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THEN AND NOW.

There is nothing that brings more strongly home to our minds the frequency and continuity of the changes that are constantly taking place in our midst than a comparison between what was a few years since and what is at the present moment, with a view more particularly of noting who and what manner of men they were who, at the past epoch selected for the comparison, occupied the positions of honour in any society or organisation, and the fate that has befallen them in the years that have since elapsed. Thus on the 28th April, 1875, his Gracious Majesty King EDWARD VII.—then H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.—was installed M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and in the course of the proceedings his Royal Highness was pleased to appoint and invest with the insignia of their respective offices a number of distinguished brethren to be his Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Where now are those brethren, who but a little more than a quarter of century ago either achieved greatness in Masonry by reason of their known great merit as Masons, or had greatness thrust upon them, for reasons which seemed good to our then illustrious Grand Master? Twenty-and-five years is but a well nigh inappreciable period of time in the life of a Society which justly claims to have existed in one form or another from a remote antiquity, but in respect of this mortal existence of ours they are a full third of what is commonly held to be the allotted span of life. In Masonry, seeing that men are ineligible to be admitted into our ranks until they have attained the full age of 21 years, and as it generally happens that men have exceeded that limit by some years, a quarter of a century may be reckoned as one half of our average Masonic life. Moreover, except in the rarest cases, those who are awarded the purple of Grand Lodge have been members of our Society for many years, so that we shall be derogating nothing from their dignity and self-respect if we describe the general body of those who are appointed to Grand Office as men of middle age, and as tending to the further rather than to the nearer of the two halves of their career. Thus our readers will probably not be very greatly surprised to learn that of the brethren whom our late M.W.G.M. appointed as Grand Officers after his installation about two-thirds have joined the majority.

In 1875 the number of Grand Officers was 23, of whom only eight survive to this day. The Earl of CARNARVON, M.W. Pro Grand Master, died in 1890, and Lord SKELMERSDALE, subsequently Earl of LATHOM, who was appointed Deputy Grand Master, and succeeded Lord CARNARVON as Pro Grand Master in

1891, died in 1898. The Senior Grand Warden, the Marquis of HAMILTON, now Duke of ABERCORN, is the present M.W. Grand Master of Ireland; but his brother Warden, Alderman DAVID HENRY STONE, who was at the time of his appointment Lord Mayor of London, died in 1890. Of the two Grand Chaplains one only survives in the person of Bro. the Rev. SPENCER R. WIGRAM, M.A., his senior colleague, Bro. the Rev. Canon JAMES SIMPSON, LL.D., having died in 1886. The Grand Treasurer, Bro. SAMUEL TOMKINS, was appointed to office in 1852, and was annually re-elected until the failure of the bank of which he was partner, and died in 1878, shortly after that catastrophe. The then Grand Registrar, Bro. Æn. J. MCINTYRE, Q.C., was appointed in 1862 and was annually re-appointed until 1884 when he resigned, on his being appointed to a County Court Judgeship, and died in 1889, having had the rank of Past Grand Warden conferred upon him at the time of his retirement in recognition of his long and valuable services. The President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, F.S.A., is still one of the most active members of the Craft, and in 1885, was made a Past Grand Warden on resigning the office, which he had held continuously from 1874 to 1884. Bro. JOHN HERVEY, who was Grand Secretary from 1868 till his resignation early in 1880, died a few months after vacating the appointment, while the Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, Bro. Dr. ERNEST E. WENDT, died in 1892, having services extending over some 22 years, and the office has since been abolished, there being instead an Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence in Bro. C. KUPFERSCHMIDT, who was appointed as such in 1895. Of the Grand Deacons, of whom at the time there were but four, two Senior and two Junior, three still happily survive, Bro. MONTAGUE J. GUEST, S.G.D., having been appointed Prov. Grand Master of Dorsetshire in 1877; Bro. ROBERT GREY, J.G.D., who became a Grand Officer of higher rank on appointment in 1886 as President of the Board of Benevolence, and on vacating that post in 1896 was made a Past Grand Warden; and Bro. F. PARKER MORRELL, M.A., J.G.D., the other Deacon, Bro. WILLIAM SPEED, Q.C., S.G.D., having died in 1893. Bro. F. PEPYS COCKERELL was Grand Superintendent of Works from 1863 until his death in 1878, while Bro. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (*Garter*), K.C.B., K.C.M.G., F.S.A., was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1860, and still retains the office, though its duties are performed for him by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., as Acting Grand D.C. The then Asst. G.D.C., Bro. Captain S. G. HOMFRAY, was Dep. Prov. G. Master of Monmouthshire at the time of his death in 1894, while the G. Sword Bearer, Bro. W. R. WOODMAN, M.D., pre-deceased Captain HOMFRAY by three years, having died in 1891. The then Grand Organist—Bro. WILHELM KUHE—still flourishes at Brighton, where his periodical concerts form one of the chief attractions at that well-known seaside resort; but Bro. JOHN WRIGHT, Grand Pursuivant; Bro. E. P. ALBERT, Asst. G. Pursuivant; and Bro. C. B. PAYNE, G. Tyler have long since gone over to the majority, Bro. WRIGHT having died in 1889, Bro. ALBERT in 1884, and Bro. PAYNE in 1879. Of the three brethren upon whom the M.W.G. Master was pleased to confer Past rank in recognition of their services in connection with the meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, namely, Bros. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS and Sir MICHAEL COSTA, who were made Past G. Wardens, and Bro. THOMAS FENN, Past G. Deacon, the first named alone survives, Bro. Sir MICHAEL, who was Grand

Organist from 1851 to 1854, having died in 1884, while Bro. THOMAS FENN, who died early this year, served as President of the Board of General Purposes 1884-1894, was made Past G. Warden in 1896, and also acted during several years as Grand D.C. for Sir ALBERT WOODS, the state of whose health prevented him from personally discharging the duties of the office. Thus of the 23 brethren whom H.R.H. the Prince of WALES—now King EDWARD VII., and Protector of English Freemasons—invested as Grand Officers after his installation as Grand Master in 1875, 15 have died and eight survive, while of the three on whom he conferred Past Rank, two are dead and one survives.

