leopold Lodge for the excellent arrangements made for their comfort.

This was seconded by the DEPUTY, and carried with great applause.

The last toast was "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. T. ROWBOTHAM, P.S.G.W.

Luncheon over, the brethren and ladies were conveyed in wagonettes to Studley, where, after enjoying the sylvan beauty of the park, they were met by the Rev. G. W. Jarrod, who as *cicerone* took them round and briefly described the extensive ruin of that ancient pile built by the Cistercians of old, and known by the name of Fountains. This the party thoroughly enjoyed, and though the time was brief they made the most of it, inspecting the mill, the ancient bridge, and the stately Jacobean Hall. Mr. Jarrod proved an excellent guide and instructor, and the whole party showed their appreciation of his services by a very warm and hearty vote of thanks. With many a lingering look the brethren, with their friends, then left the attractive scene, and betaking themselves to the carriages were driven back to Ripon.

Tea awaited the party on their return, after which vehicles were provided conveying all who wished it to the railway. Thus ended a most enjoyable and successful day; the weather throughout was delightful, and the arrangements of the Ripon brethren, conspicuous amongst whom was Bro. W. B. Smith, the W.M., were universally appreciated. Not only did the brethren of Prince Leopold welcome their expected guests, but they knew also how to speed them on their parting way, and we are quite sure that the happy memory of the Ripon visit will linger long and pleasantly amongst the Mark Masons of West Yorkshire and the ladies by whom they were accompanied.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 14th instant, at Maryport, under the banner of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371. The bright sunny weather that had prevailed for more than a fortnight in the lake district, induced a large muster of visitors to the flourishing little Solway seaside town, and suffice it to say that the place put on its festive garb for the occasion, in spite of its being market day. To the members of the Craft, moreover, the appearance amongst them of their popular R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., so soon after his lordship's return from South Africa, where, with Lady Henry Bentinck, he had almost from the commencement of the war been actively engaged in a mission of mercy, was looked forward to with the liveliest interest, and everyone was delighted to observe that his lordship was the picture of robust health.

Provincial Grand Lodge was summoned to assemble at the spacious hall of Perseverance Lodge in Eaglesfield-street, whilst the adjoining drill shed of the local Artillery Volunteers was utilised as clothing room, and for the dispensing of an abundance of light refreshments.

It was about half-past one (half-an-hour behind time) when Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, the Prov. G. Master being supported by: Bros. Colonel Sewell, D.L., P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; G. White, P.S.G.W.; John Barr, P.P.S.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. A. Warren, M.A., P.M. 2043, P.G. Chap.; W. F. Lamonby, P.P.S.G.W., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; G. Dalrymple, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec.; R. J. Nelson, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; Jas. Gardiner, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Paterson, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Gowan, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Dickinson, P.P.J.G.W.; E. J. Burgess, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Bewes, P.P.J.G.W.; and many other Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. J. Armstrong, P.P.J.G.W., of Cheshire, was also present as a visitor.

The calling of the roll of lodges showed that the whole of the 17 lodges in Cumberland and five in Westmorland were represented, and to add to this pleasing incident of the vitality of Masonry in the two Lake counties, a deputation of the founders of the warranted new lodge at Alston, No. 2749, was also present. In the course of the day it was announced that the Prov. G. Master had arranged to consecrate the new lodge on the 2nd prox., this bringing up the total strength of the province to 23 lodges.

The minutes of the half-yearly meeting, held at Whitehaven in May, having been read and confirmed, the P.G. Treasurer submitted the annual statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £66 19s. 5d., a very satisfactory state of affairs when it is considered that the province contributed from its funds the substantial donation of 500 guineas to the Boys' School three years ago. Bro. Nelson, it is needless to say, was again re-elected P.G. Treasurer with acclamation.

The Prov. G. Officers were then invested as follows:

Bro. J. W. Hayton, P.M. 1532	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. W. Scott, P.M. 962...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" the Rev. D. G. Douglas, 1073	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" the Rev. H. J. Allen, 119	...	...
" R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. de Rome, 129	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Dalrymple, P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" S. L. Burns Lindow, I.P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Gray, P.M. 310	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Noble, P.M. 2285	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. Robertson, P.M. 1989	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Tully, P.M. 1221	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Johnston, P.M. 371...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. W. Carmichael, P.M. 962	...	...
" J. Kassell, P.M. 1074	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" J. Sibson, W.M. 371	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Griffin, P.M. 1390	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. Freeby, P.M. 1073	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" O. Procter, W.M. 1074	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. M. Aird, W.M. 327	...	...
" J. Young, W.M. 872	...	...
" J. Fletcher, P.M. 1267...	...	...
" L. Ferguson, W.M. 1400	...	...
" W. Dixon, P.M. 1660	...	...

The election of Treasurer and Secretary to the Provincial Educational and Benevolent Fund was followed by the election of five representative members of the province to serve on the Committee of the Fund, which resulted in a wearisome and interesting debate, regardless of the little time remaining. It was, however, incidentally reported that during the year past the Committee had voted over £80 to sundry appeals for assistance. To this may be added several other votes, recommended that day by the ordinary Charity Committee.

Bro. J. DICKINSON gave notice of motion that at the next Prov. Grand Lodge he would move that a sum of 50 guineas be voted to the Prov. Grand Secretary, as some recognition of his valuable services.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER made an announcement, which was received with mingled feelings of surprise and deep regret, namely, the approaching resignation of Bro. George Dalrymple as Provincial Grand Secretary.

Bro. Col. SEWELL, in moving a vote of thanks to Bro. Dalrymple for his most valuable and self-denying services during several years past, explained that the unfortunate break-down in his health was the principal cause of the retirement.

The vote of thanks was cordially seconded by the PROV. GRAND MASTER and supported by Bro. LAMONBY, the latter of whom ventured to hope that the recognition of Bro. Dalrymple's services would be of a more tangible and general character than was indicated by the notice of motion given by Bro. Dickinson.

The resolution of thanks, it goes without saying, was agreed to in the heartiest possible manner, whilst it is pleasant to know that Bro. Lamonby's suggestion for a testimonial, to which every lodge and brother thereof in the province will have an opportunity of contributing, will be given effect to without delay.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, when the brethren were marshalled in order of procession, and proceeded to St. Mary's Church, headed by the fine band of the Maryport Artillery Volunteers.

The beautiful church, with its strong surpliced choir, had been cheerfully placed at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Lodge by the Rev. E. Sampson, M.A., the Vicar.

The congregation was a crowded one, irrespective of its Masonic element. Prayers were read by the Vicar, and the lessons respectively by Bro. W. F. Lamonby (formerly honorary lay reader in the Diocese of Melbourne) and Bro. Rev. A. Warren, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., the latter of whom, well known in the Diocese of Carlisle as a most attractive pulpit orator, also preached an eloquent sermon from I. Peter, c. xvii, v. 15, "Love the Brotherhood."

The customary offertory at the conclusion of the service, realised £10, of which £5 is to be presented to the organ fund of St. Mary's Church.

The procession having returned to the Masonic Hall, an adjournment was made to the co-operative hall for banquet, at 4.30 p.m.

The Prov. G.M. presided, but in consequence of the protracted proceedings in Prov. Grand Lodge, there was no speaking, as his lordship and the great majority of those present had to leave by train at six o'clock, in order to reach their homes—some at a great distance—the same night.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

LIVING BAROMETERS.

(Continued.)

