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### BRO. D. MURRAY LYON.

Few men have established a better claim to pass the remaining years of a long and busy career in a state of peace and quietude than the distinguished brother who at no very distant date will vacate the important office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. From the time of his initiation in Ayr St. Paul Lodge, No. 204, in 1856 till now Bro. DAVID MURRAY LYON has been one of the most familiar figures in Scottish Masonry. It is well nigh 40 years since he was honoured with the appointment of Prov. J.G. Warden of Ayrshire. In the same year in which this happened he became, so the sketch of his Masonic career in KENNING'S "Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry" informs us, as Proxy Master of Ayr Operative Lodge, No. 138, a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and from that time forward in one or other of several different capacities has remained a member. But it is not alone by the work he has done as a member or Grand Officer that Bro. LYON is so well known and respected, and his services to the Craft in Scotland so highly appreciated. He is a Masonic author of the very highest repute. Those who are familiar with the contents of our Masonic periodical literature must have been greatly edified by the many valuable contributions from his pen to be found therein. His "History of the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning," which originally appeared in the "Scottish Freemasons' Magazine," has been translated into several foreign languages, while his "History of the Old Lodge at Thornhill" has also found a host of appreciative readers. But the greatest of all his works, and that by which he will be best remembered, is his "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1," which was published in 1873 "under the Patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Patron of the Order," and dedicated, "by permission," to the late "Right Honourable the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and Past Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England." Of this valuable work it is difficult to speak in terms of adequate praise. Not only does it contain a detailed account of this venerable lodge, the tercentenary of whose earliest records was celebrated with so much *clat* last year, but it likewise includes "an account of the rise and progress of Freemasonry," and a rare treasure of information concerning other Scottish lodges. A new edition of this

great work, which will serve as an enduring memorial of last year's Tercentenary celebration, is in course of compilation and its issue from the press will be looked upon as the crowning act of Bro. LYON'S long and brilliant career as the historian of Scottish Freemasonry. Nor have his literary labours been wholly restricted to Freemasonry. He has written much about the antiquities of Ayrshire, and very many years ago, in recognition of his services in this respect, he was elected a corresponding member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

Thus far we have contented ourselves mostly with a sketch of Bro. LYON'S career as a literary Mason. But he has won equal distinction as the chief executive officer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was in 1877, on the retirement of Bro. JOHN LAURIE, that our respected brother was elected by a large majority of votes to the office of Grand Secretary. At the time the affairs of the Grand Lodge were in a state of the most complete disorder, more particularly as regards its finances, its liabilities amounting, it is said, to the immense sum of £20,000. Thanks, however, to the determined energy and great business aptitude of Bro. LYON, and the great encouragement he received from successive Grand Masters, the difficulties in which the Scottish Craft was involved were slowly but surely overcome. Chaos was gradually reduced to order, and the formidable deficit of 24 years ago has given place to the still more formidable surplus of funds amounting, as we are told, to some £80,000, so that the Grand Lodge of Scotland is now in a condition of prosperity such as even in its palmiest days it has never known before. In effecting this transformation, the most arduous part of the work has necessarily devolved upon our brother, and it is not surprising, therefore, that at his advanced age he should ask to be relieved from all further duties and responsibilities. Under the circumstances we have described the Grand Committee, to which Bro. LYON tendered his resignation, had no option but to accept it, but at the same time they have marked their sense of his great services by recommending to Grand Lodge that the full salary he received as Grand Secretary shall be continued to him as a pension for the remaining years of his life. That he may be long spared to enjoy this just reward will be, we are confident, the earnest hope of all Freemasons, wherever they may be distributed, but more especially those under the Scottish Constitution, whom he has served so long, so faithfully, and so successfully.

### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

In a recent article (September 1st) the subject of finance was referred to, so far as it concerned Provincial and District Grand Lodges. We now approach the subject of Grand Lodge Finance.

The monetary affairs of Grand Lodge are managed by wise and capable officials, and the cash statements and balance sheets are regularly examined by professional auditors.

Moreover, if we regard Grand Lodge for a moment as a business concern, the two accounts under which its finances are administered, the Benevolent Fund and the Fund of General Purposes, are subject to the control of two very experienced Boards of Directors, behind whom is the vast body of shareholders, as we may term Grand Lodge, to whom the directors have to render periodical accounts of their Stewardship.

In referring, therefore, to Grand Lodge finances, criticism would be quite out of place and the task of the writer is simply

one of explanation and possibly amplification. We propose to deal with the Fund of General Purposes first of all.

The income of Grand Lodge is permanent, and casual. The permanent income—permanent as to its sources and estimated with approximate accuracy as to its amount—comprises registration fees, fees for certificates, and fees for new warrants. Details of these are tabulated and printed in tabular form every quarter and the following abstract will show the steady and uniform increase. We select three normal years:

	Registration and Certificates.			Warrants.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1895 First Quarter	2683	5	0	110	5	0	2793	10	0
Second "	2136	5	6	162	5	0	2298	10	6
Third "	1461	0	0	168	0	0	1529	0	0
Fourth "	1862	15	0	110	5	0	1973	0	0
1896 First	2750	11	6	136	10	0	2887	1	6
Second "	2259	10	0	94	10	0	2354	0	0
Third "	1611	0	6	63	0	0	1674	0	6
Fourth "	2060	19	0	99	15	0	2160	14	0
1897 First	3172	17	6	173	5	0	3346	2	6
Second "	2266	13	6	105	0	0	2371	13	6
Third "	1554	18	0	63	0	0	1617	18	0
Fourth "	2557	15	0	120	15	0	2678	10	6

The totals for the years shown are in round figures £8594, £9075, and £10,014. The heaviest contributions it will be noticed come in the first quarter, and the lightest in the third quarter.

A good many interesting deductions can be made from these figures. It is fair to assume that the early months in the year are most popular for both initiations and joinings, and the holidays may possibly account for the smallness of receipts under these heads in the third quarter. The cost of the warrant is five, 10, or 15 guineas for lodges abroad, in the provinces, and in London respectively, and a similar graduation is to be noticed in the registration fees which are 7.6, 17.0, and 27.6.

Other permanent sources of income are rents, both on account of house property and lodges meeting in Freemasons' Hall and dividends from Consols. At present 79 lodges meet in the hall.

The casual sources of income are not important as regards their amount. Sales of the Book of Constitutions are, of course, a set-off against the cost of printing, but no separate P. and L. account is shown. Fees of honour are for the most part applied to the Benevolent Fund, exceptions being made in the cases of Provincial and District Grand Masters, and their respective Deputies, who also pay certain fees to the General Purposes Fund for their patent and registration.

Centenary warrants, warrants of confirmation, sales of charity medals and centenary medals, dispensations, and subscriptions for the quarterly reports go to make up the grand total. Their insignificance, however, may be gathered from the fact that out of a total of £16,192 14s. 7d. in 1897, all the above-mentioned minor sources of income only amounted to £470 18s. 3d., or say 2½ per cent.

The income of Grand Lodge generally exceeds current expenditure by a large sum, out of which, what may be called the profit grants for special objects are made, and seldom a year passes in which Grand Lodge is not called upon to contribute what is frequently a very large sum. Indian Famine Funds, the War Fund, the Newfoundland fire, and others too numerous to mention, will at once occur to the reader's mind. The income and expenditure during the three years already quoted are as follows:

	1895.			1896.			1897.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Income	14,856	1	8	15,050	14	1	16,192	14	7
Expenditure	10,250	12	11	11,148	12	11	11,480	13	8
Balance	4,605	8	9	4,502	1	2	4,712	0	11

The expenditure in each case has included £800 paid to the R.M.B.I., and about £100 in casual relief.

In 1895 sufficient was taken from the balance in hand to admit of the purchase of £5000 Consols. In 1897 £2000 was given to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund and 1000 guineas to the Lord Mayor's Famine Relief Fund.

Recent payments will be within our readers' recollection. An interesting item of expenditure was the payment of the cost of publication of Lane's "Masonic Records." Few, however, will be found to cavil with regard to such an item. The Grand Lodge Library is one of the most complete of its kind, and is arranged in its new quarters so as to be readily accessible to every Masonic student, and the amount expended on it varies from £50 to £100 a year, in addition to the stipend of the Sub-Librarian.

The Fund of Benevolence is maintained by a levy of 1s. a quarter upon London brethren—collected from the lodge and half that amount from Provincial brethren.

Brethren in Districts are exempt from payments to Grand

Lodge, but generally have to contribute to Local Benevolent Funds. Fees of honour, dispensations for non-residence, and dividends make up the total income. In 1897 the quarterages amounted to £10,785 2s.; dividends to £1170 2s. 4d.; and fees, £159 12s—or 1¼ per cent. of the total of £12,114 16s. 4d.

The Fund is administered by a special Board, whose President was, within recent years, advanced to the rank of an officer of Grand Lodge. The Board is nominally most extensive comprising all past and present Grand Officers and all Masters of lodges, together with 12 Past Masters who are elected. In actual practice, the latter are often described as the Board. Two Vice-Presidents are also elected.

Article 234 defines the qualifications of applicants for relief, who must have been each of them a subscribing member to a contributing lodge for at least two years—certain exceptions being specified. It is undesirable, and in fact impracticable to make laws and regulations which shall reduce the administration of charity to an exact science. Certain preliminary conditions are specified in the Constitutions, but their very wording shows the anxiety of Grand Lodge not to fetter the discretion of the Board, e.g., Article 247:

"No petition shall be read unless the petitioner attend the Board in person except in the case of widows and children, sickness, lameness, imprisonment, or residence in the country."

The amount given varies from £5 to as high as £200, and sometimes even higher, regard, of course, being had in the case of large amounts to any services the brother may have rendered the Craft.

Every case has to be recommended by a lodge of which the applicant is, or has been, a member, and the very important question is always asked whether at the time he was admitted he was in reputable circumstances. Masonry is not a sick club or a benefit society, although it is a commonly received opinion among the profane that it is. The question asked the candidate for initiation as to the favourable opinion he preconceived of the Order, does not exclude the needy man, who naturally would preconceive the most favourable opinion possible of an Order which he thought would relieve his necessities whenever they arose. Some time ago the District Grand Master of the Punjab referred to many instances that had come under his notice of brethren who spent a large part of their income in joining various lodges and concomitant Orders, and he referred particularly to the case of a brother who was a member of, and subscribed to, three lodges, two chapters, a Mark lodge, and the R.A.M., and who was applying for relief. A creditable record of continuous membership of one lodge is a far greater recommendation to the Board than membership of half a dozen.

Freemasonry in itself is not expensive, but there are many brethren who can attribute some part of their present neediness to the expenses they incurred in connection with the Craft. It is not the two guinea subscription, but the expensive dinner, the costly summer out, the testimonials to retiring officers, sometimes even extending to the wives of eminent brethren—no hesitation need be felt by any brother in letting it be known that he cannot afford all these things. If expensive habits are acquired in a lodge room, they will not stop there, and it is far better to make a stand at once than, as the result of it all, to appear before the Board of Benevolence.

There is a phrase, in this connection, which will be familiar to every brother who attends lodge—"without detriment to myself or connections." That saving clause is to be found wherever the obligations enjoin the sacred duty of charity and the relief of distressed brethren.

By Article 245 the Board expects to have laid before it every scrap of information, not only under the heads suggested, but as regards the prospects and the history of the applicant. Not only is the Board entitled to have evidence in support, but it makes it a point of honour that the supporters shall state whatever they know that might seem to oppose the application.

As funds are not inexhaustible this is only fair. We might conclude this article by pointing out that the sole charge for administering a fund amounting to £12,000 a year is the small cost of printing summaries of the cases, which comes to about one-third per cent. of the total, or £40.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE (EASTERN DIVISION) OF SOUTH WALES.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Neath, on the 27th ult., under the banner of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 364. There was a large gathering of wearers of the purple, Masters, Past Masters, and brethren from the various lodges of the province. The lodge was opened at four in the afternoon, and Lord

Llangattock, Prov. Grand Master, presided, supported by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and a number of distinguished brethren.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, having duly opened Provincial Grand Lodge, thanked the members for their cordial support, and the various lodges for their kind attendance in such large numbers on the interesting occasion of their annual meeting.

Letters of apology from Bros. the Earl Jersey, Colonel Lyne, and a number of other brethren of high Masonic rank regretting inability to attend were read.

On the motion of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. FERRIER, the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee was adopted. It was stated that the working of the lodges was satisfactory and mutually harmonious.

The accounts of Bro. Sam Cym Jones, P.M. 364, Prov. G. Treas., showed a credit balance of £268 13s. 7d. as against £228 10s. 5d. last year. A sum of £10 10s. had been voted to the South African Masonic Relief Funds, and 50 guineas were voted to the funds of the Masonic Boys' School, and a similar sum to the Provincial Educational and Widows' Fund.

It was announced that the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, had secured up to the date of the meeting of the Court of Governors the sum of £1066 14s., which included a vote of 100 guineas from the Prov. Grand Lodge in aid of the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund, which he hoped to further increase.

The accounts were adopted, and thanks were voted to Bro. Cym Jones for his services as Treasurer, and to Bro. J. Rogers for his services as Treasurer to the Provincial Educational Fund.

Alms to the amount of £5 1s. were collected and handed over to Bro. H. P. Charles for distribution among local charities.

On the motion of Lord LLANGATTOCK, the members elected Bro. Christopher Rowland, Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Prov. G. Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:

Table listing officers and their names: Bro. H. P. Charles, W.M. 364; W. B. Ferrier, 960; the Rev. W. Lewis, 1578; the Rev. G. J. Pagden, 238e; C. Rowland, 237; W. J. Jenkins, 2720; W. Whittington, 364; J. J. Shilton, 36; Henry Aldridge, 960; John Corker, 1573; Charles Downing, 2570; G. Maurice Bailey, 1992; Wm. Rees, 2547; W. S. Williams, 1754; Rees Jones, 2357; J. P. McGaul, 1752; W. Phillips, 1578; Arthur Steel, 833; A. H. Parker, 2453; Hilton Yates, 833; R. Edwards, 2606; James W. Chambers, 2382; Michael Davies, 1752; C. A. Caerless, 1754.

In concluding, Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK proposed, and the DEP. PROV. G. MASTER seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Cambrian Lodge for their hearty reception that day.

Bro. CHARLES, W.M., acknowledged the compliment.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren repaired to the Castle Hotel, where a banquet was presided over by Lord Llangattock.