It may be interesting to add that in the years that have since elapsed, one Grand Office—that of Grand Secretary for German Correspondence—has been abolished, and 12—including those of Assistant Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence—created. In 1882, a Deputy G.D.C. and two Grand Standard Bearers were added to the roll. In 1886, the President of the Board of Benevolence became *ex-officio*, a Grand Officer. In 1893, six new offices were created, those of Deputy Grand Registrar, two additional Grand Deacons (one Senior and one Junior), two additional Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and Deputy Grand Sword Bearer. Hence there are now 34 Grand Officers on the roll instead of 23, while to make matters still better, two new Grand Chaplains are appointed annually, and also new Grand and Asst. Grand Pursuivants. Formerly every Grand Chaplain served two years, one as junior and one as senior Chaplain; while the Asst. G. Pursuivant was promoted to the Grand Pursuivancy, so that only one new Grand Chaplain and a new Asst. Grand Pursuivant were appointed. Now there are four fresh appointments every year. It may also be worth while to record that the Duke of CONNAUGHT, M.W.G.M., who will be formally installed in office on the 17th July, was present at the installation of his brother on the day afore-mentioned, having been raised to the degree of M.M. the previous evening in the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, and being, in all probability, as his Royal Highness jocularly remarked in his speech at the Grand Festival, the youngest Master Mason in the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge present at the ceremony.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE FREEMASON IN PUBLIC. *Continued.*

In the last article on this subject (*Freemason*, June 2), and in previous issues, referred to in that article, it was exhaustively discussed from the point of view of the Constitutions and the proceedings of Grand Lodge. We will now go for further information to a source which is, unhappily, much neglected, that is, the Antient Charges and Regulations. Fortunately, the charge of an entered apprentice is fairly well known, as custom has decreed it to be an essential part of the ceremony of initiation. The charges read to the Master elect are both by custom and law a part of the installation ceremony, and therefore every brother probably hears them once a year. They may, therefore, be regarded as familiar. What do they tell us?

First of all we are told, in no uncertain language, that whatever else he may be, a Freemason as such, is not a political entity, nor is he, as such, a religious propagandist. Both politics and religion are expressly prohibited as topics of discussion in lodge, and whenever an appeal has come before Grand Lodge in which either has seemed to give colour to the issues, Grand Lodge has invariably refused to be a judge or a divider.

It would be fatal to the well-being of the Craft, in England, at all events, were it ever to be suspected that Freemasonry existed to illustrate or propagate some particular political cult. As is well known, the opposite opinion prevails across the Channel, and one result has been that the Craft has been banned and excommunicated by the head of the Roman Catholic Church, and Freemasons are confounded with Atheists, Anarchists, Nihilists, and what not.

Under our Grand Lodge the newly-made Freemason is enjoined to obey the laws of whatever State he may happen to be domiciled in, and to discountenance any proposal which has for its object the subversion of the good order of Society.

The W. Master elect promises to promote the general good of Society, and to cultivate the social virtues, and when he has been installed he and his officers and all in the lodge are admonished to behave themselves in such wise, that when the outer world chance to know that a man is a Freemason they also know as a natural sequence that he is one to whom the troubled heart, &c. All this is thoroughly well understood in English lodges and in daughter Grand Lodges.

Whilst Freemasonry has nothing to fear from publicity, it should be equally understood that it has nothing to gain from it. Whilst a brother need never refuse to give information such as may lawfully be given to one who seeks it with a proper motive, it is a very different thing to discourse about the interests of the Craft *coram publico*. This is especially to be deprecated with regard to subjects as to which divided opinions exist. Mention has been made in a former article of a weekly newspaper which has a regular Masonic column, in which the prospects of local brethren's accession to Provincial rank are openly discussed.

No. V. of the charges enjoins the Freemason to allow not even his own family to know the affairs of the lodge. No. IV. enjoins him to be cautious in his words and carriage, "so that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover what is not proper to be intimated." So far from openly discussing lodge business, he is told to "divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honour of the worshipful fraternity." It scarcely needs to be said that all these injunctions very especially include the keeping the result of an unfavourable ballot within the precincts of the lodge. Even the members of an ordinary club would scarcely deem it good taste to talk about the candidates they might have black-balled.

The lack of reticence that many brethren permit themselves to be guilty of inclines one sometimes to ask if Freemasonry is a secret society or not. The writer once heard the late Bro. Speth ingeniously argue that it was not. Somewhat curious to say, he was delivering a lecture on the subject of the Craft to some mutual improvement society, and the lecture was afterwards published. He proved—to his own satisfaction, that is—that a society which was prepared to admit the whole world to membership, on certain guarantees being given, could not be called secret. That is all very well, but the admission that guarantees are expected, gives away Bro. Speth's position and his contention. The secrecy becomes a necessary adjunct—if only to keep out such as cannot give the guarantees. If any other form of protection were feasible, possibly the secrecy might be waived!

It is, however, astonishing what an amount of information the non-Mason generally possesses about the Craft. There are four forms of publicity which have been dear to Freemasons from time immemorial. One of these is legitimate, *i.e.*, constitutional, two have been permitted to exist without official approbation, and one is distinctly illegitimate. The first of these is the Masonic foundation stone laying by the Grand Master, the ceremonial of which is printed at the end of the Book of Constitutions. The difficulties recently raised as to public appearance in clothing would presumably vanish on an occasion of this kind, as everything would be done under the Grand Master's direction.

The Masonic ball and the Masonic religious service come next as being permissive. The Masonic ball will, however, in future be deprived of its *raison d'être*, being shorn, as it has been, of the splendour which was lent to it by the regalia that used to be exhibited.

The Masonic service is a different type of thing altogether. Masonic clothing is out of place, and, in fact, in the House of God might be regarded as being in questionable taste. Periodical attendance at a religious service is eminently desirable, and an orderly procession from the lodge room to the church could not be cavilled at.

The Masonic funeral is also to be deprecated on every ground. By a Masonic funeral is meant the addition to, or the supersession of, the ordinary religious service by a distinct Masonic ceremonial, which implies that the ordinary religious service does not convey all that is due to the deceased and his friends. The idea, however, is utterly heathen, and does not add anything to the estimation of the Order which would permit it.

We have mentioned four occasions on which the Freemason conceives he has a right to publicly represent himself as such. There is a fifth, however, with which we must close this article. That is his appearance in Masonic regalia in the photographer's studio, not to mention his subsequent appearance in the pages of an illustrated journal. Few brethren are exempt from this weakness, and it is one which has been tenderly dealt with by the authorities, possibly because very few brethren of eminence have succeeded in escaping the distinction of appearing in their

regalia in the pages of some one of the illustrated papers; and, in fact, since one of them published an engraving of what purported to be the interior of a lodge room during the performance of a ceremony we may expect anything. Still one would express a hope that the precincts and interior of Grand Lodge might be safe from the snapshotter.

