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## RESPECTING THE GRAND MASTERSHIP.

There are doubtless many reasons why a Sovereign should not retain an office which he had held as a subject, albeit his tenure of that office had been attended with honour to himself and the greatest possible benefit to the Society over which he presided. But we feel confident that no better or more sufficient reason will be forthcoming for his non-retention of the Grand Mastership of English Freemasons than that, in the pressure of those multifarious duties which will now devolve upon him as King, it will no longer be in his power to discharge the duties of that exalted position with the same satisfaction to himself as hitherto. If we have read the past career of his Majesty aright, there is no man throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire who has a higher sense of duty than King EDWARD VII. It is the plain unvarnished truth to say that his Majesty has never undertaken a duty which he felt that he could not perform, and that having undertaken it, he has spared no effort within his ability to discharge effectively the obligation he had contracted. We Freemasons of England who have been under his MAJESTY'S rule as M.W.G. Master for more than a quarter of a century are well assured of this fact, none, indeed, can know or realise the full force of this statement better than we; and for this reason it is that we regret the imperative necessity in which his MAJESTY has felt himself placed of resigning a position in which he has gained such honour, and which has been attended with such inestimable advantage to our Society. At the same time, we feel that the KING has adopted the right course in following the precedent set by his predecessor on the throne, GEORGE IV., the uncle of our late gracious Sovereign. As Prince of WALES it was possible for him, as a Mason, to be our Grand Master; as KING he is Grand Master of all his subjects. At the same time while we recognise that we cannot expect from the Sovereign any greater measure of consideration than he is able to mete out to other communities of his subjects, we have the fullest reason for rejoicing over the fact that the special tie which has bound his Majesty to us for so many years will not be entirely severed, and that he will continue, as heretofore, to be the gracious Protector of our Grand Lodge. Moreover, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on

the good fortune which awaits us in the near future. His Majesty has vacated the office of M.W. Grand Master, and has become our Protector, but the Royal Craft of Masonry will still have a Royal member to preside over it in the person of the KING'S brother, H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., who was initiated into our mysteries in 1874, and who as Senior Grand Warden in 1877, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex since 1886, and District Grand Master of Bombay since 1887, and more recently still as M.W. Past Grand Master, has rendered the most signal services to English Freemasonry. We offer our most respectful homage to his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master nominate, nor can we have a scintilla of doubt that under his auspices, as under those of his Majesty the KING, the Society of English Freemasons will enjoy a like measure of prosperity.

## THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

If in ordinary circumstances it is deemed unwise to undertake the rôle of prophet, still more unwise must it be to venture on such a part when the circumstances of the time are likely to prove unfavourable. To the heavy demands which are pressing upon all classes of the community owing to the continuance of the struggle in South Africa must now be added the stress upon the trade and commerce of the country caused by the lamented death of our late beloved Sovereign; and if last year we had doubts as to the effect of the war upon the results of our three great Anniversary Festivals, still more doubtful must those results appear to us when the whole country is in mourning. Still, if in the face of untoward circumstances the Festivals of 1900 were, as a whole, more satisfactory than they had been known to be for many years, it is quite on the cards that the prospects for the present year may not prove so gloomy. On Wednesday next the first of these important annual fixtures—the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—will be celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern under the presidency of the Earl of WARWICK, Dep. Grand Master of England, Prov. Grand Master of Essex, and it will be our privilege next week to record the result which may then be achieved. It may be premised that his lordship and the Board of Stewards will spare no effort in order to ensure a successful return, and we are glad to be in a position to announce that the Board, though falling short by a score or two of members of last years' total is about 540 or 550 strong as compared with the 600 and odd of ladies and brethren who did duty in 1900. The Chairman's Province of Essex, as may be surmised from its past record, is well represented, and so likewise are many of the other Provinces and London. Hence we are encouraged to hope that rather more than the actual deficiency of income amounting to between £14,000 and £15,000 will be forthcoming, and that to this extent at all events, all anxiety on the part of the Committee of Management of the Institution will be set at rest for the current year. But, as we mentioned in our article of a fortnight since, notwithstanding the additional annuities created by the Committee in 1899 and last year, there is a woeful disproportion between the number of old men and widows who are seeking admission to the Institution and the number of vacancies that will be available at the annual election in May. For the Male Fund there are 50 candidates, of whom

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only 13 can be elected to immediate and deferred annuities; while for the Widows' Fund the case is even worse, there being 54 candidates and only eight immediate and deferred vacancies. It may be that other vacancies will arise between now and the third Friday in May; but what we are desirous of urging upon the brethren is that a great effort should be made to raise such an amount on Wednesday next as will justify the Committee in creating a few additional vacancies on one or both Funds, and thereby reduce the number of those poor old people who must, in any circumstances, be compelled to wait for another twelvemonth ere another opportunity presents itself for any of them securing the benefits they have been adjudged worthy to receive. We said in the article we are referring to, and we repeat it now, that no more fitting tribute of respect could be shown to our late Queen than to raise such a sum as will allow of provision being made for a few more of the candidates during the remaining years that may be vouchsafed them. And we sincerely hope that our appeal will bear fruit.

### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

#### THE LITERATURE OF THE CRAFT.

The student of Masonic jurisprudence cannot possibly get on without a library, and it is proposed to indicate what such a library should contain. It must be perfectly understood that the absence of this, that, or the other book does not imply the writer's opinion that such book is not worth study, or may not be of even more value than some of those indicated. But there are certain works of reference which every brother whose duty it may be at any time to interpret the Constitutions ought to keep by him and study.

And, first of all, we place the Book of Constitutions itself. A study of the whole work is an absolute necessity for every brother aspiring to rule a lodge, whether from south, west, or east, if for no other reason than that he may be able "the better to comprehend and to appreciate the connection of our whole system, and the interdependence of its several parts." It is a great mistake to suppose that any article of the Constitutions can be properly interpreted by itself. And yet nothing is more common than to see the attempt made. A difficulty arises—the index of the book is rapidly turned over, and eventually something germane is found, and further investigation at once ceases. If the particular article does not exactly apply, so much the worse for the article, and it is made to do so. It is the writer's experience that the statement, so familiar to most of us, that "there is no difficulty that can arise in connection with pure administration of the affairs of your lodge that a reference to this Book will not solve," is far from being the rhetorical flight of fancy that such statements generally are.

The fact that so many sets of bye-laws contain excerpts from the Book of Constitutions does not free the brother from the obligation he is under to study it. At his admission to Freemasonry he is shown the warrant, which he is told is open to his inspection then or at any future time. If this permission were more freely taken advantage of than appears to be the case, we should not be troubled with the strange cases that come before Grand Lodge of lodges usurping powers never committed to any lodge.

The presentation of the warrant is accompanied usually by a statement that the candidate's inspection of it is in order to satisfy himself that the lodge is legally empowered to collect fees, but, unfortunately, the warrant only refers to fees which the lodge is to transmit, and says nothing of those it has authority to collect. We shall, however, refer to the warrant in detail in a further chapter. Immediately after the presentation of the warrant a copy of the Constitutions is handed to the candidate with a strict injunction to study it. The language of that book is so studiously simple and devoid of ambiguity, that we cannot understand any brother who has read it through twice failing to acquire a grasp of the whole subject of Masonic jurisprudence.

A knowledge of the history of the Craft is, of course, essential for the cultured Mason, but for practical every day purposes a knowledge of the current history is even more essential and for this purpose the official printed reports of Grand Lodge, published quarterly, should be studied as they appear. It seldom happens that a quarterly communication of Grand Lodge passes without some appeal or another being decided. The disposal of an appeal by Grand Lodge means

much more than the resolution of some particular brother's difficulties. In most cases it means an authoritative interpretation of the Constitutions. The brother who carefully studies them will find his mind stored with precedents which cannot but be of value. As we have remarked before, Grand Lodge is by no means a slave to precedent and has on occasion "gone back" on previous decisions of its own, in a most disconcerting way. All the same, the brother who could quote Grand Lodge procedure in support of his conduct, would have a remarkably good case either in his own lodge or on appeal.

The value of a Masonic journal cannot easily be overestimated. Time and distance are the two great obstacles in the way of visiting sister lodges to the extent desirable. In the interests of uniformity especially, such visitation is almost essential, but if it be impracticable, then the best substitute is the report of the meetings of other lodges. No Freemason can claim to be well informed who neglects to keep himself *au courant* by the simple and ready means of reading a Masonic journal.

We now come to the library proper, as distinguished from current literature. This is distinctly the age of cyclopædias, and Masonic information lends itself well to this form of exposition. Of such books there are many in the market, and the writer will only mention the three he knows best, namely, "Mackey's Cyclopædia," "Mackey's Lexicon," and "Kenning's Cyclopædia" (Woodford). The publications of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, though periodic in form, can scarcely be classed with the Masonic journal, although a summary of notable events is generally included. They comprise articles on sundry matters of archæology, and are of the utmost value to the Masonic antiquarian, but not to the same extent to the jurist, as the references to the Book of Constitutions are usually of a bibliographical tendency. Seeing that our laws and regulations are for the most part crystallised tradition, it follows that a knowledge of our traditions in their manifold forms must be of service. In this connection our glees, odes, anthems, and songs are not unworthy of study, and amongst the composers of such was no less a person than Bro. Goethe. Goethe celebrated his Masonic jubilee in the Lodge Amalia, in 1830, having been initiated in that lodge on June 23, 1780.

The Antient Charges deserve respect at our hands quite as much as the Constitutions, and they should be studied. Bro. Hughan has made this subject almost his own, and his work is invaluable to the Masonic jurist. Dr. Oliver's work on Jurisprudence is largely in the nature of a commentary on the Book of Constitutions and most of his other writings are in similar style, e.g., "The Book of the Lodge," "The Historical Landmarks," and others. The three books named are referred to as authoritative in influential quarters, and even quoted as law, and they should by no means be absent from the library.

We have quoted certain Masonic Cyclopædias. It is fair to say that Mackey's Lexicon is made light of by his own countrymen, and the student is recommended to go to the Encyclopædia for Freemasons, by C. Lenning, revised by Mossdorf, 1828, and republished later under the title "Handbuch der Freimaurerei," by Schletter and Zille (Leipzig, Brockhaus).

Mossdorf, mentioned above, was expelled from the Craft on December 17th, 1819. The encyclopædia he assisted in producing is practically the parent of all similar works.

A Freemason should be well acquainted with the history of his own lodge, especially if it be an old one. Every lodge has its own traditions, sometimes cherished even more than the Book of Constitutions, and no brother can reasonably claim to fill the chair of his lodge who has not made himself thoroughly acquainted with its past history.

There is a great temptation to draw up a list for a Masonic library, but it must be resisted. All those brethren who are Masonic students, and especially such as have specialised, possess their own and might resent the writer's suggestions, and as for those who have not yet earned for themselves the right to be considered students, a few indications will suffice. For mere purposes of reference, one of the cyclopædias named or Morris's "Dictionary of Freemasonry" should be useful. The history of the Craft is writ large in Gould's monumental work; but if this be too exhaustive, then Findel's history can be strongly recommended. Oliver's works as named should be studied, and curious sidelights in Masonic history are to be found in Hughan's "Old Charges." Whymper's "Religion of Freemasonry" is a remarkable work, the only one of its kind we have come across, and though full of debateable matter, cannot fail to instruct and edify even the young Mason. He should possess a knowledge of the histories of the great Charitable Institutions, which the writer believes have been compiled in handy form by Bro. G. B. Abbott.

Handbooks of one kind or another have been published in great number during the past few years, and it would be invidious

to specify any one in preference to another. It will thus be seen that the writer has not pretended to suggest even, a Masonic library, but has merely tried to indicate one or two directions in which the young Mason who desires to know more of the Craft and the science of Masonry than he can learn in lodge may commence his studies.

### SPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

APPEARED IN OUR ISSUE OF THE 16TH INSTANT (SECOND EDITION).

An Especial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 15th instant, at Queen's Hall, Langham-place, London, for the purpose of voting a loyal and dutiful Address to his Majesty the King, tendering the respectful sympathy of the Craft on the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and further offering the respectful and fraternal congratulations of the Fraternity to his Majesty on his accession to the Throne. Other business was also before the Grand Lodge. A communication was to be received from the M.W. Pro Grand Master respecting the Grand Mastership, and a motion was to be made thereon. Such communication was to

Prov. G. Master for Hertfordshire, as Past Grand Master; Bro. Lord Templeton, S.G.W.; Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as J.G.W.; Bros. Frank Richardson, G.D. of C.; E. Letchworth, G. Secretary; W. Lake, Asst. G. Secretary; J. H. Matthews, T. H. Gardiner, John Evan Bowen, P.A.G.D.C.; A. C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.; John Strachan, K.C., G. Registrar; E. Beaumont, Dep. G. Registrar; and R. Clay Sudlow.

There was a large deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, headed by Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, Grand Master Mason; Ireland was represented by, among others, the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master; Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, Grand Master of Western Australia, represented the Australian and New Zealand Grand Lodges; and Bro. George Richards, Grand Master of the Transvaal, personified South African Masonry.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form,

The GRAND SECRETARY, by command of the M.W. Pro G.M., read the notice convening the Especial Grand Lodge.

Earl AMHERST then said it became his duty now to move a loyal and dutiful address to his Majesty the King, tendering the respectful sympathy of the Craft on the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and further offering the respectful and fraternal congratulations of the Fraternity to his Majesty on his accession to the Throne. He need not on such an occasion delay Grand Lodge with any praises of her late Majesty, which they were all aware of. Those praises had been expressed in the Houses of Parlia-



be recorded on the minutes. Then there was a motion, "That the nomination for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master, made at the last Quarterly Communication, having become inoperative, this Grand Lodge do now proceed to a fresh nomination." The said nomination was the next item on the agenda.

Bro. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G. Master, presided, and some 3300 brethren were present. Grand Lodge was draped, and all the brethren appeared in mourning. The body of the hall and the galleries were full, and when the Grand Officers took their place all the seats on the dais were occupied. The arrangements which had been made appeared to be perfect; there was no confusion, and every one of the Grand Stewards and other acting Grand Officers perfectly fulfilled the duties assigned to them.

To give the names of those brethren who attended would be impossible in a limited space, but of those who officiated at the proceedings the principal were Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acting as Dep. Grand Master; Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.,

ment, in the pulpit, and in the public press, and by all sorts and conditions of men. Consequently no words were necessary to express the loss every one had sustained. But he might remind the brethren that her late Majesty was a gracious and generous patroness of the Charities of the Masonic Order, and she had entertained a good opinion of the Fraternity by allowing her sons and grandsons to become members of it, to the great advantage of the ancient Fraternity. At a time like this it was not necessary to state the heavy burden which had fallen on the people. Of course, when a mother had attained the years which her late Most Gracious Majesty had attained, and after there had been premonitory symptoms of the end approaching—although we sustained a serious shock, there was not so serious a blow to the feelings as in other circumstances. Still it was a serious blow, and the first part of the address he had to submit to be presented to the Grand Master was to offer him the respectful sympathy of the Craft upon the misfortune which had befallen him. The second part of the address was to offer the respectful and fraternal congratulations to his

Majesty on his accession to the Throne. He did not claim for the Masons of England that they were more loyal than other persons in the kingdom; but he did say that they were second to none in their loyalty, and notwithstanding the professions of loyalty expressed in the various addresses which had been voted, he was sure none would be received with greater pleasure by his Majesty than that which he submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge of Freemasons. His Majesty the King had succeeded to no light inheritance. He had been called to rule an empire on which as had been said with regard to Masonry that the sun was always at its meridian, the sun never set—his Majesty the King had to follow a Sovereign who was endeared to all her subjects. A heavy burden had fallen on his Majesty the King, and he (Earl Amherst) was sure they would all pray that as his day was so might his strength be. The communication he (Earl Amherst) would shortly have to read was that his Majesty had been resolved to retire from the office of Grand Master. However, in doing so he was but following the precedent of George IV., who when he became King retired from the Grand Mastership and became the Protector of English Freemasons. His Majesty's connection with the Craft, of nearly 27 years, had been of such advantage to the Order that they rejoiced that they would not lose it entirely. He would remain in their minds on account of the services in taking the chair for the different Charities, more especially when he took the chair for the Boys' School when £144,000 was raised. His services to the Craft were many, and his services as Grand Master great. The position of Masonry when he assumed the apron and collar of Grand Master was different to its position now. He hoped that under him as Protector it would be as prosperous as when he was Grand Master. The address to be submitted for the brethren's approval was as follows:

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the members of the Fraternity known as the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch), by our Representatives in Especial Grand Lodge assembled, do venture humbly to express our respectful and profound sympathy with Your Majesty in the sorrow caused by the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, whose memory is cherished in our hearts.