Among the brethren present were—

Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; H. P. Charles; W. Whittington, Prov. G. Sec.; D. C. Jones, P.M.; H. G. Davies, P.M.; N. Grose, P.M.; Thomas Phillips, P.M.; M. Davies, P.M.; J. McGaul; G. D. Loveluck, P.M.; M. Whittington, P.M.; J. G. Griffith, P.M., P.G.P.; D. L. Davies; F. H. James; Geo. Bull; G. Whittington; A. R. Thomas; W. G. Davies, P.M.; T. Morris; J. Hill; W. G. Rees; G. H. Gulston; Ellson Allen; J. S. Church; Edward Powell; A. H. Parker; Simons, P.M.; Steed, P.M.; Harry Rees; A. R. Browning, P.M.; Hilton Yates; Hill, P.M.; Addis; John Hemming, P.G. Reg.; J. D. Llewellyn, P.M.; D. Griffiths; and a large number of other brethren.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Durham on Tuesday, the 25th ult., and was of a very successful character. The weather was beautifully fine, and the gathering and the attendance of brethren was most satisfactory. The arrangements for the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge were carried out by a committee representative of the two principal lodges meeting in Durham city, viz., the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, and the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, and consisted of Bros. J. Rickerby, W.M. 124; J. Smith, P.M. 124, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Fenny, P.M. 124, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. J. R. Hindmarch, W.M. 1334; Thos. Laidler, I.P.M. 1334; G. S. Shaw, P.M. 1334, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and Robt. Hauxwell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec. 1334. By the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Plummer, Master of University College, the Lecture Hall in Palace Green was placed at the disposal of the province for the occasion, and formed an admirable meeting place. The Provincial Grand Lodge

met at half-past two o'clock, when Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Deputy Prov. G.M., presided. Amongst those who supported our reverend brother, were—

Bros. Lord Barnard, P.G.W., acting D.P.G.M.; Sir George Hare Philipson, P.S.G.W.; Wm. Gray, P.J.G.W.; C. F. De Pledge, P.P.S.G.W.; Babington Boulton, P.P.S.G.W.; Chas. D. Hill Drury, P.P.S.G.W.; Col. Rowlandson, P.P.G.W.; Chas. H. Backhouse, P.P.G.W.; Robt. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; John Robinson, P.P.G.W.; B. S. Beckwith, P.P.G.W.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.W.; John Joel, P.P.G.W.; Thos. Coulson, P.P.S.G.W.; Lionel Booth, P.P.S.G.W.; Henry W. Roberts, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. T. Lawson, P.P.G. Chap.; Robert Stewart, P.P.G.T.; I. Thompson, P.P.G.T.; T. A. Pollard, Prov. Grand Treasurer; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.D.; C. T. Johnson, P.G.D. of C.; Thos. Robinson, P.S.G.D.; E. Lautebach, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Smith, P.P.G.D.; W. Watson, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Nicholls, P.P.S.B.; James Lee, P.P.G.P.; John E. Nelson, P.P.G.P.; Thos. Wood, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Holt, P.P.G.D.; W. A. Hutchence, P.P.G.D. North and East Yorks; W. J. Sanderson, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Graham, P.P.G.R.; Richard Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. F. Douglas, P.P.G. Std.; Geo. C. Askew, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. J. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Elwen, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Goodenough, P.P.G.P.; T. H. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; A. S. Fowler, P.P.G.D.; J. A. Birkbeck, P.G. Std.; W. E. Moffett, P.P.G.D.; J. Ellis, P.G. Std.; Rev. R. E. Parr, P.P.G.C.; R. Jack, P.P.G.P.; H. W. Emerson, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; Nicholas Lee, P.P.G. Std.; Rev. J. G. Ryles, P.G. Chap.; Geo. Bradley, P.P.G.P.; Joseph J. Clegg, P.P.G. Std.; James Rose, P.S.G.D.; W. N. Cheesman, P.P.G.D.C. North and East Yorks; Thomas Black, P.G. D. of C.; Harry Brown, P.S.G.D.; C. F. Dawson, P.P.G. Std.; T. G. Garrick, P.P.G.P.; Thos. Banks, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Thomas Grievé, P.G. Tyler; Francis Toogood, P.P.G.P.; Robert Whitfield, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Clarke, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Moore, P.G.O.; Wm. Barlow, P.P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Wood, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. E. Sykes, P.P.G.C.; L. Winstone, P.P.G.O.; James Robinson, P.P.G.D.; D. Cameron, P.P.G. Std.; G. J. Clarkson, P.G. of D.; Rev. H. Coulton, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. T. Munro, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Mitcheson, P.P.G.D. of C.; G. Rutherford, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. T. Munro, P. Std. Br.; W. Mitford, P.P.G.S.B.; Chas. W. Anderson, P.P.G.D.; J. F. Hiller, P.P.G.O.; D. Whitehead, P.P.G.O.; Geo. W. Hudson, P.P.G.S. of W. North and East Yorks; Thos. G. P. Barlow, P.P.G.D. North and East Yorks; W. Sanderson, P.P.G.P.; Rev. A. de Moleyns, P.P.G.C.; T. C. Jones, P.P.G.S.; A. Wilmot, P.G. Std.; G. Milburn, P.P.G.D.; John T. Ross, P.P.G.O.; Wm. C. Barron, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. S. Shaw, P.P.G.D. of C.; Jas. Willan, P.P.G. Std.; S. Penny, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Richard Walker, P.P.G. Std.; Isaac Burrell, P.P.G. Std.; John Lidster, P.P.G.D. of C.; E. Jepson, P.P.G.D.; John Deane, P.P.G.P.; H. Soderberg, P.P.G.P.; M. A. Lax, P.P.G.P.; John Munro, P.P.G.P.; D. Anderson, P.G.P.; and John S. Roy, P.P.G. Std. Br.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Gateshead, and of the special Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Wolsingham, were approved.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's statement showed total receipts £920 7s. 5d., and there was a balance of £350 1s. 8d.

The report of the Fund Committee showed that the total receipts had been £350 1s. 8d. Contributions had been made from the funds to the following Institutions: Hudson Benevolent Fund, 50 guineas; Masonic Education Fund, 50 guineas; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 60 guineas; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 20 guineas; and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 50 guineas.

The Charities Committee reported that during the year, owing to circumstances which were entirely beyond their control, there had been a falling off in the amount generally contributed. During the year the Committee had invested the sum of £805 0s. 10d., and there was also a sum of £228 16s. 6d. in hand. There were 28 children on the Education and Maintenance Fund, and one male and two widows on the Hudson Benevolent Fund. The total of the invested funds was £6188 7s. 10d.

The whole of the reports were adopted, after which

The R.W. ACTING PROV. G. MASTER addressed the lodge. He referred to the lamented circumstances which compelled him to occupy the chair that afternoon, and to the grievous loss which Masonry generally in that province had suffered by the removal of their much lamented Sir Hedworth Williamson. They knew Sir Hedworth's devotion to Masonry, his genial warmth, and his charming, frank, though it might sometimes be thought, brusque manner. But in every position in life Sir Hedworth was a true, typical English gentleman of the highest stamp, and was intensely devoted to everything in which he took an interest. But most of all they knew how thoroughly he entered into the spirit of Masonry, and how anxious he was that Masonry in that province should flourish on a true and right basis. Sir Hedworth began his offices amongst them in 1867, when he was appointed Dep. Prov. G. Master on the death of the father of English Masonry, the late Bro. John Fawcett, who was in his day the senior Prov. G.M. of England. Appointed Prov. G.M. in 1885, on the decease of the late Marquis of Londonderry, his memory would live amongst them. During his 15 years connection with them Sir Hedworth saw many changes. During that time nearly 50 per cent. had been added to the membership of the province, and seven new lodges had been created. In 1885 the number of lodges was 31, with a membership of 2311, and in 1900 they had 38 lodges, with a membership of 3350. It was satisfactory to know that the lodges generally were doing a good work to promote the tenets and principles of good fellowship in Freemasonry. Bro. Canon Tristram mentioned that the latest returns showed an increase in members since 1898 after allowing for deaths and removals, of 130, and this increase of 130 was distributed over 35 lodges. This showed that Masonry was growing in proportion with the population. He then proceeded to review the various functions of the year, and touchingly referred to the number of deaths which had occurred. He moved that a vote of condolence expressive of their affection and esteem and sympathy with the family of the late Prov. G. Master, and of the deep loss which they had sustained, be sent to Lady Elizabeth Williamson.

Lord BARNARD seconded the proposition, which was sympathetically carried.

Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M. 48, was, by a large majority, elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The ACTING P.G.M. asked Lord Barnard to act as Deputy Prov. G.M., pro tem.

The appointment and investiture of Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year was as follows:

Table listing officers: Bro. N. W. Apperley, 375; W. N. Cochrane, 1379; Rev. H. C. Windley, 424; Rev. H. Ellershaw, 2152.

Bro. Wm. Brown, 48	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. J. Anderson, 2019	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng. (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Seaton Cockell, 1862	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" T. Harrison, 949	...	...	
" W. E. Brown, 111	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" R. Tinkler, 940	...	...	
" L. M. Snowdon, 1970	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" C. T. Johnson (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Bennison, 531	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" T. Y. Tuck, 1121	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Isaac Burrell, 124	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Joseph Rigby, 1119	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John Coulthard, 2135	...	...	
" Thomas Laidler, 1334	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Joel, P.P.G.W. (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" John C. Bage, 2104	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Nicholas Lee, 2039	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. F. Oldfield, 2462	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" Julius Jacobs, 94	...	...	
" Joseph Pringle, 1643	...	...	
" J. O. Rawson, 1650	...	...	
" J. R. Mabane, 1970	...	...	
" Bernard Biggs, 1379	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Thomas Grieve (re-appointed)	...	...	

After the Provincial Grand Lodge, a banquet was held in the Castle, the catering of Mr. Green being of a very satisfactory character. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very successful gathering was brought to a conclusion. The arrangements of the local committee were in every way satisfactory.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Public Hall, Solihull, on the 26th ult., under the banner of the St. Alphege Lodge, No. 1431. The W.M. having opened his lodge in the Three Degrees, the Prov. Grand Lodge closed and formed in procession in another room, entered the lodge room and were saluted by the brethren present. The Prov. Grand Officers then took the seats vacated by the officers of the St. Alphege Lodge.

Bros. George Beech, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., acted as Prov. Grand Master; Charles Lee as Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Dr. Denne as P.S.G.W.; and Dr. Duke as P.J.G.W.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. Apologies for absence were read from the following: Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.M. Oxon; Sir A. F. Godson, P.G.M. Worcestershire; and Lord Ernest Seymour, and a large number of other distinguished brethren.

The Prov. G. Secretary having read the circular convening the meeting, the Prov. G.D.C. called the roll of the Prov. G. Officers, W.Ms., and Past Masters, when upwards of 203 responded.

The Prov. G. SECRETARY read the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge meeting, held at the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, on April 30th last, and also the reply to the address sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., after the attempt on his life.

Bro. G. H. C. HUGHES (as Chairman) read the report from the Festival Committee of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, showing that at the Festival, held at Stoneleigh in July, the sum of £3257 10s. was collected, and he handed the acting Prov. G.M. cheques for the amount.

Bro. G. BEECH, acting Prov. Grand Master, thanked the whole of the Committee of Stewards, who had by their strenuous efforts collected so large a sum.

The Prov. G. SECRETARY read a report on the state of Freemasonry in the province, which was very satisfactory.

Bro. C. LEE proposed, and Bro. WILSON seconded, "That the W. Bro. George Beech, D.P.G.M., be respectfully requested to edit the Masonic Calendar for 1901."

Provincial Grand Lodge was adjourned, and the brethren proceeding to St. Alphege Church, attended Divine service, where an excellent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Lloyd Evans, Prov. G.C.

On returning to the Public Hall, where the Prov. Grand Lodge was resumed,

Bro. HUNT proposed, and Bro. FENWICKE seconded, the re-election of Bro. John Harris as Prov. G. Treasurer.

The acting Prov. Grand Master invested his officers as follows:

Bro. G. Beech, 887	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" G. H. C. Hughes, 1782	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. A. Eades, 925	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" the Rev. G. Emanuel, 1474	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" the Rev. R. S. Aldridge, 284	...	...	
" J. Harris, 473	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. F. Jeffery, 1431	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. G. Swinden, 887	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. F. Marston, 794	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Dr. F. Vinrace, 887	...	...	
" T. G. Pratt, 739	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. J. Collins, 587	...	...	
" J. W. Mills, 254	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Major F. Glover, 395	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. T. Smith, 473	...	...	Prov. Dep. G.D.C.
" J. J. Kendall, 1031	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" S. H. Hossell, 1246	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. T. Carr, 1644	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. M. Bird, 2133	...	...	
" E. W. Bradley, 43	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. A. Clulee, 1180	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" E. L. Field, 1163	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. White, 725	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.

Bro. F. D. Docker, 587	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. E. Stenbridge, 587	...	...	
" J. E. Wearing, 587	...	...	
" E. Parsons, 254	...	...	
" F. Foster, 254	...	...	
" P. Croydon, 254	...	...	

Bro. F. G. SWINDEN proposed, and Bro. C. LEE seconded, "That this Provincial Grand Lodge, having heard with deep regret of the absence of their Provincial Grand Master from the meeting, trust that he will be speedily restored to perfect health, and that they may have the honour and pleasure of seeing him preside over the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge for many years to come."

Bro. G. BEECH announced that the Prov. Grand Master had fixed the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge to be held in the Spring at the Howe Lodge (to celebrate their Jubilee), and in the Autumn at the Trinity.

Bro. Sir JAMES SAWYER proposed, and Bro. TOLLADAY seconded, "A vote of thanks to the Rector of Solihull for the use of the church and that the sum of £5 5s. be voted from the Funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be devoted to any charity in connection with the church."

After other business of a formal nature was completed, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

Craft Masonry.

Bradstow Lodge, No. 2448.

Freemasonry at Broadstairs has of late years had a considerable impetus, and the Bradstow Lodge, although comparatively a young one—it was founded in 1892—now numbers among its members many of the most influential and prominent of the residents of the town, and its membership is increasing steadily but surely. The Masonic Hall, wherein the members foregather, is one of the prettiest and most tastefully arranged of temples, and here, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft, Bro. Wm. Frederick Whiteing was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, with all the solemnity attached to this impressive ceremony. Bro. Edgar H. White, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., acted as Installing Master, and carried out his onerous duties in a very thorough, practical, and impressive manner. The new W.M., who received a most cordial welcome upon taking over the charge of the lodge, appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. White, I.P.M.; H. H. Marks, S.W.; W. Nation, J.W.; Albert H. Hale, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; John T. May, P.M., Sec.; T. P. Swaine, S.D.; H. B. Langham, J.D.; W. H. Northover, I.G.; A. A. Barnaschina, D.C.; G. A. Taylor, A.D.C.; J. Batten, Org.; J. A. Wright and J. H. Snow, Stwds.; and G. J. Hamilton, Tyler.