CONSECRATION OF THE *CHÈRE REINE* LODGE, No. 2853.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. REV. A. W. OXFORD,
M.A., M.D., P.G.D.

The consecration of the above lodge, the founders of which are for the most part connected with the Charing Cross Hospital, took place, by special dispensation, at the Hotel Cecil, on Friday, the 7th instant. The Trocadero Restaurant is to be the usual place of meeting of the newly-constituted lodge.

The ceremony of consecration was conducted by Bro. Edward Letchworth, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.W., as S.W.; Edward Terry, P.G.T., as J.W.; Rev. Borradaile Savory, G. Chap., as Chaplain; J. C. Fitzroy Tower, P.D.G.D.C., as D.C.; and Woodhouse Braine, F.R.C.S., S.G.D., as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge are Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.W.; Edward Terry, P.G.T.; Col. Clifford Probyn, P.G.D.; A. W. Oxford, P.G.D.; Jno. Abercrombie, 6; Amand Routh, 2033; C. Carter Braime, 2620; Victor Corbould, 2620; F. C. Wallis, 2546; J. Humphreys, 2183; J. Astley Bloxam, 2546; J. C. F. Naumann, 2000; F. Hewett Oliver, 2552; Rev. C. E. Wright, P.M. 2328; A. E. Reade, P.M. 166; P. L. Daniel, 166; J. W. Eyre, 66; Victor Partridge, 101; Matthew Dobbs, 2587; W. S. Wintle, 2737; Henry Northcroft, 33; and Francis Mellersch, 1872.

The visitors present comprised the following P.Ms., in addition to a large number of M.Ms.: Bros. Gibbon, 6; Cooper, P.G.D.; Grace, W.M. elect 475; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Mackintosh, P.A.G.D.C.; Penrose, 1872; Welsford, 1321; Aird, 1892; Lane, 2682; Godding, P.P. G. Std. Br. Oxon; Sansom, 2033; Hall, P.G.S.B.; Abraham, W.M. elect 2546; Clarke, W.M. elect 2410; Godson, P.G.D.; Senior, 1872; White, 2603; and Kiallmark, P.G.D.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the Grand Officers, entered in procession, took the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem*. The ceremony of consecration was then commenced, the D. of C. reading the warrant, and the Chaplain delivering a most appropriate oration.

Bro. Sir BORRADAILE SAVORY, G. Chap., in this oration referred to the formation of numerous class lodges of late years, more particularly in connection with hospitals, and why should not the Charing Cross Hospital have a lodge connected with it? They knew that as early as the year 1260 there was a village known as Charing, probably so-called from the Saxon *charing*, meaning turning, as it was situated where the road and river turned. This was a more probable derivation than the far prettier idea that the word was derived from *chère reine*, the dear Queen Eleanor. In the year 1290 Queen Eleanor died at Lincoln, and her body was brought to London, King Edward I. erecting in all nine crosses, one at each place at which the corpse rested. Of these crosses only two now remained, those at Northampton and Waltham. Whatever the derivation of the word Charing might be, it was, however, true that the *Chère Reine* Eleanor had anticipated in some measure modern antiseptic surgery, having sucked the wound inflicted on her husband by a poisonous dagger; and long before the formation of the *Chère Reine* Lodge the Charing Cross Hospital had coped with human distress in a spirit of brotherly love, relief, and scientific truth, and he hoped the members of that lodge would ever place brotherly love before gain, relief before personal gratification, and truth before all.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Consecrating Officer dedicating and constituting the lodge in due form.

The Grand Secretary then installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A., M.D., P.G.D. The newly-installed W.M. invested the Wardens designate, viz., Bros. J. Abercrombie, S.W., and Amand Routh, J.W.; also the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Astley Bloxam, I.P.M.; Rev. C. E. Wright, P.M.; Chap.; Robert Grey, P.G.W., Treas.; C. Carter Braine, Sec.; Frederick Wallis, S.D.; Victor Corbould, J.D.; J. W. Eyre, I.G.; Arthur E. Reade, P.M., Org.; P. L. Daniel and J. Humphreys, Stewards; and P. F. Madden, Tyler.

The W.M., Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer were appointed a Committee to frame bye-laws.

Four propositions were received for initiation, and three propositions for joining members; and before the lodge closed the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the lodge, on the motion of the W.M.

At the banquet to which the brethren and visitors subsequently sat down the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, Bro. Rev. Sir BORRADAILE SAVORY briefly responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Immediately after the toast of "The Consecrating Officers" had been honoured, founders' jewels were presented on behalf of the lodge to each of the brethren included in that toast.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, Grand Sec., responded, thanking the W.M. for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren generally for the handsome jewels with which they had presented the Consecrating Officers, and which the latter would always wear as charming mementoes of an interesting occasion.

Bro. BLOXAM, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and in his reply the W.M., adverting to the oration delivered in the lodge by the Grand Chaplain, stated that the lodge had been named the *Chère Reine* Lodge partly in memory of Queen Eleanor and partly in memory of their late dear Queen, Victoria. The Charing Cross Hospital had been founded in 1831, and the late Queen, then Princess Victoria, had been its patroness ever since 1834, at which time she was only 15 years of age. In 1898 she had presented a picture of herself to the hospital.

The toasts of "The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

Through the fraternal courtesy of the Hon. W. A. Sutherland, P.G.M. we are able to give the full text of the report of the special committee of the Grand Lodge of New York with reference to the death of Queen Victoria, the accession of King Edward and the election of the Duke of Connaught as G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England. The following is the report:

To the Grand Lodge—The undersigned, the special committee appointed to prepare and report to the Grand Lodge an expression of the sentiments of this Grand Lodge upon the death of Victoria, the late Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and the accession of Edward Seventh, late Grand Master of English Freemasons, to the throne, and the election and installation of the Duke of Connaught as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, present the following and recommend its adoption:

"With the Grand Lodge of England we held peculiar relations. Erected into a Grand Lodge by the direct act of the Grand Lodge of England, authenticated by its charter bearing date September 5th, 1781, our territorial jurisdiction having been once honoured by an actual session of an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of England, to wit, on the 21st day of February, 1782, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York rightfully looks upon the Grand Lodge of England as its mother Grand Lodge. Proud of our relationship, we rejoice in her prosperity, and deeply sympathise with her every sorrow. By the death of Britain's Queen the Grand Lodge of New York is touched almost as closely as is the Grand Lodge of England. We remember that while it was the Duke of Athol who, in 1781, as Grand Master, subscribed the charter creating this Grand Lodge, there was nevertheless but one Grand Master intervening between him and the Most Worshipful the Duke of Kent, the father of Queen Victoria. We recall that at the time the Grand Lodge of England ('Ancients') chartered this Grand Lodge, the then Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., the uncle of her late Majesty, was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge styled 'Moderns.' We remember that his Grace the Duke of Sussex, an uncle of Victoria, and brother of the Duke of Kent, became Grand Master of the 'Moderns' in 1813, and his Grace the Duke of Kent accepted the Grand Mastership of the 'Ancients' in the same year for the expressed purpose of joining with his brother in accomplishing the union of the two Grand Lodges into the present the United Grand Lodge of England, and that upon motion of the Duke of Kent, the Duke of Sussex was elected the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, continuing as such from 1813 to 1842. We recall with liveliest satisfaction that in 1874 on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon as Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the eldest son of Victoria, accepted the gavel of our mother Grand Lodge, and has held the same with such great distinction for quarter of a century. We observe also with great pleasure that upon the death of the Queen, her eldest son ascended the throne as Edward the Seventh, and the cares of State as well as the custom of Craft made needful his retirement from the Grand Master's chair, another son of this most illustrious mother, the Duke of Connaught, has been chosen, and now is the Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Masons. The death of one who is the daughter of one Grand Master, the niece of two, and the mother of two, cannot fail to touch closely the heart of every Freemason. But she, who was England's Queen, was also a Queen in the hearts of all good men of every kindred and every tongue. The nobility of her womanly character secured her enthronement in the affections of the people of every nation. Joining with all other good and impartial citizens of this Republic in genuine sorrow at the loss of the British Empire in the death of the Queen, we, as Freemasons, wish to extend a hand-clasp to our brethren beyond the sea and assure them of our most fraternal regard and our deep and abiding sympathy. "At the same time we extend our felicitations to the Grand Lodge of England in that it has been enabled in so unmistakable a manner to acquaint the world with the high qualities and rare qualifications of him who is now the King. Not only has he stood in the public gaze as the heir apparent to the throne, and therefore subject to the severe tests accompanying so trying a position; not only has he borne himself as first subject of the realm with such rare dignity, tact, and good judgment as to inspire the confidence of the civilised world; but he was actual head and Grand Master of English Free Masons, he has so sturdily and yet so gently held the gavel of authority; he has so steadfastly and yet so kindly ruled the Craft; he so promptly and so beautifully admonished the Craft by the resolutions which he proposed to the Grand Lodge of England relative to the attack upon the Bible made by the late Grand Master of Peru, Christian Dam; he has so graciously and so impressively officiated at Masonic functions; and has so judiciously and benignantly guided the Craft of his jurisdiction, as to command the respect, the admiration, the genuine esteem and affectionate regard of the Free Masons of every jurisdiction. English Free Masons may well be proud of the Grand Master that was and the Sovereign that is.

"Sharing in the grief which by the death of Queen Victoria, January 22, 1901, fell upon all Free Masons owing allegiance to the British Empire, and with genuine admiration for the son of that mother, who, by his ability as the ruler of the Craft, has demonstrated his fitness to be ruler of the nation, we extend to the Grand Lodge of England our sympathy in its bereavement, our fondest hopes for its continued prosperity, and our felicitation that its fortunes have been so closely entwined with those of that family of which Victoria was so illustrious a member;

"Resolved, that Grand Secretary be, and he hereby is, instructed to communicate this action of the Grand Lodge of New York to the Grand Lodge of England."

New York, May 8, 1901.

Committee—William A. Sutherland, Geo. Hayes, Peter Ross.—The Freemason, Toronto.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.—Bro. the Lord Mayor's Fund at the Mansion House in connection with the Transvaal War Fund amounts now to £1,123,170. Of this sum £412,954 was specially contributed for the widows, orphans, and dependents of the men killed; £97,138 for the sick and wounded while under treatment; £111,157 for soldiers and sailors disabled by wounds (after their leaving the service); £109,448 for the wives and children separated at home from their husbands and fathers by the exigencies of the war; £62,123 in response to the Princess of Wales's appeal for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association; and £213,335 for what is called "The Lord Mayor's Discretionary Fund." Of the last-mentioned sum, £110,000 has been sent to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, which is in addition to the sum of £196,448 and £62,123 indicated above.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

A BUNDLE OF PARADOXES.