We further tender our dutiful and fraternal congratulations to Your Majesty on your accession to the Throne; and beg to express our fervent hope that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over the Kingdom and Empire under Divine Providence confided to Your Majesty.

It is with much thankfulness that we have received Your Majesty's gracious intimation that you will be pleased to assume the position and title of Protector of English Freemasons; and we feel assured that under such auspices the Fraternity will continue to enjoy that prosperity which attended Your Majesty's connection with the Order, for upwards of a quarter of a century, as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Given under the Seal of the Grand Lodge of England this 15th day of February, 1901.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., acting Deputy Grand Master, said, in the absence of the Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, he was called on to second the motion which had just been moved, so ably submitted to the brethren by the Pro Grand Master, and he availed himself of that privilege with very great pleasure. As Freemasons they regretted the great sorrow which had come on all Englishmen by the death of her late Majesty, and they would no longer have at their festivities to propose the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." They knew that the Queen for the long time she had ruled over them was enshrined in the hearts of her people, and it was very difficult for them to adequately realise the fact and to place another in her stead. But the Grand Master of the Order had done his very utmost to maintain the high position which the late Queen had won for the Throne. In old times Princes of Wales had won renown by foreign war, by entering into successful enterprises, and had enshrined themselves in the hearts of the people. But his Majesty the King, the late Prince of Wales, had not done that, but he had prepared himself for his position by many graceful deeds. He had visited that magnificent portion of the Empire of India, and had commended himself to the hearts of Freemasons, and impressed the Oriental mind. He (Bro. Beach) thought the Royal visit to India had caused the happy feeling which had existed between that portion of the Empire and the people of Great Britain. He might refer to the importance of his support of Charities; this had endeared him very much to the hearts of the people; they knew that what he had done for the Masonic Charities had endeared him to the hearts of Masons; and not only so but he had endeared himself by many acts of courtesy and of kindness. The manner in which he had presided over the Masonic Charities had had the most powerful effect in promoting their success. (Hear, hear.) He regretted very much that his Majesty would no more preside over Grand Lodge as Grand Master; but still he would not be entirely cut off from the brethren. Let them hope that he would take that interest in Freemasonry although not presiding as Grand Master. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He (Bro. Beach) had the greatest pleasure in seconding this proposition, and he trusted that their late Grand Master might be blessed with health and strength to reign over a loyal and united people. (Loud Applause.)

Earl AMHERST enquired whether any one present desired to say anything on the motion.

Bro. Sir GERARD SMITH, M.W. Grand Master of Western Australia, then rose and asked to be allowed to express on behalf of that colonial Grand Lodge their respectful, cordial and sorrowful concurrence in all that had been said. Their Grand Master represented the Colonial Grand Lodge of Australia. Might he be permitted to say that in no part of his Majesty's dominions would his retirement from the presidency of the Craft in which he had been connected be more regretted than throughout the Australian Grand Lodges, and in no portion was there deeper felt an affectionate regret for the family loss the Grand Master had sustained. (Applause.)

The Duke of ABERCORN, as Grand Master of Ireland—(loud applause)—hoped that he might be permitted to re-echo the expressions and sentiments that had just been uttered by those speakers who had preceded him, and to express to his brethren that great feeling of sincere regret that the Masons of Ireland had experienced at the loss of their late beloved Queen. (Applause.) As Masons in Ireland they were loyal as they were as Masons in England. ("Hear, hear," and cheers.) Although he was proud to be Grand Master of Ireland, yet they claimed his Majesty the King as Patron of the Order in Ireland, and they gloried in that, and he was also proud to hope for a continuation of those Masonic favours which

the late Grand Master of England had bestowed on the Order in Ireland. He trusted he would hereafter bestow those favours, and that the fact of his Majesty associating himself so closely with the Masonic body of this great Empire might lead to strengthen and to consolidate the ties which already existed between this country and the sister country of Ireland. (General applause.)

Bro. the Hon. JAMES HOZIER, Grand Master of Scotland, said on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at home, in India, and in the Colonies and foreign parts, he begged to express their entire concurrence in what had been said, and their complete sympathy with the words of the address. In Scotland Masonry was in the same position with reference to his Majesty as was the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Hitherto the King, as Prince of Wales, had been the Patron of the Scottish Order, and it was their earnest hope and sincere prayer that his Majesty might still continue to be the Patron of all Scottish Freemasonry. (Cheers again and again renewed.)

Bro. GEORGE RICHARDS, District Grand Master of the Transvaal, said he thanked the Grand Lodge as District Grand Master of the Transvaal, as representing the Freemasons of the English Constitution out there, for allowing him to add their testimony to their sincere and deep grief at the death of her late Majesty, and their regret that the Grand Master was about to retire from the position of Grand Master. To their feeling of affection for him as Grand Master they would now add their feeling of undying loyalty to him as King. (Cheers.)

Earl AMHERST then put the resolution, which was carried in silence, all the brethren standing.

Earl AMHERST next said he had now to make a communication he had received from his Majesty—

"14th January, 1901.

"The King very much regrets that he ceases to be Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, and thinks it would be convenient that he should follow the example of George IV. when he became King, and resigned the same office and became Protector."

On the motion of Bro. J. STRACHAN, K.C., G. Reg., seconded by Bro. E. BEAUMONT, Deputy G. Reg., it was resolved that this communication be recorded on the minutes.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, K.C., G. Reg., next said that in consequence of this Communication it became necessary to deal with the situation thus created. As his Majesty ceased to be Grand Master, and assumed the position and title of Protector of English Freemasons, it was essential to take the proper step by filling up the election of Grand Master, which, according to the present mode, had to be done at Quarterly Communication in March. The nomination had to take place at the immediately preceding meeting of Grand Lodge. That portion of the Constitutions had been fulfilled, and the nomination having been made at the Quarterly Communication in December, 1900, it had now become inoperative by reason of its being impossible for his Majesty to be elected to the position of Grand Master. Another distinguished brother would have to be nominated and elected. The emergency having arisen, it rested with the Grand Lodge as the supreme controlling authority of English Freemasonry appointed by the Constitutions to decide all matters of the kind. A brother must be nominated at Grand Lodge preceding the Quarterly Communication of March. He begged to move that the nomination be now made.

Bro. E. BEAUMONT, Deputy Grand Registrar, seconded.

The motion was carried.

Bro. VESEY FITZGERALD, K.C., then proceeded to nominate. He said they mourned the loss of the greatest lady whose health, as had been said, had been announced and drunk at their festivities beyond the memory of any living brother. By reason of her death their Grand Master, who had ruled over them with happiness and satisfaction to himself for nearly 27 years, was now no longer Grand Master. He (Bro. Vesey Fitzgerald) confessed that he had hoped that his Majesty would have continued as Grand Master even after ascending the Throne of England. But he (Bro. Fitzgerald) could well understand his time was fully taken up more than it was with King Solomon, and he was obliged to resign the position of Grand Master, and it became necessary to choose a successor in his stead. They might easily be placed in a difficulty in that respect. But when they looked abroad they found a brother of ability and distinction whom they could easily elect, a brother of whom they had experience in the past. There was one brother who, he thought, was most fitted to preside over them; he was a Past Grand Warden, a Past Grand Master, a District Grand Master in India, and a Provincial Grand Master in this country. In all those positions he had proved himself to be well skilled in the noble science, courteous in manner, easy of address, steady and firm in principle; and, therefore, he should nominate for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. (Loud Applause.) He was sure he should have the sympathy of every brother when he nominated him for that high office.

Earl AMHERST: Does any brother present desire to nominate any one else to the office of Grand Master? (Laughter.)

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE KING AND MARK MASONS.

A Special Grand Lodge of English Mark Masons was held on Tuesday last at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., the object being to vote an address to his Majesty the King on the death of the late Queen and to take steps consequent upon a communication which the M.W. Pro Grand Master had to make concerning information he had received on behalf of the King.

The M.W. Pro G.M., Bro. the Earl of Euston, presided; R.W. Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Deputy G.M., was on his right; R.W. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, acted as Past Grand Master; Bro. Viscount Doneraile was S.G.W.; Bro. Charles Belton, P.G.W., acted as J.G.W.; and among other brethren present were Bros. John Strachan, K.C.; R. Loveland Loveland, K.C., President of the Committee of General Purposes; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; F.

Richardson, G. Reg.; Wilhelm Ganz; Col. Clifford Probyn, G. Treas.; Harry Nicholls; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; Henry Sadler; R. Clowes; Major John Woodall, P.G. Treas.; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Herts; the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire; Capt. N. G. Philips; E. St. Clair; Rev. Russell Finlay; J. H. Whadcoat; John Songhurst; Imre Kiralfy; John Smith, P.G.I.G.; and W. A. Scurrah.

While the procession of Grand Officers was entering Grand Lodge, the Grand Organist played the Dead March in "Saul."

The Grand Lodge was afterwards opened in ample form, and the Grand Secretary, by direction of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, read the summons convening the meeting.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON next rose and said: Brethren, we have met here to-day, as I took upon myself to call you together, because I thought it right, and not only right, but also that it was the wish of every member of this Degree, to condole with our Grand Master in his recent loss. A blow has fallen upon the Royal House, and put them in deep grief and deep mourning. But that blow has gone far beyond the Royal House; it has gone throughout the length and width of our great Empire, from north to south, from east to west, and even among those tribes in Africa who have been under our Queen, and have been indebted to her for their freedom. I do not think words are needed from me to emphasise the feelings we have, every one of us, for a Queen who for 60 odd years was spared to reign over this Kingdom; for to reign over it as she did—to prove herself not only one of the greatest Queens that ever reigned over England, but one of the best women that ever lived in this world—a woman who, as Queen of this country, from the time she succeeded to the Crown down to a few days before she died gave her life and soul to her Empire, to bettering her Empire, and never lost sight of her faithful people, who worshipped her as she deserved to be worshipped, from the highest to the lowest. She has set an example which it will be very difficult for anyone to follow; and I am certain of one thing, that in her son we have a King who will do his best to follow in his mother's footsteps. Almost to the last hours of her life she looked after the soldiers when they came back wounded; she visited the hospitals, and set an example to the whole universe. But it is not only we who look up to her memory; we must know also that the other kingdoms of the world knew and respected her, and thanks to her unswerving righteousness and goodness she kept England right for the past 60 years. I do not think it is necessary to say more than that, and I will move that this Grand Lodge do most sincerely present an address to his Majesty King Edward VII. condoling with him on the death of the late Queen, and giving our allegiance to him as to her who has gone before, and asking him to accept in some small way our love and devotion for his attachment to this Degree. I will call upon the Grand Secretary to read the address, and I hope you will all join with me in it. I may say one thing before I sit down. I have a letter from Sir Francis Knollys, who writes on the subject that he has submitted my letter to the King, and he says he is very sorry that he must now resign the honour of Grand Master of Freemasons of the Mark Degree. He will be happy to become Patron of the Degree. We must thank him for keeping up his connection with the Degree as he has done during the many years he has been our Grand Master. I beg to move a vote of condolence with his Majesty and the Royal Family, and to give him our assurance that we shall be as loyal to him as we have been to the Queen.

The Hon. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON, Dep. G. Master, in seconding the vote, said he felt they would all join together as Masons and feel with the King in the sad bereavement he had sustained, because they one and all from time to time suffered these bereavements themselves, and it was only part of our common humanity and as Masonic brethren to put themselves in the same position as if such a thing had happened to ourselves. His Majesty had been a good Grand Master to us all, and although it was with great regret they had heard the letter read by which he resigned his position as Grand Master, they felt that a precedent must rule in these matters, and it was with great thanks that they heard he would remain as Patron of the Order. During his reign in Masonry, Masonry had made the greatest progress. It was due to his untiring work and to his devotion to it that Masonry had made the progress it had, and he thought that although they condoled with him now, they could express the sincere hope that he would remain for many years as Patron of the Order.

The motion was carried, all the brethren standing.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., then read the address as follows:

TO HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the Pro Grand Master, Grand Officers, and members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in Grand Lodge assembled, most respectfully approach your Majesty with the expression of our most heartfelt sympathy and deep grief at the loss your Majesty, the Royal Family, and the nation has sustained by the death of our beloved and much lamented Sovereign, her Majesty the late Queen Victoria.

We would also most humbly beg to assure your Majesty of our continued loyalty and unflinching devotion to the Throne, and our most earnest and fervent prayer is that the Great Overseer of the Universe may grant to your Majesty a long, a glorious, and a prosperous reign.

(Signed) EUSTON, Pro Grand Master.

C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

Given at Mark Masons' Hall the 19th day of February, 1901.

On the motion of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., seconded by Bro. R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, K.C., President of the General Board, it was resolved that the communication from the Most Worshipful G. Master be entered on the minutes of Grand Lodge.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., then said he had to move the next resolution. The brethren might remember that at the last Quarterly Communication, according to ancient form, a Grand Master was nominated. By the resignation of his Majesty this evening of the office that nomination had become inoperative, and, therefore, it was necessary for their Grand Lodge, which was a Sovereign body, to proceed to a fresh nomination. The Grand Lodge would be in a very great difficulty, because the Constitutions provided that the Grand Master should hold office for one year only, and be re-nominated and re-elected every year. Consequently, if a Grand Master was not elected at the next Grand Lodge after the nomination they would be without a Grand Master and Grand Officers. Thus it became absolutely necessary that the present Grand Lodge, which had been summoned, should proceed to business with a fresh nomination. He, therefore, begged leave to move that the previous nomination of a Grand Master having become inoperative, Grand Lodge do proceed at once to a fresh nomination.

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, P.G.W., seconded the motion.

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

Bro. Dr. ERNEST LANE (Sancta Maria Lodge) then rose and said it was his privilege in the month of December, 1900, to nominate his then Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for the office of Grand Master of the Mark Degree, and the reason why that nomination had become inoperative had already been explained. Therefore, he was again privileged to nominate one to serve as the Grand Master of Mark Masons, and the one who had been selected was his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. (Applause.) Those brethren who were present at a meeting of Masons at the Queen's Hall last Friday would have marked with what enthusiasm that name was received when he was nominated to preside over the Craft, and the present meeting had just expressed its approval of the nomination. Without further words, therefore, he proceeded to nominate his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Masons. (Applause.)

The Earl of EUSTON said he had received an answer written on behalf of the Duke of Connaught to a letter he had written to the Duke of Connaught—that the letter had been placed before his Royal Highness, and the Duke desired the writer to express his thanks most heartily for it, and, in reply, said if it should meet the wishes of the Mark Master Masons his Royal Highness would consider it a great honour and privilege to be nominated their Grand Master.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar, moved, and Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K.C., seconded, that this communication be entered on the minutes of Grand Lodge, and the motion was carried.

"God save the King" was then sung by the brethren, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, who was supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. Jos. B. Lawson, Dep. P.G.M.; W. Cooper, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Treas., as Prov. S.G.W.; Holland Rowbottom, Prov. J.G.W.; W. H. Salter, Prov. J.G.O.; Revs. C. W. Groves and J. T. Mumford, Prov. G. Chaps.; Percy Wallis, P.G. Treas. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Shipton, Prov. J.G.D.; Frank Iliffe, Prov. G.D.C.; J. B. Boycott, Prov. A.G.D.C.; A. Butterworth, Prov. G.S.B.; W. O. Playwright, Prov. G. Std. Br.; S. Attwood, as Prov. G. Org.; W. H. Edmunds, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; J. B. Starbuck, Prov. G.I.G.; W. Reid, Prov. G. Stwd.; and A. Slinn, Prov. G. Tyler.