Among those present, in addition to the officers named, were Bros. A. H. Hale, W.M. 429, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Harvey, 1209, Prov. A.G. Sec.; G. Blackburn, P.M. 2248; G. Hiller, P.M. 429; W. Cowell, P.M. 429; R. Morley, 429, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. King-Cochran, A. J. Holt, J. Warren, A. H. Clarke, G. Grey, J. Emery, Walter Secker, J. King, T. G. Clare, W. H. Price, W. W. Lord, J. Avon, T. Vernon, A. D. Sackett, W. Dixon, P.M. 1206; H. W. Bamber, P.M. 127; J. Moore, P.M. 127 and 2753; J. W. Pointer, 1209; J. Hosking, P.M. 127; W. F. Franklin, P.M. 127; J. Brighurst, P.M. 127 and 2753; L. Hill, P.M. 127; A. Walter, 1257; W. S. Call, 429; R. Beerling, 127; and others.

The banquet took place at the Grand Hotel, where between 40 and 50 of the brethren sat down to a *recherche* repast, served in the excellent manner for which the Gordon Hotels Company is noted. The serving, the waiting, and all the arrangements were perfect.

Following on the lines adopted last year by the W.M., Bro. W. H. White, now the I.P.M., the arrangements for the *post-prandial* proceedings were thoroughly enjoyable.

The usual Masonic toasts were gone through first as under. "The Queen and Craft," proposed by the W.M., who also submitted the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both of which were loyally drunk with Masonic enthusiasm.

Bro. Geo. Blackburn, P.M., proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

The W.M. next submitted in felicitous terms, "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst."

Bro. J. T. May, P.M., proposed "The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bros. G. Blackburn and A. G. Harvey responded. Bro. W. H. White, I.P.M., who was received with applause, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. F. Whiteing," and in the course of his remarks wished him a happy and successful year of office.

The W.M., who received quite an ovation on arising to respond, made a manly and appropriate speech full of true Masonic sentiment, and he gave the assurance that he would use his best endeavours to keep the lodge up to its present state of efficiency, and, if possible, increase its popularity and add to its beneficent work.

Bro. H. H. Marks, S.W., gave the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the names of Bro. J. Brighurst, 2753; F. W. Pointer, 1209; and J. Hosking, 127. These brethren each responded and suitably acknowledged the compliment paid them.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, the I.P.M., and the Past Masters," which was acknowledged by Bros. E. H. White and W. H. White. The remaining toasts were "The Masonic Institutions," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

Not the least enjoyable feature of the proceedings were the musical arrangements. The Grand Hotel orchestra performed an excellent programme of music during the dinner.

The subjoined programme also proved most enjoyable, the items in almost every instance being re-demanded: Piano solo, "Tannhauser March" (Wagner Liszt), Bro. Tom G. Clare; song, "Nita Gitana" (Newton), Bro. Robert Dennant; humorous song, "When father laid the carpet" (Jackson), Bro. James Avon; storyettes, Bro. John Warren; musical sketch, "A Christmas Pantomime" (Spurr), Bro. Tom G. Clare; song, "Wearing of the Green," new version (Boulton), Bro. Robert Dennant (encored); humorous song, "All for the sake of Finnigan" (Barrett), Bro. James Avon (encored); quartette, "A Lover's Complaint" (Glanville), the Rouge et Noir Quartette (encored); ventriloquial sketch, Bro. John Warren and Marmaduke; quartette, "Jenk's Compound" (Mary), the Rouge et Noir Quartette (encored); humorous trio, "Three Nice Girls" (Roberts), Bros. Dennant, Avon, and Clare (encored).

Royal Arch.

South Saxon Chapter, No. 311.

The annual convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. Comp. Gen. Randolph, G. Supt., was present, and there was a good attendance. Comp. A. M. Betchley was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. W. Flint, as H.; and Comp. W. Gates, as J. The other officers invested were Comps. H. Grainger, S.E.; Budd-Budd, S.N.; S. Tanner, Treas.; E. G. Hales, P.S.; S. H. Hunt, 1st A.S.; and H. J. Levett, 2nd A.S.

Among those also present were Comps. Jos. Farncombe, P.Z.; G. E. Chapman, P.Z.; G. Holman, P.Z.; R. Weston, P.Z.; H. Tuff, P.Z.; A. Russell, P.Z.; W. A. Dew, Beatty, H. Mercer, F. J. Goringe, and others.

The companions dined at the Crown Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Comp. Staden.

The vocalists were Miss Emilie Fleet and Mr. W. N. Barnard; accompanist, Mr. H. Jackson.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### THE METAL PLATINUM.

The curious and useful metal, Platinum, was probably known to the natives of South America many centuries ago. Travellers, and workers in metals, report that at the end of the 17th century it was already generally spoken of as *platina*, which, in Spanish, means "little silver," pure silver being called *plata*. It was meant by this that platinum was a less valuable metal than silver; it was not so white, did not take so fine a polish, could not be worked so easily, and it was also far less abundant. In 1736, a Spaniard, named Antonio d'Ulloa, a great traveller, mathematician, and meteorologist, who had a special gift for observation, found this metal in the gold-bearing sands and gravels of South America, and drew the attention of scientific men to it in 1748. But previous to this, Charles Wood, an English chemist, who was assay-master in Jamaica, had seen the metal about the year 1741, or, perhaps, rather earlier, and gave specimens of it to Dr. Brownrigg, who showed it to the members of the Royal Society in London, during a meeting held in 1753. By this time Wood had published a paper on it in the 44th volume of the *Philosophical Transactions* for the years 1749-50. This was the first truly scientific account of the new metal in question, and it establishes, once again, the priority of English chemists in metallurgical discovery. Since those days it has been examined by scores of chemists and metallurgists, and has become one of the most important of metals, its price being frequently higher than that of gold itself. Its peculiar properties have made it most useful in the construction of scientific instruments and apparatus employed in certain branches of industrial art and manufacture; of late years it has even been used, in notable quantities, in photography. When sulphuric acid, or oil of vitriol, is manufactured by the usual process, it is not at first obtained as strong as the trade requires it; it has to be heated to drive off the superfluous water it contains. This was formerly done, and is still done, in many works by heating the acid in large glass vessels, which are very apt to break if a current of air play upon them, or by the bumping of the acid when it happens to boil, thus causing serious loss, besides severe accidents to the workmen. This is avoided by using vessels of platinum for the concentration of the acid, and these vessels, or retorts, as they are called, would be used everywhere, were it not for the enormous cost—over £1000 is not an extraordinary price for one—and when platinum is dearer than gold, the latter metal is occasionally used in its place. Little platinum crucibles and dishes are in daily use in the chemical laboratory, and it would be difficult to do without them. They are, nevertheless, liable to injury by certain substances, such as tin, arsenic, potash, phosphorus, and carbon, which are always avoided as much as possible when platinum utensils are employed. It may be mentioned that no ordinary heat will melt platinum, and acids, except aqua-regia, do not attack them. Salts of platinum, especially the chloride, which is obtained by dissolving the metal in aqua-regia, are used in testing and in photography; the metal itself is extensively used in many kinds of electrical apparatus and for the electric light, on account of the difficulty with which it melts, and these two latter uses, especially together with the employment of platinum apparatus, in the manufacture of pure sulphuric acid, have of late years done much to keep up its price to a very high figure. For, strange to say, new deposits of this precious metal come to light very slowly, and only at long intervals, though search for it is carried on, more or less strenuously, in all parts of the world.

(To be continued.)

### THE KEWATTIA OR RUBBER TREE OF SIERRA LEONE.

This, one of the most beautiful forest trees of West Africa, grows usually to the height of from 40 to 60 feet. Its leaves are from four to nine inches in length, by from one to three inches in width, oblong and tapering towards the ends, supported by a stem from eight to nine inches long. There are several species of vines which yield a grade of rubber, inferior in some respects to that obtained from the tree; however, when gathered with care this commands a ready sale. The United States Consul in Sierra Leone, says that the supply of Freetown Market, for the most part, comes from the hinter lands of Sierra Leone, and from the Foutah country in the French protectorate, further in the interior. That which comes from the Foutah territory is limited, owing to the export tax of about three half-pence per pound, placed by the French upon all rubber sold by natives, outside of their protectorate. This Foutah rubber is invariably adulterated with clay, yet it grades well in the local market, and brings a good price. The dry period, from November until May, is the gathering season. Native chiefs supervise and control the sale of the output of their respective territories. The method of gathering the sap is very simple. The body of the tree is tapped, and the juice flows until it is exhausted; later, new incisions are made. The juice is usually caught in cups or calabashes attached to the tree, so as to prevent impurities appearing in the rubber. The neglect of this precaution is responsible for a percentage of the incidental adulterations of otherwise good rubber, frequently found in the local market. The native, in his efforts to increase his stock, frequently bleeds the roots as well as the body of the tree. This is fatal to the tree. The product is known as "root rubber," and besides containing large quantities of impurities, is very inferior to any grade of tree rubber, and would be refused altogether by local buyers, in order to discourage the destruction of the forests, were it not for the sharp competition for export trade. The rubber is brought to market overland by caravans of natives, or most frequently by canoes. These cargoes are generally consigned to some particular agent, though they are often sold to the one making the best offer. Considerable ability, on the part of the agent, is necessary to enable him to properly assort and select the rubber, and to detect adulterations. There are two classes of these—incidental and intentional. The former is the result of carelessness on the part of the gatherers, who do not use proper receptacles for the juice. Intentional adulterations are due to efforts to increase volume and weight by use of dirt, sand, and bark. Another species of fraud is the mixture of other non-elastic gummy substances with pure juice; still another is to soak rubber by placing it in pits close to the water for a long time. Rubber so treated is seriously injured in quality, and at the same time is increased in bulk and weight. There is being inaugurated by the Governor and officials of Freetown a plan to foster the planting of rubber trees and vines in the colony. To this end they have caused to be issued pamphlets of instructions in regard to seeding, trans-

planting, &c. It is hoped that there will be a decided improvement in the near future. The value of the rubber exported from Sierra Leone in 1898 was about £51,000, of which the amount shipped to Germany was £6700. The remainder went to England.

### PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

Another picture of Elizabeth, by Zuccherro, in a fantastic habit, something like a Persian, is in the gallery of Royal personages at Hampton Court. In a sketch in black and red chalk, taken as a whole length, in 1575, for a portrait of the Queen, in compliance with the taste of the times he has introduced, emblematically, a column, a serpent, an ermine, and a dog. Her arms are crossed, and in one hand she holds a feather fan. Another sketch is the portrait of her favourite, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, standing in complete armour, done at the same time and in a similar manner, both of them in the collection of the late Lord Frederick Campbell. In proof of the extent of this extraordinary love of variety in dress, a quotation may be given from a MS. folio entitled "*A Book of all such Garments, Jewels, Silks, &c., belonging to the Queen's Wardrobe in 1600.*" Exclusively of Coronation, mourning, Parliament, and Garter robes, being 99 in all, there were French gowns 102, round ditto 67, loose 100, kirtles 126, petticoats 125, and other articles of dress in the same profusion. The Queen was then 68 years old, and had been a very careful preserver. Of the peculiarities of English dress, a summary but satisfactory account is given in *Peck's Desiderata Curiosa*, from the earliest times to those of Charles II. "A stomacher, or forepart" is thus described: "Of white satin, embroidered all over with spiders, flies, and roundels, with cobwebs of Venice gold and tawney silk." In the fantastic picture in a Persian habit, of which we have already spoken, appears the queen's romantic turn of mind; she is drawn in a forest, a stag behind her, and, on a tree, are inscribed these mottoes, which, as we know not on what occasion the piece was painted, are not easily to be interpreted:

Injusti justa querela

a little lower,

Mea sic mihi,

still lower,

Dolor est medicina dolori.

The portraits of Sir Nicholas Bacon, at Woburn, of Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham, Lord High Admiral, at Hampton Court, where, too, by the same hand was a picture of Venus passing sentence on the boar that had killed Adonis, with the picture of Queen Elizabeth's gigantic porter at Kensington, were painted by Zuccherro; here, too, he drew his own *portra it*. Probably he did not paint many other works; his stay in England was not long; historic subjects were not in fashion, and he was offended at our religion. He returned to Italy, and finished the dome, at Florence, begun by Vasari. The Pope's anger, too, being vanished, he was re-admitted to his old employment at Rome, where he built a house for himself, on the Monte di Trinita, adorned with four portals, and painted on the outside in fresco by his own hand. On the accession of Sixtus V., Zuccherro was invited to Spain, by Philip II., to paint the Escorial, but his frescoes not pleasing, he returned to Rome, and founded the Academy of Painting, for which Gregory XIII. had given him a brief, and of which he was elected the first prince. These expenses, however, drained him so much that he again quitted Rome, and went to Venice to print some treatises that he had written on painting, also some poems. From Venice he passed into Savoy, where he was well received by the duke. Returning, he visited Loretto, and died, at Ancona, in 1616, aged 66.

(To be continued.)

### GLOBE THEATRE.

There is an interesting drama at this theatre, "*Colonel Cromwell.*" It is founded upon a striking historical incident which occurred in the early career of the Lord Protector. The joint authors are Arthur Paterson and Charles Cartwright, the latter taking the title *role* of the play. It is a work of considerable merit—the construction of the plot is not quite so clear as might be wished. It is a dramatic version of a novel entitled "*Cromwell's Own.*" As Oliver Cromwell, Mr. Charles Cartwright gives us a conceivable idea of what the Republican leader was in his early days, stern and resolute in purpose, yet, at that time, endued with more human sympathy than at a later period. Mr. Cartwright is well supported by the other characters. Miss Suzanne Sheldon, as Rachael Fullerton, acts with earnestness and grace. If we remember rightly, we saw her last, at the Adelphi, when we had the pleasure of commending her, predicting a successful future. We are glad our expectations are likely to be realised. Miss Edith Cartwright, as Betty Cromwell, acts with intelligence. Miss Talbot, as Madame Cromwell, does all that is possible with a small part. Lieutenant Dangerfield is entrusted to Mr. Dawson Milward—he has a frank, noble bearing, and elicits our sympathy. Viscount Charlton, the dashing young cavalier, falls to the lot of Mr. Jerrald Robertshaw, who does full justice to the part. Captain Capell, the evil genius of the play, is enacted with much force by Mr. Norman McKinnel. Mr. Eardley Turner has the thankless task of presenting to us the Rev. Isaac Hepworth, the bigoted narrow-minded Presbyterian minister—he does it effectively. Mr. George Shelton, as Sanctify Jordan, cleverly lightens the serious nature of the play by the comical rendering of his part. The interest of the piece, as a whole, is well sustained—there are two forcible situations which afford good curtains. As a good wholesome play, we commend "*Colonel Cromwell*" to intelligent playgoers.

### GENERAL NOTES.

With the exception of the principalships of the Royal Academy and Guildhall School of Music, the most valuable post open to a British musician is the Ormond professorship at Melbourne, Australia, which is now vacant. Five of our most eminent musical men have been appointed to select three musicians willing to accept the post, which is worth £800 to £1000 per annum, and one of these will be ultimately appointed. Applications must be sent into the Agent-General for Victoria before 20th October, and the names of the chosen candidates will be forwarded to Melbourne on 2nd November.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1900.