When placed in a bottle, partly filled with water, a leech is said to remain coiled up at the bottom before the coming of fine, cold weather; but it rises to the top of the bottle, sticking on the glass above the level of the water, when it is going to rain. It is said to become restless on the approach of electrical disturbances. A similar use was commonly made of frogs in Germany and Switzerland. A small green variety was kept in a glass vessel, half full of water, into which a miniature ladder descended. The frog sat high and dry upon the steps, in expectation of cold and wet, but remained in the water when there was a promise of sunshine. Reptiles, also, which remain torpid during the winter, have this weather sensitiveness in a marked degree. Eastern superstition has even endowed snakes with power over wind and rain. In the insect world, too, similar instincts seem to exist. The "rain beetle" of Bedfordshire, a long-bodied member of the large family of beetles, has acquired its name from the supposed association of its appearance with the coming of wet weather. That a bee was never caught in a shower is a familiar belief arising from the habit which this insect has acquired of remaining at home when unfavourable weather is threatening. Ants, wasps, and spiders exhibit the most watchful anxiety for the approach of inclement seasons, and in the disposition of their nests, eggs, or webs, they utilise to the utmost their acquired faculty of guarding against wind and rain. Indolence in spiders is believed to be a certain sign of bad weather, for they seldom weave their web unless it is going to be fine, and they make the frame-lines of their webs unusually short to meet the resistance of a rising wind. Just precautionary instincts and prophetic powers, as animals possess, are, as has already been stated, the natural outcome of a necessity for self-preservation. In the case of plant life, although provisions for the safety and dispersion of the species are equally necessary, we do not find this protective power against bad weather to so marked an extent. There is also a difference between the habits of plants and the instinct of animals. But certain plants are capable of giving weather indications of considerable accuracy and value. The pink-eyed pimpernel, the "Poor man's weather-glass," as it is often called, is so sensitive to atmospheric changes that it shuts up its petals in the damp air, which precedes rain, and is widely relied upon before all other weather signs by the British ploughman. This peculiarity is also common to other wild flowers, such as the wood anemone, or wind flower, the chick weed, convolvulus, and gentian. The burnet saxifrage and the chick weed even go so far as to half open their flowers, again, if the rain is soon to cease. The African marigold, which closes its petals regularly at nightfall, fails to re-open them in the morning if the weather is damp. Not only the flowers, but also the leaves of some plants, give warnings of approaching change. Pliny states that the clover, bristles and erects its leaves before a storm, and Virgil has described the signs of coming weather given by the leaves of the almond tree. The wild liquorice plant (*Abrus perectorius*) the so-called weather plant, is said to hang its leaves horizontally, for a change, upwards, for fine weather, and drooping for rain. This fact was called attention to in 1802; but the Kew observers, who have specially studied it, say the only movements discernible are due to light, heat, and moisture. In the United States it is a common saying that the leaves of the sugar maple turn upside down before the storm, while the silver maple shows the white lining of its leaf. In our own country, the wood sorrel, lime, poplar, sycamore, and plane trees vary the direction of their leaves with different conditions of the atmosphere. The well-known saying, which attempts to determine the weather of the coming summer, by the priority of the oak or ash, in the development of leaf buds, has probably no more foundation in fact than belongs to the natural characteristic of these trees. In this country, the oak is usually in leaf before the ash, and in so moist a climate, the early summer is more often wet than dry. According to modern meteorology, the greater part of the storms which traverse these islands are of the cyclonic type, in which there is always a well-defined distribution of atmospheric temperature and pressure. The front of an advancing cyclone is marked by a damp muggy atmosphere with a general depressing effect upon the nervous system of man himself. It is not surprising that the lower animals should feel it also. The heaviness of the air renders the scent of flowers and other odours more apparent, and explains the habit of sniffing the air, displayed by many animals before a storm. The excessive dampness of the atmosphere, by its influence on cutaneous perspiration, accounts for much of the restlessness and feeling of discomfort which so many of the fur and feather tribe betray during the passage of a cyclone across our islands. The animal skin and also its appendages are peculiarly affected by the humidity of the air. The Zuni Indians of New Mexico were wont to predict rain from the appearance of the scalp-locks captured from their enemies. The fur of animals, the moist skins of toads and frogs, and the plumage of birds, are very sensible to the small variations in the hygrometric state of the atmosphere. Dampness has also a marked effect upon many vegetable tissues. If a beard of wild oat is fixed upon a stand, it twists itself up more or less, according to the amount of water vapour present in the atmosphere. Pine cones can be used in a similar manner as natural hygrometers, closing up their scales in damp weather and expanding them when the air is dry. The leaf-stalks of plants are softened by damp, causing the leaves to droop or hang unnaturally. The sensitive plant (*Mimosa*) exhibits increased irritability in the warm moist air of a cyclone front; and even the downy hairs of dandelions, thistles, and colt's-foot contract and expand under the ever-varying influence of atmospheric vapour. Here, then, is the explanation of the movements of plants described above. The ploughman's weather-glass (the Pimpernel) need lose none of its efficiency because its mysterious sensibility is thus accounted for; it tells us actual conditions, which, rightly understood, may be capable of interpretation as signifying changes to come. After the cyclone front has passed away the air becomes dry and bracing, and a feeling of exhilaration pervades the whole of creation. Seabirds fly out far to seaward, rooks and kites soar aloft in the air, insects float in the light breeze in search of honey-dew, and plants expand their leaves boldly to the sun. The confidence of all Nature is restored, for the dangers of the storm are over.

PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

In another of Ketel's works, under the figures of Christ and the Apostles, he represented Henry Keyser, an architect of Amsterdam, and the principal virtuosos of that city. His best picture was the portrait of Simon Lack of that city; it was in the possession of one of the same family at the Hague. Many of his works were carried to Dantzic. But Ketel, not content with the glory he acquired by these performances, instead of aiming at greater perfection, took it into his head to make himself known by a method of painting entirely new. He laid aside his brushes and painted only with his fingers, beginning with his own portrait. Descamps mentions a fine picture painted by Weenix in the same manner. And in a sale of pictures in Covent Garden in 1729 were two heads painted by one Brandell with his thumb. This whim of Ketel took; he repeated the practice, and they pretend executed those fantastic works with great purity and beauty of colouring. In this manner he painted two heads for the Sieur Van Os of Amsterdam; the first a Democritus was his own portrait, the other of M. Morosini in the character of Heraclitus. The Duke de Nemours, who was a performer himself, was charmed with the latter and bought it. Another was the picture of Vincent Jacobson, a noted wine merchant of Amsterdam, with a glass of Rhenish in his hand. As his success increased so did his folly; his fingers appeared too easy tools, he undertook to paint with his feet, and his first essay he pretended to make in public on a picture of the God of Silence. The public, who began to think, like Ketel, that the more a painter was a mountebank, the greater was his merit, were so good as to applaud even this caprice. Ketel, like De Heere, was a poet, too, and wrote descriptions of several of his own works in verse. He understood architecture, geometry, and perspective, and modelled in clay and wax. He was living in 1600, when Vermander wrote his account of him. Sandrat, who makes him travel to Venice and Rome, and die young, while he was employed on a picture of the King of Denmark, has confounded the master with the scholar; the latter incidents relate to Isaac Oteryn, of Copenhagen, Ketel's only disciple. Vermander dedicated to Ketel a dissertation on the statues of the ancients, in which he mentions the great friendship that had subsisted between them for 30 years. Vertue observed on the works of the two artists, Lucas De Heere and Ketel, that those of the former are generally smaller than the life, neater, not so strongly coloured, and most commonly painted on board. Those of Ketel more strongly coloured, and with a fuller pencil, and always as large, or rather larger, than nature.

(To be continued.)

ARTHUR TOOTH AND SONS' GALLERIES,

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We have lately visited the Summer Exhibition at the above Galleries. The collection is small (a great merit, by the way), but choice. Passing through the outer gallery, there is a picture which at once arrests our attention, it is "La Revue, 1810," by Francois Kameng. It is a fine work, full of life—the historical incident in the career of Napoleon I. is well depicted. The large gallery contains works by Corot, 3, "Vue aux Environs d'Arlem," in the artist's well-known sketchy style, but effective; 10, Tête-à-Tête by the late M. De Munkacsy, bright, but lacking interest; 13, On the Welsh Coast, by B. W. Leader, R.A., beautiful work, all the details in harmony; 21, A Surrey Upland, by the same artist, not so effective; 19, Chant Gregorien, by J. B. Roy—a new man—it is a large picture, there is evidence of careful work; 28, An Interrupted Procession, by a Spanish artist, T. Garcia Y. Ramos, confused—what the painter intends to convey is not evident; 40, After the Wedding, by the same artist is much better; 31, Time, by the late Sir J. Millais, R.A. Fine picture, the details excellent, but what it means we are at a loss to comprehend. 32, Eastern Barter, by J. Gallegos, possesses merit; 46, by J. H. L. de Haas, Le Matin dans les Dunes, is careful conscientious work. The pictures we have noticed, more especially attracted us, but there are others of merit, which we leave to the discriminating appreciation of visitors.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

To initiate her season at the above theatre, Miss Julia Neilson has produced "Sweet Nell of Old Drury," by Paul Kester. We do not recollect the name—we believe the author is an American. We shall refrain from criticism—merely stating that we should think it the work of a tyro—faulty in construction, and historically inaccurate, with regard to Lord Jeffreys. We must, however, a more pleasant task to us, highly commend the acting. *Place aux dames*—we were much pleased with Miss Julia Neilson's interpretation of the title role, the winning grace of the charming naughty Nell, is most cleverly and artistically displayed. We could find in our hearts to forgive Charles's infidelity with such a temptress. We have carefully watched Miss Julia Neilson's steady progress in her art. We were charmed with her Oberon, in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, but we think as "Sweet Nell" she has achieved a more complete success. We trust, later on, we shall be afforded the opportunity of again seeing her. Mr. Fred Terry, as Charles II., does all that is possible with his part—utterly devoid, as it is, of wit—what a fine chance the author has lost. Sir Roger Fairfax and Lady Olivia Vernon—the hero and heroine—receive full justice from Mr. C. M. Hallard, and Miss Lilian Braithwaite. We regret Mr. Lionel Brough, as Percival, the actor, has not more to do—in his small part he is admirable. As to Lady Castlemaine and the Duchess of Portsmouth they are mere shadows.