There were also present—

Bros. E. Horne, P.S.G.D. Eng., P.P.G.W., Mayor of Derby; John Walker, P.P.S.G.W.; Isaac N. Woodiwiss, P.G. Stwd. Eng., P.P.G.I.G.; J. E. Harrison, P.P.J.G.W.; W. W. Jeudwine, P.G. Stwd. Eng., P.P.J.G.W.; G. Wilkinson, P.P.G.O.; W. Fletcher, P.P.G.O.; J. O. Manton, P.P.G.O.; S. Robinson, P.P.G.O.; C. Webster, P.P.G.D.; W. Bougherd, P.P.G. I. of W.; W. Baker, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Stone, P.M. 503; N. W. Need, W.M. 373; W. Hart, W.M. 503, P.P.A.G. Sec.; R. A. Little, M.A., LL.D., W.M. 246, P.P.G.O.; Thos. Oldham, W.M. 302, P.P.G.I. of W.; E. Stockton, P.P.G.D.; W. Helliwell, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Woodisse, W.M. 353, P.P.G.I.G.; W. R. Bryden, James Roden, John Hunt, A. Seaman, J.W. 414; J. T. Johnston, F. Rowland, W. E. Walker, W. H. Bass, P.P.G.D.; G. Gregory, E. Coates, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. G. Willis, P.P.G. Stwd.; A. Fox, P.M. 339; the Rev. Thos. Orrell, P.P.G. Chap.; S. F. Rowan, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; the Rev. J. B. le Gassick, P.P.G. Chap. Lincs.; S. E. Short, and many others.

While the brethren were assembling Chopin's "March Funebre" was very impressively rendered on the organ by Bro. Samuel Attwood, acting Prov. G. Org., in memory of her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

After the Prov. G. Lodge was opened, the PROV. G. MASTER made a feeling allusion to the death of her late Majesty, and his remarks were ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The routine business of Prov. Grand Lodge was then transacted, after which the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. W. Wynne Jeudwine	...	...	Dep. P.G.M.
" F. Iliffe	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. O. Manton	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. H. Beckett	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" E. Stockton	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" N. W. Need	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. J. T. Mumford	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. B. le Gassick	...	...	
" Wm. Cooper, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Frederick Stone	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Percy Wallis, P.G. Treas. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Helliwell	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Woodisse	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. R. Bryden	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" S. F. Rowan	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Isaac N. Woodiwiss	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Jas. Roden	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Jno. Hunt	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" S. Attwood	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Seaman	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" F. Rowland	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. P. Pemberton	...	...	
" A. Fox, P.M.	...	...	
" W. E. Walker	...	...	} Prov. G. Tylers.
" A. Slinn	...	...	
" W. S. Fisher	...	...	

The PROV. G. MASTER then addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the steady progress that Mark Masonry was making in the province. He feelingly alluded to the death of several brethren, especially mentioning Bros. Gladwin and John Jones as most active workers. He also expressed sympathy with Bro. William Whitaker, the outgoing Prov.

S.G.W., in his long illness, and trusted that he might soon be able to be with them again. He also thanked the brethren for their generous support of that most deserving Charity, the Mark Benevolent Fund, and trusted that this interest would be kept up in the future.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lower hall, where they were admirably catered for by Bro. and Mrs. Fisher, but on account of the mourning for her late Majesty Queen Victoria the usual toast list was dispensed with.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

On the 12th instant, Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Currie, Dep. Prov. G. Master of Sussex, presided at a special meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. There was a good attendance. The object of the assembly was identical with the Prov. G. Craft Lodge held earlier on the same day.

The Dep. Prov. G. Master having addressed the brethren in eloquent and fitting terms, resolutions were passed expressing the deep sense of the members at the great loss they had sustained by the death of their late beloved Queen, another of loyalty to King Edward VII., their Grand Master, and a third to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G. Master of Sussex.

The brethren entrusted with these resolutions were the Prov. Senior G. Warden (Bro. Dr. A. King), the Prov. Junior G. Warden, Bros. Clowes, Burrows, Spencer, and Freeman.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The brethren of Sussex gathered in large numbers at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 12th instant. In the absence of both the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the chair was taken by Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie (Dean of Battle), P.G.C., who opened the proceedings with some very graceful allusions to the sad event which had necessitated the meeting.

The sole business consisted in the passing of three resolutions, each moved and seconded by some brother well known in the Craft. By the first it was resolved to record on the minutes the deep sense of the severe loss which the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge had sustained by the death of her beloved Majesty, the late Queen Victoria, Patroness of the Order; in the second the Provincial Grand Lodge expressed its loyalty to, and sympathy with, King Edward VII., the present Grand Master; and in the third its sympathy with the Duke of Connaught, the Prov. G.M. of Sussex, in the loss he and the King had sustained by the death of their illustrious mother.

Copies of the resolutions were ordered to be forwarded to the proper quarters.

The brethren taking an active part in the proceedings were the Prov. Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Slingsby Roberts, Langdale, Wyatt, and Farncombe.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

### OUR NEW GRAND MASTER.

As H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has been nominated for the office of Grand Master, in succession to his brother, his Majesty the King, who has held that important position in the Craft from the year 1874, it is, perhaps, as well that a few words be offered respecting our Royal Brother, whose interest in the Fraternity has been continuous from his Royal Highness's initiation in the "Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 259," on March 24th, 1874, by the Prince of Wales, W.M. (now King Edward VII.). The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred on June 23rd, and the Master Mason on April 27th in the following year.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., joined the "Royal Alpha Lodge," No. 16, on June 7th, 1880, and became its W.M. in that year. From April 15th, 1877, his Royal Highness served as Senior Grand Warden for 12 months, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Sussex on April 9th, 1886, and District Grand Master of Bombay on January 17th, 1887; his highest rank as *Past Grand Master* being agreed to by the Grand Lodge on 3rd December, 1890, on the recommendation of his Royal Highness the Grand Master "on the occasion of his recent return from the East Indies, after completion of his term of service there as Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army." The compliment of past rank was proposed by the late Earl of Lathom, as the then Deputy G.M., duly seconded, and carried by acclamation.

Sometimes the Grand Master has conferred this high honour, but more frequently, I think, it has been done by the Grand Lodge. An error as to the same distinction being bestowed on his Majesty, when Prince of Wales, may as well be corrected now. The rank of Past Grand Master was *not* conferred 1st September, 1869, on H.R.H. by the Grand Master (the Earl of Zeeland), but after notice by that lamented brother a resolution to that effect was duly proposed and carried by the Grand Lodge, and on December 1st following H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., was invested and proclaimed accordingly.

I believe there have been 17 Princes of the "Royal Blood" initiated, from the 20th Prince of Wales, in 1737, to 1885, when H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence was admitted, but never until this year has the English Craft ever had a King as Grand Master; so that the nomination of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, following the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Throne, by the decease of the beloved Queen Victoria, is an experience in relation to our Grand Lodge and the Grand Mastership without a parallel.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## The Craft Abroad.

### FREEMASONS AT THE CALCUTTA CATHEDRAL.

#### SERMON BY THE METROPOLITAN.

As was the case last year, the District Grand Lodge of Bengal made arrangements for Divine Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on St. John's Day. Bro. Dr. Well-don, Bishop of Calcutta, again consented to preach, and also offered the temporary use of the Palace as a place of meeting. A large number of brethren responded to the invitations issued to the several lodges, and assembled at the Bishop's Palace. Bros. Martyn Wells and A. H. Geyer, acting as District Grand Directors of Ceremonies, having reported to the District Grand Master that the formation was complete, a procession was formed and marched to the Cathedral. The brethren having taken their seats, Bro. the Lord Bishop, accompanied by Bro. Archdeacon Stone, and Bros. the Revs. Luckman, Firminger, and Cole, proceeded up the nave. The service opened with a hymn, "Hail, Architect Most High!" Archdeacon Stone read the special lesson appointed, and the Rev. A. G. Luckman intoned the prayers.

The BISHOP then preached an appropriate sermon, taking for his text the Epistle of St. James, 1st chapter, and 27th verse:—"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." He said: I have sometimes thought that if it was possible to choose words most strictly representative, brethren, of our Craft in its moral or spiritual side, they would be these words. They breathe what I may call the spirit of universal religion, of Christianity, as I hold, in the first place, because of the motive which Christians find in the infinite compassion of the Son of God who became the Son of Man; but also of all religions which aspire to make the world better and brighter by their presence. They set the universal seal upon the great principle that it is Charity and not ceremony, righteousness and not ritual, which is the one thing needful in the sight of God. As the prophet Micah of old said: "He hath showed thee, oh man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." So the Epistle says in the text "Pure religion," that is, pure religious worship, "and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Brethren, I say that we as Masons may claim this sentence with peculiar emphasis as our own. We believe in God, in one God, the Infinite and Eternal, who is, and was, and is to come, the Almighty. We believe in Him as a Father loving every sole man with a love so tender that human affection in its highest form is of His love no more than a shadow. And believing in Him as a Father, we believe that "pure religion and undefiled" is none other than this—"to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Brethren, there are many institutions and associations upon earth which look for the points of difference between man and man. We look for the points of union. We do not disguise from ourselves that upon certain subjects—and these the subjects of highest human interest—we do not all agree. God knows I wish it were so, but it is not. But we believe that a man's religion lies between him and his God, and believing in religious liberty we assert that a man is entitled to hold what religion he chooses within compass of the moral law. And may I add that if a man conscientiously adopts or changes his religious faith, if he becomes, let me say, a Christian or ceases to be a Christian, he ought not to be the victim of any ill-will or any persecution; he ought not to be banned or censured; we ought to treat him with the same consideration with which we claim to be treated ourselves, for no man is a believer in religious liberty unless he believes in the right of man to differ from him. Brethren, the two great doctrines characteristic of our Craft—the belief in the being of God and the belief in personal immortality—they are not, as I consider, of ancient religion; they fall far short of the revelation of God in Christianity, but they are the fundamental principles without which no religion that aspires to Heaven can be set up upon earth. And in Masonry those great beliefs assert themselves in two ways, both specified in my text: "First in charity. "Pure religion and undefiled is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." The Greek word translated "to visit" means rather to look after; it suggests thoughtfulness, painstaking enquiries, personal effort for the sorrows and relief of the suffering. Brethren, I value the charities of Freemasonry. I value them not the less, but all the more, because they are done not with display and ostentation, not by advertisement, but modestly and secretly, so that it may be said of them in the words of the Divine teacher that our left hand knoweth not what our right hand doth. And oh! how frequent in this land of India is the need for the solace of the fatherless and the widows, how many are the missions of love which Freemasonry is permitted to render. Twice blessed is our Craft in its sacred, charitable liberality: first, they bless him that gives as well as him that takes; secondly, in the creed of Freemasonry, not only is charity required—there is something more. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father," is this, "to keep himself unspotted from the world." Brethren, no one of us has ever listened to the exhortation addressed to novitiates at their initiation into the Craft, but has learnt the success of Masonry based upon personal human virtue. A good Mason must be a good man. He cannot be true to his principles if he does not live or try to live in accordance with the eternal moral law of God, to build up one another in righteousness, in truth, in Charity, to create citizens not unworthy of the greatest Empire under Heaven, to present to the world, so far as in him lies, an example of that personal character upon which in the end all states depend, and without which the state that seems strongest is doomed to decay—that is the second lesson, the second object of our Craft. May we not then pray, as we meet in this sanctuary of God, that He will bless us in the coming century—us and the Craft of which it is our privilege to be members, that He will guide us in the way of peace and Charity, and will give us grace to know and to do His sacred will.

At the conclusion of the service, the brethren rose, but remained in their places until the District Grand Lodge had passed out of the Cathedral. The brethren then proceeded to the rendezvous and unrobed.

Great credit is due to the Directors of Ceremonies and to Bro. H. M. Rustomjee, District Grand Secretary, for the excellence of the arrangements, which were faultlessly carried out.—*Statesman*.

### WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will is dated November 6th, 1891, with a codicil of the 26th July, 1895, of John Luke George, fifth Earl of Donoughmore, of Kilmanahan Castle, and of Knocklofty, Clonmel, and of 84, Sloane-street, Assistant-Commissioner for the Organisation of Eastern Roumania, 1878-79, who died on the 5th December last, aged 52 years, leaving personal estate of the net value of £14,500 2s., and the gross value of the whole of whose estate is £105,059 3s. 5d.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

POISONS AND THEIR ANTIDOTES.

"Death by poisoning!" How often that heading attracts our attention to some paragraph in the daily paper. We are not much impressed, perhaps, the case seems so far removed from our own individuality. It is only when some one, near and dear to us, inadvertently takes an overdose of poison, that we suddenly realise the awful pain and anxiety attendant upon death by poison. "What is to be done?" The first thing is to send for a doctor; then, while waiting for his arrival, try and find out the sort of poison which has been taken. If the patient is too ill to give any details, for himself, watch the symptoms, for by them it is quite possible to judge which antidote will be best under the circumstances. Poisons may be divided into three classes—*corrosives*, *irritants*, and *neurotics*. In poisoning by *corrosives*, of which sulphuric, nitric, and hydrochloric acids are the chief, pain and discomfort follow immediately after swallowing. The action of these acids, in burning and destroying everything with which they come in contact, is so prompt, and so fatal, that it is impossible to give an antidote in time. A little calcined magnesia, beaten up in water or milk, is the best thing, and helps to alleviate the acuteness of the pain. Or, if no magnesia should be handy, a little whiting, or even common plaster from the wall, ground up in water, is a good remedy. It is frequently the very simplest things which are the most efficacious. Irritants are known by the violent purging and sickness which commence almost immediately after the dose. Encourage the vomiting by every means in your power; a tablespoonful of salt, or the same quantity of mustard, in lukewarm water, will produce the necessary sickness. The chief irritants are salts of zinc, tin, silver, as also croton oil, and, in large doses, scammony and gamboge. Neurotic poisons act directly upon the nerves, and opium is the chief of this class. The symptoms differ widely from those following poisons by acids. The patient has only *one* desire—to be allowed to sleep, and that is precisely what he must, on no account, do; sleep in this case means *death*. The stomach-pump is the best thing to be used, but only a doctor can use it, therefore, while awaiting his arrival, give the patient a strong emetic, and keep him awake somehow. If the first four hours can be safely tided over, there is much less danger, and 24 hours will generally see him practically restored to health. A cup of strong coffee is an excellent antidote, and a galvanic battery shock, if obtainable, would be most useful. So much for poisons in general; now for a few details about some of those we are most in the way of hearing of as causing illness or death. Nux vomica and strychnine may be placed together, insomuch as their symptoms are similar, and the same antidote can be used in each case. These poisons cause violent convulsions and spasms, closely resembling tetanus, or lockjaw. An emetic must be given at once. Powdered charcoal in a little water is the best antidote. The action of the poisons is so rapid and the results so fatal, that it is almost useless to hope for recovery after a strong dose. The most that can be done, after the emetic and charcoal, is to keep the patient as quiet as possible by giving him an occasional whiff of chloroform or ether, to allay the spasms and deaden the pain. Aconite is really the plant monkshood, found in nearly every garden, and is one of the most fatal poisons known. *One form in which it may be inadvertently taken is in mistaking the root in winter for horse-radish, which it closely resembles.* When taken it causes a tingling sensation in the mouth, quickly followed by the feeling known as "pins and needles" in the hands and feet; this again being succeeded by numbness. An emetic must be given at once, followed by some charcoal or a strong cup of tea or coffee, the tea to be boiled a minute or two, that all the *tannin* may be extracted. Arsenic is frequently used in medicines, and, in small doses, is of great value for skin diseases. One also hears of it being used by ladies for the improvement of their complexions. The results at first are very good, but soon the skin looks puffy and opaque, the eyes smart and the eyelids thicken; the hair, also, looks dull and lifeless. In cases of poisoning by arsenic an emetic must be given first, then raw eggs beaten up in milk, charcoal, or hydrated oxide of iron (*from a chemist*). *Bella donna* is a poison obtained from the deadly nightshade, which flowers in England during the months of June and July. Children, especially, are attracted by the pretty berries. The patient is inclined to sleep, but not quietly as in the case of opium poisoning; on the contrary, he is violent and delirious. Give an emetic at once, and do not let him sleep. Use the battery if possible, and give strong black coffee. Prussic acid is so speedy and so fatal in its symptoms that there is rarely time for an antidote to be administered. A little ammonia may be given; and, if the dose has been small, hydrated oxide of iron may be used, as for arsenic. Mercury resembles the corrosive poisons in its symptoms. Albumen is the best antidote; white of eggs should therefore be given, beaten up in milk. Oxalic acid must be treated as the other acids, with magnesia, in water or milk or common chalk. Always give the calcined magnesia (the oxide); the carbonate generates too much carbonic acid, which would only aggravate the evil. Laburnum seeds are often eaten by children, and produce vomiting, purging, and cramp. An emetic of mustard and warm water, or of ipecacuanha wine, half an ounce for the dose, must be given at once; the patient must, also, be made to take a little brandy or ammonia after the emetic has acted, to ward off all fear of collapse. It is very rare that a case of acute lead poisoning comes under one's notice; the illness is gradual in its onset. Painters are most liable to suffer from it, though cases have been known arising from people sleeping in newly-painted rooms, or from taking snuff which has been wrapped up in lead paper. The first noticeable symptoms is acute pain in the stomach; and if the mouth of the patient be examined there will be found a faint blue line along the gum where it joins the teeth. If not treated at once the whole body suffers, becoming thin and emaciated. The muscles in the arms and shoulders lose their strength and are useless, so that the patient is unable to lift the smallest things. Give frequent doses of Epsom salts—half an ounce to the dose—and allow the patient to have a warm bath. The weakened muscles must be treated by electricity and massage. Copper poisoning is caused by allowing verdigris to accumulate in kettles, or saucepans, used for cooking. Great care should be taken to thoroughly clean and dry these vessels after using. In cases of poisoning, vomiting must be induced by large draughts of warm water containing tannic acid. Mackerel and mussels are distinctly poisonous to some people, and when that is the case and vomiting does not result from the eating of them it must be induced by an emetic of mustard and warm water. The symptoms are violent pains in the head and stomach and a feeling of nausea.