Owing, perhaps, to its exceptional character anything in the nature of a paradox seems to have a certain attraction for the human mind. Anything contrary to preconceived opinion has for many an irresistible fascination. So much is this the case that when genuine paradoxes happen to be scarce, or altogether lacking, persons are generally to be found of sufficient ingenuity to invent them. In very early times Eastern thinkers beguiled the monotony of numbers—perhaps, also, of their lives—by grouping figures in the form of "magic squares," the peculiar property of which was that when added up horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, the sum total was always the same. Something of a paradox lay in this device, seeing that one might naturally expect the totals to be different. Later on, mathematical science stepped in, and laid down hard and fast rules for the construction, not only of magic squares pure and simple, but of squares within squares, pentagons, hexagons, and other geometrical figures, all possessed of the same curious properties. Then, of course, the paradox was a paradox no longer, for, as it often happens, the enigma of one age is but the truism of the next. Such mathematical problems even as the quadrature of the circle, the duplication of the cube, and such like, had, in themselves and in their day, something paradoxical about them until such time as their insolubility was demonstrated. The problem, apparently simple in its statement and easy of solution, it was found impossible to solve. But the lover of puzzle and paradox need not despair on this account. In spite of the advance of modern science there will always remain, for his delectation, an abundant store of marvels. Fact being stranger than fiction, there will always be, as there always has been, a "queer side of things," a region quite as fertile in surprises as that explored by Alice in Wonderland. The difficulty is not so much to know how to select as to know where to begin in the way of illustration. Curiously enough, not a few scientific paradoxes are to be found in the economy of human vision. There is that old puzzle paradox, for example—one which even the intellect of a Kepler did not despise—to wit, how it is, that we see objects erect, notwithstanding the well known fact that the pictures on the retina of the eye are inverted. Kepler, in his Supplement to Vitellio, was fain to conclude that the inverted image somehow or other, but chiefly with the aid of the other senses, such as that of touch, was "rectified" by the judgment of the observer! Later, physiologists have exercised their ingenuity over the self-same problem. Quite lately, in a scientific journal of no mean repute, the position was gravely maintained that the observer having, really, no other criterion of *up* or *down* than the evidence of his own (inverted) vision, upside down was, really, the same thing as down-side up, or, in other words, erect! Another authority in the same medium, had a still more ingenious solution of the difficulty. Noticing that the image of a lighted candle reflected on the retina of an excised eye appeared to him inverted, he reasoned that, as his own sense of vision perceived the image thus upside down, therefore, upon the retina of the percipient proper it must really be in exactly the reverse position, namely erect. A clever guess, certainly, but one which leaves the problem very much as it was before. The real explanation is, apparently, the view given by Professor Cleland, of Glasgow University, in his *Animal Physiology*, that the inversion of the retinal image is, really, no reason why the landscape should appear to us inverted and that what we perceive is *not* the rational image, but a number of sensations excited by it. If we are to explain, he adds, why the landscape is not seen inverted, we must explain why it is not seen inside our heads. But in spite of this lucid *rationale* of erect vision—probably the only true one—a popular paradox, the question will doubtless remain, at all events, for some time to come. He was an acute observer who once remarked "the more knowledge, the more paradox." This would seem to be true now-a-days, seeing that it is seriously doubted in scientific circles if we see with our eyes at all. Professor Huth, a recognised authority on such subjects, contends that it is only in a very limited sense that we can be said to see with our eyes, and that in any case we do not *perceive* with them, this latter function being reserved for certain important organs of the brain, termed by him the "internal eyes." The functions of the retina, Professor Huth maintains, have in the past been gravely over-estimated. Should this apparent paradox be substantiated, it will be no longer the conclusive argument it once was considered to be to aver that anything happened because we saw it with "our eyes." It may be added that the above paradox is rendered, if possible, still more paradoxical, when it is soberly affirmed in sundry quarters, amongst others, by Drs. Luys and Rosenthal, that it is not impossible to imagine, theoretically, a state of matters in the human organism, in which Ear-gate might upon occasion play the part of Eye-gate, and *vice versa*, the discrimination of sound from colour, &c., depending not upon the external nerve terminations, which receive, as we are led to believe, a wholly uniform stimulus, but upon the central apparatus situated within the brain. According to this theory, observes a recent commentator, sound might for us be literally translated into colour; a sonata by Beethoven might seem a picture by Raphael.

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PAINTERS AND OTHER ARTISTS IN THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

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Lord Arundel also sent, with similar directions, William Petty, an uncle of the celebrated Sir William, the founder of the Lansdowne family, to the Levant to procure marbles, many of which are now to be seen at Oxford. Previously to his leaving England, Norgate was promoted, without intermediate step, to be Windsor Herald, of which office he was, with several of his loyal brethren, deprived before the execution of the King in 1649. It is erroneously stated by Fuller that he died at the Herald's College in 1650. The MS. which gives these facts is now in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and is entitled *Miniature, or the Art of Limning*, by Edward Norgate, dedicated to Henry Frederick, Earl of Arundel, and dated 8th July, 1654. It is a thin folio, very fairly written with his own hand, and commences thus: "There are now more than

twenty years past, since at the request of that learned physician, Sir Theodore Mayerne, I wrote the ensuing discourse." Fuller's date of his death, therefore, is inaccurate, although it does not appear that he lived to regain his station under Charles II. Loyd says that he left several MSS. ready for the press, which were never printed. Among the accounts of the Lord Harrington is the following entry: Paid to Edward Norgate, by warrant from the council, 24th April, 1613, for his paynes taken to write and lymne in gold and colours certain letters written from his Majesty to the King of Persia, the sum of £10. These letters were undoubtedly in answer to those brought by that singular adventurer, Sir Anthony Shirley, ambassador, from the Sophy to his own sovereign. The best evidence of Norgate's abilities is a curious patent which was discovered. The Earl of Stirling received from a relation an old box of neglected writings, among which he found the original commission of Charles I., appointing his lordship's predecessor, Alexander, Earl of Stirling, commander-in-chief of Nova Scotia, with the confirmation of the grant of that province made by James I. In the initial letter are the portraits of the King sitting on his throne, delivering the patent to the earl, and round the border representations, in miniature, of the customs, huntings, fishings, and productions of the country, all in the highest preservation, and so admirably executed, that it was believed to be from the pencil of Vandyck. But as we know not any instance of that master having painted in this manner, there is no doubt but that it was the work of Norgate, allowed the best illuminator of that age, and generally employed to make the initial letters in the patents of peers and commissions of ambassadors. In this very curious and delicate art, a legitimate branch of the ancient limning or illumination, as used in MSS., Norgate found an equal in Henry Lilley, an officer likewise of the College of Arms, as Rouge Dragon Pursuivant. His extraordinary skill had recommended him to the patronage of the Earl of Arundel. For that nobleman he had compiled a sumptuous folio MS. of the genealogy of the Howards, enriched with armorial designs, sepulchral monuments, small portraits, and almost every other decoration which could be applied to such a composition by skill and taste. It appears, from the beautiful frontispiece, that it is entitled *The Genealogie of the Princelie Familie of the Howards, &c.*, collected and disposed by Hen: Lilley, Rouge Dragon, 1638. He died in that year, having lived only to finish this work. After his death, his executors demanded for it, of Lord Arundel, a sum which he declined to give, and it was retained in his family until his surviving daughter sold it to the Earl of Northampton.