GENERAL NOTES.

Although Beethoven died 73 years ago, there are many people living who were grown men and women at the time. Among these is Gottfried Preyer, now 93, who was organist and conductor of the Imperial Orchestra, Vienna. He was a friend of Beethoven and also of Schubert. The veteran singing teacher, Manuel Garcia, has also met Beethoven; and there is also an old lady living at Baden who claims to have sung in the choir at the first performance of the great master's choral symphony.

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It is said that Wagner was not able to be present at Weimar on the occasion of the first production of "Lohengrin." He was under surveillance for political reasons, and actually spent that memorable night on the top of the Righi.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1900.

Masonic Notes.

It is generally about this time of the year that the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham is held, and the custom will be followed on Tuesday, the 25th instant, when the brethren will assemble in the Lecture Hall, Palace Green, Durham, at the hour of 2.30 p.m., and when the business of the day is over, refreshments will be served at the Castle Hall at 4.15 p.m., tickets for which, at 3s., must be applied for—if application has not already been made—to-day (Friday), at latest. That the proceedings, so far as they relate to the

work done by the lodges during the past year, and the progress the Craft may have made both numerically and financially, will be of the usual gratifying character, there can be no question. But one familiar figure will be absent from its accustomed place of honour—that of the late respected and beloved Grand Master of the Province (Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.), who, when his health permitted, made a point of presiding over the duties of the day.

It will, indeed, be impossible for those brethren who may attend the gathering on Tuesday next not to recall to their minds that at the preceding annual Provincial meeting, which was held in Gateshead on Tuesday, the 26th September, 1899, their late chief presided in person, and in the course of the remarks he addressed to them, congratulated the Province on its prosperous condition. In fact, he may be said to have reviewed the work done by the Province during the years he had been in charge of it, contrasting the position as regards lodges and membership on that occasion with what it had been in 1885, when he was appointed to office, and showing that during that period "Masonry had been going on most satisfactorily, not by leaps and bounds, but by that steady increase he had always advocated."

Doubtless, also, they will remember that he referred in terms of affectionate sympathy to the losses which the Craft had sustained through the deaths of his old friends the Earl of Lathom and Lord Herschell. He had also the pleasure of referring to the success which had attended the Festival in aid of their Provincial Educational and Benevolent Funds, a Festival at which he had himself presided, and which had been honoured with so generous a measure of his support and encouragement; and after declaring that "the chances were ten to one that their next Grand Lodge would be held at Durham in 1900," the Prov. Grand Master concluded his speech in words to the effect that "he was obliged to them for the kind way in which they had listened to his remarks. If he was spared till next year, he hoped he would find the Province of Durham in the same satisfactory state as he found it this year." That, as regards the Province itself, the hope so kindly expressed by its late chief for a continuance of its prosperity, has been realised there can, we think, be no question, but the genial and kindly brother who guided its destinies so well and worthily for 15 years has, alas! not been spared to witness the progress that has since been made.

Thus the proceedings at Durham on Tuesday next will most certainly be influenced by a feeling of general and sincere sorrow that the ruler to whom the brethren had been accustomed to look for counsel and guidance during the last 15 years and to whom they were indebted for so much of their prosperity is no longer amongst them; and the stronger the evidence that may be then forthcoming that the past year has been a successful one, the deeper and more sincere will be their grief that he is not present to rejoice with them in their progress. "In faith" he was "a worthy gentleman," and no doubt the Province will find a ready means of commemorating the virtues he exhibited and the services he rendered.

The annual meeting the other day at Torquay of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, one part of the proceedings, in which Bro. W. J. Hughan played the leading part, was in like manner and for a like reason influenced by feelings of grief and rejoicing—of grief that its most distinguished member, the late Bro. John Lane, who less than nine months ago was apparently in the full enjoyment of his usual health and in the possession of all his intellectual vigour, was no longer with them; and of rejoicing that a way had been found of worthily and, it may, indeed, be said with perfect truth, most appropriately, commemorating his valuable services to the Craft generally, and in particular to the Jordan Lodge, of which he was an initiate. The task which it fell to the lot of Bro. Hughan to perform was a simple one, but we may be sure it was none the less gratifying to him on that account. He it was who made the suggestion, which led to his being invited to attend and unveil the memorial to his late friend and collaborator, and in the course of the brief address he delivered on the occasion, he had the pleasure of an uncious that the widow and family of their deceased member "were wholly satisfied and gratified" with the form of the memorial which the lodge had raised in honour of Bro. Lane. It is, indeed, difficult to imagine what better mode of commemorating the great literary services

which Bro. Lane rendered to Freemasonry could have been found than for his mother lodge to have purchased his library, and dedicated it to the use of the members for so long as there shall be a Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, on the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, which was held at Maryport on Friday, the 14th instant, differed, as regards its general business, from none of its predecessors. But there appears to have been a stronger muster of brethren than usual and greater interest in the proceedings, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the Prov. Grand Master—Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., who has just returned from the seat of war in South Africa—was expected to be present, and the members were anxious to give his lordship a hearty welcome. His lordship, as our report informs us, was present and was most enthusiastically received, the bright feeling that prevailed being made still brighter by the announcement that his lordship proposed to consecrate the Alston Lodge, No. 2794, on Tuesday the 2nd prox. These circumstances and the very satisfactory nature of the reports that were laid before Provincial Grand Lodge as to the state of the Craft in the Lake country threw greater life and warmth into the proceedings than we usually remark at what are for the most part meetings for the transaction of business.

The day was not, however, permitted to pass without a slight infusion of sadness into the proceedings, which in all other respects were matter for rejoicing. It was mentioned towards the end of the business that the Provincial Grand Secretary—Bro. George Dalrymple, Past G. Std. Br.—owing to the break-down of his health, found himself under the necessity of retiring from office at an early date. When the late Earl of Bective appointed Bro. G. J. McKay his Deputy, Bro. Dalrymple was chosen to succeed the latter as Provincial Grand Secretary, and during the eight years that have since elapsed his administration of that office has redounded greatly to his credit, and at the same time proved decidedly beneficial to the Province. Moreover, our Central Institutions had in Bro. Dalrymple one of their staunchest friends and well-wishers. It was greatly due to his efforts that Cumberland and Westmorland was able to make so brave a show when Lord Henry Bentinck occupied the chair at the Boys' School Festival in 1897, and fairly outdid all its previous performances, creditable as many of them had been. Thus his retirement from an office he has so long held, and with the duties of which he is so thoroughly conversant, will be a distinct loss to the Province, and we trust our worthy Bro. Lamonby's suggestion that Bro. Dalrymple's work should be worthily recognised, irrespective of the honorarium which will be proposed at the next meeting of the Province, will be carried out successfully.

The Mark Degree in West Yorkshire appears to be establishing itself right firmly, thanks to the energy displayed by the brethren generally, but more especially by Bro. C. Letch Mason, the respected Prov. Grand Mark Master, and his able Deputy, Bro. Barker. Hence the recent half-yearly meeting at Ripon of the Prov. Grand Lodge, under the auspices of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352, appears, from the report we publish elsewhere, to have been a great success. Indeed, as regards its social aspect, no such meeting would seem to have been held before, it having been resolved to invite ladies and non-Masons to be present at the non-Masonic part of the day's proceedings. To this is due the large attendance of ladies and gentlemen residing in the city or hailing from other parts of the Province, and to judge from the tenour of most of the speeches, we are inclined to think that what in this instance was an experiment will be repeated. If so, we hope there will not be so great a hurry to get through the work of Provincial Grand Lodge as our report would lead us to believe was exhibited at the meeting.

We have much pleasure in announcing, and we doubt not our readers will feel equally pleased in learning, that the fourth and last volume of Bro. Arthur Lovell's able and interesting work—"Ars Vivendi," is now in the press, and will be published some time during the month of October. The volume will also contain as an appendix a free rendering of "Patanjali's Yoga Aphorisms," with original notes for the use of students. The previous volumes of Bro. Lovell's work have met with a favourable reception in the Masonic world, and we venture to think the concluding one will be received as favourably.