In most cases, sickness and purging commence almost immediately after eating and must, on no account, be stopped until all the poisonous matter has been expelled. Afterwards, the patient will be found very much exhausted, and must be given a little brandy and soda water and allowed to sleep as long as possible.

PAINTERS AND OTHER ARTISTS IN THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

(Continued).

Cornelius Jansen, generally, but inaccurately, called Johnson, was, according to Sandrart, born in London, of Flemish parents; but Vertue asserts it was at Amsterdam, where he resided long, coming over quite young, which, considering how late he lived, may be believed. He was born 1590, died 1665. His pictures are easily distinguished by their clearness, neatness, and smoothness. They are generally painted on board, and except being a little stiff are often strongly marked with a fair character of nature, and remarkable for a lively tranquillity in their countenances. His draperies are seldom but black. He used much ultramarine in his blacks as well as his carnations, which gave them roundness and relief; and affected black draperies to add to the force of the face; yet it has been said that the features are deficient in that suppleness which is the characteristic of flesh. Rubens and Vandyck were partial to black draperies. Two portraits by him are of singular merit. One of Mr. Leneve, Master of the Company of Merchant Tailors; the other of Sir Geo. Villiers, father of the great Duke of Buckingham, less handsome, but extremely like his son. One of his hands rests on the head of a greyhound, as fine as the animals of Snyder. Jansen's first works in England are dated about 1618. He dwelt in the Blackfriars, and had much business. His price for a head was five broad pieces. He painted two in small in oil, and often copied his own works in that manner. In the family of Verney were the portraits of Sir Robert Heath and his lady in both sizes. At Cashibury is a large piece, curious, but so inferior to Jansen's general manner, that if his name were not to it, one might doubt it being by his hand. It represents Arthur, Lord Capel, who was beheaded, his lady, and children. Behind them is a view of the garden at Hadham, at that time the chief seat of the family. In 1636 and the next following years Cornelius Jansen resided with Sir Arnold Braems, a Flemish merchant, at Bridge, near Canterbury. St. Alban's Court, the residence of the Hammond family, still retains remarkable examples of his genuine and best style. He was engaged to paint the portraits of the individuals of the families of Sir Dudley Digges, of Chilham Castle, Sir Anthony Ancher, of Bourne Place, and Sir Wm. Hammond, of St. Albans Court, between whom a close degree of consanguinity existed; where are Colonels Francis, Robert, and John Hammond, who afterwards distinguished themselves in the wars of Charles I., Lady Dormer (1642), Lady Ady, and Lady Thynne (1636), their sisters.

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GENERAL NOTES.

The new Apollo Theatre will be opened by Messrs. Lowenfeld and Lederer, with "The Belle of Bohemia," played entirely by Americans; but previously to the admission of the public the artistic and literary craftsmen are invited to a private view, and to a house-warming on the ensuing evening.

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**Masonic Notes.**

It is not often that the chiefs of so many British Grand Lodges appear and take part in the proceedings of our Grand Lodge, but the especial meeting that was held at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on the 15th instant, was summoned for important purposes, and it is a pleasure to find that the Grand Masters of

Ireland—the Duke of Abercorn; of Scotland—the Hon. James Hozier, M.P.; and Western Australia were in attendance, and personally expressed the sympathy of themselves and the jurisdictions they severally represent with the King and his family on the death of her late Majesty, and their congratulations to the new Monarch on his accession to the throne. Bro. George Richards, District Grand Master of the Transvaal under the English Constitution, was also present, and if we assume, as is not unlikely, that a brother or brethren hailing from one or other of the Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada was also there, then the whole of British Freemasonry—at home, in Canada, in Australasia, in New Zealand, and in South Africa—was represented.

We have said the meeting was an important one, and will be for all time memorable in the annals of English Masonry. Not only was it called together for the purpose of expressing the sympathy of our Fraternity with the King on the death of his beloved mother, and the severance of that tie which united our late Queen with the Craft for more than 60 years, and of congratulation to his Majesty on ascending the throne of his ancestors. But it was also held, as was known beforehand, or may easily have been surmised, for the purpose of hearing from his Majesty's *alter ego* in Masonry—the M.W. Pro Grand Master—that the King had resolved on following the precedent set by his great-uncle, George IV., in similar circumstances, and vacating the office of Grand Master, and assuming that of Protector of the English Craft. It was also known, or may have been as readily surmised, that the King's brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W. Past Grand Master, would be put in nomination for the Grand Mastership, so that the election for the ensuing year might take place in the usual course at the Quarterly Communication next month. Thus the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 15th instant may be said to mark the commencement of a new era in English Freemasonry, and we both hope and believe that in the future as in the past our Craft will go on and prosper.

As the Grand Lodge of Scotland meets on the first Thursday in the present month, there was no need for it to hold a special meeting for the purpose of condoling with the King—who is Patron of Scottish Freemasonry—on the death of her late Majesty, and congratulating him on his accession to the throne. Hence the regular Quarterly Communication on the 7th instant was taken advantage of to pass the necessary resolution, which will in due course be presented to his Majesty as Patron of the Grand Lodge. It will also be seen that meetings have been held of sundry Provincial Grand Lodges, both English and Scottish, at which similar resolutions have been passed, and no doubt as time goes on other Provincial meetings, either regular or special, will adopt a similar course.

It will be seen from the report which appears in another column that the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., held an especial communication at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, the 19th instant, for purposes precisely similar to those for which the recent meeting of the Craft Grand Lodge was called. The Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Mark Master presided, and the resolution of condolence and congratulation with the King in the present circumstances having been passed, his lordship announced that his Majesty had adopted the same course in respect of the Grand Mastership of the Mark as of the Craft, and would in future be known as Patron. Thereupon Mark Grand Lodge took the necessary steps in order that the regular sequence of events might be observed, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught being nominated to succeed his Majesty as M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason for the ensuing year. In this case, also, we congratulate our Mark brethren on the manner in which the proceedings of this Grand Lodge passed off.

One of the most interesting Masonic gatherings of the year, and undoubtedly about the most instructive, will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 1st prox. We allude, of course, to the annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, at which the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master of Essex, has very kindly consented to preside. Doubtless many of our readers will be able to call to mind that his lordship arranged to take the chair at this most popular function last year, but was at the last moment prevented

by illness from fulfilling his engagement, and his place was occupied, and very ably occupied, by his lordship's respected Deputy, Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., P.G.D. England. It is probable that Lord Warwick regards his promise of last year as still binding, though he was unable to keep it at the time for the reason we have stated. At all events, the regular attendants at the Lodge of Improvement, as well as those who can only spare the time for an occasional visit, will alike rejoice that the Deputy Grand Master of England is desirous of encouraging, as far as he can, the careful study of our ritual as propounded in our quasi-official School of Instruction.

As announced in our advertisement columns, the work in lodge will consist of the First Lecture, the Seven Sections of which will be worked by Bros. G. R. H. Clark, J. F. Roberts, M. V. Cassal, J. H. Jenks, T. W. Allsop, J. Collett Smith, and W. R. Barnett respectively, and when this portion of the evening's duties has been carried out, the brethren will make a move to the adjoining Tavern, where supper will be served, tickets for which, at 5s. each, including lodge dues but exclusive of wine, may be obtained of Bro. Joseph Russell, Secretary, 27 and 28, Milk-street, E.C. To those who attend the meeting for the first time the proceedings are sure to prove a grand treat, nor will the regular *habitués* derive less pleasure from them because they are familiar with the work and what follows.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire will, by command of the Right Hon. the Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master, be held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on Friday, the 1st prox., at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of passing a resolution of condolence with his Majesty King Edward VII. and the other members of the Royal Family on the lamented demise of her late most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. A short address will also be delivered on the occasion by Bro. the Rev. R. Spencer Aldridge, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain. Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, and the representatives of the private lodges are summoned to attend, and Master Masons who are subscribing members of a lodge within the Province are invited.

The annual meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, of which a full report was published in our last week's issue, proved, as it invariably does, a great success. There was the usual strong muster of members and visitors present, among the latter being quite a formidable array of Grand Officers. The work in lodge, comprising the initiation of two candidates by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Rignold, and the installation of his successor by Bro. Harry Nicholls, P.M., Secretary, was a treat to witness, while the compliment to Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, K.G., in electing him an honorary member of a lodge which numbers among its founders his lordship's successor in the command of our armies in South Africa, reflects honour both on Drury Lane Lodge and the new Commander-in-Chief of the British Army. It remains for us to add that the dinner and after-proceedings harmonised perfectly with the earlier work of the day.

A stated meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 1st prox., at five p.m., when in the course of the proceedings a paper will be read by the W.M.—Bro. E. Conder, jun.—on "The Miracle Play." The brethren will afterwards dine together in the Gordon Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant, tickets, exclusive of wine, being, as usual, 4s. each.

A familiar figure in East London Freemasonry has just passed away in the person of Bro. Thomas J. Barnes, P.M., P.Z., at the ripe age of 91 years. For some time past our late brother had ceased from active duty in the Craft, but years ago he was a frequent visitor at our East London lodges of instruction, his presence being always most highly appreciated by reason of his great knowledge and experience as a ritualist. Bro. Barnes was initiated some time early in 1863 in the Doric Lodge, No. 933, and was also a joining member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554. He had passed the chair in both lodge and chapter, and had served several Stewardships for and qualified as Life Governor of all our three central Masonic Institutions. We offer our sincere condolence with the family and numerous friends of our late respected brother.

## Correspondence.

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

### THE CONSTITUTIONS AND NEW GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your proposals for an addition to the Book of Constitutions in the matter of preparing the way for remaining English lodges to throw in their lot with already existing Grand Lodges abroad are very opportune, and ought to be taken up by the authorities, as the void is very apparent to the few who take any interest in such an important question.

My object now, though, is to direct attention to what I may term a sort of anachronism in the procedure now supposed to govern the foundation and recognition of Colonial Grand Lodges, which I well remember pointing out to the Board of General Purposes at its inception about three years since.

Firstly, then, you will observe that Article 218B speaks of a new Grand Lodge being an accomplished fact; then it proceeds to lay down a string of regulations following the act of recognition, namely, summoned meetings, within six months of the recognition, of the members of each lodge, to decide whether they shall continue under the Grand Lodge of England or not. If the decision be to join the new Grand Lodge, then the English warrant has to be returned to the Grand Secretary, with a copy of the minutes and signature book of the members attending the meeting.

And, finally—I quote the clause—"No second meeting shall be called to discuss the above questions without the special leave of the Grand Master."

Now, it must surely occur to everyone who will take the slightest trouble to consider the question, that the procedure, as now set forth in our Book of Constitutions, is, to use a homely simile, a case of "putting the cart before the horse." In other words, it is a rank absurdity to first of all recognise a new Grand Lodge as a sovereign and supreme body, and then, six months later, proceed to order the constituent lodges of such Grand Lodge to do and perform certain acts, when all the time they are not English lodges.

The incongruity of the procedure has been strikingly illustrated in the case of the new Grand Lodge of Western Australia, indeed, I was informed, not a fortnight ago, on excellent authority, that the numbered regulations under Article 218B had not been complied with by any one of the 35 lodges embracing the new Grand Lodge, although the warrants have all been returned.

To the lay mind many of the subtleties and sinuosities of the law are beyond conception, and I may be pardoned for classing the foregoing as one of the latest enigmas in connection with English Masonic jurisprudence.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

February 18.

### "MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE" (COMMUNICATED).

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

As a constant reader since the days of your predecessor, "The Masonic Magazine and Mirror," I have become much interested in the weekly dissertations on the above topic, and would ask your learned young friend, the correspondent, to favour your readers with his views on the correctness or otherwise of his orthography, February 5th, 1901, Page 67, *re* bylaw or byelaw? being at variance with "The Book of Constitutions" and the regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch—should become a sufficient matter for open discussion in your columns. It is an open secret that the secretaries of some big railways, and certain Parliamentary draftsmen, fall into the like error. Thanking you in anticipation,—I remain, yours, fraternally,

JOHN RICHARDSON,

P.M. 2695, P.Z., &c.

February 20th.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President, occupied their usual positions; and Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department.

The other brethren present were—

Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, J. S. Pointon, F. W. Hannah, J. H. Whadcoat, S. H. Goldschmidt, James Block, W. Kipps, W. M. Bywater, Lieut.-Col. G. E. E. Blunt, E. W. Nightingale, W. H. Caton, G. M. E. Hamilton, E. W. Pillinger, John Ellinger, J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Charles Henry Stone, Major Henry Wright, L. V. Durell Suley, R. W. Forge, Thomas W. Haydon, William H. Stocks, Charles W. Cole, S. Chisholm, W. Williams, Lorenzo Faull, John Hills, H. Massey, F. Stötzer, R. Leslie, S. Badham, T. W. Pilling, J. W. Burgess, W. Radcliffe, H. W. Mitten, F. C. Foster, George G. Hiscocks, Ernest Frederic Debenham, J. Leach Barrett, J. W. Graham, F. J. Holdsworth, Henry Parkinson, John Finch, Samuel Cohen, J. Campbell, Henry Humphries, E. D. Richards, James Grose, William Henshaw, G. Mentasti, T. M. Lamble, Henry R. Edkin, Edward Hall, Alfred Booth, F. L. Palmer, G. T. Fishenden, J. J. Linton, Frank E. Bailey, R. E. F. Lander, A. W. Dyke, Alfred Collman, J. H. Merrett, T. H. Parry, S. J. Cowley, F. Evans, S. Rashley, Baron D. Barnett, and A. T. Duck.