**Masonic Notes.**

There will be the usual excitement in and about Freemasons' Tavern next week when the School elections are held, that of the Girls' School being fixed for the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers on Thursday, the 11th instant, and that of the Boys' School on Friday, the 12th instant. On both days the chair will be taken at the hour of 12 noon, and the poll will be opened at one p.m., or earlier if the business of the Court is over, and closed at three p.m. punctually. In both cases the proportion of vacancies to candidates is unusually favourable to the latter, and therefore we

may expect that those in charge of the several children's interests will bring all the influence they are able to command in order to secure their election.

For the Girls' Election on Thursday there are 33 candidates—originally 34, but a Kentish girl has been withdrawn and nominated under the Jubilee Presentation of that Province—and of these as many as 24 will be elected. The list is composed of 14 candidates who were unsuccessful in April and bring forward the votes that were polled for them, and the rest have been approved since. London contributes seven and has a part interest in three others, while the Provinces and Districts Abroad are responsible for the remainder. For the Boys' School there are 20 to be elected from a list of 27, of whom 11 that were unsuccessful at the last election bring forward their votes, and 16 are new candidates. Here London has six boys and two in which it is jointly interested with one or other of the Provinces or Districts, while the latter furnish the remaining 19. Thus as many as 44 children will be elected and provided for during the next few years out of the 60 who have been found worthy of the benefits dispensed so liberally by our Institutions.

What adds to the satisfaction with which we scrutinised the two lists is the fact that there is only one out of the whole 60 candidates who has only this one chance allowed him of winning his election, and he is a boy with claims on the Provinces of Staffordshire and Derbyshire, who stands at No. 17. For him, accordingly, we make our customary appeal to all those Governors and Subscribers who are not already committed to the support of any particular candidate, to give him the benefit of their votes and influence, so that, when the result of the ballot is announced, he may not find himself disappointed of those educational advantages of which he has been adjudged worthy. With 20 to be elected out of 27, there ought not to be much difficulty in securing his election, more especially as there are no other boys in whom Staffordshire or Derbyshire have apparently any direct interest.

In the absence of Bro. Sir Augustus F. Godson, Prov. Grand Master, who is just now in the very thick of election business, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held at the National Schools, Hales Owen, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., under the presidency of his respected Deputy, Bro. W. T. Page. There was a full attendance, due in great measure to its being the Jubilee of the constitution of the entertaining lodge—the Perseverance, No. 573, which was warranted in 1850. The reports showed that during the past year the Craft in this Province has been making good progress. The officers for the ensuing year were invested, and afterwards the brethren attended divine service in the parish church. In the evening the customary banquet was held. Our report will appear next week.

We beg to remind our readers that an important gathering of the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Warwickshire—which held its annual meeting at Solihull on Wednesday, the 26th ult.—will take place at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, when the St. John's Lodge, No. 2811, will be consecrated. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The W.M. designate will be installed in office, and the officers for the ensuing year invested. The hour of meeting is fixed for 2.30 p.m., and that of the banquet in honour of the occasion at 5.30 p.m.

It will be seen from our report of the annual meeting, at Durham, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, that Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in the course of his address to the brethren, made sympathetic reference to the great loss the Province in particular, and the Craft generally, had, recently sustained by the death of its late respected chief, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., who had occupied the position of Provincial Grand Master for the last 15 years. Bro. Tristram referred at length to the services their late ruler had rendered—firstly as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and subsequently in the more exalted position he held at his death.

He laid the greatest stress on the personal characteristics of their deceased ruler. "They knew," he said, "Sir Hedworth's devotion to Masonry, his genial warmth, and his charming, frank—though it

might some times be thought brusque—manner." He spoke of him as having been "a true, typical English gentleman of the highest stamp," who "was intensely devoted to everything in which he took an interest." Above all, he pointed out "how thoroughly he entered into the spirit of Masonry, and how anxious he was that Masonry in that Province should flourish on a true and right basis." These remarks, it is needless to say, found a truly responsive echo in the hearts of all present, and the vote of condolence he subsequently proposed should be sent to Lady Williamson "expressive of their affection and esteem and sympathy" with the family of the late Provincial Grand Master, and of the deep loss they had sustained, was carried *nem. con.* in respectful silence.

With its July number the *Canadian Craftsman* entered upon the 35th year of its existence, and we warmly congratulate it on the marked success which has attended its efforts to spread a knowledge of Craft doings among the brethren in the Dominion, and the prominence it has gained among the organs of Masonic opinion of our time. In respect of these matters we can do little more than repeat what we have experienced so much pleasure in saying at stated intervals for many years—that our respected contemporary's issues are well-written and well-edited, and that the news they contain is ample, and, as far as it is possible for us to judge, remarkably accurate. Its opinions are expressed with judgment, and command our respect even when they do not compel our sympathy; and we must hope that for many years it will continue what it has been during its past career, an able and conciliatory guide to the brethren in Canada and elsewhere in all questions which affect the interests of Freemasonry.

It is not, indeed, surprising that the *Craftsman* should have prospered as it has done. In announcing the first monthly issue of its new volume, our contemporary remarked, with perfect truth and justice, that it "has always tried to keep the interests of Canadian Masonry in the foreground," and that these efforts have been duly appreciated is recognised wherever it has found readers. Later it tells its constituents—"Our aim has always been to present our readers from month to month with the best and most elevating teachings of our ablest writers," nor can we do better than reiterate the hope so well expressed by "the present occupant of the Editorial chair," that, when in the fulness of time—we trust, however, that time may be far distant—his place shall know him no more, he "may be succeeded by others who will carry on the good work represented in the tenets of Masonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." Such a policy as this merits success, and we are confident will command it.

According to certain statistics which are published in the *Craftsman* for last month, there are, according to the latest returns, in the 45 Royal Arch jurisdictions now existing in the United States, 207,904 Royal Arch Masons, of whom 105,637 are registered in the seven jurisdictions of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, and Iowa, and 102,267 in the other 38. New York musters the strongest of all, with 20,332; Pennsylvania and Illinois being close together with 16,973 and 16,768, respectively; Massachusetts and Ohio run a neck and neck race for fourth honours, the former having 15,557 on its roll and the latter 15,136. Michigan numbers 13,389, and Iowa 7,482. Of the 50 States and Territories that have Grand Lodges there are five—those of Idaho, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wyoming, which at present appear to be without Grand Chapters. As regards the relative strength of the Royal Arch to Craft Masonry, the number of subscribing Craft Masons exceeds 800,000, so that the proportion is about one R.A. to every four Craft Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has sustained a heavy loss by the death of Bro. J. Simpson Africa, Past Grand Master, who died somewhat unexpectedly on the 8th ult. at his residence, at Huntingdon, Pa., within a few weeks of completing his 68th year. Bro. Africa was initiated in January, 1866, and, after filling the different offices, including that of W.M., in the lodge, was elected Junior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania in 1885, and rose regularly until he was chosen to fill the chair of Grand Master in 1891, his tenure of each of these several offices in Grand Lodge extending over two years, as is the custom in Pennsylvania. He also served on various important Committees, and was one of the Trustees of the Temple and of the real estate of Grand, as well as of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity, Fund, one of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and member of the Committee on Landmarks. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, and at his death was one of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter. We greatly sympathise with our Pennsylvanian brethren in the death of one of the most distinguished and respected members of their Grand Lodge.

## Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondent but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

## STOCKPORT VOLUNTEERS IN STOCKPORT MASONS IN 1797.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

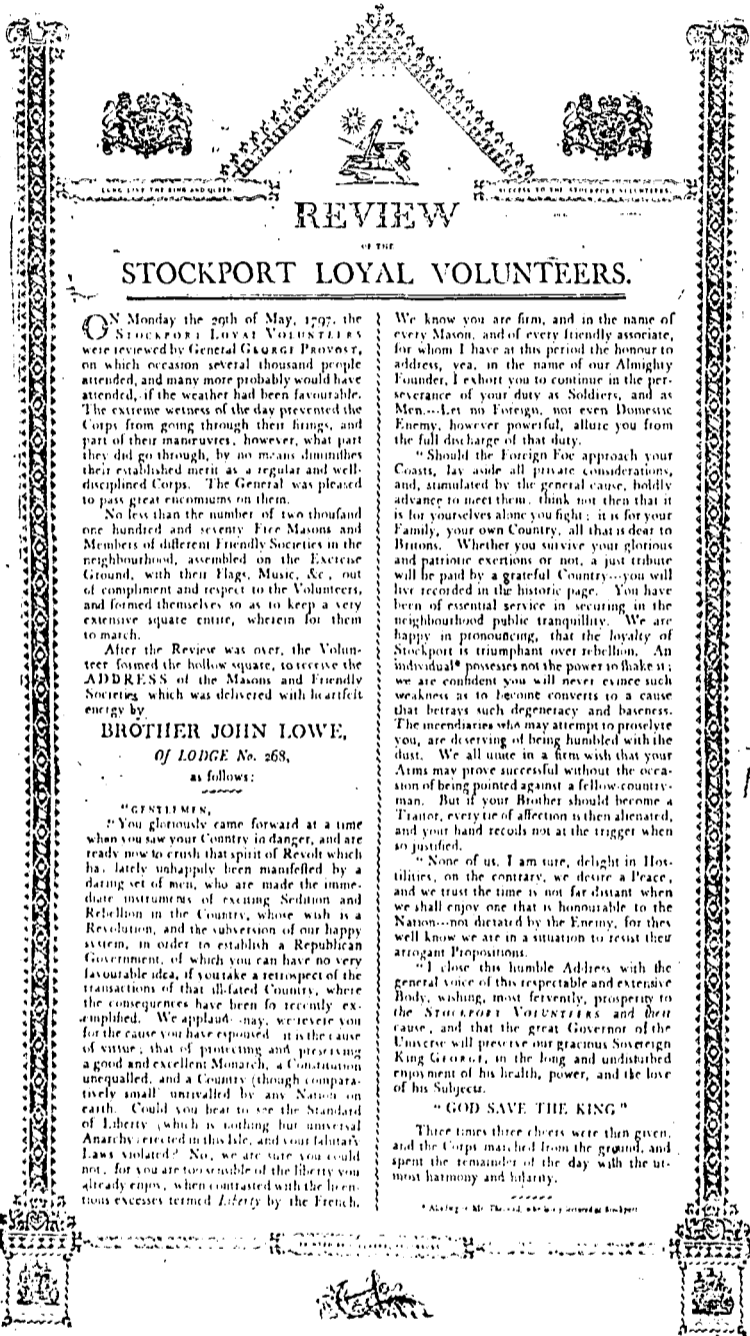
Dear Sir and Brother,

In looking through some papers of my late father (author of the "History of Stockport") I came across the enclosed printed address given by Bro. John Lowe, of Lodge No. 268, on 29th of May, 1797.

It will doubtless be of interest to most Masons, but more particularly to our Stockport brethren, especially at this time, when the country is full of martial ardour.—I remain, yours fraternally,

HY. JOHN HEGINBOTHAM,  
Lodge No. 1007.

Wymeswold, near Loughborough,  
September 26th.



ON Monday the 26th of May, 1797, the STOCKPORT LOYAL VOLUNTEERS were reviewed by General GEORGE PROBYER, on which occasion several thousand people attended, and many more probably would have attended, if the weather had been favourable. The extreme wetness of the day prevented the Corps from going through their rings, and part of their manoeuvres, however, what part they did go through, by no means diminishes their established merit as a regular and well-disciplined Corps. The General was pleased to pass great encomiums on them.

No less than the number of two thousand one hundred and seventy Free Masons and Members of different Friendly Societies in the neighbourhood, assembled on the Exercise Ground, with their Flags, Music, &c., out of compliment and respect to the Volunteers, and formed themselves so as to keep a very extensive square entire, wherein for them to march.

After the Review was over, the Volunteer formed the hollow square, to receive the ADDRESS of the Masons and Friendly Societies, which was delivered with heart-felt energy by

BROTHER JOHN LOWE,  
Of LODGE No. 268,  
as follows:

"GENTLEMEN,  
"You gloriously came forward at a time when you saw your Country in danger, and are ready now to crush that spirit of Revolt which has lately unhappily been manifested by a daring set of men, who are made the immediate instruments of exciting Sedition and Rebellion in the Country, whose wish is a Revolution, and the subversion of our happy system, in order to establish a Republican Government, of which you can have no very favourable idea, if you take a retrospect of the transactions of that ill-fated Country, where the consequences have been so recently exemplified. We applaud you, we revere you for the cause you have espoused, as the cause of virtue, that of protecting and preserving a good and excellent Monarch, a Constitution unequalled, and a Country (though comparatively small) unrivalled by any Nation on earth. Could you bear to see the Standard of Liberty (which is nothing but universal Anarchy) erected in this Isle, and your Liberty Laws violated? No, we are sure you could not, for you are too sensible of the liberty you already enjoy, when contrasted with the licentious excesses termed Liberty by the French.

We know you are firm, and in the name of every Mason, and of every friendly associate, for whom I have at this period the honour to address, *vea*, in the name of our Almighty Founder, I exhort you to continue in the perseverance of your duty as Soldiers, and as Men.—Let no Foreign, nor even Domestic Enemy, however powerful, allure you from the full discharge of that duty.

"Should the Foreign Fox approach your Coasts, lay aside all private considerations, and, stimulated by the general cause, boldly advance to meet them. Think not then that it is for yourselves alone you fight: it is for your Family, your own Country, all that is dear to Britons. Whether you survive your glorious and patriotic exertions or not, a just tribute will be paid by a grateful Country—you will live recorded in the historic page. You have been of essential service in securing in the neighbourhood public tranquillity. We are happy in pronouncing, that the loyalty of Stockport is triumphant over rebellion. An individual's possessors not the power to flatter it; we are confident you will never evince such weakness as to become converts to a cause that betrays such degeneracy and baseness. The incendiaries who may attempt to proselyte you, are deserving of being humbled with the dust. We all unite in a firm wish that your Arms may prove successful without the occasion of being pointed against a fellow-countryman. But if your Brother should become a Traitor, every tie of affection is then alienated, and your hand recoils not at the trigger when so justified.

"None of us, I am sure, delight in Hostilities, on the contrary, we desire a Peace, and we trust the time is not far distant when we shall enjoy one that is honourable to the Nation—not dictated by the Enemy, for they well know we are in a situation to resist their arrogant Propositions.

"I close this humble Address with the general voice of this respectable and extensive Body, wishing, most fervently, prosperity to the STOCKPORT VOLUNTEERS and their cause, and that the great Governor of the Universe will preserve our gracious Sovereign King GEORGE, in the long and undisturbed enjoyment of his health, power, and the love of his Subjects.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

Three times three cheers were then given, and the Corps marched from the ground, and spent the remainder of the day with the utmost harmony and hilarity.

reform of this character should be found impracticable, then the suggestion made in a previous letter on the subject—which you were good enough to print in your columns—should be adopted, and facilities given for any striving lodge desiring it to be granted a Royal Arch warrant.