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—the discussion.

BRO. THE REV. CANON COOPER, M.A.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly allow me to inform the many brethren who were good enough to provide me with the means of taking the long voyage ordered by my doctors, that my health, which began to improve from the time I left England in May, has been so much benefited by the voyage that on my arrival at Melbourne I was able to undertake four weeks full duty. The bright, clear, and bracing Australian winter weather, since my arrival, has done wonders for me, so that now I feel stronger and better than I have for the last two years. I am now going to Sydney to be present at the Jubilee of the Board of Australian Missions and give Missionary addresses at the meetings, and then I pay a long visit to my old friend the Bishop of Goulburn, who has a light post ready for me in his Diocese.

I cannot feel grateful enough to the brethren for the kind help they gave me in my time of need, and I would now express my deep gratitude to them.—Yours fraternally,

W. HENRY COOPER, P.M.,
P.P.G. Chap. Sussex.

Bishopsthorpe, Goulburn,
New South Wales.
10th August.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President, occupied the President's chair. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President, were in the Vice-Presidents' chairs. Bros. W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; G. S. Recknell, and Inglis represented the Grand Secretary's office.

The other brethren present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, F. W. Hancock, James Block, W. M. Bywater, W. Kipps, E. W. Nightingale, S. I. Notley, S. H. Goldschmidt, John Ellinger, W. C. Caton, Charles Henry Stone, C. H. Webb, Major Henry Wright, P.G.S.B.; R. T. Palmer, Christian Horst, James Robert Whittle, John R. Carter, John F. Roberts, J. W. Burgess, W. Stone, H. Massey, Edwin George, Charles Sheppard, W. A. Bowser, J. Bartlett, F. W. Golby, G. M. E. Hamilton, Alfred Ford, J. R. Johnson, James Grose, James Campbell, and E. S. Lardner.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the August meeting to the extent of £70. One brother, who was recommended to the Grand Master at that meeting, for £40, and to whom £20 was paid on account, had died since the recommendation was made. There were only 16 cases on the new list who were qualified through lodges in the Metropolitan district, and at Feltham, Newton-le-Willows, Umballa, Witney, Durham, Liverpool, Chingford, St. Helen's (Lanc.), Johannesburg, Gloucester, and Pembroke Dock. Two of these were dismissed, and one was deferred. Grand Lodge was recommended to sanction a grant of £75 in one case, and £50 in another. The Grand Master was recommended to approve of £40 being given in two cases, and £30 in one case. Five gifts of £20 each were made, two of £10 each, and one of £5. The total amount voted was £360.

Scotland.

RUTHERGLEN PARISH CHURCH.

LAYING OF MEMORIAL STONE—MASONIC DEMONSTRATION.

An imposing demonstration of Freemasons, members of friendly societies, and other bodies took place at Rutherglen on the 15th instant, on the occasion of the laying of the memorial stone of the new Parish Church by Major F. W. Allan, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master of East Renfrewshire. The church occupies the site on which the old church stood in Mainstreet, near the centre of the burgh, and which has been devoted to a similar purpose for centuries. Its area has been increased, and the amenity of its surroundings materially enhanced by the removal of a number of old houses immediately to the west, which were purchased some time ago by Mr. Chrystal, of Shawfield Chemical Works, and presented as a gift to the parish and congregation. The new church, which is from designs by Mr. J. J. Burnett, A.R.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., is an elegant structure in the Early English Gothic style of architecture, and will afford accommodation for about 1200 persons. The cost is estimated at about £10,000. The tower of the old church—a conspicuous landmark for generations—has been left standing, more probably on account of cherished associations than for its architectural or artistic merit. For the ceremonial the weather was exceptionally favourable, Saturday being one of the finest days of the late Indian summer we have been enjoying for a week past, and the inhabitants of the ancient and loyal burgh crowded the streets by the thousand in manifestation of the sense of the importance of the event.

The Masonic brethren met in the rooms of Lodge Royal Arch, No. 116, Rutherglen. The office-bearers of the Prov. Grand Lodge present, in addition to the Dep. Grand Master, were: Bros. J. Gunn, acting Dep. P. Grand Master; Geo. Glen, Substitute Prov. Grand Master; J. D. Ramsay, Senior Warden; Alexander Brown, Junior Warden; Rev. W. F. Stevenson, P. Grand Chaplain; M. Mackie, Secretary; and Robert Traill, Treasurer. There were also representatives from the Provincial Lodges of Dumbarton, Lanark, and Glasgow, and from Lodges Nos. 103, 114, 116, 128, 129, 133, 135, 153, 277, 347, 354, 370, 419, 441, 458, 495, 512, 524, 592, and 617.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the brethren proceeded to the Kildare Park, at the west-end of the town, where, under the direction

of Bro. Colonel Murray, the procession was marshalled in the following order: (1) Foresters, (2) Gardeners (British Order), (3) Oddfellows, (4) Shepherds, (5) Gardeners (Blue Bell Lodge), (6) Good Templars, (7) Orangemen, (8) Freemasons, in the order of the lodges, the highest number going first. The route of the procession was by Chapel-street, Mainstreet, Stonelaw-street, Greenhill-street, Mill-street, Wallace-street, Harriet-street, Ferry-street, and Cathcart-street, and, with banners and flags flying and to the music of numerous instrumental bands, they made an effective display as they marched through the crowded thoroughfares.

At the church, the erection of which is well advanced, a platform had been constructed for the performance of the ceremony near the top of the walls at the north-western corner of the building, and on the ground in front and at the west side of the site the members of the Town Council, the Parish Council, the choir of the church, and others who were to assist in the proceedings were accommodated; while in the adjoining streets the townsfolk had assembled to the number of not fewer than 7000 or 8000, every window and casement and the roofs of many adjoining houses having their quota of spectators.

On the head of the procession reaching the church the various sections took open order, lining the route, and allowing the Masonic brethren to advance to their places on the platform.

Among others present were Colonel Buchanan, Eastfield; Provost Kirkwood, Bailie Bennett, Messrs. Geo. Gray (town clerk), James Edmiston, Andrew M'Callum, John Fleming, &c., &c.

The proceedings were opened with the singing of the National Anthem, and Bro. the Rev. W. F. Stevenson, P.G. Chap., minister of the parish, then offered prayer.

Mr. JAMES ANDERSON, in the name of the heritors and congregation, next asked the Depute G. Master to proceed with the ceremony, whereupon Bro. Park, in the name of the contractors, presented Bro. Major Allan with a silver trowel, which the Depute G. Master suitably acknowledged.

A box containing coins of the realm and various documents relating to the sacred edifice having been placed in a cavity prepared for their reception, the memorial stone was lowered to its bed, and laid in due form with all the rites of Masonry.

The DEPUTE G. MASTER thereafter addressed the assemblage. He considered it a very high honour, he said, to have been commissioned by Lord Blythswood, Grand Master of the Province, as his Depute, to lay the foundation-stone of this new parish church of Rutherglen. They had heard it declared that the stone was plumb, level, and square, and his prayer was that the church might, when completed, be perfect in all its parts—creditable to the architect, builder, minister, and people. The ceremony of laying a foundation-stone was always interesting and attractive, more especially when laid with Masonic honours, for to the uninitiated there was a sort of mystery. The corn, wine, and oil were emblematical of prosperity, strength, and rejoicing, and he trusted such might be the case here, and that when completed the church would be a blessing to the people, as well as a thing of joy and beauty, a church of which all in the burgh and parish might be proud. Mr. Stevenson informed him that when the old church was taken down a silvered plate was found in the foundation-stone bearing the date 1794, and that Robt. Park was provost and Andrew Harvie and Robert Fairbairn bailies, the contractors being Robert Shields, Andrew Johnstone, and Richard Letham. Looking over Ure's "History of Rutherglen," he was interested to note that the church previous to the last one was an ancient building of the Saxon Gothic style of architecture, which was pulled down in 1794 "to make room for one of more modern style." He thought they would all agree with him that, if modern, it had no pretension whatever to art. The first church was a small but very ancient structure, 62 feet long by 25 feet broad, the walls being 4 feet in thickness, and about 20 feet high. Ure stated that the community of Rutherglen was strongly attached to the Established Church, which he hoped they still were, and that probably no burgh in Scotland possessed a political constitution more free and more unencumbered than Rutherglen. He would only further refer to the new church by saying that Mr. Stevenson had accomplished a very satisfactory work in having the old, unsightly, and uncomfortable building removed, and a church up-to-date and worthy of the parish nearly erected—a church which would be such as to make the worshippers feel that they were in proper surroundings. He trusted Mr. Stevenson might be long spared to the parish, that he might see the church completed to his satisfaction, and that, surrounded by a loving and united people, the work of the Lord might prosper in his hands. (Applause.)