At the Committee of Grand Lodge the agenda for Grand Lodge of March 6 was laid before the brethren.

At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the last meeting in January to the then Grand Master to the amount of £450. The new list contained the names of 35 petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Poona, Clare, Valetta (Malta), Chatham, Singapore, Liverpool, Bootle, Teddington, Douglas (Isle of Man), Malta, Allahabad, Sandhurst (Victoria), Fareham, Grays, Wolverton, Grand Lodge, N.S.W., and Leicester. Five of these cases were dismissed, and three were deferred. A total sum of £830 was

voted to the remainder. Grand Lodge was recommended to approve of £150 being granted in one instance, £75 in another, and £50 in four cases. The Grand Master was recommended to approve of £40 being granted to one petitioner, £30 to each of four candidates, and £25 to each of two petitioners, and eight grants were made of £20 each, one of £10, and five of £5 each.

## Royal Arch.

### Industry Chapter, No. 48.

The regular meeting of this chapter was held at Gateshead on Thursday, the 14th instant, when the following companions were present: Comps. W. C. A. Holzapfel, M.E.Z.; A. Dodds, H.; T. A. Moffitt, J.; H. Jackson, I.P.Z.; R. Whitfield, P.Z.; T. R. Jobson, P.Z., as S.N.; W. Dalrymple, Treas.; W. E. Peacock, S.E.; J. Armstrong, P.S.; J. T. Pragnell, 1st A.S.; W. W. Nichols, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Janitor; John Carr, Stwd.; E. Scurfield, and others.

Three members of the chapter having died recently, it was resolved that votes and letters of condolence be sent to the families of Comps. J. G. Smith, P.Z., T. Tindale, and J. H. Grant. Bro. Jas. Routledge, 2674, previously balloted for, being in attendance, was duly exalted in the Degree by Comp. Holzapfel, M.E.Z. It was resolved, on the motion of Comp. R. Whitfield, P.Z., seconded by Comp. Jobson, that a set of new robes and sceptres be purchased for the three Principals. It was also agreed to give a donation of £5 to the Northern Counties Orphanage, and to purchase a safe for the chapter records.

### Rowley Chapter, No. 1051.

A meeting of this chapter took place on the 18th instant, at Lancaster, Comp. Wearing, M.E.Z., presiding. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and resulted as follows: Comps. Harrison, M.E.Z.; Gorton, H.; Jackson, J.; R. Stanton, P.Z., S.E.; Barrow, S.N.; C. Wolfendale, P.S.; E. Ireland, A.S.; and Longman, P.Z., Treas.; The Treasurer presented his accounts for the last year, when it was found that the chapter was in a very satisfactory condition. Comp. Stanton, P.Z., S.E., mentioned that Comp. Garnett, P.Z., would be acting as Steward for the Boys' School as well as the other Institutions, when most of the companions promised to support him with subscriptions. The chapter was then closed.

### Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.

#### INSTALLATION OF COMP. J. E. OVERED.

The installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 15th instant, when there were present: Comps. W. Baddeley, M.K.Z.; J. E. Overed, H.; W. J. Batho, acting J.; W. Lewis, P.Z., P. Prov. G. Asst. Soj., Scribe E.; F. G. Mason, 1st A.S.; F. Plowright, 2nd A.S.; M. E. Woodrow, P.Z.; R. Cranston, P.Z.; G. Blizard Abbott, P.Z.; and Dr. Haskins, Org. Visitors: Comps. the Rev. Dr. O. C. Cockrem, P.Z. 404, Prov. G. Scribe E.; and A. Shilling g.

The summons convening the meeting having been read, and the minutes of the October convocation having been read and confirmed, the chapter proceeded to the election of a Treasurer in place of the late Comp. J. Brittain, P.Z., Prov. G. J., who had died since his re-election to the office, the choice of the companions unanimously falling upon Comp. Cranston, P.Z., who gracefully acknowledged the honour. Comp. W. Baddeley having vacated the chair of First Principal in favour of Comp. R. Cranston, the latter installed the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. J. E. Overed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, after which Comp. the Rev. Dr. Cockrem inducted Comp. W. J. Batho into the chair of J. Comp. A. S. Graddage, H. elect, was unable to attend the meeting owing to the dangerous illness of his father, and his installation as Second Principal was postponed till a future meeting. The following companions were invested as officers for the ensuing year, namely: Comps. W. Lewis, P.Z., Scribe E.; R. Cranston, Treas.; F. G. Mason, Prin. Soj.; Plowright, 1st A.S.; Dr. Haskins, and Mitchell (for R. H. Goddard), Janitor. Votes of condolence with the relatives of the late Comps. J. Brittain, P.Z., and W. J. Boyce, Scribe N. elect, who had died since the last meeting having been passed, and a P.Z.'s jewel voted with acclamation to Comp. W. Baddeley as a mark of esteem from the chapter on his retirement from the chair of Z., and presented to and acknowledged by that companion, and Comp. A. Shilling having been proposed as a joining member, chapter was closed and adjourned till June.

The companions afterwards dined together under the presidency of Comp. Overed, and spent a quiet but pleasant evening together.

### Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.

#### INSTALLATION OF COMP. J. W. H. LITTLEBOY.

The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 14th instant, when there were present Comps. W. S. Jackson, M.E.Z.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.Z., H.; A. M. Kennett, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; W. A. Shaw, S.N.; J. B. Wood, H. B. Osburn, A. H. Gale, R. F. Gould, P.Z., and C. T. Tyler, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. (Hon. Members). Visitors: Comps. H. J. Bidwell, P.Z. 2120; Alfred Gibbs, M.E.Z. 777; D. C. Robinson, Treas. 137; and R. Clemetson.

Bro. Henry Alfred Whitburn, W.M. 2317, who had been elected at a previous meeting, being in attendance, was then duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. The next business was the installation of the Principals elect—Comps. J. W. H. Littleboy, P.Z., A. M. Kennett, and W. A. Shaw, who were severally inducted as M.E.Z., H., and J., respectively, the ceremonies of installing the Second and Third Principals being performed by the Prov. G.S.E. The other officers for the year are Comps. J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., Scribe E.; Michael Carteighe, Scribe N.; James Webb, P.Z., Treas.; J. B. Wood, P.S.; H. B. Osburn, 1st A.S.; J. B. Walker, 2nd A.S.; A. H. Gale, D.C.; and G. J. Mason, Janitor. A resolution expressing deep sorrow at the greatly to be lamented death of her Majesty the Queen having been recorded, the chapter was closed.

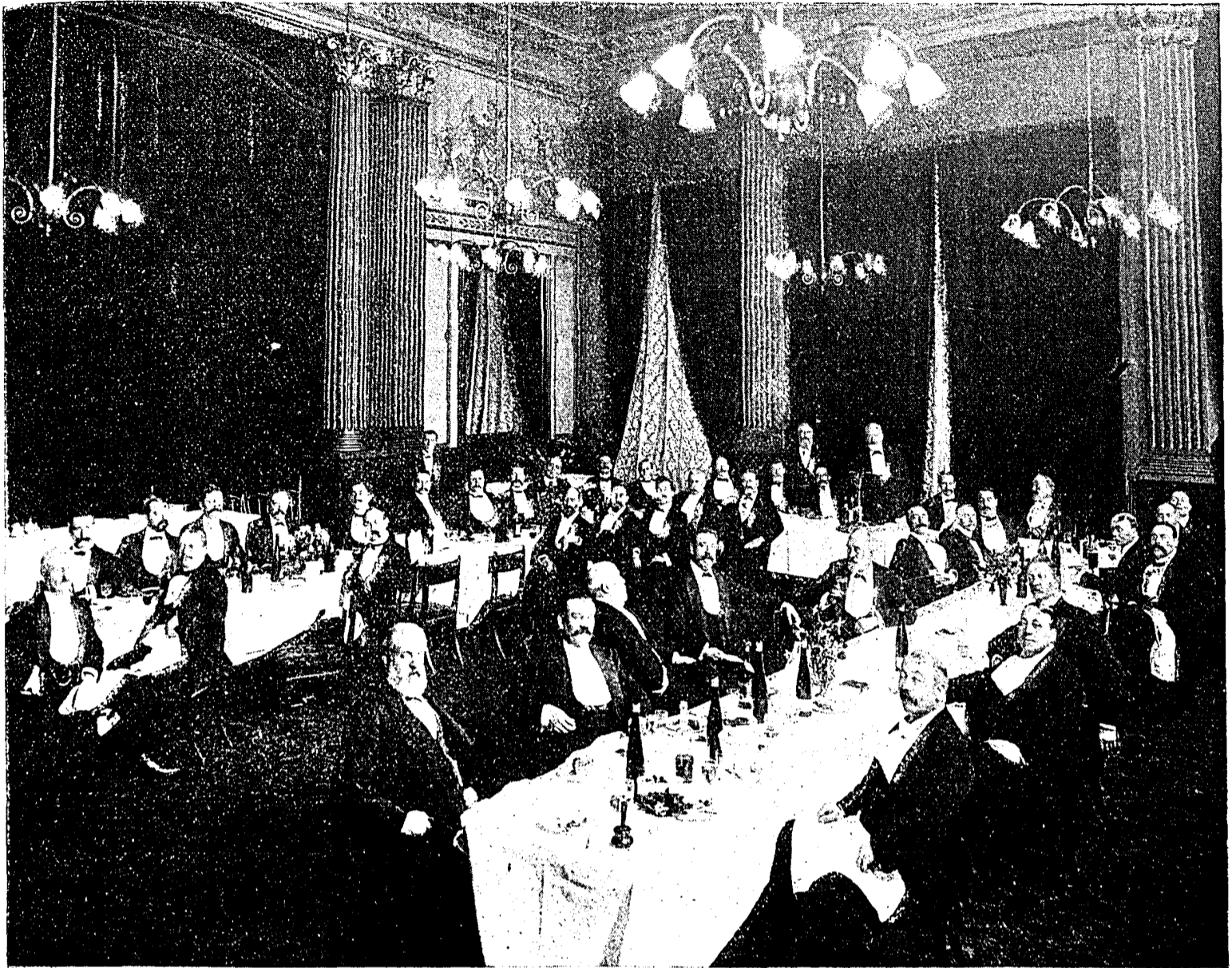
The companions afterwards dined together.

### Duke of Fife Chapter, No. 2345.

The election convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 13th instant, when then were present Comps. John Mitchell, M.E.Z.; S. G. Bonner, P.Z., as H.; J. Smith, S.N., as J.; Charlie Woods, J.; F. W. Sinclair, S.E.; A. Harvey, P.Z.; Geo. Taylor, P.S.; Andrew Robertson, Treas.; E. Brindley, 2nd A.S.; J. A. Barton, Org.; C. Patrick, Janitor; A. Calkin, W. Greatorex, C. J. Fitch, and Bruce Kench.

The M.E.Z. moved, and Comp. Bonner seconded, "This chapter desires to place on record deep regret at the loss to the nation by the death of our late illustrious Sovereign, Queen Victoria, and of great sympathy with his Majesty the King, G.Z., and the Royal Family." The M.E.Z. spoke most feelingly to the motion, which was carried in silence. Comp. Morris, H., apologised for absence through illness, and asked to be relieved for the present of Masonic work. The chapter heard this news with much regret. The elections resulted thus (all being unanimous): Comps. Charlie Woods, M.E.Z.; Jas. Smith, H.; E. Brindley, J.; Robertson, Treas.; Sinclair, S.E.; W. Greatorex, S.N.; G. Taylor, P.S.; Beckworth, 1st A.S.; Barton, 2nd A.S.; Innocent, Stwd.; Patrick, Janitor; and Bassett and Barrow, Auditors. The S.E. was instructed to express regret at the cause of absence of Comps. Folkard, P.Z., and Wyer, P.Z. Comp. Charlie Woods raised the question of alteration of by-laws, and having obtained an unanimous opinion in favour, gave notice of motion accordingly. It was unanimously resolved to present a P.Z.'s jewel to the M.E.Z. (Comp. John Mitchell) for his valuable services.

All R.A. business being ended, the companions dined together.



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INSTALLATION BANQUET OF THE SAINT MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305, HELD AT THE "CRITERION,"  
FEBRUARY 11TH, 1901.

## Craft Masonry.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.  
INSTALLATION OF BRO. LEO FRANKLIN.

This old lodge, now in the 114th year of its age, held its installation meeting at the Frascati Restaurant, on the 18th instant, when a good paper of business was before the brethren. The attendance was very large, both of members and visitors. Bro. J. Gerson, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Leo Franklin, S.W.; B. Cohen, J.W.; Harry Tipper, P.M., P.A.G.P., Treas.; David Hills, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; F. Mortimer, S.D.; Maurice Winkel, J.D.; Eisenmann, P.M., D.C.; H. M. Rosenfeldt, J. A. Wittans, P.M.; P. Ornstien, P.M.; S. Barnett, P.M.; J. D. Barnett, P.M.; W. Hinds, P.M.; J. M. Levy, P.M.; F. Lazarus, P.M.; Lewis Levy, P.M.; Herbert Townsend, Org.; Gustav Michael, John Lewis, Joseph Cohen, P.M.; Joel Wacholdey, W. Bailey, Philip Joseph, W. Barnett, C. D. Hills, B. Benfandy, H. W. Butler, F. Grossbaun, Joseph Susman, Horace Barrett, Gus Gettefuger, John Marcus, Ernest Joseph, John Goldston, Maurice J. Hyman, Laurence Levy, jun., Wolfe S. Lyon, F. S. Kelsey, A. F. Pengelly, J. S. Goldston, J. W. Bayley, P.M.; T. Moore, H. Chang, S. G. Ross, T. A. Alexander, E. Levy, H. Bingham, Albert Muller, Arthur Mayers, B. Fisher, H. Gleitzman, M. Lazarus, Charles D. Jones, Marcus Fisher, S. Herassenberg, M. Nicokney, P. Hochweiss, H. W. Kruszinski, H. Chetham, D. Locke, A. R. James, Isaac Levy, Henry Franks, F. Schuser, S. Davis, J. P. Hyman, J. G. Bass, T. J. Rozalare, Henry Lazarus, J. W. Taylor, S. Boass, jun., and S. H. Davids. The visitors were Bros. E. Maynard, 1029; James W. Mathews, W.M. 1319; S. Mendelson, P.M. 1309; J. Lavine, 744; Isidore Salmon, 141; Shirl Mussell, 865; Henry Lyons, 1004; W. Hide, W.M. 1275; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; Under-Sheriff T. H. Gardiner, P.G.D.; C. Robinson, W.M. 1541; H. Warren, S.W. 2090; J. M. Grossbaum, 1474; Thomas F. Lanard, 2789; Albert Hess, 1507; S. J. Heilbron, W.M. 1068; Walter Clark, J.D. 2579; Albert F. London, I.G. 205; I. Gundelfinger, P.M. Star of Rand Lodge, Johannesburg; E. D. Richards, W.M. 834; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328, G. Std. Br.; H. Massey, P.M. and P.Z. 619 and 1928; S. C. Kaufman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Essex; Charles F. Sach, 1541; A. Jones, 1017; W. Digby Drew, I.P.M. 1017; T. G. Hellyer, Edw. Blinkhorn, P.M. 2278; S. Sasserath, 1017; H. T. Telling, P.M. 2182; C. Pastorelli, 1987; I. Myers, 2265; Malcolm E. Jonas, S.40 (S.C.); B. Phillips, P.M. 871; Joseph L. Lazarus, late 185; James Thomson, P.M. 2319; Charles Ellison, P.M. 871; Moss Chapman, P.M. 619; A. Kaufmann, P.M. 1766; J. Franklin, 212; W. Clarkson, 2127; M. Siegenberg, P.M.; and W. H. Frinton, 357.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the I.P.M., Bro. P. Ornstien, passed Bros. J. Lewis and J. Wacholder to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Eisenmann, P.M., initiated Mr. Benjamin Moss Benjamin into Masonry, and then the W.M. installed Bro. Leo Franklin, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing, and the new W.M. having been presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. Eisenmann, P.M., D.C., Bro. Gerson was invested as I.P.M. The other brethren invested were Bros. B. Cohen, S.W.; M. Winkel, J.W.; Harry Tipper, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C., Treas.; David Hills, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; A. Rosenfeldt, S.D.; J. Mortimer, J.D.; H. M. Kruszinski, I.G.; J. Eisenmann, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; Marcus Fisher, A.D.C.; J. A. Witthaus, P.M.; Ernest Joseph, G. Michael, and W. Bailey, Stewards; and J. Rawles, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Gerson, P.M., accompanied by some very complimentary remarks as to his working of the ceremonies, and the geniality with which he had presided at the banquets of the lodge, and Bro. Gerson having acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after having passed a vote of condolence on the death of the Queen, to be recored on the minutes.