One very important factor which far too frequently stands in the way of progress of the R.A. Degree is the item of "expense." With many chapters the "exaltation fee," if not prohibitive, offers no inducement to the members of lodges when the expenses incident to their initiation into the Craft left them little, if any, change out of a £10 note; to join the Royal Arch when they are asked to pay one-half or two-thirds of that sum, any hesitation to incur such additional expense is not to be wondered at, nor indeed can it scarcely be justified. My view of the subject, which I know is shared by many Arch Masons, is that the exaltation fee should be made as low as possible compatible with the necessary registration fees to Grand Chapter and Prov. Grand Chapter; two guineas should be considered an ample fee—many of my friends think one guinea ought to be sufficient—to admit a Master Mason to the R.A. Degree. I have just returned from spending a holiday in the country, where I spent a very pleasant evening with a companion holding provincial rank in the Province of Suffolk, and in discussing with him the Royal Arch Degree he complained of the difficulty experienced in keeping his chapter working, and that last year the members, who only numbered—I think he told me—11, had had to re-elect the whole of the Principals and officers for another year!

This condition of affairs exists in a prosperous market town of 16,000 inhabitants, with two lodges in good working order. Observe, however, that the probable stumbling-block to the growth of this small chapter is created by the members having years ago fixed, and still continuing, the exaltation fee on entrance to the chapter at five guineas, plus the cost of the necessary clothing. My friend admitted that it was probably the amount of the fee that prevented more members of the two lodges, who were good Masons and would all of them be accepted if they applied for membership of the chapter. My reply was to the effect that with so much suitable material available it was entirely the fault or the action of the chapter that its continued existence was of so moribund a character, whereas, by offering reasonable facilities, all, or nearly all, of the members of the two lodges in the town might be also members of the chapter. It is not improbable that a similar state of affairs prevails with a number of the chapters in the provinces, whose portals are practically half closed, instead of being wide open, for the admission of candidates for the Royal Arch Degree.

After the very able paper by Comp. C. Letch Mason, P.P.G.H. West Yorks, which was read before Provincial Grand Chapter, and fully reported in the *Freemason*, some months ago—and which set forth very clearly the condition of the Royal Arch Degree in England—and the correspondence on the subject that you have published in the columns of your valuable paper, it is to be hoped that the discussion of the subject will not be barren of results; but that those in or having authority will institute or encourage such reforms as will tend to increased membership of the Order.—Yours fraternally,

J. T. LAST, P.Z. 603.

## THE IRISH LODGE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In regard to your opinion, and that of Bro. Hughan, as to the desirability of the Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 363, Irish Constitution, throwing in its lot with the Grand Lodge of South Australia, if my memory is correct, I think it will be found that an insuperable difficulty prevents that consummation, namely, that the lodge in question is the owner of real property in the City of Adelaide, bequeathed to it, and to enjoy, so long as it remains an Irish lodge. Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

September 29th.

## Reviews.

"THE TWO-VERSION BIBLE" (*Oxford University Press*, London, and all Book-sellers). The Two-Version Bible meets a long-felt want, and Mr. Henry Frowde is to be congratulated on its publication in such a handy form, at very reasonable prices, and in a style worthy of the widely-respected University Press of Oxford. The Bishop of Gloucester has written a brief but excellent Preface to accompany the handsome volume, in which he bears unstinted testimony to its value and accuracy, and says that the many difficulties hitherto existing as to the two versions "have been successfully overcome." As Dr. Ellicott states, "the present convenient and carefully-arranged combination of the *Authorised* and *Revised* Versions of God's Holy Word, in one single volume of very moderate size, will be welcomed by all students, and especially by all teachers of the Bible." The explanatory key is easily mastered, the letters used to indicate where the changes occur and are to be found in the columns or margins respectively, are really the initial letters of such suggestive words as *Substitution*, *Addition*, *Margin*, and *Omission*. Simple signs also are used to denote the end of the portions of text altered or omitted, and as to the use of italics in the Revised Version. The system followed is simplicity itself, though at first one feared it would be otherwise; so now we have on the same page the "Authorised Version," with very full references, and the well-known chronological dates at the head; *side by side* with all the changes to be found in the "Revised Version." The work is thus well-named THE TWO-VERSION BIBLE, and undoubtedly is a triumph for the Printers and Publishers typographically and generally. This Two-Version Bible contains the long Address of "The Translators to the Reader," originally prefixed to the "Authorised Version of 1611," as well as the well-known "Epistle Dedicatory" to King James. Besides which there are 15 maps in colours, which add much to the usefulness and interest of the work, with an elaborate Index to this excellent Atlas. The prices run from 7s. 6d. to a guinea, according to paper and binding; "the straight grain leather, limp round corners, red under gilt edges, on Oxford India paper" (so thin, opaque, and tough), at 15s. being a very acceptable issue and much to be commended.

## Craft Masonry.

Annesley Lodge, No. 1435.

The 25th installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Friday, the 28th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Hooton, S.W., was installed as the W.M. by Bro. J. Levy, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. J. Mee, I.P.M.; P. H. Stevenson, S.W.; J. Ainsworth, J.W.; C. Smith, P.M., Treas.; J. Levy, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec. (12th time); W. Wheatley, P.M., D.C.; F. Chastaney, S.D.; T. E. Hopewell, J.D.; G. Essex, P.P.G. Org.; T. Dent, I.G.; H. Baker, C. W. J. Potter, W. Wheat, and G. T. Nelson, Stewards; and W. Selby, Tyler. On his investiture as Secretary for the 12th time, the W.M. presented Bro. J. Levy, P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel (specially designed by Bros. Kenning and Son), in recognition of his services as Secretary during the past 11 years.

At the banquet which followed the installation ceremony, the I.P.M., Bro. C. J. Mee, on behalf of the brethren of the Annesley Lodge, further presented Bro. J. Levy with a handsome silver tea service.

## THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Adverting to the interesting "correspondence" on this important subject which recently appeared in the columns of the *Freemason*, I have just received a copy of the *Indian Freemason* for the 15th August, 1900, published at Calcutta, and find the same correspondence there referred to and the subject commented on, I extract the following paragraph:

"It may be asked how other Constitutions, Scotch and Irish for instance, got over the difficulty? Here, any member of a chapter is eligible for either of the Principal's chairs. The principle which confines these positions to Past Masters of the Craft has, undoubtedly, several strong arguments in its favour, but if we accept the Holy Royal Arch Degree as being necessary for the perfection of Craft Masonry, it would be as well to thrash out the subject once and for all and modify such elements as retard the general acceptance of the Degree by Master Masons. We have always unhesitatingly opined that every Craft lodge should have its own chapter, and of late having observed the indifference with which the Royal Arch is treated and accepting it as a completion of the Master Mason Degree and so recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, we are more than ever convinced that the only way of making it universal is to work it under the ordinary Lodge Charter."

Having regard to Article 1 of the Book of Constitutions, which recognises the Royal Arch as part of pure Masonry, I am disposed to agree with the conclusion arrived at by the writer of the article referred to in the *Indian Freemason* that the Degree should be conferred under the ordinary lodge warrant or charter, as was doubtless the practice in the earlier days of Masonry. If, however, a

Bro. J. Levy replied in suitable terms, stating that he had just completed his 20 years of membership of the lodge, having held office in it during 17 years of that period.

Amongst the numerous visitors present Prov. G. Lodge was represented by Bros. Canon Ferris, P.M., P.S.G.W.; the Rev. Ewbank, P.M., P.G. Chap.; W. Oakden, P.M., P.G. Treas.; and J. T. Spalding, J.P., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and others.

A very successful meeting was terminated with the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The musical programme was arranged by Bro. G. Essex, P.P.G. Org., who was ably assisted by Bros. H. Stubbs (Windsor), P. S. Clay (Chief Constable, Nottingham), A. Lakin, F. Warren, and others.

**Lodge of Research, No. 2429.**

The annual festival and installation meeting of this literary lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 24th ult. The W.M., Bro. the Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., P.P.G. Chap., occupied the chair, and was supported by a large number of members and visitors, amongst whom were the following: Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.M., D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; F. W. Billson, LL.B., P.M., P.P.G.R.; Rev. H. J. Mason, B.A., P.P.G. Chap., S.W., and W.M. elect; J. J. W. Knowles, P.M. 1007, P.P.S.G.D., J.W.; W. D. Grant, P.M. 209, P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. T. Thorp, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; H. Howe, P.M. 1391, Prov. G.D.C., S.D.; G. Neighbour, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., J.D.; R. B. Starkey, P.M. 1391, P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; L. Staines, W.M. 523, P.P.G. Org., I.G.; and many other prominent provincial brethren.

After the usual preliminary business, the W.M. proceeded to the installation of his successor, Bro. the Rev. H. J. Mason, who subsequently appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. J. J. W. Knowles, S.W.; H. Howe, J.W.; W. D. Grant, Treas.; J. T. Thorp, Sec.; G. Neighbour, S.D.; R. B. Starkey, J.D.; L. Staines, D.C.; and W. A. Lea, I.G. The Treasurer's accounts were then passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for his services. The second part of the evening's programme consisted of a lecture by the Secretary (Bro. J. T. Thorp) on "References to Freemasonry in Early Printed Books, 1686-1746." The lecture was illustrated by a number of rare books from his own library, including the "Diary of Elias Ashmole," 1717; Plot's "Natural History of Staffordshire," 1686; Randle Holme's "Academy of Armory," 1688; "Long Livers," 1722; "Ebrictatus Encomium," 1723; "The Plain Dealer," 1730; Le Clerc's "Treatise of Architecture," 1732; Picart's "Religious Ceremonies," 1737; "The Tatler" of 1709, and other works. The lecture was listened to with marked attention, and the rare volumes were afterwards examined by many of the brethren.

After the lodge was closed the usual conversazione was held, a most interesting programme having been provided.

Bro. F. W. Billson, P.M., spoke on "The Sphere and Scope of Literary Lodges," Bro. the Rev. H. S. Biggs, P.M., on "The Past History of the Lodge of Research," and the Secretary on "The Future of the Lodge."

An excellent selection of songs were contributed by brethren of the lodge and visitors, and the Secretary exhibited his unique collection of old Masonic jewels, which were much admired.

This lodge, which has now completed its eighth year, is enjoying a well-deserved prosperity, and this meeting will rank as one of the most enjoyable ever spent under its auspices. The transactions of the lodge, which contain particulars of the meetings and copies of the papers read, are eagerly sought for by members of the Masonic brotherhood, both at home and abroad, and the efforts put forth by the brethren, with the object of educating and enlightening those who attend its meetings, or read its transactions, are already producing very gratifying results.

**Chough Lodge, No. 2264.**

This lodge opened its season on the 27th ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, by holding its installation meeting. Bro. Alfred Haynes, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Charles Fröhlich, S.W., W.M. elect; J. A. Smith, J.W.; E. T. Edwards, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; W. G. A. Edwards, P.M., S.D.; G. H. Ingle, J.D.; W. J. Sowden, D.C.; L. Schneiders, I.G.; J. Turle Lee, Org.; W. B. Marcus, P.M.; W. Vincent Jull, P.M.; George Scott Miller, P.M.; Horatio Saqui, P.M.; James F. Percival, P.M.; E. H. Bowyer, E. V. Da Cruz, John Morris, M. J. Bushell, H. Wardle, Ralph Davis, Joseph Wheatley, William Sabine, J. R. Thomas, H. A. Milner, Harry Lotery, Thomas J. Ive, E. J. Williams, J. W. Cox, H. J. Brown, and H. F. Joel. The visitors were Bros. F. Stotger, S.W. 238; C. H. Crowther, 2261, P.P.G.D.C. W. Yorks; T. Medhurst, 1692; R. C. Harris, 65; R. Gray, W.M. 1597; M. Pinto Leite, J.W. 1584; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. W. Morgan, 177; J. Jacobson, 2313; C. Harries, P.M. 238; H. Franchiss, 2454; J. Sandbrook, 1929; H. Howard, Stwd. 1693; F. R. Deacon, 1321; Emil Schreie, 1558; H. E. Frances, 1861, P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. Van Gelder, 2423; S. F. Thomas, 1776; H. G. Spink, Stwd. 1558; R. Brighthouse, S.D. 2148; William H. Futcher, 2570; F. J. Holdsworth, S.W. 1538; G. Lawrence, 680; J. T. Rogers, P.M. 70, 105, and 1550, P.P.G.S.B. Devon; H. Pierce, P.M. 1599; and C. H. Jobouret, 1597.

It was arranged that the Auditors' report should be taken at the next meeting as the print had not arrived in time to be sent out to the members along with the lodge summons. However, Bro. Dewsnap informed the brethren that the financial state of affairs was perfectly satisfactory, as there was some £220 to the credit of the general fund, and £130 to the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Alfred Haynes, W.M., then proceeded to instal as W.M., Bro. Charles Fröhlich, S.W. and W.M. elect, who was presented by Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., acting as D.C. After the installation had taken place, the following brethren formed the list of the lodge officers for the new year: Bros. Alfred Haynes, I.P.M.; J. A. Smith, S.W.; W. G. A. Edwards, P.M., J.W.; E. T. Edwards, P.M., Treasurer; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Secretary; G. H. Ingle, S.D.; L. Schneiders, J.D.; W. J. Sowden, I.G.; W. T. Hunt, D.C.; J. Turle Lee, Org.; J. H. Müllerhausen and Thomas J. Ive, Stewards; and Bro. Thomas Bowler, P.M., Tyler. Bro. E. T. Edwards, P.M., Treas., drew the brethren's attention to the case of Maud Elsie Piggott, a candidate for the second time for the Girls' School election on the 11th instant, for which, he said, all the votes that could be obtained would be required. Effort must not be relaxed, although the child brought forward over 2000 votes.

This concluded the business of the evening, and after the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a grand banquet, excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. Feneley, manager of the hotel.

The customary toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured, and between the speeches a splendid vocal musical performance was given, under the direction of Bro. J. Turle Lee, Organist, by Miss Alice Schneiders, Miss Florence Glover, Bros. H. Franchiss and Sandbrook. Zither solos and duets were given by Herren C. Wastel and H. Herbst.

Bro. Alfred Haynes, I.P.M., in offering for the brethren's acceptance the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was received with warm cheering, said he was quite prepared for the applause with which his announcement was greeted. In Bro. Fröhlich he was quite sure the brethren had a W.M. who would hand down the traditions of the Chough Lodge in all their integrity. Bro. Fröhlich had been connected with it from its foundation; had passed through every office with credit to himself and satisfaction to all the brethren. Although the lodge had had many excellent Masters (he excluded himself), none had upheld or could uphold the traditions of the lodge better than Bro. Fröhlich, and it was needless for him (Bro. Haynes) further to extol him. (Cheers.)