The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. STEVENSON, then proposed a vote of thanks to the Depute Grand Master for his services. They were also indebted, he said, to Mr. Chrystal, of Shawfield Chemical Works, for the gift of the site of the old houses which he purchased, and he proposed that they should give to him a cordial vote of thanks. (Applause.)

Provost KIRKWOOD afterwards presented Bro. Stevenson with a mallet made from one of the timbers of the old church.

Bro. STEVENSON made a brief and humorous reply.

The proceedings afterwards terminated.

In the evening a company numbering about 200 dined together in the Town Hall.

Bro. Stevenson presided, and the croupiers were Provost Kirkwood and Bro. James Fleming.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Bro. FLEMING gave "The Grand Lodge."

Bro. Major ALLAN responded.

Mr. ANDERSON proposed "The Church of Scotland."

Bro. W. F. STEVENSON replied.

Provost KIRKWOOD gave "The Contractors."

Messrs. KENNEDY and PARK replied.

The toasts of "The Chairman" and "The Croupiers" were also duly pledged.

Craft Masonry.

New Forest Lodge, No. 319.

There was a large attendance at the monthly meeting of the above lodge, on the 11th instant, held at the Masonic Hall, Ashley-lane, Lynton, this being the St. John day of the lodge. The lodge was closed at noon, when the usual business was transacted, leaving the afternoon free for the ceremony of installation, the unanimous choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. G. S. Love, of Bournemouth, as W.M. for the ensuing year.

Amongst others present were: Bros. Commander Giles, P.G.S.; Schafer, P.M.; A. Bist, P.M.; J. W. Jolliffe, P.M.; G. R. Masters, P.M.; E. R. Jackman, P.M.; A. Algar, P.M.; W. Berry, P.M. 319; T. King, 1780; S. Crane, 1883; H. G. Knight, 2200; W. Humphry, 195; and many visitors.

The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Algar, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: R. L. Gent, I.P.M.; J. Boggeln, S.W.; S. Humphry, J.W.; R. E. Jackman, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Doman, Sec.; R. A. Daniell, S.D.; E. A. G. Stone, J.D.; S. Foster, I.G.; C. Roberts, F. A. Old, Org.; G. O. Vores, G. C. Cooke, and A. Williams, Stewards; J. Bailey, Tyler. After the appointment of his officers the W.M. had the pleasant task of presenting to Bro. Gent, the retiring W.M., a Past Master's jewel in gold, suitably inscribed: "A gift from the lodge in recognition of Bro. Gent's services in the chair during the past year." The accounts for the past year were presented, and showed the lodge was in a very flourishing condition and increasing in membership.

At the close of the business the brethren proceeded to the lecture hall of the Literary Institute, where a banquet was served by Bro. Dore, P.M., and a very pleasant evening was spent. The heartiest of good wishes were expressed to the new W.M. that his year of office might be very happy and prosperous.

Some excellent harmony interspersed the speeches, and the brethren did not separate until eight p.m.

**Upton Lodge, No. 1227.
INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. J. CARROLL AS W.M.**

The Upton Lodge, No. 1227, though it only dates its constitution from 1868, is in a highly prosperous condition. It has had, like most other lodges, both Metropolitan and Provincial, its vicissitudes of fortune; but like the brave lodge that it is, it has emerged from them all successfully, and at the present time will compare favourably with other lodges of its age and standing. Its quarters originally were at an hostelry in Upton—the suburb from which it derives its name—which rejoiced in the name of the Spotted Dog, and here it stayed until the year 1885, when it removed into the Metropolis, and took up its abode at the well-known Three Nuns in Aldgate. Here it remained until 1894, when it moved into its present quarters at the Great Eastern Hotel, in Liverpool-street, its career during the 15 years it has met in London having been one of almost uninterrupted progress and prosperity. It has a goodly roll of members, who are both diligent and painstaking in the discharge of their lodge duties, while to the fullest extent of its ability it has shown itself to be a consistent and generous supporter of our Institutions, the most conspicuous evidence of its goodwill in this direction having been furnished when by the hands of Bro. S. Toye, P.M., and Bro. W. J. Carroll, I.G.—the newly-installed W.M.—it contributed £278 5s., of which £152 5s. appeared on the list of Bro. Toye and £126 on Bro. Carroll's. Indeed, as recently as May last it subscribed by the hands of Bro. Carroll the comfortable sum of £52 10s. to the Girls' School. But there is no need to dwell upon these matters. It is enough that the Upton Lodge is now, as it has been for years past, in a healthy state, both financially and numerically, and its members have our sincerest and best wishes for a long continuance of its well-merited good fortune.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The meeting on this occasion was held by dispensation at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 13th instant, the repairs in progress at the Great Eastern Hotel rendering the migration absolutely necessary. There was a very large attendance of both members and visitors to do honour to the Master-elect, among the former being Bros. Henry James Rowberry, W.M.; W. J. Carroll, S.W., W.M. elect; R. F. Thompson, J.W.; C. Gieseke, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Free, P.M., Sec.; W. Athol Bray, I.P.M.; E. M. Jeffery, P.M.; C. Schmidt, P.M.; Edwin Hill, P.M.; G. A. Peters, P.M.; Samuel Toye, P.M.; Alfred B. Noble, S.D.; G. W. Flatman, J.D.; H. Hyer, P.M., D. of C.; W. T. Hustwayte and C. W. Cooper, Stwds.; E. C. Holmes, Org.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. Arthur Martin, S.W. 2372 and 2518; Fred. R. Gurney, 2518; C. Morgan, 108; G. J. Taylor, P.M., D.C. 180; C. Feist, 1489; T. Robinson, P.M. 2396; G. P. Miles, W.M. 1851; Harry Wilsner, 2698; Fred W. Bishop, I.G. 1056; W. W. Morgan, 177; E. Petfield, 1607; E. J. Davey, P.M. 193; W. Cambden, P.M. 2395; W. C. Ferris; S. Groner, P.M. 1613; W. S. Jones, 753; Samuel W. Vale, P.M. 861; Arthur Wade, 2705; and A. Millbourn, I.G. 1237.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. T. C. Neil, H. W. Walker, G. W. Codd, and H. C. Godfrey were passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Charles Farrow as a candidate for initiation, and Bro. J. A. Keable as a joining member and proved favourable in both cases, and then followed the great event of the evening—the installation of Bro. Walter James Carroll, the W.M. elect, in the Master's chair. The ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by the outgoing W.M., and when the officers had been appointed and invested, Bro. Rowberry brought his task to a conclusion by delivering the addresses in a manner which did him great credit and won for him the hearty applause of all present. The following are the officers for the now current year, namely: Bros. R. F. Thomson, S.W.; Noble, J.W.; Gieseke, P.M., Treas.; Free, P.M., Sec.; Flatman, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Hustwayte, I.G.; Hyde, P.M., D.C.;

Theodore Martin, A.D.C.; Holmes, Org.; W. Hartwell, T. G. Gunn, and F. J. Rover, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Carroll inaugurated his term by initiating Mr. S. J. Farrow into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the manner in which he carried out the ceremony giving promise of a successful year, so far as the lodge work is concerned. Two candidates having been proposed for the next meeting and the other business disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was served.

Grace having been sung, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured, the gavel was placed in the hands of the I.P.M., who at once rose, and proposed "The Health of the W. Master," in whom, he felt sure, the lodge could place the greatest of confidence, and personally he felt that in handing over to him the reins of power—as he had done in their presence that evening—he had transferred them to one by whom the work and reputation of the lodge would be enhanced.

The W.M. tendered his thanks for the heartiness and sincerity with which the toast had been received. He was just beginning to appreciate there was a great amount of responsibility associated with the presidency of the lodge. He fully recognised that no Master could even hope to succeed without the co-operation and support of the members of his lodge, and he felt he possessed both in a very marked degree. For this reason he was confident that the lodge would lose none of its lustre while under his command, but would rather gain fresh laurels during his term of office.