The *minutes* was a choice specimen of printing and selection. It was arranged and printed by Bro. David Hills, the Secretary. A portrait of the King was a frontispiece. There were only two Shakespearian quotations—one for the late Grand Master and one for the Past Masters. The lodge being a Jewish lodge, all the quotations to the toasts were taken from the Old Testament.

A musical entertainment accompanied the toasts, the executants being Madame Nettie Carpenter, Mr. Harrison Brockbank, Mr. Mark Hyam, Miss Nellie Beare, Mr. Dennis Drew, and Bro. Charles Ellison.

Bro. L. Franklin, W.M., in proposing the first toast—"His Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward VII."—said he felt in rising a great deal of impressiveness, as the toast that had usually been given in its place for so many years would no longer be given. The Victorian era had ended; it had suddenly passed from us like a dream. The spirit of the new era had already begun to display itself, for "the fierce light that beats on the Throne" had revealed to the whole world a worthy successor. In the King we had a ruler who had only recently, when opening Parliament, pledged himself to follow in the footsteps of his revered mother. We all hailed with joy that declaration. It was a happy augury for a bright and useful career, and a security for the happiness of this mighty Empire, which would make its influence felt throughout the whole world. There was no need for him to say more in favour of the King than that he had already taken great interest in good works which were going on; he was the friend of suffering humanity; exercised himself much in the question of the better housing of the poor, and aided all Charitable institutions without any favour to race or religion. He took a great part in hospital encouragement, and all these acts of his endeared him to all his subjects. The brethren as Freemasons were proud that he had been for over a quarter of a century at the head of the Craft, and, although reasons of State had induced him to relinquish the Grand Mastership of the Order, he had become Protector. He looked upon the fact of the King of England being Protector of English Freemasons as an epoch in the annals of Freemasonry.

Bros. W. J. Mason, G. Std. Br., and T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Gerson, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom all the brethren knew. The Lodge of Tranquillity had a Master who would do all honour to his high office. He was as well up in the whole of the ceremonies as any Master who had gone before him; and his sense of duty and his zeal were unsurpassed.

Bro. Leo Franklin, W.M., in reply, said the brethren had conferred upon him the most honourable position that any brother could attain to in a lodge, and he felt very grateful to them for it. The honour and dignity of that lodge would be safe in his keeping. It was his intention to follow in the footsteps of the Past Masters of that lodge, and maintain those traditions they had so worthily established. In asking the brethren's assistance in making the lodge a success, he was only asking what he knew he should get; but he felt the responsibility of his position both in the lodge and at the festivities; in the lodge by doing the work according to the high standard which the brethren had a right to expect from their W.M.; and at the festive table by presiding at its head with that dignity which had been the charm of his predecessors. His endeavour would be to preside to the best of his ability. He believed there was nothing more for the relief from toil than the brotherly love exhibited at their meetings, assistance given by noble actions, the aid of the distressed, created during an hour at the social board. He trusted he might answer the brethren's expectations, and he would do all he could during his year of office to perform his duties to the lodge.

Bro. L. Franklin, W.M., in proposing "The Initiate," was sure that Bro. Benjamin was a brother who would not only reflect honour on the lodge but on the Craft as well. He called Bro. Benjamin's attention to the sacred literature, thousands of years old, which taught them to look to the life beyond, and instructed them in their duties to God, to their neighbour, and to themselves. The grand principles of the Masonic Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth were addressed to men as men; they dealt with every element of our being through all ages of man's history. As

citizens they were taught to be loyal to their King, and to be exemplary in the discharge of their duties. He advised the initiate to let prudence direct him, temperance chasten him, fortitude support him, and justice be the guide of all his actions. Such were a few of the Masonic principles; they spoke to every ear, and sought admission to every heart. He hoped he should have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Benjamin at the lodge of instruction, where he would qualify for a position which in course of time he would be entitled to rise to.

Bro. Benjamin replied.

Bro. Ornstien, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., acknowledged the compliment, informing the brethren that the Lodge of Tranquillity always recognised the Charities. Last year it sent up over £300 to those Institutions, and that was by no means an exceptional year. Last year £87,300 went into the pockets of the three Institutions, but large as that sum was they wanted yet more. He reminded the brethren that on Wednesday of next week the Benevolent Institution would have its festival and that the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, will preside.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, which was duly responded to.

A very complimentary speech was made by the W.M. in proposing "The I.P.M.," who, he said, put in a great deal of work during his year. No Master ever worked harder than he, and he congratulated Bro. Gerson on having a most successful year.

Bro. Gerson, I.P.M., replied, and said he had had a very happy year, and he had to thank the brethren one and all for the assistance they had been ever ready to give him.

Bro. David Hills, P.M., Sec., and the S.W. responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### United Mariners Lodge, No. 30.

The members of the above lodge met at the Frascati Restaurant on the 10th instant. The attendance of members was a long way below the average, a fact which probably accounted for the few visitors present. Bro. Frederick C. Foster, W.M., who, prior to occupying King Solomon's chair, was justly renowned for the excellent manner in which he has always acquitted himself in the working of the lodge, was ready to initiate a candidate besides raising Bros. K. B. Kretschmar, A. E. Mitchell, and W. T. McGregor. The last-named was initiated at Jubblepore, in India, and was raised by courtesy of the W.M., under the special bye-law. The initiate failed to enter an appearance, but was duly balloted for, with a result that was absolutely unanimous in his favour. The solemn ceremony of raising the brethren above referred to having been carried out in a manner which reflected credit upon the principal officers concerned, and the ordinary routine work of the lodge put through, an adjournment was made for the banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

Bro. Pratt, I.P.M. 1623, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," spoke in high terms of the United Mariners Lodge, who, he said, he had taken such a liking to, that he should consider himself always on the free list.

Bro. Whittard, S.W. 22, also replied in felicitous terms.

The harmony of the evening was contributed by Bros. Remington, P.M.; Mitchell, Bolland, C. Pratt, I.P.M.; Stevens, Newbold, I.G.; Thos. Smith, P.M.; and Robson, P.M. Bro. Carrick, P.M., presided at the piano.

### Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687.

The above lodge went into deep mourning on the occasion of its last monthly meeting at the Frascati Restaurant. The recent Royal bereavement had a striking significance to the lodge, owing to the fact that it received its distinguished name by special dispensation from the Grand Master and present King Edward VII. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Louis Verdier, P.P.G.S., through illness, the duties of W.M. were undertaken by the popular I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns. There were two new candidates, one re-joining member, and three raisings. The candidates were Messrs. Louis Knowles and Joseph Sowden, who were initiated with impressive solemnity by Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns, who also raised Bros. Potter, Besser, and Grahamslaw in the earnest and eloquent manner necessary to do full justice to the beautiful ritual. Bro. E. J. Davies was permitted to re-join the lodge under the new rule by paying one guinea. On the motion of Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. J. Bolton, P.M., Sec., a vote of condolence with the Royal Family was passed, and recorded on the minutes. The lodge also recorded its congratulations to the Duke of Rothesay on his accession to the Throne. Bro. Parsons, P.M., brought to the notice of the lodge the candidature of Bro. Benjamin H. Swallow to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The business of the lodge having been concluded.

Here a significant change was observed on the toast list. For the first time in the history of the Rothesay the toast of "The King and the Craft" occupied the premier position. It is needless to say that in the hands of such a fervent devotee of Masonry as Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns, I.P.M., the Duke of Rothesay, in his exalted position as King Edward VII. of England, was toasted with the greatest enthusiasm, and with the finest Masonic fire.

The toast of "The Acting W.M., Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns," was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. J. H. Catten, P.M., who also referred in feeling terms to the illness of the W.M., Bro. Louis Verdier, whose speedy restoration to health was, he felt sure, the earnest wish of all the brethren.

Bro. G. Herbert-Burns having acknowledged the compliment in his usual graceful manner, announced that the Secretary had sent a telegram to the W.M. in the name of the lodge, wishing him a speedy and complete recovery. ("Hear, hear.")

Bro. G. Herbert-Burns next proposed "The Initiates." On behalf of the lodge he extended to them a very hearty welcome. He earnestly and sincerely trusted that the ceremonial of initiation had impressed them to an extent worthy of the grand old Craft of Freemasonry.

Bro. Sowden admitted that the ceremonies had made a distinct impression on his mind and it would be his earnest endeavour to become a credit to the Craft.

Bro. Knowles thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which they had drunk to his health. It gave him great pleasure to have joined one of the best lodges in London.

The acting Master then extended a hearty welcome to "The Visitors." It was, he said, a curious coincidence that they had present that evening representatives of the oldest and youngest corporations in London. Bro. J. Tickell, P.M. of the Urban Lodge, was a member of the Common Council, one of the most ancient and honourable institutions in London, whilst Bro. Enos J. Howes, J.P., Mayor of Finsbury, was a member of one of the youngest corporations, which had, he hoped, in front of it a long and distinguished career. (Applause.)

Bros. J. Tickell and E. J. Howes responded.

Bro. G. Herbert-Burns proposed "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," paying to each and every one a well-deserved tribute.

Bro. Thos. J. Bolton (who was received with loud applause) thanked the W.M. for his kind references. The duties of Secretary did sometimes entail a very great deal of work, but it always brought its proper mead of pleasure to him. He never appealed to the brethren for a good cause in vain, as was evidenced by the subscription raised that evening for a distressed brother. (Applause.)

Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns, in proposing "The Officers," remarked that however good a ship, and however excellent a skipper, it would avail nothing if the crew was not equally efficient.

Bro. E. J. Mills, S.W., and Bro. A. Herbert-Burns, J.D., having spoken,

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

An excellent musical programme was contributed to by Bros. Bentley, the Cavalier Tito Mattei, and others.

It was decided to give a ladies' banquet and concert on 18th prox.

Those present were: Bros. Geo. Herbert-Burns, I.P.M., acting W.M.; Edward J. Mills, S.W.; William H. Butler, J.W.; Thos. J. Bolton, P.M. and Sec.; J. H. Catten, P.M.; W. C. Parsons, P.M.; Geo. W. Duck, S.D.; Alfred Herbert Burns, J.D.; Walter Maskell, I.G.; Cavaliere Tito Mattei, Organist; C. W. Holmes, A.D.C.; Dr. Bond, Stwd.; J. Bailey, Tyler; Enos J. Howes, J.P., Mayor of Finsbury; John Page, W. Rouse, T. J. Grievson, J. Buley, J. A. Campbell, R. Madewell, G. Madewell, G. A. Bentley, W. Garrett, T. A. Hooper, W. H. Peacock, R. J. Owen, C. J. Edney, G. Riley, H. W. Mellor, T. C. Pearch, J. Lusty, S. A. Broomehead, W. J. Stratton, A. Martin, J. Dunk, H. Hawkes, F. Meyers, A. Germon, A. C. Potter, G. Grahamslaw, A. J. Davies, E. J. Besser, J. Sowden, and F. L. Knowles. The visitors were Bros. T. Pescod, I.P.M. 1178; W. A. Grayson, S.S.; J. T. Markham, I.G. 186; J. A. Battersby, 1707; W. T. Woodman, 1549; R. M. H. Griffiths, 1677; and J. Tickell, C.C., P.M. 1196.

### Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. DR. CHARLES EDWARD MILNES HEY.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 18th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The brethren present were: Bros. Ralph Langton, W.M.; Rupert Smyth, I.P.M.; Dr. C. E. Milnes Hey, S.W.; H. F. Woodward, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; T. H. James, S.D.; A. C. Williams, I.G.; George Rawlinson, P.M., and A. A. Barnes, Stwds.; Thos. Briggs, P.M.; James C. Hayes, C. R. Leedham, R. S. Ellis, J. Gordon Langton (hon. member), and C. L. Plant, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. R. H. Peren, 2545; Ernest Loder, 179; E. Croft Wise, 619; H. E. Clark, 1777; W. T. Roberts, 1827; Chas. Norrington, 619; T. S. Lucey, 134; D. W. Samson, Glenlyon Lodge; and Wm. Candy, 10.

The minutes of the last meeting of the lodge and the Audit meeting were read and confirmed, the balance-sheet showing a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. James Charles Hayes then occupied the W.M.'s chair, and installed Bro. Dr. C. E. Milnes Hey in his usual correct and masterly manner. Bro. Milnes Hey then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Ralph Langton, I.P.M.; Horace F. Woodward, S.W.; Thos. Henry James, J.W.; Samuel White, P.M., Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; J. V. Sherrin, S.D.; A. C. Williams, J.D.; Henry Blennerhasset, I.G. and Org.; A. B. Hudson, P.M., D. of C.; George Rawlinson, P.M., and A. A. Barnes, Stewards; and C. L. Plant, Tyler. The W.M. volunteered to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the sum of 10 guineas from the lodge funds be placed on the W.M.'s list." The W.M. offered for the acceptance of the lodge a beautiful silk banner emblazoned with his arms, the same being gratefully accepted by Bro. George Rawlinson, P.M., on behalf of the lodge.

The other business on the agenda having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and adjourned till the third Monday in March.

The brethren afterwards dined together.

### Phoenix Lodge, No. 904.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. HENRY GOUGH.

The installation of Bro. Henry Gough as W.M. of the above lodge took place on the 15th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Rotherham, which had been re-decorated. Bro. C. A. Locke performed the ceremony, being assisted by Bro. J. Gibbs, and there was a good attendance, including visiting brethren from Sheffield, Doncaster, and other places. The W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. C. A. Locke, I.P.M.; A. H. Foers, S.W.; J. F. Cheesewright, J.W.; M. Le Tall, Treas.; Bowman Heald, Sec.; James Hastings, Asst. Sec.; W. Thompson, S.D.; W. Liversidge, J.D.; H. G. Baker, I.G.; J. Gibbs, P.P.G. Treas., D. of C.; W. J. Maidment, Org.; and J. W. Wells, Asst. Org.

Subsequently the brethren partook of supper together.

### St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1766.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. GREENWOOD.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 13th instant, and was well attended. Amongst the members present were Bros. A. Kaufman, W.M.; A. Greenwood, S.W.; W. Shea, J.W.; S. C. Kaufman, P.M., Treas.; W. Beasley, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Jones, P.M.; J. Cox, P.M.; S. Batchelor, P.M.; B. Jacobs, P.M.; G. H. Clark, P.M.; A. Cunnington, P.M., D.C.; H. Prenton, Org.; J. Smith, A. Barnes, T. L. Fearon, S. Cunnington, and many others. Visitors: Bros. T. Alderman, J.W. 1326; D. Hart, 1472; G. Cunnington, P.M. 1607; W. O. Martin, 79; F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326; W. Bean, P.M. 902; J. R. Cuthbertson, 1298; S. G. Beele, 2332; R. Cullimore, 1863; W. S. Harvey, P.M. 1216; W. H. Toye, P.M.; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bro. Max Monteseole was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. A. Greenwood was then impressively installed into the chair of W.M. by Bro. S. C. Kaufman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Essex, Treas. The following officers were invested: Bros. W. Shea, S.W.; J. Smith, J.W.; S. C. Kaufman, P.M., Treas.; W. Beasley, P.M., Sec.; A. Barnes, S.D.; T. L. Fearon, J.D.; S. Cunnington, I.G.; A. Cunnington, P.M., D.C.; H. Prenton, Org.; W. A. L. Lashman, A.D.C.; G. H. Clark, P.M., S. Macvean, and G. Markham, Stwds.; and D. Legg, Tyler. Mr. John Booter was then initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The Auditors' Report was adopted and the lodge closed.