All the foreign biographers declare positively that Michael Jansen Mireveldt (as he is called in Charles I. catalogue) was never in England. We know that several other painters are said to have never been in this country who can be proved to have been so, during two or three years, and a difficulty occurs, how to account for so many of his genuine portraits of Englishmen now preserved in England. He is said to have been employed in copying portraits by Holbein, in English collections, whose touch he had successfully acquired. The originals must have been sent to him, as perhaps in other instances. His son, Peter Mireveldt, imitated him very nearly, and died young in 1632. Did he come to England? By the hand of Mireveldt are portraits of William, first Earl of Devon, at Chatsworth; G. Villiers, Duke of Buckingham; and of Lord Arundel and his countess. His own portrait was in the collection of King James II. At Coombe Abbey, Warwickshire, is a head by himself, and a whole length of Henry, Prince of Wales, a landscape seen through a window. It was in the reign of King James I. that the manufacture of tapestry was set up at Mortlake, in Surrey. The art of weaving tapestry was brought into England by William Sheldon, Esq., about the end of the reign of Henry VIII. At Mr. Sheldon's are four maps of Oxford, Worcester, Warwick, and Gloucester, shires, executed in tapestry on a large scale. Fragments of this tapestry are among the curiosities of Strawberry Hill. The making of tapestry had been introduced into England many years before the establishment of Sir Francis Crane's manufactory by Sheldon. The name of the artist was Robert Hicks, who had the use of Mr. Sheldon's manor house at Burcheston, in Warwickshire. Mr. Sheldon in his will bearing date 1570, calls Hicks "the only author and beginner of tapestry and arras within this realm." Yet a proof of a much earlier introduction occurs in the reign of Edward III. Sir Francis Crane purchased premises at Mortlake for the manufacture of tapestry. In the first year of Charles I. (1625), as the debt to him for his tapestry works was then £6000, he procured a pension of £1000 a year. In the survey made by order of the Parliament, the tapestry house is described as containing one room 82 feet in length, with 12 looms; another half as long with six looms, and a great room called the limning room. In 1623, Prince Charles wrote to his council from Madrid requesting that a suit then making for him by Sir Francis Crane representing the 12 months should be finished before his return.

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THE TRIUMPHS OF YOUTH.

If of late we have been glorifying the achievements of old age, it does not follow we have not just as keen an appreciation of the victories of youth. Disraeli claimed that "everything that is great has been done by youth." He enumerates very notable examples. The greatest captains of ancient and modern times, both conquered Italy at 25; but Wellington defeated the greater of the two. At the same age, Don John of Austria won Lepanto. John de Medici was Cardinal at 15. Gaston de Foix was 22 when he stood victor on the plain of Ravenna, and Cortes was little more than 30 when he gazed on the golden cupola of Mexico. Pitt was Chancellor of the Exchequer at 23. Shelley wrote "Queen Mab" at 20, and at 30, the career of Keats was ended, and he had achieved an undying fame. Lord Salisbury was M.P. at 23. At 27 Earl Roberts had won the Victoria Cross in the Indian Mutiny, and Lord Kitchener was second in command of the Egyptian Cavalry at 23. Some painters have been artists almost from their childhood. Sir John Millais won the medal of the Society of Arts at nine, and exhibited his first picture at the Royal Academy at 17, the ambitious subject being "Pizarro seizing the Inca of Peru." There have also been boy scientists. At 21 Darwin was selected as the naturalist to accompany the second surveying expedition of H.M.S. Beagle in the Southern Seas. At 22 Sir Joseph Hooker went out to study the botany of the Polar regions, with Sir John Ross, in the Erebus. The triumphs of youth is a tempting theme on which to enlarge.

GENERAL NOTES.

For his autumn tour Mr. F. H. Macklin is preparing a revival of "The Duke's Motto," with himself in the part of Lagardère, identified in the past with Fechter, and Miss Blanche Henri as the Duchess, at the Lyceum.

Mr. Martin Harvey, owing to the renewed popularity of "The Only Way," has decided to postpone the production of "Through the Waters," the new play written for him by Mr. Freeman Wills, until the autumn.

Mr. Greet will give a series of 24 Pastoral Plays at the Botanic Gardens, beginning the 11th instant.

Miss Edna May will be in the next production at the Duke of York's Theatre—"Three Little Girls."

Craft Masonry.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. H. EAST.

The brethren of the above lodge, to the number of about 100, assembled at the Freemasons' Temple, Dover, on the 3rd instant, to witness the installation of the W.M., Bro. W. H. East (Headmaster of the Municipal School of Art), who was already a Past Master of the lodge. Visitors attended from all parts of Kent.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. F. G. Hayward, P.M., Bro. E. Fielding, P.M., acting as Master of the Ceremonies, Bro. the Rev. E. G. L. Mowbray, M.A., as Chaplain, and Bro. F. A. Clarke as Organist. The installation work was admirably done, and the brethren saluted the newly-installed Master, who then invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. V. Simmons, I.P.M.; John Smith, S.W.; E. W. T. Farley, J.W.; Rev. E. G. L. Mowbray, M.A., Chap.; E. Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Treas.; J. D. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; F. H. Licence, S.D.; J. Chambers, J.D.; E. C. Fielding, P.M., D.C.; F. A. Clarke, Org.; J. Parsons, I.G.; W. J. George and T. Bushell, Stwds.; and W. Wynn, Tyler.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. J. Shires, W.M.; J. W. Hainsworth, I.P.M.; C. Reasbeck, S.W.; J. Denison, J.W.; A. W. Fretwell, Chap.; G. Smith, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; J. Hurst, S.D.; F. King, J.D.; J. Charles, I.G.; F. Duff, Org.; W. H. Ord and J. W. Deighton, Stwds.; J. Marsdin, Tyler; T. W. Turner, P.M.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., and T. Barber, P.M., of 2259.

Mr. T. Charles was initiated by the W.M., who was ably assisted by Bros. Fretwell, Turner, and Reasbeck. Bro. Reasbeck, on behalf of all below the rank of P.M., presented to Bro. A. W. Fretwell a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in acknowledgment of the work he had done for the lodge. Bro. Fretwell feelingly acknowledged the compliment and token of esteem. The P.G. Lodge conferred honours upon him, the Past Masters presented him with his clothing, and now the junior officers and brethren had presented him with the jewel—thus making this fraternal acknowledgment of work complete.

The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshment in the ante-room. The jewel was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, London.

Star Lodge, No. 1275.

At the regular meeting of the above lodge, held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Friday, the 7th instant, Bro. Thos. Bore, W.M., in the chair, a vote of congratulation was unanimously passed to Bro. William Kipps, P.M., upon his appointment as Asst. G. Pursuivant, and he was at the same time presented with a complete set of clothing for the office, as a mark of sincere regard and esteem from the brethren. This is the first Grand Lodge collar that has been awarded to any brother of the Star Lodge, although it numbers amongst its members many ardent Masons, and many liberal supporters of the Charities. Bro. Kipps is a Life Governor of all the Charities, and an indefatigable member of the Board of Benevolence.

Campbell Lodge, No. 1415.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. G. E. LEWIS, P.P.G.R.