Bro. Charles Fröhlich, W.M., replying to the toast, thanked the I.P.M., the P.Ms., and the other officers and brethren for giving him an opportunity of presiding over them for the next 12 months, and he also thanked Bro. Haynes for the kind way in which he had referred to him, although he had not all the qualities attributed to him. He stood that night before the brethren in quite a unique position. He was the first foreign-born subject to preside over the lodge in the capacity of Master of the Chough Lodge. He was sure, speaking for himself and his own people, that the Chough Lodge would not suffer at his hands. He would do all he could for the lodge. Except in years gone by, when he was called upon simply to do his duty, the word "cannot" did not exist; he was then still in his teens; years ago he was called upon to do his duty to his country, when he stood in front of the French, when the Germans entered some of the French towns, when they returned to their native country, when they had their march past before their Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess of Hesse, the daughter of their well-beloved Queen, he did not think he felt so proud as he did that night in his position of W.M. of the Chough Lodge. Rest assured, he would do all he could for the Chough Lodge, to encourage the feeling which bound man to man, and nation to nation, and so long as that feeling lasted lodges like the Chough were sure to continue to prosper and do well. So he called upon the brethren to carry out the pleasant duty, and he would be the first to show the example of brotherly love, friendship, and good feeling. He again thanked the brethren for electing him, and for the confidence they had shown in him.

Bro. C. Fröhlich, W.M., next proposed "The Immediate Past Master." He did not think there was any greater satisfaction to a W.M. in the chair than to propose the health of his predecessor. In Bro. Alfred Haynes the brethren had had a good Master, a brother who had done for Freemasonry as much as any one before him had done. Bro. Haynes had fulfilled in every respect his duties in the position in which he had been placed; he had worked for the good of the lodge, which was in a better position now than it had ever been before. That showed that Bro. Haynes had done all he could for the lodge, and he deserved the thanks of every one present for it. Bro. Haynes had taken great pride in Masonry, and from the work he had performed that evening—which was not easy—it could be seen he had the interest of the lodge at heart. Bro. Haynes would not allow anyone but himself to perform the ceremony of installation. It was resolved by the lodge that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to him; and he (Bro. Fröhlich) was the medium of conveying it to him. It was a beautiful piece of workmanship, and in pinning it to Bro. Haynes's breast, he trusted it would be to his satisfaction and to the satisfaction of the lodge. The brethren considered it, and they trusted that Bro. Haynes would consider it a great mark of respect and affection towards him, and they hoped he might have health and strength to enable him to wear it many, many years to come, and that he would be proud of it.

The toast having been honoured with great heartiness,

Bro. Arthur Haynes, I.P.M., acknowledged the compliment paid him, but said he scarcely knew how to express himself sufficiently to thank the W.M. properly for the kind remarks he had made and the brethren for their warm reception of those remarks. With regard to himself, he could only say that during his Masonic career, which was of 10 years' duration in that lodge, he had endeavoured to do his duty as a Mason, and to fulfil the objects that came to his hands. He was an humble worker in the cause, but he had done his best. He appreciated the brethren's kindness as exhibited in the handsome jewel they had presented to him. He should wear it with great satisfaction, and hand it down as an heirloom to his successors. In the sere and yellow leaf he hoped to do his utmost to further the interest of the Chough Lodge, and to the end of his days he should endeavour to continue in his mother lodge, and for the lodge of his affection whatever he could do he should always do it.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. C. H. Crowther, P.P.G. D.C. West Yorks; J. P. Rogers, P.M. 70, &c., Prov. G.S.B. Devon; and H. Peirce, P.M. 1599, who, as Secretary of the Chough Lodge of Instruction, said that lodge had sent up 30 guineas to the Masonic Charities, although it had only been established in January. It had also another five guineas ready.

Bro. Harries, P.M. 238, also responded. His lodge was the only lodge under the English Constitution which was allowed to work in the German language and according to the German ritual. While he was Master, the Waldeck Lodge was established, but the Prince of Wales would not allow them to work in German. He (Bro. Harries) thought the Grand Master was right in his decision.

Bro. F. J. Holdsworth, S.W. 1538, also replied. Bros. W. B. Marcus, P.M.; W. V. Jull, P.M.; and H. Saqui, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Saqui said he had heard a great deal about "the sere and yellow leaf" being inseparably associated with the Past Masters; but now that he had really joined the ranks of the Past Masters he felt that there was nothing in all he had heard in that connection. Why, then, terrify a man, and lead him to think there was something awful in joining the roll of those who had passed the chair? He himself felt no difference, and he was as determined as ever to do what he could for the interest of the lodge and its members.

Bro. C. Fröhlich, W.M., in giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that in Bro. Past Master Edwards they had a worthy and esteemed brother who could certainly be relied upon to look after the finances, while in Bro. Dewsnap, P.M., they had a worthy P.M. and Secretary, who had devoted a great amount of time and attention to the Craft in general, and the Chough Lodge in particular. The brethren were all pleased to see Bro. Dewsnap present after his long spell of ill-health.

The replies and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150.**

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. J. MASON, G. STD. BR.

At a meeting of the Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150, held at the Frascati Restaurant on the 2nd instant, the pleasant nature of the proceedings—which are a feature in this excellent lodge—was considerably enhanced by the presentation to Bro. W. J. Mason, G. Std. Br., of the regalia of his office. After many years excellent work in Masonry it must be flattering to Bro. Mason to know that his appointment to Grand office has been endorsed in so emphatic a manner by the brethren with whom he has worked.

The W. Master, Bro. A. Craddock, has gone on a visit to America, and hopes to

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return in time for the installation meeting next month, but his place was ably filled by Bro. W. Godson, I.P.M. Other members present included Bros. W. T. Farthing, P.M. (the father of the lodge); James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; W. J. Mason, P.M., G. Std. Br.; H. R. Schreiber, P.M.; C. D. Lavington; W. R. Carpenter; F. Schmitz, P.M.; W. J. Stratton, P.M.; E. Kalla; E. P. Moore, S.W.; H. E. Weston, J.W.; E. W. Hart, S.D.; A. Morrell, J.D.; C. E. Weston, I.G.; J. T. Calton, W. H. Stringer, and others. Visitors: Bros. Dennis, W.M.; Carter, W.M.; Cook, Cobbett, Klempner, P.M., and W. W. Lee, P.M.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Messrs. H. W. Marley and J. S. Crook were initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Godson, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. Bro. Moore, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. and expressed his thanks for the honour and his intention of upholding the splendid working and traditions of the lodge. Bro. Turk Lacy, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Whiteman was elected Tyler. Bro. J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., Sec., then said that since the last lodge meeting a signal honour had been conferred upon the lodge by the conferment of the office of Grand Standard Bearer upon Bro. Mason. He therefore wished to propose that they should record upon their minutes the high appreciation in which they viewed that appointment, their esteem and regard for Bro. Mason, and their hope and desire that he might be spared for many years to adorn the office to which he had been appointed. He (Bro. Stephens) further proposed that the lodge should present Bro. Mason with his Grand Lodge clothing. This resolution was seconded by Bro. Schmitz, P.M., and carried unanimously, and Bro. Stephens with that thoughtfulness which characterises his Secretarial duties at once announced that he had anticipated their wishes and had provided the necessary regalia. Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., in making the presentation, said this pleasing duty devolved upon him as the father of the lodge. There was no brother in the lodge who more richly deserved the honour conferred upon him than Bro. Mason, for he had been most indefatigable in his work for the benefit of the Craft, as a member of the Board of General Purposes, and its Vice-President. It was almost unique in the annals of Freemasonry that their lodge should have three Grand Officers, although it had only been established something like 15 years. Bros. James Stephens and J. J. Thomas had previously received Grand Office, and now Bro. Mason had been appointed Grand Standard Bearer. These brethren were members of the first cabinet of the Tivoli Lodge, over whom he (Bro. Farthing) presided, and no better officers ever worked together. They had received their reward, and in presenting the testimonial that evening to Bro. Mason it gave them all the greatest pleasure. They sincerely hoped he would be spared for many years to wear the clothing, and to continue to work for the benefit of the Craft in general.

The inscription on the jewel is—"Presented by the brethren of the Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150, to W. Bro. Wm. James Mason on his appointment to the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England, as a mark of their high esteem and regard. Oct. 2, 1900."

Bro. W. J. Mason, G. Std. Br., in reply, said: In what words can I convey to you the expression of my gratitude? I thank you all again and again, not only for presenting me with my Grand Lodge clothing, but also for the flattering words accompanying it. The intrinsic value of this beautiful present is far less in my eyes than the kindly feeling which prompted its being given. Not the least gratifying feature in connection with it is that the presentation has been made by the members of this lodge of their own free will and accord. I may have my own opinion—as others may have theirs—as to whether I merit all that has been said to-night, but I can say that however short my past efforts may have been to deserve praise, all my future endeavours will be devoted to deserve them. I am proud of the honour that has been conferred upon me by his Royal Highness, and I take it not only as a great compliment to this lodge, but also to my old associations with it. I thank our esteemed Secretary for the trouble he has taken, and also for the kind letter in which he conveyed his congratulations on my preferment. I also thank all the members for their great kindness to me at all times, and I trust I shall be spared for many years to enjoy the society of the members of this lodge, where I am pleased to say discord is unknown. I hope the same spirit of fraternal affection and love and unity will ever characterise the members. I am sure that with such surroundings, such kindly greetings, and such dear old friends, it would be a poor heart indeed that could not rejoice, and I hope the lodge will continue to prosper for many, many years.

The resignation of Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., on account of ill-health, was received with very deep regret, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member, after which the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the customary toast list was gone through, and the musical artistes included Miss Kellaway, Miss Bartle, and Bros. W. H. Stringer, Dudman, and A. Morrell.

"The Grand Officers" was proposed by Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., and Bro. W. J. Mason, G. Std. Br., in response, said he first started in the Order some 20 years ago and little thought he should ever attain to the position of W.M. His time was then fully occupied, but at the early age of 43 he managed to do without business and then took an interest in Masonry. He joined several lodges, and thanks to Bros. Stephens, Thomas, and others, was elected to the Board of General Purposes at the top of the poll on the first occasion and afterwards became Vice-President for three years. He was very proud of his office as Grand Standard Bearer, as he considered it a great compliment to this lodge of which he was a founder.

Bro. F. Schmitz, P.M., then gave "The W.M." He said their real W.M. was abroad, but the I.P.M., Bro. Godson, had done the work most admirably and the initiates could not have failed to be impressed.

Bro. W. Godson, I.P.M., returned thanks on behalf of himself and the W.M.

Bro. J. Stephens, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., proposed "The Initiates," congratulating them upon having made their debut in one of the best little lodges it had been his good fortune to be associated with. If the initiates would act up to the teachings of Freemasonry and practice them inside and outside the lodge their lives would be a heaven upon earth, and they would be better men than ever they knew how to be before.

Bros. Marley and Crook responded.

Bro. E. P. Moore, W.M. elect, replied to the toast of his health in an excellent speech. Having returned thanks for his election, he said that it had been justly remarked that no greater honour could fall on any man than that of being elected W.M. of his mother lodge. That was not his case, for he was initiated in the West country. He visited many lodges before coming to this, but when he saw the installation ceremony rendered in the Tivoli Lodge by the father of the lodge he thought he had never heard anything in Masonry so beautiful before. He resolved to join, and had never once regretted his choice. He promised them he would endeavour to perform the Masonic ritual to their satisfaction, and uphold the traditions of the lodge, and he hoped to gain their respect, love, and esteem.

Bro. Farthing, P.M., answered for "The P.Ms.," and Bro. Mason, in giving "The Officers," said that long speeches were like the twopenny tube—a marvellous bore. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

## WEST LANCASHIRE ALPASS MASONIC FESTIVAL.

### A NEW BLACKPOOL LODGE FOUNDED.

The annual Festival in connection with the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, usually held at Southport or Liverpool, took place at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. The object of the Institution, which perpetuates the memory of a former Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Horace Seymour Alpass, is to provide annuities to widows of deceased brethren who belonged to the Province of West Lancashire. The annual income from investments is about £258, and this amount is largely increased by the voluntary subscriptions of those interested in the province. Last year, for instance, the Institution, paid away in annuities no less than £1100.

The arrangements for Wednesday's gathering were admirably carried out by Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. D. Murray, Prov. G.D. of C., P.G. Treas. Eng.; C. A. Trevitt, P.P.G.D., Captain of Stewards; Harry Brooks, P.M. 1476,

Sub-Captain of Stewards; J. A. Brown, 2316, Wine Steward; W. R. Brandwood, P.P.G.D., Treas.; and Geo. A. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas., and Arthur W. Taylor, 1476, Secretaries; while Bro. J. Huddlestone, as manager of the Gardens, saw to it that everything was done which would tend to the comfort and pleasure of the company. The Victoria Annexe was specially arranged and reserved as a smoke room, where the Winter Gardens Orchestra, under Mr. Ralph Harwood, discoursed choice music at intervals. Altogether about 300 brethren attended the Festival—Blackpool and the Fylde, Liverpool and district, Barrow-in-Furness, Dalton-in-Furness, Manchester, Lancaster, Wigan, St. Helens, and Southport being well represented.

In the afternoon a grand banquet was served, under the direction of Mr. F. Kluth, head caterer, in the Victoria Café, at the Gardens. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Bro. Louis S. Cohen, presided, and supporting him were the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Cohen), the Mayor and Mayoress of Blackpool (Dr. and Mrs. Kingsbury), Bro. and Mrs. T. Loftos, Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Brandwood, Bros. J. Wray and Harry Brooks, Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Dunderdale, Bros. C. E. Hindle, J. Cardwell, R. Escolme, Arthur Taylor, and J. W. Emmott, Bro. and Mrs. J. Donnelly, Bros. A. P. Frith, Geo. Harradon, and Alderman John Holden (Liverpool), Bro. and Mrs. G. Ashworth, Bro. and Mrs. Hastwell, Bros. J. P. Dixon, T. Kay, Dr. Calvert, H. Gardner, T. Sankey, and others. Sir Matthew White Ridley and others wrote regretting their inability to be present. The menu, which was of a most enjoyable character, gave great satisfaction.

The usual loyal toasts were submitted by the President of the gathering, Miss Alice Ainsworth taking up the air of "God Save the Queen," and Bro. Wilton Bradshaw that of "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The next toast, that of "The President of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom," was submitted by Alderman HOLDEN. The late Earl, said the speaker, was one of Nature's noblemen; and the present Earl was a worthy son of a worthy sire. He had taken great interest in everything in connection with their Order, and was with them at all times when it was possible for him to attend.

The health was enthusiastically honoured.