After banquet, "The King and the Craft" and "The Grand Officers" were duly honoured.

Bro. A. Kaufman, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the brethren were well aware of Bro. Greenwood's efficiency in the work. There was no doubt the W.M. would carry out the traditions of the lodge in a perfectly satisfactory manner, and whatever work was given him would be properly done.

Bro. Arthur Greenwood, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast. As the first Master of their lodge in the new century, he could not do better than emulate the Masters of the old century. If he succeeded, the brethren would, perhaps, consider he had partly done his duty. With the assistance of the Past Masters and officers he hoped to hand to his successor his trust in the same unsullied and prosperous state in which he received it.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M.," congratulating Bro. A. Kaufman on his successful year of office, and presenting him with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services, which they hoped he would wear for many years.

Bro. A. Kaufman, I.P.M., in reply, said he did not know how to sufficiently thank them for this mark of their esteem. He should wear it every time he entered the lodge to remind him of his happy year of office. He had only done his duty to this lodge—or had tried to do so. He had done the work to the best of his ability, and now that he was free from the chair he would thank the officers who supported him during his term. He would remind them that it was the W.M.'s intention of going up as Steward for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and he hoped the members would send up as good lists as they did last year when he (the I.P.M.) acted in the same capacity. His total was 140 guineas collected from the members, and if the present W.M. would beat that sum, he (the I.P.M.) would be indeed gratified.

Bro. S. C. Kaufman, P.M., replying for "The Installing Master," which was briefly proposed by the W.M., said it was not that the I.P.M. could not perform the duties, but, owing to the length of the programme, that he had installed the W.M. He had acted with a great amount of pleasure, and the I.P.M. had been ready to prompt him if necessary. He should be only too pleased to assist the W.M. whenever called upon, for he had resigned several other lodges to devote himself to the welfare of the St. Leonards.

"The Initiate" received a hearty reception, and was responded to by Bro. John Booter.

"The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. Prevost.

Bros. F. Dunstan, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; Toye, P.M.; G. Cunnington, P.M.; W. S. Harvey, P.M.; and Bean, P.M., acknowledged "The Visitors."

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" concluded the programme.

Bro. H. Prenton, Org., directed the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Miss Bertha Gelder, Miss Edythe Kemp, Miss Ethelwynne Weaver, and Bros. Elliston Webb, and W. F. Cheesman.

### Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS KELLY.

##### PRESENTATION TO BRO. GEORGE READ.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 20th instant. The brethren present included Bros. John Freer, W.M.; E. Head, I.P.M.; T. Kelly, S.W.; J. Hewett, J.W.; D. Wetherill, P.M., Treas.; George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Clarke, S.D.; Mills, J.D.; Shipton, I.G.; Oliver, P.M., Org.; George Wood, P.M., D.C.; Dickinson, P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Peschke, Miller, Marks, Curette, Springett, Vant, Brooks, Kingshott, Kingston, Lloyd, Porter, Green, Righton, Sherring, Allen, Elwin, Everact, Jacob, Gunn, Marsh, Leatherby, Smith, and others. Visitors: Bros. Escott, W.M. 1269; Bidwell, P.M. 2120, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Noble, J.W. 1227; Sandland, S.D. 2398; Tate, 1351; Chaldecott, 2120; Burnham, 127; Snook, 1471; Hamall, 511; Gale, 254; Kemp, 2317; Arrow, 1706; Meissoer, 1623; Walls, 1577; Greig, 651; and Shrubbs, 1891.

After lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Kelly was presented to the W.M., and received at his hands the benefit of installation. The brethren of the lodge having been admitted, and saluted the W.M. in the three Degrees, the following officers were appointed and invested by the W.M.: Bros. J. Freer, I.P.M.; J. Hewett, S.W.; F. H. E. Shipton, J.W.; D. Wetherill, P.M., Treas.; George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; E. J. Clarke, S.D.; F. B. Mills, J.D.; J. Peschek, I.G.; G. W. Smith, Asst. D. of C.; S. Brooks and H. Vant, Stwds.; Oliver, P.M., Org.; and W. Edgeley, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses were then given by the I.P.M. The W.M. then initiated Mr. A. Hornby into the Craft in a most perfect example of how this always impressive ceremony should be conducted. The event of the evening followed—the presentation by Bro. D. Wetherill, P.M., and Treasurer of the lodge, of a handsome testimonial to Bro. George Read, subscribed for by the brethren of the Londesborough, as a token of their appreciation of the admirable manner in which the Secretary had carried out his duties during a period of 25 years, in a lodge of which he had not only been a leading founder, but also the main ruling spirit and guiding light, earning the full love and filial respect of every brother in this lodge, as well as in every other lodge and chapter which has the privilege of including Bro. Read as a member. The address was neatly framed in oak and antique gilt, to match a similar address presented to Bro. Read some years back by his mother lodge, which it was known was highly prized by him. The inscription was as follows: "To Bro. George Read, P.G. Std. Br., P.M., P.Z.—The brethren of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1631, desire to express their appreciation of the many valuable services you have rendered to the lodge as Founder, Master, and Secretary. The success and good fellowship of the lodge is due in no small degree to your untiring energy and business capacity. Your sterling merits as a man and a Mason endear you to us all, and we earnestly hope that The Great Architect of the Universe may grant you long life, and shower innumerable blessings upon you—Signed on behalf of the lodge, Thos. Kelly, W.M.; John Hewitt, S.W.; F. H. E. Shipton, J.W.; John Freer, I.P.M.; David Wetherill, Treas." Bro. Read, who was almost too much overcome with emotion consequent on such a reception as he was accorded, heartily thanked the brethren for such a significant mark of their esteem and love, remarking that the date of the presentation was a most opportune one, that happening to be his 74th birthday. A handsome jewel was then presented to the I.P.M., and the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, in which the wisdom of the Cafe Royal in selecting M. Gérard as their new manager was amply justified and most favourably commented upon.

**Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.**

A regular and well-attended meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, on Thursday, the 7th instant. Bro. John W. Bland, W.M., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. R. S. Hird, I.P.M.; J. S. Hedley, S.W.; T. H. Bedford, J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; R. B. Nicholls, S.D.; W. Shaw Smith, J.D.; W. H. Townend, I.G.; J. S. Cooper, Tyler; J. Wood, Org.; W. Durrance, Asst. Sec.; J. S. Turner, W. S. Storey, and J. Hardy, Stwds.; J. Niven, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. Robinson, P.M.; C. H. Ellis, P.M.; J. B. Fearnley, P.M.; J. Morton, P.M., and a large number of the members. Visitors: Bros. S. Robinson, W.M. 750; Wm. Townsend, P.M. 750, Prov. G. Purst.; A. J. C. Stanfeld, W.M. 974; J. E. Fawcett, I.P.M. 974; G. H. Field, P.M. 1018; T. M. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., and P.M. 1545; W. Metcalfe, P.M. 1545; F. Burgon, P.M. 1545; T. Denbigh, I.P.M. 1545; J. Clough, S.D. 1545; R. H. Lindsay, S.W. 1648; Edwin Whitehouse, 2608; C. W. Hudson, W.M. 2609; Jas. Tilley, P.M. 2609; John Hodgson, J.D. 2609; Thos. Clark, 2609; Joseph Tipping, 2609; W. W. Wolff, 2609; C. Crowther, 2609; Geo. Bearder, 2609; and G. H. Broadman, 2609.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Ernest Clarke Baily, 1545, as a joining member, and he was declared duly elected. Bro. W. W. Symons was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Bedford, J.W., and the charge given by Bro. Hedley, S.W. Bro. R. Crow was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Last, Sec., the working tools being explained by Bro. S. Robinson, and the charge in the Third Degree delivered by Bro. Hedley, S.W. A resolution of sympathy and regret at the death of her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was passed and directed to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Notice was given of the proposition of two candidates for initiation at a future meeting, and apologies tendered on behalf of several absent brethren.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently dined together.

A toast list was disposed of, which included "The King," "Grand Lodge," "Prov. Grand Lodge," the latter of which was responded to by Bro. Wm. Townsend, Prov. G.P.; "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Stansfeld, W.M. 974, P. M. Holmes, W.M. 1545, P.P.G. Std. Br., and C. W. Hudson, W.M. 2609; and "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Fearnley, P.M., who complimented the W.M. on such a splendid meeting. In responding, Bro. John W. Bland, W. Master, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast of his health had been received, he was delighted to have had the pleasure of entertaining so many guests that evening, and hoped they would enjoy themselves, and would do him the honour of repeating the visit during his term of office. Bro. Last, P.P.G.R., responded for the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and stated that it was a pleasurable duty for the Past Masters to render whatever services they could both to the W.M. and the lodge, and that it was most gratifying to the Past Masters that the W.M. organised and so ably presided over such a successful and happy meeting as they had experienced that evening.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very happy meeting. Songs and recitations were rendered during the evening by Bros. Townend, Holmes, Denbigh, Lindsay, Tilley, Hodgson, and Town.

**Rahere Lodge, No. 2546.**

An ordinary meeting of the above lodge was held at Frascati's Restaurant on the 12th instant, Bro. Walter Gripper, M.B., W.M., in the chair. Bros. Hepburn and Bokenham were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Ware, Whitaker, and Beadles were passed to the Second Degree. A grant of 15 guineas was made to a professional brother in urgent distress, a donation of one guinea was given to the maintenance of "Our Brother's Bed" in the Home for the Dying, and a sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Medical Benevolent College at Epsom, on the proposition of Bro. E. C. Cripps.

In consequence of the much-lamented death of her Majesty the Queen there was no banquet after the meeting, but a few members of the lodge dined together informally.

**Mark Masonry.**

**Amity Lodge, No. 132.**

**INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEO. AUG. MATE.**

The annual installation ceremony and banquet in connection with the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Market-street, Poole, on Thursday, the 14th instant. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Aug. Mate, was carried out by the Installing Master, Bro. E. Whitley Baker, P.M. 99. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Herbert Saunders, I.P.M.; Geo. Parry, S.W.; J. A. Cocker, J.W.; W. S. Hallett, M.O.; Stephen Short, S.O.; W. E. Loader, J.O.; J. Collier, Chap.; H. Wakefield, Sec.; Geo. Parry, Treas.; F. J. Bacon, R. of M.; C. Burt, S.D.; G. H. Bament, J.D.; H. Merrick, D.C.; W. B. Parrott, I.G.; F. J. Bacan, Stwd.; and G. Squibb, Tyler.

The ceremonies over, the brethren adjourned to the Conservative Hall, where the banquet, which was of a *recherche* character, was provided, the caterer being Bro. G. W. Green.

The usual Masonic toast list was gone through. The W.M., Bro. G. A. Mate, who presided, gave "The King and Mark Masonry;

the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., the Deputy Grand Master; and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

The next toast was that of "The Provincial Grand Mark Master of Dorset, R.W. Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P.; the Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, V.W. Bro. H. Tizard George; and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In the course of his remarks the W.M. alluded to the approaching visit of the Prov. Grand Lodge to Poole, and assured the officers of a cordial welcome.

Bro. H. Tizard George responded to the toast, and at the same time submitted "The W.M. of Amity Mark Masters Lodge, No. 132, Bro. Geo. Aug. Mate."

The toast was cordially received, and responded to in a suitable speech.

The other toasts were: "I.P.M., Bro. H. Saunders," "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. Geo. Parry; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. J. A. Cocker, and duly responded to by Bro. E. Worth, 125; Bro. E. Pearce, 125; and Bro. A. Budden, 99.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Wardens and Officers of Amity Mark Lodge," which was duly responded to by several brethren.

The Prov. Grand Master of Dorset, Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., wrote expressing his regret at his inability to be present on account of the opening of Parliament that day.

**Allied Masonic Degrees.**

**Garnett Council, No. 8.**

A meeting of the above council of the Allied Degrees took place at the Masonic Hall, Lancaster, on the 12th instant, when there were present W. Bro. Capt. Garnett, P.G.D., W.M.; Bros. Hy. Longman, P.M., as S.W.; C. F. Seward, J.W.; Richard Stanton, Sec., as S.D.; and Gregson, as J.D.

A Lodge of St. Lawrence was opened when Bro. James Tait was admitted. A council of Knights of Constantinople was opened by Bro. Garnett, as the Grand Potentate, when the Degree was duly conferred on Bro. Tait. An assembly of the Red Cross of Babylon was opened, Bro. Garnett as Illustrious Sovereign, when Bro. Tait had the Degree conferred on him. The council was then closed in due form.

**Instruction.**

**ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.**

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 14th instant at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. C. E. Dowling, W.M.; H. R. Worth, S.W.; C. Humble, J.W.; F. J. Larkman, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Bridger, Sec.; E. H. Wilcox, S.D.; F. M. Ridley, J.D.; H. H. Owen, I.G.; E. C. St. Aubyn, and H. T. Johnson.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. C. E. Dowling secured the ballot for £5 5s. towards Masonic Charity. Bro. Worth will occupy the chair next week.

**ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.**

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. E. P. Fischer, W.M.; Dr. C. M. Simpson, S.W.; A. E. Turner, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; C. Nicole, S.D.; A. Noel, J.D.; H. J. May, I.G.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; C. Weston, W. E. Ranger, H. R. Bower, H. C. Kerly, A. Williams, W. A. Evans, E. Lucas, and A. C. Allen.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Allen being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Evans, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. Bro. Williams then rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. Fischer resumed the chair. Bro. A. C. Allen was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Dr. Simpson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE, No. 1623.**

A well attended meeting took place at the City Scotch Stores, 27, Knight-riders-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 13th instant, Bro. C. A. Barter, W.M. 1623, being in the chair, assisted by Bros. A. Ellenden, S.W.; P. K. Rotenberger, J.W.; G. Henrich, S.D.; G. K. Oakes, J.D.; R. Krumm, I.G.; J. J. Howes, P.M. 1623, Treas.; J. Hoffmann, Hon. Sec., and the following brethren: Bros. Thos. Powell, W.M. 2182, acting Preceptor; J. C. Pratt, I.P.M. 1623; J. H. Cureton, P.M. and Sec. 2182; Chisholm Williams, M.D., W.M. 206; A. Metcalf, G. Meissner, J. Cohn, Hy. King, W. Godsmith, Hy. Knight, C. Riemann, H. W. Lardner, J. Sherington, J. R. L. Daish, Geo. Newnham, Jos. Kent, and others.

The lodge was duly opened at seven p.m., and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Cohn and Goldsmith being the candidates for the former, Bro. Newnham for the latter. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Hoffman, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Williams and Cureton were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction, and replied in suitable terms.

On Wednesday, 27th instant, the annual supper of this lodge of instruction will take place, Bro. Barter, W.M. 1623, presiding. This gathering always proves one of the most happy and successful meetings, not only numerically, financially, and harmoniously, but one generally attended by many distinguished visitors. The tickets are 3s. 6d. each, and may be had from the Hon. Sec., Bro. J. Hoffmann, 30, 31, Queen-street, Cannon-street, E.C., or at the City Scotch Stores.

On Wednesday, the 13th prox., the Fifteen Sections will be worked, Bro. John Knight, I.P.M. 862, presiding.

**STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.**

The usual weekly meeting of this rapidly increasing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Salisbury, 91, Strand, when there were present Bros. Charles E. B. Kibblewhite, Sec., W.M.; Pastorelli, S.W.; Blake, J.W.; Goff, S.D.; Nott, J.D.; Fairlie, I.G.; Thomas, Treas.; Rapley, Preceptor; Penn, Atkinson, Fanquemburgue, and Welham.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and resumed in the First Degree when the minutes of the two previous meetings were read by the acting Secretary, Bro. Welham, and confirmed. After calling off for refreshment, and returning to labour, the W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Fanquemburgue offered himself as the candidate, and the ceremony was proceeded with, the W.M. concluding with the charge. The W.M. rose, when Bro. Pastorelli was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Rapley proposed, and Bro. Thomas seconded, "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the all but perfect manner in which Bro. Kibblewhite had for the first time discharged his duties in the chair." This was carried unanimously, and the W.M. having replied, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

THE LORINERS' COMPANY.—Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar has fixed Wednesday, the 27th prox., for the Court dinner that was postponed on account of the decease of Queen Victoria. Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, and Sheriff Lawrence will be present.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**THE BANK RATE REDUCED.**—The Bank rate was on Thursday reduced from 4½ per cent., at which it has stood since the 7th instant, to 4 per cent., as was fully anticipated in the City.

**BRO. THOMAS CATLING**, the editor of *Lloyd's*, has left London for a short holiday at Algiers.

**BRO. EARL ROBERTS** and Countess Roberts have consented to their names being added to the General Committee of the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund.

**BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING** has just had another very successful week in Dublin, and he and Miss Ellen Terry have been entertained at luncheon by the Provost of the University.

**BRO. W. H. THOMAS, R.A.M.**, Professor of Singing at the Guildhall School of Music, gave an organ recital at Queen's Hall on Friday afternoon last, before and after the meeting of Grand Lodge.

**THE NET COLLECTION** of the London Lifeboat Saturday Fund amounted last year to £1715 6s. 10d. only. This shows a decrease of £3604 6s. 7d. compared with the amount for the previous year.

**BRO. EARL ROBERTS** has consented to open the annual exhibition of the Royal Amateur Society, which will be held on the 25th to 30th prox., inclusive, at Park House, Rutland Gate, for the benefit of the usual London charities.

**THE DUKE OF GRAFTON** and Bro. the Earl of Euston attended a meeting at Northampton on Saturday last, at which arrangements were made for the equipment of the fresh drafts of Northamptonshire Volunteers for the war.

**A LOYAL ADDRESS** to the King has been adopted by the City of London General Pension Society, an organisation for the assistance of the aged and infirm, which was founded in 1818 by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, and enjoyed the patronage of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort.

**THE HABERDASHERS' COMPANY** have made the following charitable grants: Widows of Clergy Fund, £70; Poor Clergymen Fund, £45; Royal Sailors' Home, Devonport, £31 10s.; Poor Hatters' Fund, £20; and the Monmouth Hospital and the London General Porters' Benevolent Association, 10 guineas each.

**TO HIS CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM** the Archdruid of Wales has received with delight an autograph reply from King Edward. His Majesty is himself a Bard, and was admitted to the sacred "Gorsedd" at the National Eisteddfod held in Carnarvon under the title of "Iorweth Dywysog," which means "Edward the Prince."

**AMONG THE PASSENGERS** by the steamship *Rome* which arrived at Marseilles on Monday, was Bro. Sir John Aird, M.P., who is returning to England from Egypt. Bro. Sir John has been inspecting the great works which his firm are carrying out for the Egyptian Government in connection with the damming of the Nile at Assouan.

**AN ORDER** has been issued at Portsmouth directing that the liner *Ophir*, which is to convey the Duke of Cornwall and York to Australia, is to carry a complement of 450 officers and men, and is to commission at Tilbury Dock to-morrow (Saturday). She will then be taken to Portsmouth and completed, but the date of departure will be in March.

**THE LINOTYPE COMPANY (LIMITED)**, of which Bro. Sheriff Lawrence is the chairman, have declared a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the deferred ordinary shares for the half-year ended December 31st. An 8 per cent. interim dividend has already been paid to June 30th, 1900, making 10 per cent. for the whole year 1900 on the deferred shares.

**THE REPORT** of the London Taverns Company states that the trading of the Albion Tavern has resulted in a net profit of £854 17s. 11d., exclusive of the balance of £303 13s. 5d. brought forward. The directors recommend the payment of a dividend at the rate 1s. 6d. per share (tax free). This will absorb £900, and leave a balance of £258 11s. 4d. to be carried to the next account.

**COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.**—The distribution of prizes in connection with the 11th junior and seventh senior examination of candidates under the Commercial Education Scheme of the London Chamber of Commerce will take place at the Mansion House on Monday, the 4th prox. The Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, M.P., the Home Secretary, will distribute the prizes, and Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside.

**AN IDEAL THAMES SERVICE.**—Mr. John Burns, M.P., speaking at an L.C.C. election meeting at Battersea on Monday, said he hoped to introduce a Bill in the House of Commons to authorise the Council to spend £500,000 on 40 new Thames steamboats and new piers, and obtain a five-minute service all the year round, and by universal ticket system form a connecting link with the electric trams.

**J. AND P. COATS (Limited)** have sent £2000 to the Lord Mayor in response to the Princess of Wales's appeal in behalf of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association. In addition they have given £1000 to the Royal Patriotic Fund Branch of the Transvaal War Fund (Widows and Orphans). Among other sums which have recently been received at the Mansion House are the following: Lord Dunsandte, £20; Mr. William Forbes, £100; some members of the Devonshire Club, £40; Mr. W. Austin Leigh, £5; and London Association of Correctors of the Press, £1 2s. 6d.

**AT THE FUNERAL** of her late Majesty, not only Queen Alexandra, but all the Royal ladies, wore dresses of dull black material, with crape, and crape bonnets with long folded ends of crape behind and crape veils falling below the waist. This accounts for the statement in the *Court Circular*, "it is not surprising that the great ones of this country should follow the Royal lead," and we quite agree with the opinion, "the Royal command for Court mourning that the black dresses be trimmed with crape, will, doubtless, affect the community at large, and generally be followed in future ordinary mourning."

**THE CORDWAINERS' COMPANY** have voted £100 to Clergymen's Widows; 30 guineas each to the fund for building a mission room at Edmonton, and the poor boxes at the Metropolitan Police Courts; 25 guineas to the prize fund of the City and Guilds Institute; 20 guineas to the United Clickers and Assistants' Benevolent and Pension Society; 15 guineas to the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots; 10 guineas each to the City Dispensary, the Westminster Boys' Home, the London School Dinners' Association, the Stockwell Orphanage, and the poor of the parish of St. Anne and Agnes, Aldersgate; and five guineas each to the City Kitchen and the Cordwainer and Bread-street Ward Schools.

**BRO. A. J. TONKIN** has recently written and published a work upon the art of draping the human figure, wherein he follows and extends the principles laid down by the late Henry Wampen, Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics. It promises to be a success both in this country and in America. In addition to dealing with costume from a technical standpoint, it treats of dress from a fine art point of view, and really the book is made of an educational character as regards "drapery," whether considered from the designer's position or that of the artist or sculptor. A copy of this volume having been brought to the notice of the King, a very gracious acknowledgment has been received through Sir Francis Knollys. Bro. Tonkin has been invited to give a lecture upon the techniques of the above publication on the 19th prox. This will be delivered before the Metropolitan Society in London, the largest and most influential body of its kind in the kingdom. The writer is now busily engaged upon an illustrated work dealing exclusively with clerical costume, which is about to be published in parts by Messrs. John Williamson, Limited.

**BRO. DR. CHARLES FORSHAW, F.R.S.L.** of Bradford, is engaged editing a work which promises to be not only interesting but valuable. This is a couple of volumes entitled "Poetical Tributes in Memory of Her Late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria." This work is dedicated, by permission, to his Grace the Duke of Argyll, LL.D., D.Sc., who is a personal friend of Bro. Forshaw, and will be published early in April by Messrs. Swann, Sonneschein and Co. Bro. Dr. Forshaw has obtained the permission of many of the leading literary lights of the day to include their poems in the book, among whom may be mentioned Earl Percy, the Countess of Cork, Sir Lewis Morris, M.A., Wm. Allen, M.P., Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Hole, Mr. James Rhoades, Mr. A. C. Benson, M.A., of Eton College, Windsor, W. E. Henley, LL.D., Miss Nora Hopper, Miss Annie Flora Steele, Mrs. Ella Gordon, Canon Rawnsley, the Lady Mayoress of London, Bro. Emra Holmes, Bro. Wilson Barrett, Mrs. Harcourt Mitchell, Bro. Morgan, the Welsh Bard, and some 500 others.

**LORD KINTORE** has returned to Aldershot, where he is in command of the 3rd Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders.

**THE KING**, on Thursday last, gave a sitting to Mr. G. W. de Saulles, Engraver to the Royal Mint, for the purposes of the new coinage.

**AT THE ANNUAL** Court of Governors of the Charing-cross Hospital on the 20th inst., Lord Wantage was elected president of the hospital in the room of the late Duke of Coburg.

**LORD DONOUGHMORE** has returned to England. He only succeeded to the title last December, and as Lord Suidale has held the post of private secretary to Sir Henry Blake, Governor of Hong Kong.

**ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.**—The installation meeting of the Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5, will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, W.C., on Monday, the 25th instant, at six p.m. punctually. The Audit Committee will meet at 5.30 p.m.

**THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CORNWALL AND YORK** visited Tilbury Docks on Thursday, and inspected the *Ophir*, which is to bear them to Australia. It is announced that their Royal Highnesses will spend three days at St. John's, Newfoundland, reaching the port on October 21.

**NINETY-TWO** additions were made to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the month of January, the most noteworthy being three examples of the open-bill (*Anas tomus oscitans*), a species of the stork family, which, hitherto, had not been represented in the collection.

**BRO. EMRA HOLMES** has received the thanks of his Majesty for his poem on the "Passing of the Queen," published in our last week's issue, as also for the verses "Victoria Regina Imperatrix," which recently appeared in the *Freemason*, and were copied into many of our contemporaries.

**THE ROYAL YACHT** *Victoria* and *Albert*, which is to convey the King to Germany, sailed on Thursday evening for Port Victoria, where his Majesty has arranged to embark to-morrow (Saturday). The cruisers *Australia* and *Severn*, which are to convey the yacht across the North Sea, have also proceeded there.

**THE CITY CORPORATION** some time since resolved to invite the mayors, town clerks, and the aldermen and councillors of the new metropolitan boroughs, with their ladies, to an entertainment in Guildhall, the circumstances, of course, necessitated a postponement, and the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Green) has now fixed Monday, May 13th, as a convenient date for the proposed reception and musical conversation.

**MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 92.**—The M.E.Z. desires to recommend to the companions the case of the daughter of the late Comp. T. W. Wright, of Shanghai, who will be a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in October next. The case is warmly supported by Comp. C. Thorne, P.Z., the Father of the Moira Lodge and Chapter. Votes for the April Election (to be made available by exchange) will be received by Comp. R. F. Gould, Scribe E., "Kingfield," Woking.

**AT THE GREAT DOG SHOW** at the Royal Agricultural Hall in the course of Wednesday, the 13th inst., the Duchess of Newcastle presented Mr. Charles Cruft with a magnificent pair of silver candelabras on the part of herself and the other ladies and gentlemen who were interested in the Ranelagh Hound Show held last summer. Upon the occasion in question, Mr. Charles Cruft devoted his time and experience to the management of the show, and the presentation was in recognition of the valuable services which he gratuitously rendered to the committee.

**THE SHUTTLEWORTH MEMORIAL FUND.**—The action of the Corporation of the City of London in voting £50 towards this fund has given an additional impetus to the subscriptions, a fact which the promoters must hail with gratification. The Corporation grant considerably strengthens the claim of the fund on the citizens' pockets, and this has been recognised by at least two civic dignitaries—Bros. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., and Alderman Sir Horatio Davies, M.P., who have each contributed the sum of 10 guineas. Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar, of 69, Ludgate-hill, the treasurer of the fund, will be glad to receive further donations.

**ON RECEIPT** of the news of the Queen's death, the members of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, at the Holy City of Jerusalem, assembled, and, after the opening of the lodge, which was draped in black, the W.M. moved the following resolution: "That an address be drawn up for signature by the officers and members of the lodge, to be forwarded to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Majesty King Edward VII., recording their heartfelt sorrow at the death of the great and beloved Queen, and express their respectful sympathy with his Majesty and his Royal House, and at the same time wishing his Majesty a long and glorious reign." The resolution was carried unanimously.

**LIST OF AGRICULTURAL SHOWS, DOG AND POULTRY SHOWS, CATTLE AND HORSE FAIRS, RACING FIXTURES, &c.**—The Great Northern Railway Company have issued the 1901 edition of their handy little book containing a list of the principal Agricultural Shows, Dog and Poultry Shows, Cattle and Horse Fairs, Racing Fixtures, &c., for the year. Copies of the book can be obtained gratis of the Company's agents in the various towns, or on enclosing stamp for postage to the Superintendent of the line, Great Northern Railway, King's Cross Station, London, N. A neat folding card for the pocket has also been prepared, giving full particulars of the principal Agricultural Shows to be held during the year 1901, and copies can be obtained on enclosing stamp for postage to Mr. F. Elliott, Goods Canvassing Department, Great Northern Railway, King's Cross Station, London, N.

**MEMBERS** of the Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rome, and Malta in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof, met in special assembly at Mark Masons' Hall, on Thursday last, to pass a vote of condolence to King Edward VII., who is Sovereign of the Order in the United Kingdom, on the death of his Royal and beloved mother. The Earl of Euston presided, and, on the entry of the procession, Sir Knight H. R. Rose, Grand Organist, played Chopin's Funeral March. His lordship proposed the Address to his Majesty, which was seconded by Sir Knight the Earl of Lathom. The document concluded: "We also beg to offer to your Majesty the earnest assurance of our unswerving loyalty and devotion to the Throne, and pray that your Majesty's reign may be long and prosperous, and that the Most High may ever have you in His Holy keeping." The address was adopted unanimously, all the brethren standing, and at the conclusion singing "God save the King."

**FOR MANY YEARS** it has been a custom at Windsor for the bombardier to the Corporation to fire salutes on all Royal birthdays and anniversaries in connection with the Court. By order of King Edward the list has been revised for 1901, and salutes will be fired in the Long Walk, Great Park, as follows: March 10th, wedding-day of the King and Queen; March 18th, birthday of Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll; April 14th, Princess Henry of Battenberg; May 1st, Duke of Connaught; May 24th, her late Majesty Queen Victoria; May 25th, Princess Christian; May 26th, Duchess of Cornwall and York; June 3rd, Duke of Cornwall and York; June 20th, accession of her late Majesty Queen Victoria; June 23rd, birthday of Prince Edward of York; July 6th, wedding-day of the Duke of Cornwall and York; November 9th, birthday of his Majesty the King; November 21st, the Empress Frederick; December 1st, the Queen. Coronation Day (June 28th) of her late Majesty the Queen to be omitted. In 1902 the anniversary of the late Queen's accession is also to be omitted.

**THE HALF-YEARLY** social gathering of the Kingsland P.S.A. Society was held at the Congregational Church, Sandringham-road, on the 21st instant, and, notwithstanding the inclement weather, about 160 sat down to tea. At eight o'clock a public meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. M. H. Le Pla, who was supported by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Thomas Tyler, this society is in a very flourishing condition. The Slate Club (of which Mr. Wade is Secretary) it appears now numbers 809 members. The total receipts for the past year were £1024 4s. 3d., and the expenditure £338 8s. 6d., leaving a balance of £685 10s. 3d. to be divided, the remaining sum of £46 5s. 6d. being left in hand. The loan club, although it has only been in existence two years, has lent to its members about £450, and paid five per cent. interest. This club is under the able direction of Mr. Day. The other branches of this P.S.A. are of the highest order, and reflects great credit on all who work so ably. The singing of Madame Kate Hull and Mr. Bennett Griffiths, and the string band under the able direction of Mr. Payne, greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.