A meeting was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 8th instant. The officers present were Bros. R. Finlayson, W.M.; M. V. Cassal, S.W.; A. Slee, J.W.; G. E. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; F. W. Levander, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; T. Whittingham, S.D.; L. H. Woods, I.G.; and a goodly muster of other brethren.

The lodge was opened, when two candidates, having been balloted for and unanimously elected, were duly initiated by the W.M. Some discussion took place as to a proposed alteration in the dates of meeting, after which the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing 12 months was proceeded with. The result of the ballot for W.M. was the election of Bro. M. V. Cassal, S.W., and of that for Treasurer the re-election of Bro. G. E. Lewis. Bro. J. Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler, was re-elected Tyler.

The W.M., addressing Bro. Lewis, said that one of the most pleasant duties of his year of office was to convey to him the hearty congratulations of the members of the lodge and also his own best wishes for his future happiness, in connection with that event which had occurred at about the time of their last meeting. (The W.M. alluded to Bro. Lewis's marriage.) He had also to make a substantial addition to those wishes, and ask him to accept the chiming-clock which stood before him. The W.M. said he hoped its face would always remind Bro. Lewis of the many hours he had spent in the Campbell Lodge; that its works would prove as efficient as those of any individual member of the lodge would be on his behalf; that the hands would not fail him at the critical moment when he was in a hurry to catch a train—neither going too quickly so as to try his endurance by causing him to wait for his train, nor too slowly, and thereby causing him to miss it. I say once more, continued the W.M., you have the sincerest wishes of the Master of the Campbell Lodge, and, I am sure, of every brother in it.

Bro. Lewis, to whom the matter came as a surprise, said: I really do not know what to say, Worshipful Master, to thank you and the brethren all, not only for the good wishes that I have always felt I had of every one of the members of this lodge, but also for this very handsome present. One does not like to mix the material with the sentimental element, but I cannot help expressing my astonishment that such lavish kindness should have been shown me. If my thanks appear less than what I feel I really ought to express I hope you will put it down to my being taken so much by surprise at your kind thoughtfulness. That clock will always stand on my mantel piece; and, believe me, I shall not need to read the words on the inscription plate to be reminded of the kindly feeling of the brethren towards me.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on the 5th instant. Present: Bros. J. Hirst, acting W.M.; T. W. Turner, acting I.P.M.; G. Eland, S.W.; B. Maskell, J.W.; J. Constable, Treas.; E. Donkin, Sec.; T. R. R. Marsdin, J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; Theo. Barber, D.C.; J. Acaster, I.G.; E. Shillito, F. Turner, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Wilson, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; A. W. Fretwell, P.G.S.B.; T. W. Turner, P.M.; and W. H. Ord, Stwd., all of 242.

The visit of the D.P.G.M. had been looked forward to with interest, but unfortunately circumstances prevented a large attendance. Bro. Wilson gave a most

interesting address on the beauties and true meaning of Masonry, which was listened to with marked attention.

After lodge the brethren adjourned to the club room, where a good Yorkshire supper was provided, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and harmony were indulged in, the Deputy's health was heartily given, in reply to which he made another one of his eloquent and interesting speeches.

Rahere Lodge, No. 2546.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. P. S. ABRAHAM, M.D.

The annual installation ceremony of the above lodge was held in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Tuesday, the 11th instant. Bro. W. Gripper, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Sir Borradaile Savory, G. Chap.; Godson, P.M.; D'Arcy Power, P.M.; Burns, P.M.; Cooper, P.M.; and Wadham, P.M. There was a large number of visitors present, including the following P.M.s: Bros. Williams, 206; Dyer, 2744; White, 414; Turner, P.G. Chap.; Ross, P.P.J.G.W. Hants; Hawkins, 2043; Scoresby-Jackson, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Palmer 46; Pearce, 181; Marshall, 69; Barrett, Burney, 140; Kiallmark, P.G.D.; Collins, P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and routine business transacted, a ballot was taken for Mr. Sydney R. Scott, M.B. Lond., of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and the ballot proving favourable, the candidate was initiated by the W.M. Bros. Cross, Waring, and Robinson were elected members of the standing Committee for the ensuing year, and a petition was presented by Bro. Williams, of No. 206, concerning the proposed formation of a lodge in connection with St. Thomas's Hospital. The retiring W.M., Bro. Gripper, was presented with an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the lodge during his tenure of the chair, a compliment to which he suitably replied. A resolution was carried, on the motion of Bro. West, that a grant of 25 guineas be made to the British Medical Benevolent Fund. Bro. Phineas S. Abraham, M.D., was then installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, the ceremony of installation being most impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Gripper. The newly-installed Master invested the following to act as his officers during the ensuing year: Bros. Walter Gripper, M.D., P.P.G.D. Surrey, I.P.M.; G. H. R. Holden, M.D., S.W.; Ernest Clarke, F.R.C.S. Eng., P.M., I.W.; Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., S.G. Chap.; Clement Godson, M.D., P.G.D., Treas.; D'Arcy Power, F.R.C.S. Eng., P.G.D., Sec.; C. B. Lockwood, F.R.C.S. Eng., P.M., Director of Ceremonies; Haig Brodie, M.D., P.P.G.D. Surrey, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; J. H. Gilbertson, P.P.G.D. Herts, S.D.; Howard Marsh, F.R.C.S. England, J.D.; Alexander J. R. Foulerton, F.R.C.S. Eng., I.G.; G. H. Robinson, Mus. Bac., Org.; and H. D. Laughlan M. J. Anderson, John Valérie, and J. Herbert Menzies, Stwds. The Auditors' report was received, showing that a sum of about £50 had been expended on Masonic Charities during the past year; the bank balance being £129 4s. 2d., and the capital account showing that £500 worth of India Stock at three per cent. had been purchased in the name of the trustees. It may also be mentioned here that the lodge membership is at present 150 strong, the total membership since its consecration, including deaths and removals, being 171.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren availed themselves of the convenient "tube" service to proceed to the Restaurant Frascati, in Oxford-street, where an excellent banquet had been prepared.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The King and the Craft," referred to the fact that his Majesty had consecrated the lodge six years ago.

The customary Masonic toasts were likewise honoured, Bros. Turner, P.G. Chap., and Kiallmark, P.G.D., responding on behalf of "The Grand Officers," those belonging to the lodge, viz., the Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary, and the first and second Worshipful Masters of the lodge, being passed over in favour of the guests above named.