The Lord Mayor of LIVERPOOL next called upon the company to drink "Success to the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution." Some years ago, he went on, they had an idea of perpetuating the memory of their good friend, their late Bro. Alpass, who did so much for Masonry. The Alpass Benevolent Institution was the outcome of that idea, and to keep it going money was required; in fact, money was required for most things connected with Masonry. The object of the Institution was to form a provisional fund for the relief of widows of poor Masons. It was established 14 years ago; and at the present time some 84 were benefiting from it. The cost of this relief was £1000, and as the investments only brought in some £250, about £800 was required. His lordship went on to say that a man was always a better man for being a Mason. If they were to look round that room and see a man looking lugubrious and miserable, they could rest assured that he was not a Mason. There was a great deal for a man to do who was a Mason. Masonry, too, was a great advantage to a man who had more money than he knew what to do with. In conclusion, he mentioned that his list of subscriptions, he was proud to say, amounted to over 100 guineas. (Applause.)

Bro. G. HARRADON took up the toast by reading out a list of subscriptions to the Institution from the various lodges, which amounted to £1243.

Bro. WYLIE then proposed "The Health of the President of the Festival," to whom the success of that gathering was to be attributed. The speaker mentioned that previously they had met in Southport, where they had had many pleasant meetings, but that day they were met in a place the like of which he had never seen before.

The toast was heartily drunk with musical honours, and then was pleasingly acknowledged.

"The Ladies" fell to the lot of Bro. T. LOFTOS, who asked to be excused if he was a little faulty, as that was only the second time in his life that he had proposed that toast, and the last time was some 36 years ago. He continued his remarks in a very humorous fashion.

Bro. GOODACRE, referring to the toast of "Prosperity to St. John's Lodge," pointed out that it had only been formed in Blackpool that day, but yet it had contributed £75 to the funds of the Institution.

Bro. C. R. HARDMAN also expressed a hope that the lodge born that day would grow up and prosper, and would do something for the success and furtherance of Masonry.

Bro. J. WRAY, the W.M. of the lodge, in reply, referred to the growth of Freemasonry in general, and to the new lodge in particular, concluding by referring to the fact that the St. John's Lodge had contributed the next highest sum to the Lord Mayor's, namely, £75 to the Institution.

The intervals were whiled away by song and music, the artistes being Miss Alice Ainsworth, Bros. Wilton Bradshaw and Ralph Harwood, Mr. Cyril Chantler, and the Della Rosa Quartette. Bro. R. Oldfield Brierley was the accompanist.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2825.

An interesting feature in connection with the gathering is that earlier in the day saw the birth of a new lodge for Blackpool. The first officers of the St. John's Lodge, for that is its title, are as follows: Bros. John Wray, W.M.; J. Cardwell, S.W.; R. Escolme, J.W.; R. Parkinson, Sec.; W. R. Brandwood, Treas.; J. E. Hargreaves, S.D.; S. S. Lomax, J.D.; J. J. Critchley, I.G.; J. Catterall, Tyler; W. Longbottom, S.B.; E. Taylor, R. H. S. Calvert, S. S. Waterhouse, and J. Bamber, Stwds.

The lodge was consecrated by Bro. R. Wylie, D.P.G.M. for West Lancashire, assisted by Bro. Colonel J. D. Murray, P.G. Treasurer of England, Director of Ceremonies. Bro. the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G. Chap., delivered the oration in a most able manner. The other consecrating officers were Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., and Bro. JOHN Houlden, P.G.D. Eng.

## Instruction.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. J. E. Thomas, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; C. G. Zander, 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.; M. Relf,

S.D.; C. S. Hind, J.D.; J. Horstead, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; C. Nicole, H. J. Dunaway, H. J. May, E. P. Fischer, J. T. Perrins, A. E. Turner, R. E. Maskall, G. Mortlock, H. R. Bower, J. R. White, and A. Noel.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The investiture of officers was rehearsed. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Dunaway being the candidate. The accounts having been audited, the balance sheet was read, and it was announced that a ballot for a Life Subscribership will take place at the next meeting. The Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary were re-elected unanimously. Bro. Lucas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Whittington, 5 and 7, Moor-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. W. G. Read, W.M.; McDonald, S.W.; J. Huckell, J.W.; Jas. Smith, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Meadows, P.M., Sec.; R. F. Roche, S.D.; W. J. Lockett, J.D.; V. Smith, I.G.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; William Baker, P.M., Asst. Preceptor, acting as Organist; Jas. Brown, P.M.; J. G. Robeson, P.M.; W. H. Hillman, P.M.; T. Stokes, W.M. 192; B. T. Mills, H. J. Adlard, W. J. Fishleigh, W. G. Flatman, O. W. Rix, J. J. Moxley, J. Gemmell, Bowden, and W. G. Flatman elected a joining member.

The lodge was opened, and after the singing of the opening hymn, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rix acting as candidate, Bro. Stokes giving the charge. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Stokes, who opened in the Second Degree and passed Bro. W. G. Read, who had already answered the usual questions. Bro. Read then resumed the chair and opened in the Third Degree, the brethren rehearsed the Masonic drill and the lodge was closed down in the Three Degrees, the closing hymn sung, and the meeting adjourned. Bro. McDonald was elected to occupy the chair next Wednesday.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE, No. 1623.

INAUGURATION SUPPER OF THE WINTER SESSION.

The above supper in connection with this lodge of instruction took place on the 26th ult. at the City Scotch Stores, 27, Knightrider-street, there being 30 brethren present. The lodge opened at 6.30 p.m. in the Three Degrees, Bro. J. Ord, of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, Brisbane, No. 908, having been unanimously elected a joining member.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining saloon, where the tables were not only laid out so ornamentally as to be a credit to the host. Bro. J. R. L. Daish, but the various dishes were so well served and so delicious that the praise of the brethren could not be otherwise but unanimous. Bro. Chas. J. Pratt, I.P.M. 1623, presided in his usual merry style, while Bro. J. Hoffmann, J.D. 1623, Hon. Sec. of the lodge of instruction, occupied the vice-chair.

Amongst the brethren we may mention Bros. F. P. Weinel, P.M. 1828 and J. W. 1745, who is one of the pillars of the lodge, being the untiring and genial Preceptor, which qualities have endeared him so much to the brethren. There were also present the newly-appointed W.M. 1623, Bro. C. A. Barter, a regular supporter; Bros. J. Gordon, M.D., P.M. 1769 and 1924; J. M. Murphy and W. R. Witt, both P.M. 1745; J. Thomas Powell, Etherington Smith, Chas. Strong, and Horace Reynolds, who are respectively S.W., J.W., S.D., and J.D. of 2182, perhaps better known as the "Lyric" Vocal Quartette, who contributed considerably to the enjoyment of the evening by their excellent rendering of many charming solos, duets, and glises. Bro. T. Powell was responsible for the duties of musical director, for which he is famous. Bro. Stanley Galpin kept the brethren in roars of laughter by his capital sketches "In the Suburbs" and "Who that a'calling"; while Bros. Patt, Daish, and others also assisted in solos. Bro. A. Milne proved an acquisition at the piano, and the supper having also turned out a financial success, the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction can only be congratulated on their steady progress and good work.

Again we beg to invite those who are anxious to make themselves perfect in the rituals and tenets of the Craft to pay a visit to this lodge, where they will be well received; the meeting-night is on Wednesdays, at 27, Knightrider street, at seven p.m. prompt.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1087.

INAUGURAL DINNER.

For some time past a desire has been expressed among the members of the Strand Lodge that a lodge of instruction should be formed in connection therewith, and on the 2nd instant the first meeting was held, and the lodge successfully inaugurated. Convenient and extremely comfortable quarters have been provided at the Salisbury, 91, Strand, and the lodge, which is open to visitors, will be held every Tuesday evening from seven p.m. to nine p.m.

At the inaugural dinner Bro. Jackson, P.M., occupied the chair, and in proposing the principal toast, "The Strand Lodge of Instruction," stated that Bro. Rapley had kindly undertaken to act as Preceptor *pro tem.*, and he felt sure that he and the Secretary, Bro. Chas. E. B. Kibblewhite, would have the hearty support of all the Past Masters and members of the Strand Lodge.

In replying to the toast of "The Secretary," Bro. Chas. E. B. Kibblewhite stated that no effort would be wanting on his part to make the Strand Lodge of Instruction a great success, and a place of meeting not only for the members of the Strand Lodge but for the Masons of London.

"The Health of the Visitors" and that of "The Chairman" concluded the toast list, which was varied by an excellent musical programme.

Craft Masonry.

Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687.

Installation meetings come and go, bringing varying fortunes in their train, but there are a few lodges which seem to pursue the even tenour of their way in unclouded prosperity. The Rothsay Lodge appears to be one in the latter category, for at the meeting held at the Frascati Restaurant, on the 3rd instant, a very satisfactory report was, as usual, submitted. The membership remains a strong one, the funds are plentiful, and last, but not least, the work of Charity is carried out with no niggardly hand.

The members present included Bros. G. H. Burns, W.M.; L. Verdier, P.P.G. Stwd. Jersey, W.M. elect; E. J. Mills, J.W.; Walter Adams, P.M., Treas.; T. J. Bolton, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Butler, S.D.; G. W. Duck, J.D.; A. H. Burns, I.G.; Wm. Shaw, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Catten, P.M.; W. C. Parsons, P.M.; W. Maskell, W. A. Bond, M.D., and many others. Visitors: Bros. Amos Birley, 1273; W. Anning, 1423; H. Saunion, P.M. 1423; S. Sidders, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Barclay Gammon, Org. 2549; C. F. Quicke, P.P.G.S. of W. Kent; H. J. Cathie, 704; W. Pullen, 2601; K. M. H. Griffith, 1677; G. Glover, P.M. 1677; J. K. Colwell, 1964; W. Freeman, 206; E. S. Harrison, 502; J. Featherstone, P.M. 1656; S. W. Dutton, 58; M. Garrett, 1671; and W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Enos Howes, P.M. 1599, and H. Williams Mellor, S.W. 1599, were elected Honorary Members. Bros. Glover, Broomhead, and Stratton were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Louis Verdier was presented as Master elect by Bro. Shaw, P.M., D.C., and received the benefits of installation at the hands of Bro. G. Herbert Burns, I.P.M., who was heartily congratulated on the ability he displayed. The officers appointed were Bros. E. J. Mills, S.W.; W. H. Butler, J.W.; W. Adams, P.M., Treas.; T. J. Bolton, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Duck, S.D.; A. Herbert Burns, J.D.; W. Shaw, P.M., D.C.; W. Maskell, I.G.; C. W. Holmes, A.D.C.; Cavaliere Tito Mattei, Org.; H. Baldry and W. A. Bond, M.D., Stwds.; and J. Bailey, Tyler. In pursuance of a custom obtaining in this lodge, Bro. Schultz, P.M., was presented with a Charity jewel, having qualified for it during the past year. Bro. Adams, P.M., announced that his son, a member of the lodge, who is absent with the Field Telegraph in South Africa, had been in many tight corners and places but had passed through all successfully. The members are looking forward to give Bro. Adams a hearty and fraternal welcome on his return.

The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £445, and the expenditure included 10 guineas to each of the Charitable Institutions. A similar grant was proposed to the three Institutions, and unanimously carried, and Bros. Verdier W.M., Butler, and Masca!l undertook the duties of Steward for the Benevolent Institution, Girls' School, and Boys' School respectively. Three propositions for initiation were received, several letters of regret were announced, a charitable grant was made to a deserving case, and the lodge was closed.

After the banquet the usual loyal toasts were first honoured, H.R.H. the M.W. G.M. being especially referred to as the Duke of Rothesay.

Bro. G. Herbert Burns, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in genial terms, and said that few words were needed to commend this toast to their hearty acceptance, because Bro. Verdier had taken the deepest interest for years past in everything concerning Masonry. Although Bro. Verdier did not belong to this country, his heart and soul, interest, and thoughts were all in favour of Masonry. He (the I.P.M.) therefore recommended this toast to their notice with the sincerest feelings of thankfulness and gratitude that the lodge possessed such a Master.

Bro. L. Verdier, P.P.G. Stwd. Jersey, W.M., on rising to reply, met with a hearty reception. He said he did not know how to acknowledge their kindly greetings. A few years ago he came amongst them unknown and he was now their W.M. They had heard the complimentary remarks of the I.P.M. He had certainly done his best in passing through the various offices, for Masonry was his religion and he knew no other. There was one true Brotherhood and they found it in Masonry, and particularly in the Rothesay Lodge. On his installation night he was glad they had not forgotten the watchword of Charity. Masonry was a grand institution for it knew no distinction of colour or race. Only this week he found a coin, struck to commemorate the abolition of slavery, bearing the figure of a slave in chains and the words "Am I not a brother?" England had done great things, but Masonry was trying to bring the brethren of every country together, and he hoped the day would come when they would all be united and peace and harmony would reign. He wished to prove his worth during his year, and if they gave him time he hoped to show that the words of the I.P.M. were justified, and that he had maintained the fame and reputation of their highly successful lodge. The next toast he had to propose was "The I.P.M.," who had discharged his duty as well as any predecessor. The I.P.M. had commanded the lodge and his officers as ably as a general in the field, making the task easy for the coming year for his successor. It was a pleasing duty to present Bro. Burns, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel "for his valuable services and devotion to the lodge," and the members hoped he would be long spared to wear it.

Bro. G. Herbert Burns, I.P.M., expressed his deep gratitude for the great honour conferred upon him. While life lasted he would treasure the jewel, and be deeply grateful to them. Some of his predecessors who had received the jewel had shown much more ability than he could ever boast of, and he felt quite unworthy. Their lodge was one to be proud of, for no other lodge could compare with it in contributions to the Charities. He should cherish the memory of his year of office as the happiest and most delightful period of his existence.

It was announced that the W.M.'s list for the Benevolent Institution had reached a total of £78 4s. 6d.

For "The Visitors," Bros. Featherstone, Quicke, Saunion, P.M., and Glover, P.M., expressed thanks for the hospitality shown and high appreciation of the working witnessed.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was next given, Bro. Adams, P.M., Treas., receiving hearty congratulations upon his birthday.

In reply, Bro. Adams expressed his thanks, and said it was exactly 20 years since he was initiated in the lodge.

Bro. T. J. Bolton, P.M., Sec., in the course of his remarks said that over £300 had been contributed from the lodge funds to the Charitable Institutions. He hoped to be able to place before them on a future occasion the total amount subscribed by the members and their friends upon the various Stewards' lists.

Bros. Mills, S.W.; Butler, J.W.; Burns, J.D.; and Masca!l, I.G.; answered for "The Officers."

The proceedings then closed.

During the evening Bro. Gammon contributed several excellent humorous songs, Mr. Duellon-Doris two baritone songs, Bro. Freeman a very clever mandoline solo, and Bro. Anning a couple of capital recitations.