The next toast was that of "The Immediate Past and Installing Master." The brethren had heard Bro. Rowberry work the different ceremonies during his year of office. That day they had seen him perform the ceremony of installation, and they would agree with him that he had concluded his career as Master most creditably. He (the W.M.) was glad, therefore, that his first official duty was to pin on the breast of Bro. Rowberry the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, as he felt that if ever a P.M. deserved such a decoration it was Bro. Rowberry. But the thanks of the brethren did not end there, as on behalf of the members of the lodge he asked the I.P.M.'s acceptance of a diamond ring and chain appendage for Mrs. Rowberry, with the best wishes of the members for her future long life and prosperity.

The W.M. then called upon Bro. Mills, whose pleasing duty it was to present to the I.P.M., on behalf of the initiates of his year, two souvenirs—a cigar case and a signet ring, the latter being adorned with the arms of the Upton Lodge.

The I.P.M., in the course of his reply, said he hardly knew how to express his thanks for the very handsome presents they had made him and his wife. He could assure them he hoped to live long to look upon them, as mementoes of a very pleasant year of office as Master of the Upton Lodge. He felt particularly pleased at receiving the gift for his wife also, and knowing that what he had accomplished would not have been possible without the co-operation of all the members, to one and all of them he tendered his thankful congratulations. On behalf of Mrs. Rowberry he had also to thank the members for their handsome gift, which he knew would be greatly appreciated, and would be an ample recompense to her for any time he had spent away from home on the work of the lodge. To the initiates he was particularly indebted, and it would be a source of gratification to him in the future to know he had admitted a number of young men to the lodge whom he now regarded as most desirable acquisitions, and who he hoped would long act in the spirit of the three addresses which had been his last effort in the lodge that night.

The toast of "The Initiate" was given and gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Farrow, while Bro. J. A. Keable also returned thanks for his election as a joining member.

For "The Visitors," Bros. W. Miles, W.M. 1851; T. Robinson, W.M. 2396; G. T. Taylor, P.M., D.C. 180; and W. Cambden, P.M. 2395, responded, after which the I.P.M. again rose and proposed the toasts of "The Masonic Institutions," to which the W.M., who has promised his services as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied, and in doing so, expressed a hope that he should receive as hearty a measure of support as had been given him when he acted as Steward for the two Scholastic Institutions.

The other customary toasts, including [the Tyler's, followed, and the brethren separated after spending one of the most enjoyable and successful evenings that have been known in the annals of the Upton Lodge.

Whitworth Lodge, No. 1932.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on the 13th inst. in the Masonic Hall, Spennymoor. The principal business was the installation of Bro. John Chisholm, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Chisholm was presented by Bro. T. Raine to the acting W.M., Bro. Robt. Hogg, who performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Chisholm afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bros. James Fleming, S.W.; Robert Fleming, J.W.; Wm. Sanderson, Treas.; Sam Milward, Sec.; T. Raine, D.C.; R. Hedley, S.D.; John Bethel, J.D.; John Bramley, Org.; J. Rutter, F. J. Rowland, and T. N. Walls, Stewards; and R. Richardson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

The annual banquet was afterwards held in the Town Hall, the new W.M. presiding, and Bro. J. Fleming occupying the vice-chair.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being pleasantly varied by musical contributions from the choir—Bros. Rowland, Bramley, Baines, and Charlton—and other brethren. Bro. Rippon presided at the piano.

Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 10th inst., and passed off most successfully. The programme was an unusually long one, there being two ceremonies in addition to that of the installation, but the whole was very ably carried out by the W.M., Bro. Arthur Hodsell Brooks. An interesting feature of the installation ceremony was the fact that the new W.M., Bro. Frederick W. Rudrum, was presented by his father, Bro. William Rudrum, an old Past Master of the lodge, who was subsequently invested as D.C. by his son. The officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. T. Anderson Marks, S.W.; W. H. Daughtry, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Lloyd, P.M. 2342, P.P.G.C., Chap.; S. Shawyer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. A. Eustace, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; C. Wright Parker, S.D.; C. Bruce Wood, J.D.; D. J. Patmore, I.G.; Wm. Rudrum, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Daughtry, Org.; W. H. Pratt, W. Willson, and A. B. Parker, Stewards; and W. R. Hance, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. A. H. Brooks for the ability with which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year, and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to him as an acknowledgment thereof.

Letters of regret were received from several brethren unable to be present, including one from Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., D.P.G.M., who sent a forcible appeal to the brethren to do their utmost to support Lord Warwick at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at which his lordship is to preside. On account of the lateness of the hour, the consideration of the letter was adjourned till the next meeting.

About 40 brethren afterwards dined together at the Blue Bear Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the hostess, Mrs. Hickford, under the personal superintendence of her nephew, Bro. E. E. Eve, P.M.

In the course of the evening regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of two old members of the lodge, Bro. R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., and S. Shawyer, P.M. and Treas., and it was arranged that the Secretary should write letters of condolence to both brethren.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome

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marble dining-room clock to Bro. Rudrum, P.M., as a mark of respect from the brethren, on the occasion of his second marriage.

Bro. Rudrum, who was completely taken by surprise, warmly expressed his thanks to the lodge for the handsome gift, which would be as highly appreciated by his wife as it was by himself.

Amongst the toasts was that of "The Secretary," Bro. G. A. Eustace, who, in response, mentioned that this was his 18th year in that position, and though he sometimes felt it difficult to continue in office on account of the distance at which he resided from the meeting place of the lodge, yet he was constrained to accept office again from the great interest he felt in the lodge, and the fact that his late lamented father was its first W.M.

Amongst the visitors present were: Bros. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec.; the Rev. Donald Gotto, W.M. 1024, P.P.G. Chap.; F. H. Bright, P.M. 1024, P.P.S.G.W.; Edmund Gowers, P.M. 1024, P.P.G. Treas.; J. T. Bailey, P.M. and Sec. 607, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and a brother from the Province of Lincolnshire, a P.M. of the lodge in which the outgoing W.M. was initiated.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASONIC PRESS.

Much has been said and written at various times as to the influence of the fraternal press in guiding the destinies of the Craft, but in too many instances the intentions of various writers are not productive of any outward or visible sign, but may be regarded as "bread cast upon the waters, which may return after many days." That this is so is not altogether a matter of surprise when it is considered how small the proportion of reading Masons is to the whole, and what an infinitesimal fraction it is wherewith to leaven so large a mass.

On the other hand, there are instances of the lessons sought to be inculcated not being taught in vain, and it is to our own experience in this direction we shall now very briefly refer.

During the short existence of this journal opportunity has been taken to "point the moral which should adorn the tale" on certain abuses of Masonic etiquette, and sometimes law, which have in some instances degenerated into custom, and were being perpetuated as Masonic practice. Amongst the foremost of these we may mention the "Wearing of Masonic Clothing in Public," "Reporting Masonic Proceedings in the Profane Press," "Applause in Lodges," and the "Passing, Raising, and Reducing of Lodges." Five years ago the practice of the above eccentricities was common custom, almost regarded as inherent right. To-day those lodges that still cling to any of the above-named peculiarities are in a decided minority, and are regarded by their more thinking brethren with quiet amusement. The wearing of Masonic clothing in public is discountenanced by many Masonic jurisdictions, and may be regarded as obsolete in the larger cities of this colony. In some country districts a mania still continues for Masonic funeral displays, but this will soon die out, if some such rule as the following is incorporated in the revised Constitution in October next:

"Dispensations may be granted for wearing Masonic clothing at the funeral of a deceased brother, and such clothing is hereby defined as an apron of white lambskin unadorned, and no other decoration shall be worn."

This is the practice in some American States, and if any insignia is to be worn, none can be more fitting. If there is any Masonic ceremony which we should approach with all reverence and humility, it is the one that brings us face to face with the leveller of all human greatness—Death. An appropriate occasion, not for the display of tinsel and bauble, but rather as a lesson of our own insignificance and of the fleeting vanity of all worldly objects and ambitions.

The pure white apron of the skin of the lamb is a fitting reminder that pure lives and actions can alone fit us to form part of the spiritual edifice, "The house not made with hands."

It may be an uncharitable thought, but we cannot help thinking that under the above conditions fewer dispensations would be applied for.

It is most gratifying to us to know that our strenuous protests against the publication of Masonic reports in the newspaper press have been productive of the best results. In Wellington and Christchurch the practice has almost entirely ceased, while in other centres it is reduced to the smallest limits. We hope ere long this practice will have entirely disappeared.

The applause in lodges, which was at one time such a shock to the nerves of the intelligent visitor, in now in all well-regulated lodges a thing of the past. Only once in the course of some months have we heard any attempt at this deplorable and senseless erstwhile custom, and then, though led by a P.M., who from every reason should have known better, was the failure it deserved.