Bro. L. Verdier, the newly-installed W.M., was initiated in Jersey in the Cesaré Lodge, working in French, and he is a P.P.G. Std. of Jersey. He is also a member of La Cesaré Chapter and Mark Lodge, Mount Lebanon Chapter, Palestine Rose Croix, Rose and Lily Allied Degrees, P.M. and Sec. of La France Mark Lodge, and Prince of Wales Ark Mariners' Lodge, No. 4.

Caxton Lodge, No. 1853.

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st instant at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Edwin P. Luke, W.M.; R. J. Day, S.W.; Thos. Baker, J.W.; W. J. Brewer, S.D.; A. Woods, J.D.; E. Rice, I.G.; Cole, P.M., Treas.; Jehring, P.M., Sec.; J. Lackland, Tyler; Dawson, P.M.; Beck, P.M.; Wynne, P.M.; Moody, P.M.; Hearnden, P.M.; Lulman, P.M., and a number of other brethren.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting in April last were read and confirmed. Mr. William Woods was then initiated, after which a discussion took place concerning lodge business.

At the conclusion of the dinner which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. took occasion to mention the fact that the new recruit was certain to receive a hearty welcome in the Caxton Lodge by reason of his relationship to one of the late founders, and to the highly-esteemed J.D., in addition to the fact that he belonged to a calling with which so many of the brethren were identified.

Bros. Sandland, 2398, and J. R. Wilkes, 394 (Montreal), responded to the toast of "The Visitors," while Bro. G. J. Dawson, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters."

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical arrangements of the evening were conducted by Bro. Thrusell, Org., who was ably assisted by Bros. Wilkes, Denman, Windsor, and others.

Aldermaston Lodge, No. 2760.

On the 26th ult. the last meeting of the present session of the Aldermaston (Summer) Lodge took place in the lodge room at the Hind's Head Hotel, Aldermaston. To make the proceedings more festive the members had been invited to bring ladies with them, and a goodly number availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the village and the park, where Bro. C. E. Keyser, one of the founders of the lodge and its I.P.M., very kindly entertained the party to afternoon tea.

The party from Reading drove to Aldermaston, arriving there about four o'clock, and whilst the lodge was being held, the ladies were courteously entertained at the park.

In the evening the whole party dined together at the Hind's Head, a very pleasant evening being spent. The meeting having proved such a great success, a hope was expressed that the ladies would be invited again next year at the close of the summer session.

GENERAL SMITH HONOURED.

The Supreme Council, 33°, of America, Northern Jurisdiction, on Wednesday, September 19th, re-elected Bro. Henry L. Palmer as S. Grand Commander, General Samuel C. Laurence being continued as Lieut.-Grand Commander. The next elective officer was General John C. Smith (Past G.M. of Illinois), so well known and respected by the Fraternity in Great Britain and Ireland, who has been raised to the dignity of Grand Minister of State. "Our General" is the Representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and has a world-wide reputation as a zealous and efficient Craftsman, so the compliment thus paid him at Boston, U.S.A., by the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" will be much appreciated by his host of friends. His portrait is given in the *Boston Herald* announcing the honour thus conferred.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at four p.m.

THE DUKE OF YORK concluded his visit to the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at Gordon Castle, Fochabers, Banffshire, on Thursday last, and returned to town to-day (Friday).

THE winter session of the Logic Club, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., will begin on Sunday, 7th instant, at 11.15 a.m. The initiation ceremony will be rehearsed, Preceptor Bro. Robert Manuel.

THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY of the Ackwright Lodge, No. 1495, is to be held at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath, this month, when Bro. W. Jaffrey retires. The W.M. elect is Bro. W. H. Tomlinson, of Nottingham.

WE ARE PLEASED to hear that Bro. W. J. Batho was successful in getting first prize last week at the Paris Exhibition for grapes, and first prize on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Crystal Palace for Canon Hall muscat grapes.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK are to pay a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Llangatock at The Hendre, near Monmouth, during the concluding week of the present month, and accordingly the Monmouth Town Council are arranging to give their Royal Highnesses a civic welcome.

THE PRINTING of companies' prospectuses, plans, illustrations of industrial works, Masonic work of all description, &c., produced with rapidity. Fast machinery and every modern appliance for the production of large quantities at short notice. Freemason Printing Works, 16 and 16a, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG has acceded to the request of the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to visit the Scottish capital about the end of the present month, and open the new pavilion of the infirmary, which is set apart for the treatment of women patients. It is probable that the ceremony will take place on Friday, the 26th instant.

ON THE OCCASION of the re-opening of the Royal Courts of Justice for the Michaelmas sittings on Wednesday, the 24th instant, a special service will be held at Westminster Abbey at 11.15, at which the Lord Chancellor (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury), her Majesty's Judges, and members of the Bar will attend prior to the re-opening of the Courts.

STRINGENT precautions are being taken to guard Bro. President McKinley in consequence of the reported discovery of a plot to kill him. Three men are suspected, two of them being Italians and the third an ex-army officer. The plan was to waylay the head of the State on one of the lonely drives which he takes daily. Bro. McKinley treats the matter lightly.

OUR SOLDIERS will be coming home very soon, and the Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Lord Wolseley—who, like Bro. Lord Roberts, has always sympathised with and assisted temperance work in the Army—asks those wishing to do their honour "to refrain, while extending to them a hearty welcome, from offering them intoxicating liquor." Their worst enemies are those who encourage excessive drinking.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES and the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, who are at present the guests of Bro. Lord Glenesk at Glenmuick, shot over Brackley Moors on Wednesday. The weather was excellent, and a very good bag was made, in spite of the fact that the birds were scared by the presence of eagles hovering around. The party included Sir Allan Mackenzie, Mr. J. Mackenzie, Mr. Hughes, Major Gilstrap, and Lieutenant Murray.

BRO. THE MARQUIS OF TWEEDDALE has let the Carfrae shootings, in Berwickshire, to Mr. G. Dalziel. Sanquhar (north), in Dumfriesshire, the property of the Duke of Buccleugh, has been taken by Mr. E. J. Brook. Jura deer forest, in Argyllshire, has been let to Mr. Henry Evans. The mountains, which rise to a height of about 3000 ft., afford first-rate stalking. The number of stags killed each year is 60, and the quality is excellent. The grouse shooting is also good, and every other variety of Highland game can be bagged.

OVER 700 PERSONS attended the farewell banquet to Bro. the Earl of Hopetoun at the Hotel Cecil on Wednesday evening, the Earl of Selborne occupying the chair. Mr. Goschen, replying to the toast of "The Imperial Forces," said the latest ambition of the Australian Colonies was to help us at sea. They had sent a naval brigade to China. Lord Hopetoun would be able to tell the Colonies of the advance in strength the British Navy had made. Their captains were able to enter into every port of the world without a pilot and at a speed which astonished almost every foreigner.

EX-KING PREMPH, of Ashantee, who is now on his way to the Seychelles Islands, is to be finally located in Mahe, the leading item of this interesting group of islets in the Indian Ocean, and where also the chiefs from the Malay Peninsula were exiled in the early seventies. Mahe, which is 17 miles in length, and from four to seven across, enjoys the distinction, only in a lesser degree than the Aldabra Islands in the vicinity, of being the home of the gigantic land tortoise, of which so many examples may be seen just now at Regent's Park, brought from the islands mentioned at the instance of the Hon. Walter Rothschild, M.P.

ON WEDNESDAY Archbishop Temple dedicated a window at Blundell's School, Tiverton, where he was once a pupil, to the memory of Old Blundellians who have fallen in the war. The lives of their late companions had not, he said, been given in vain, for, in a real sense, their heroism honoured and influenced the school and all its scholars. His grace afterwards inspected the newly-formed cadet corps, and said he hoped they would be as dutiful as they appeared smart, and uphold the glories of the old days. Advantage was taken of the visit to confer the freedom of Tiverton upon the Archbishop, whom Major Dunning described as the most eminent man ever turned out by a public school like Blundell's.

RECENTLY the boys of St. Paul's School, Maidstone, sent to General Sir George White two snapshots of their recent drill inspection, and the following acknowledgment has been received: "Government House, Gibraltar, August 28, 1900. Sir,—It is a great pleasure to me to have the two photographs you were good enough to send me. I congratulate your school generally on having turned out so many men ready to serve their country when their services were required. Sergeant Boseley does your school great credit. I am sorry to hear he is feeling the effects of his wounds in his general health. He must have been a man of iron constitution to have gone through what he did. The surgeon who attended him said he had never known a man who bore such wounds, and the subsequent treatment of them, so well.—Yours truly, GEORGE S. WHITE." It will be remembered that it was Sergeant Boseley who, on having an arm and a leg blown off by a Boer shell at Ladysmith, said to his comrades: "Roll me out of the way, men; and go on working the gun."

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve the appointment of Field-Marshal Bro. Lord Roberts, V.C., to be Commander-in-Chief, in succession to Field-Marshal Bro. Viscount Wolseley, K.P.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, on his recent visit to Lichfield, inspected the Soldiers' Club which is being established there, and subscribed £50 to the funds, besides presenting his portrait and autograph.

LIEUTENANT HUGH HOLE, son of the Dean of Rochester (Bro. the Very Rev. Thos. Hole, D.D., Past G. Chap.), has resigned his commission in the Cyclist Detachment of the City Imperial Volunteers, and has been made a magistrate for the Orange River Colony by General Pretymann, the Governor.

THE ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS (Earlswood, Redhill, Surrey).—The autumn election of this Charity will occur on Thursday, the 25th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., for the purpose of choosing 31 applicants, viz., 12 part payment and 19 ordinary, for a period of five years. The poll will commence at one, and close at two o'clock precisely. Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, Treasurer, in the chair.

The stated meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will be held this (Friday) afternoon at the hour of five p.m., and the brethren will afterwards dine together at the Holborn Restaurant. The business includes the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, after which a paper will be read by Bro. Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley on "The Sackville Medal and Irish Freemasonry."

THE LORD MAYOR ELECT (Bro. Alderman Frank Green) has appointed the Rev. Henry Danvers Macnamara, M.A., Rector of St. James, Garlickhythe with St. Michael, Queenhythe, and Priest-in-Ordinary to her Majesty the Queen, to be his chaplain; and Bro. William Jameson Soulsby, C.B., of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law, his private secretary, during his term of office. Bro. Soulsby has filled the same position in the preceding 25 mayoralties.

IT IS NOW authoritatively announced that the ruins of Tintern Abbey have been purchased by the Crown from the Duke of Beaufort. They are unrivalled among ecclesiastical relics in England, and stand in the middle of nearly six thousand acres of woodland and pasturage, which have a frontage of eight miles to the Wye. The Crown has also purchased the Duke of Beaufort's farms surrounding Raglan Castle, comprising 3000 acres in extent.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE entertained the tenantry and retainers at Mac Lodge to a cinematograph entertainment and supper on Saturday evening last. To the number of 80 the clansmen, in full Highland costume, and each bearing a lighted torch, formed a guard of honour between the mansion and the ball-room, where the pictorial display was held. Among the guests were H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Sir Allan and Lady Mackenzie, Miss Forbes, and Captain Fortescue.

THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.—It is stated that the receipts of the fund from the workshops and business houses of London from January 9th to September 8th amounted to £8889 11s. 2d., as compared with £9027 during the corresponding period of 1899. The expenditure in the same period was £1356 10s. 1d. The special collection in industrial establishments will be held on the 13th prox. The committee hope that the ultimate total will not fall short of that realised last year, viz., £20,000.

AS PATRON of the Royal South Bucks Agricultural Association, whose ploughing match and exhibition were recently held at Colnbrook, near Slough, her Majesty, in addition to giving a prize of five guineas for the best ploughman on the field, offered a silver cup for competition among the farmers for the finest growth of root crops generally, and it was won by Mr. John Kinross, of Datchet-on-Thames. The second prize, given by the Master of the Queen's Stag-hounds (Lord Coventry), was secured by Mr. T. W. Purser, of Colnbrook.

ON FRIDAY, the 28th ult., Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, Past G. Treas., and Mr. Lawrence were inducted into office as Sheriffs of London for the ensuing year, the ceremony of investiture being very gracefully performed by the senior outgoing Sheriff, Bro. Alderman Sir W. Treloar, his colleague, Bro. Sir A. H. Bevan, Past G. Treas., being too unwell to attend and take part in the function. The customary breakfast was held in the great hall of Christ's Hospital, of which Institution the senior Sheriff is the Treasurer.

BETWEEN CHAUCER and the City the association is so close that it has long been a matter of surprise that the latter contains no monument to the poet who rescued the English language from an inchoate condition. The Library Committee of the Corporation has sent in a strong recommendation to the Court of Common Council in favour of a bust of the father of our national poetry being placed in the Guildhall. The poet was at one time in the service of the Corporation, and for many years in his early life occupied rooms over the old Aldgate. He was also a citizen by birth.

LORD KINTORE has been making great alterations and additions to Keith Hall, his place in Aberdeenshire. It is not a pretty house, but the improvements have made it much more comfortable. Lord Kintore represents the ancient family of Keith, one of the very greatest in Scotland. The first Lord Kintore saved the Regalia of Scotland from the hands of Cromwell by having them secretly conveyed from the Castle of Dunottar, which was then besieged, and hidden under the floor of the Church of Kinneff, close by. Lord Kintore then sailed for France, so that Cromwell's soldiers ceased to seek for them, thinking that he had taken them with him.

ON SATURDAY last a common hall of the City of London was held in the Guildhall for the purpose of electing a Lord Mayor for the ensuing year, when the choice of the Commonalty fell upon Bro. Alderman Frank Green and Sir J. C. Dimsdale, the former being returned for the office by the Court of Aldermen. Bro. Frank Green was appointed J.G. Deacon of United Grand Lodge and G.S.B. of Supreme Grand Lodge in 1883, and is thus a Mason of long standing and highly respected. We shall have more to say next week about the Lord Mayor-elect and the newly-installed Sheriffs. But we must not omit to mention that a most cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Alderman Sir A. Newton, P.G.D., for his great service as Chief Magistrate of the City during his year of office.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) Mr. W. Mollison will produce "For Auld Lang Syne" at the Lyceum. It required a very big effort to get the production ready, but everything is now in order, and the first performance will take place to-night as announced. "For Auld Lang Syne" will be found to be a play with a deeply interesting, a strange yet possible, story; with splendid scenes where nothing is sacrificed to sensation, a magnificent environment for the commencement of the action, and a natural well worked up to climax for the end. "For Auld Lang Syne" is not a play in which one part is made great at the expense of all the others; on the contrary there are many well thought out characters in it. Mr. J. H. Barnes has a part that in the scenes with Miss Irene Rooke is made very pathetic and human; and Mr. Bassett Roe, as well as Mr. Wm. Devereux, represent men of wholly different natures that make opportunity serve themselves, or their country, in the Colonies. Of the parts to be undertaken by Miss Lily Hanbury, Miss Fanny Brough, Mr. Leonard Boyne, Mr. Wm. Abingdon, and Mr. Wm. Mollison mention has already been made.

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