The halo which apparently surrounds the mystic "passing," "raising," and "reducing" of lodges, though utterly incomprehensible to the reasoning Mason, is still visible to the leaders of a few lodges, but fortunately this unmeaning craze is now honoured in the breach rather than the observance, and invariably provokes a smile from some present who have reasoned out the absurdity. Yet a few years ago it stood prominent on nearly every installation programme.

Against the whole of the foregoing practices, which, as stated, had degenerated into custom, we have argued for the past few years. In some instances we have received the assistance of distinguished brethren, who

have ably seconded our efforts on every possible occasion. While even many of those who have passed hence have left an example behind by requesting that no display of Masonic finery be made in paying the last sad office of respect to them.

Officers of Grand Lodge have a duty cast upon them in matters of this kind, and a few words "spoken in due season" would in time produce the best results, and would be immeasurably superior to the platitudes usual at official visitations.—*New Zealand Craftsman.*

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. J. T. Perrins, W.M.; S. Cload, S.W.; H. J. Dunaway, J.W.; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; W. Goring, S.D.; C. G. Zander, J.D.; A. E. Turner, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; J. E. Thomas, E. Lucas, A. Williams, E. Williams, G. Popham, H. Coxen, H. J. May, A. L. Langton, A. Noel, T. Brown, W. A. Evans, W. T. Roberts, F. H. Johnson, Perrins, jun., D. Meredew, H. Cattermole, Perkins, and C. H. Knuth.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Knuth being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thomas, who rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. Walter Perrins was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Cload was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The customary vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

Obituary.

BRO. DR. ISSACHAR ZACHARIE.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death on Sunday, the 16th instant, of Bro. Dr. Issachar Zacharie, whose name must be familiar to the great majority of our readers. Our deceased brother will be remembered as one of President Lincoln's greatest friends and ablest advisers in the days of the great Civil War in the United States. In 1875, he settled in England and soon won fame as an orthopedist. In Masonry he will be best remembered as the founder here of the Order of the Secret Monitor, over which he presided during its earlier years as its Grand Supreme Ruler. The funeral took place at Highgate Cemetery, on Thursday last.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

BRO. LORD KENSINGTON'S ESTATE.

The gross value of the estate has been entered at £711,218 8s. 5d., and the net value of the personal estate at £9,733 17s. 9d., of William, fifth Baron Kensington, of St. Bride's, Haverfordwest, J.P., and D.L., Captain 2nd Life Guards, who was born in July, 1868, and died at Bloemfontein on the 24th of June last. By his will of the 5th August last, with a codicil of the 20th October, 1899, the late Lord Kensington appointed as executors Thomas, Earl of Longford, and Algernon Francis Holford Ferguson, both of whom are serving with the South African Field Forces, and administration of all the estate, which by law devolves to and vests in the personal representatives of the deceased, has meanwhile been granted to his uncle, Arthur Henry Johnstone Douglas. Bro. Lord Kensington was initiated in the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, in February, 1898.

THE HERMETIC BROTHERHOOD.—There is no exact history of this confraternity, that we are aware of (as, indeed, one hardly could be written); but it seems to be a pretty general opinion that from very early times there has been a sort of Hermetic, astrological, alchemical society in the world, which devoted itself to the "occult sciences," to magical formulae, to the Philosopher's Stone, to the transmutation of metals, to nativities and the like, and that it had a sort of mystic union, and means of recognition, &c. "Hermetic" comes from "Hermes," the Hermes to whom was given the name of "Trismegistus," or thrice greatest, and whom the Neo-Platonists especially looked upon as the chief of teachers in all that pertains to secret wisdom, and the mysteries of nature. The Hermetic MSS., in the early times, were highly prized, the first printed edition of the works of Hermes being apparently at Venice, by Patricius, under the title "Nova de Universis Philosophia." These were translated into German about 1781 "Hermes Trismegistus Poemander, oder von der gottlichen Macht und Weisheit." &c., and were eagerly taken up by the so-called theosophic high grades. About 1589, the alchemical and Hermetical works of Paracelsus appeared, who had apparently drawn his teaching from Hermes Trismegistus, and no doubt on these works many of the high grades founded their so-called Hermetic Masonry. Up to the present time we have always considered Hermetic Masonry not to be earlier than 1750, or thereabouts; but Bro. Mackey has recently called attention to a book printed in London in 1721, in which distinct allusion is made to higher grades, and to a sort of Hermetic wisdom, which necessarily gives a new colouring to the whole question. The connection as between Freemasonry and Hermeticism has yet to be accurately laid down.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, September 29, 1900.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

RAFT LODGES.

- 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
144, St. Luke's, Holborn Restaurant.
1540, Chaucer, St. James' Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

- 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1705, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Buckheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Broadway, Earl De la Beyle Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbours-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

RAFT LODGES.

- 141, Faith, Arderton's Hotel.
180, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 548, Wellington, Cannon-street Hotel.
1077, Crusaders, Holborn Restaurant.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Barton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.

- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26.

RAFT LODGES.

- 753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
754, High Cross, Great Eastern Hotel.
808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

RAFT LODGES.

- 65, Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant.
709, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Counts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

SIR CHARLES SCOTT, her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, has arrived in London on leave of absence.

THE SIRDAR (Bro. Sir Reginald Wingate) has left Dunbar, *en route* for Egypt, in order to resume his official duties.

THE USUAL MEETINGS of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, will be resumed on Thursday, the 4th prox., at Simpson's Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand Court, Cheapside, at 5.30 p.m. The first ceremony will be worked.

AS MANY AS three Provincial Grand Lodges will be held next week, that of Worcester being fixed for Tuesday, the 25th inst. The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Wales will take place at Neath on Thursday, the 27th inst., and that of North Wales at Denbigh on the following day (Friday, the 28th inst.).

LORD TREDEGAR has generously presented Bedwellly Park and house, the grounds of which are beautifully wooded and laid out, to the town of Tredegar, the only condition being that a nominal rental of £1 per annum is paid. The demesne is 28 acres in extent.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has been the guest of Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale, at Yester, East Lothian, during the present week. Her Royal Highness arrived at Haddington on Thursday, and was received by the Provost and magistrates, later driving by road to Yester.

BRO. THE MARQUIS OF BREADALBAN has let the shootings of Suie, near to Luib, in Perthshire, to Mr. W. Lang. The ground covers an area of some 14,000 acres, and yields grouse plentifully, in addition to a heavy bag of partridges, hares, and other lowland game. There is salmon fishing on the River Dochart.

SIR CHARLES SCOTTER, vice-chairman of the London and South-Western Railway Company, leaves to-day for Paris for two or three weeks, to attend the International Railway Congress. The Government and the railway authorities are doing all they can to make the Congress a success. The last gathering of the kind was held in London, following one in St. Petersburg.

STEPS are in progress for forming a Masonic lodge at Lourenço Marques, the proceedings to be carried on in Portuguese. The first meeting was held in the theatre recently, at which a lot of preliminary business connected with the Craft was transacted. There are quite a number of brethren belonging to different Constitutions at present located in the town.

AT A MEETING of the Londonderry Lodge, No. 2037, held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, on Monday, the 3rd inst., Bro. E. Hooper in the chair, Bro. E. J. Willis, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Nicholas Lee, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., was appointed Treasurer. Bro. Thos. Grieve, P.M., was elected Tyler, and Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M., was made Charities Representative.

WE RECEIVED an invitation last week to visit "The Vibratorium" 147, Oxford-street, W. This invention has lately been introduced into England by Dr. Muschik, a well-known continental specialist. The most eminent men in medical science are all agreed as to the great value of stimulating the skin and muscular tissue by mechanical agency. This theory long entertained has, however, as yet, had no practical outcome. It is to supply this great desideratum that Dr. Muschik submits his invention to his medical conferees, and the intelligent public in this country. The invention is clever, and the necessary apparatus simple. We, ourselves, tested it and certainly it seemed worthy of practical consideration. We cannot give the details, as it is a patent, but we strongly recommend those who are interested in the matter to pay a visit to Dr. Muschik, 147, Oxford-street, W., see his Vibratorium at work and judge for themselves.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES terminated his visit to Lord and Lady Savile, at Rufford Abbey, Notts, on Monday, when he left Ollerton, at 12.15 by special train for Scotland. Before his departure his Royal Highness planted a tree in commemoration of his stay. At Waverley Station, Edinburgh, it had become known that the Prince would arrive about six o'clock, *en route* for Advie, and about 200 people gathered on the main down platform, in order, if possible, to get a glimpse of the Royal traveller. The majority of them, however, were disappointed, as the special was taken almost to the west end of the station before being pulled up. Accompanying the Prince was the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, whose party, including three ladies, left the train with the object of joining the 6.40 express to Blenheim, and while the luggage of the Grand Duke was being removed the Prince, smoking a cigar, and looking remarkably well, stepped on to the platform and entered into conversation with the ducal party.

IN CONNECTION with the celebration last year of the tercentenary of its consecutive minutes, the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1 (which, according to the authorities, is the oldest existing Freemasons' lodge in the world), is bringing out a new and limited edition of its history. The work, of which Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Scottish Grand Lodge Secretary, is author, will be published by the Gresham Publishing Company. A special copy is in course of preparation for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who gave his patronage to the first edition, and who has honoured the lodge by requesting a copy of the present edition. Extract from the official Masonic Statutes of December 28th, 1599: "It is thocht needfull & expedient be my Lord Warden Generall that Edr., salbe in all tyme cuming as of befor the first and principall Lodge in Scotland, and yt, Kilwynning be the second Lodge as of befor is notourlie manefest in our awld antient writts and that Stirling salbe the third Lodge conforme to the awld privileges thairfor. William Schaw, Maistir of Wark, Wairden of ye Maisons."

MR. WILLIAM MOLLISON has now completed the cast for the production of the play with which he intends to commence his season at the Lyceum in the last week of the present month. The character of Haylett Bird which he will himself interpret is that of an Englishman who has become almost denationalised amidst a reckless society in South Africa, whither he drifted on the death of his wife 20 years previous to the opening of the story. Cut away from all the associations of his youth and early manhood, with every family tie almost forgotten, he sinks more through force of circumstances than by choice. Into the dangerous enterprises that make him an outlaw he enters with determination and courage. A strange note may awaken in him a reminiscence of home, and then all the old better nature is seen in the man that never hesitates to take a risk. It is a splendid character part, at times almost securing *deco symoathiv*; and the varying moods of the man in his life of fierce and bitter strife will afford Mr. Mollison wide scope for all his talents as an actor. Miss Fanny Brough, who has been specially released by Mr. Charles Frohman, will—as Daisy Grimp—have a particularly good comedy part, and it was because of this one being so eminently suited to her that Mr. Mollison made the successful effort to secure her for his Lyceum season. It is a strange coincidence that an account given in the *Daily Mail* of the 12th instant of the finding of a locket on Spion Kop should anticipate one of the incidents of the drama now in rehearsal at the Lyceum.

ON OCTOBER 6TH the Lord Mayor will lay the foundation-stone of the new public baths in High-street, Wandsworth.

EARL DE LA WARR has been re-appointed Captain of the 2nd Cinque Ports. (Eastern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery).

BRO. LORD ROBERTS is expected to visit the battlefields of Natal before his return to England. He leaves Pretoria on the 3rd prox.

"UNTO YOU YOUNG MEN," is the title of a new book by Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair that is about to be published by Mr. Grant Richards.

BRO. SIR BLUNDELL MAPLE, Bart., M.P., has been awarded several medals for his exhibits of shire horses in the Agricultural Section of the Paris Exhibition.

THE KINTORE MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION will meet at Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on the first and fourth Thursday of every month. Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M., Preceptor.

THE EARL OF HOPETOUN has resigned his commission in the Lancashire Yeomanry Cavalry, and is granted the honorary rank of Major, with permission to wear the uniform of the regiment on retirement.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS, black, merry and musical as ever, were welcomed back with every enthusiasm by a crowd of admirers at the St. James's Hall on Monday last. The gaiety was reminiscent, but the songs, jokes and music in a long programme were new.

DR. W. SEDGWICK SAUNDERS, who for upwards of a quarter of a century has held the important office of Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst for the City of London, has been dangerously ill from an attack of angina-pectoris. He is now slightly better.

SECOND ROMNEY EXHIBITION.—In consequence of the anticipated lateness of the Autumn Season, through the Dissolution of Parliament, the management of the Romney Exhibition have decided to postpone the opening of the second selection of the artists' works for a month.

AT THE LAST REGULAR MEETING of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, it was decided that in order to perpetuate the memory of Bro. Richard Eve, P.M. (P.G. Treasurer of England), a full length portrait of the deceased brother be painted in oils, by an artist of repute, the same to be placed in the lodge room.

THE *Freemason* may be obtained from any newsagent or bookseller. Where any difficulty is found, copies will be posted regularly direct from the Publishers, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., on the following terms: Twelve months (home), 13s. 6d.; six months, 6s. 9d.; and for abroad, twelve months, 15s. 6d.; six months, 7s. 9d., post free.

THE KENNEL CLUB'S 45TH DOG SHOW will take place this year as usual at the Crystal Palace, commencing on the 16th October, and lasting three days. The entries close on October 1st. There are 410 classes, and 35 judges have undertaken to make the awards. The schedule also contains particulars of about 400 special prizes which are offered for competition.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE, the Scotch-American millionaire, has intimated to Provost Black, of Greenock, a gift of £5000 towards the funds of a public library for the city. The Greenock Town Council adopted the Free Libraries Act in December last. The old post-office in Wallace-square, which is the property of the Town Council, is being altered to suit the library requirements.

BRO. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF SIR WILLIAM PURDIE TRELOAR, on behalf of the subscribers in the Ward of Farringdon Without, presented to Mr. Joseph Lawrence, Sheriff-elect for the City of London, a shrieval chain and badge, and to Mrs. Lawrence a tiara of diamonds, as a memento of the occasion. There was a large attendance of citizens at the ceremony at St. Bride's Institute.

DURING THE forthcoming Grocers' Exhibition to be held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, September 22nd to 29th, inclusive, a series of concerts will be given twice each evening, commencing on Monday, the 21st, in aid of the funds of the Grocers' and Tea Dealers' Benevolent Society. This society was established in 1837 for the relief of decayed members of the trade and their widows.

THROUGH THE Consul-General for Sweden and Norway, the Board of Trade have received silver medals and diplomas which have been awarded by the Norwegian Government to J. P. Jones (mate), A. Drienan (boatswain), and C. Patterson, Carl Dassing, and Matt Schade (seamen), of the ss. Llandudno, of Cardiff, in recognition of their services in rescuing the shipwrecked crew of the Norwegian ship Solheim, of Sandefjord, on Feb. 26th.

ON THE 16th instant an address was delivered in the Kingsland Congregational Church to the members of the P.S.A. Society on "Man the Journalist," by the Rev. M. H. Le Pla, whose remarks on that body, in our opinion, were not justified, he seems to have got mixed in his knowledge of journalism and the reporting of divorce and other cases of that kind. His assertion that the surroundings of the journalist makes him a man of questionable character, is not in our minds just or true. But with regard to the reporting of Police cases, as now practised by the reporters of some cheap and nasty newspapers, he has our cordial support.

FOR MR. WILLIAM HOLLISON'S production at the Lyceum Theatre a large number of stalwart guardsmen from Waterloo barracks as well as the fiers and drummers of the Scots Guards take part in the opening act. The cast—as already announced—is a very long one, and the members of it, together with the numerous ladies and gentlemen that "walk on" and the military will reach a total that must tax even the great resources of the Lyceum stage. In all particulars, even to the troops and the quick firing guns, care is being taken to secure a realistic setting for the incidents of the drama.

THE 101st birthday of Dr. Samuel Johnson was celebrated at Lichfield on the 19th instant by the dedication of his birthplace as a public memorial of him, and by the conferment of the honorary freedom of the city on Alderman John Gilbert, who has purchased the house and presented it to his native city. Mr. Arthur Lyles, the Mayor, in accepting the generous gift, said acknowledgments were also due to the trustees of the estate of the late Mr. G. H. Johnson, of Southport and Silverdale, for having made a very substantial reduction in the purchase money. The Corporation and leading citizens were entertained to luncheon by Alderman Gilbert.

UP TO NOON of the 17th instant the total received at the Mansion House for the Transvaal War Fund was £1,007,000. This far exceeds the amount raised previously by any Lord Mayor. Only one Chief Magistrate of the City (Alderman Sir Walter Wilkin) has during the past decade been enabled to go through his 12 months of office without starting a fund. This year the calls made upon public generosity have been phenomenal. The various funds for the sufferers by the Transvaal War, the Indian famine, and the Ottawa fire, the distressed South African refugees, and for the organisation of the City Imperial Volunteers have together obtained the enormous sum of £1,726,000.

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