Bro. Gripper, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the evening—that of "The Worshipful Master"—paid a tribute to the excellence of the Masters who had preceded himself, and assured the brethren that their present W.M. would be like unto them, for he had been one of the most regular attendants of the lodge, and had worked up from J.D. to his present position. His election, he was sure, would be to the benefit of the lodge, for he was one well skilled in the charges, regulations, and landmarks of the Order.

The W.M., who was received with loud and prolonged applause, expressed his sense of the responsibility that devolved upon him in following so many excellent Masters, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the I.P.M."

Bro. Gripper, I.P.M., in reply, said he had to thank the brethren not only for the handsome jewel they had given him, but also for having spent one of the proudest and happiest years of his life while in the chair.

The toast of "The Initiate" was also enthusiastically received.

Bro. Scott, in reply, stated that it had been his ambition to become a Mason ever since his Majesty had consecrated the lodge.

Bro. Godson, the first Master of the lodge responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," this speaker also referring with pride to the fact that his Majesty had consecrated the Rahere Lodge, the Crown Prince of Denmark, Earl Roberts, and the late Earl of Lathom being among the many distinguished visitors then present.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Williams, P.M., and Palmer, P.M., and that of "The Officers of the Lodge" by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Sir B. Savory, Bart., Bros. Holden, S.W., and Power, Sec.

During the evening the brethren were entertained by vocal and instrumental selections by Bros. Curtice Pounds, F. Clive, Barrett, Burns, and J. Valerie.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

COLONEL JOHN DAVIS, A.D.C.,
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June, 1901.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial
Grand Lodge will be held at THE COUNTY AND BOROUGH
HALLS, GUILDFORD, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of JUNE,
1901, at 4.15 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES T. TYLER, P.M.,

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BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To read the Minutes of the last two P.G. Lodges.

To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.

To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.

To receive the Report of the Charity Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.

General Business.

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June, 1901.

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To call over the Chapters in the Province.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire will be held under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Dep. Grand Mark Master England, Prov. G.M.M., at the Hotel Victoria, New Brighton, on Saturday, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m. The business will be of the usual character, and when Prov. Grand Lodge has been closed, the brethren will adjourn to high tea, tickets for which, at 2s. 6d. each, should be obtained as early as possible from Bro. J. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Oriel Chambers, 14, Water-street, Liverpool.

Our readers will have heard with sincere regret of the death of two prominent and respected members of the Craft, Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire, and Bro. Sir Walter Besant, Founder and Treasurer of the well-known Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. Both had been in ill-health for some time, and in both cases the fatal end came somewhat suddenly, in the one case on Sunday, the 9th, and in the other on Monday, the 10th instant, there being hosts of friends to lament the loss the country has sustained by the death of these English worthies.

Lord Wantage, who was born 18th April, 1832, received his first commission as Ensign and Lieutenant in the Scots Fusilier Guards in 1850, being then Mr. R. J. Lind-ay. He served throughout the whole of the campaign in the Crimea, and for his conspicuous gallantry at the battles of the Alma and of Inkerman

was awarded the Victoria Cross. In 1858 he married the only daughter of Lord Overstone—better known to the public as Mr. Jones-Lloyd, the banker. Subsequently he became Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire, and having served as S.G. Warden of England in 1891, was in 1898 chosen to fill the office of Prov. G. Master of Berkshire, which had remained vacant since the death of the lamented Duke of Clarence and Avondale in January, 1892. The brief period in which he had ruled the Province had not afforded him many opportunities of winning distinction in Masonry, as he had previously done in the Army, the Volunteers, and the political world, but he had done much towards strengthening and bringing closer the relations between himself and the lodges and brethren under his charge, and was very greatly respected by the latter, to whom we tender our sympathy in thus, for the second time within a few years, being deprived of their chief.

Bro. Sir Walter Besant was a younger man by some half-dozen years than Lord Wantage, but he had won fame in the world of literature as his lordship had done as a soldier, politician, and county magnate. In collaboration with the late Mr. James Rice, he wrote a number of novels, beginning with "Ready Money Mortiboy," and concluding with the most successful of the series, "The Golden Butterfly." But it was not only as a successful novelist that Sir Walter was known. He had written much and ably about the history of London, and it was but in our issue of the 1st instant that we had the pleasure of calling the attention of our readers to the merits of one section of his history of our huge Metropolis, namely, his "East London." As a Mason Sir Walter Besant was a P.M. of the Marquis of Dalhousie, No. 1159, but he will be best remembered as a founder and Treasurer of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which has thus had the misfortune to lose within the space of a few weeks two of its most important officers, namely, Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., its first and only Secretary, who died a few days before the stated lodge meeting in May, and now Bro. Sir W. Besant, M.A., F.S.A., its first and only Treasurer.

On the very day that these two prominent Masons died there passed away another public personage in Mr. Robert Buchanan, who, as far as we know, was not a member of our Society, but who had, undoubtedly, made his mark as a literary man of no mean order of merit. Mr. Buchanan was both a poet and prose writer, and had also written much for the stage, but during his later years he won fame as a controversialist and in connection with the Press. In all the various fields of literary labour on which he embarked, Mr. Buchanan was a prolific writer; and if he had not always the sympathy of his contemporaries, he undoubtedly enjoyed a large measure of their respect.

We are pleased to state that Miss M. J. Reep, only daughter of Bro. John Robertson Reep, M.B.G.P., &c., passed first class with honours at the Tripos Examination Girton College, Cambridge University. The news was embodied in the University note of Tuesday last, the 11th instant.

It is a great misfortune that anything should occur which is calculated to delay the erection of the new School buildings at Bushey, and our readers will regret to hear that early on Monday morning a fire broke out in those buildings, by which, according to the accounts we have seen, one of the wings is said to have been "completely gutted." It is difficult to determine the extent of the damage that has been done to a building that is in course of being erected unless you know what progress had been made with its erection. We trust, however, that efforts will be made to prevent any delay in the removal beyond the time mentioned at a recent Quarterly Court.

There seems to be just now a sort of rage—on a necessarily restricted scale—for the formation of Hospital lodges in the Metropolitan district. It is not so very long since we chronicled the consecration of the Middlesex Hospital Lodge, and on Friday, the 7th instant, it appears to have been the turn of the Charing Cross Hospital, in connection with which the Chère Reine was consecrated by the Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Robert Grey and other Grand Officers. The new lodge starts under the presidency, as W. Master, of Bro. the Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A., a Past G. Deacon of England and P.M. of that famous old Time Immemorial lodge—the Royal Somerset House

and Inverness, No. 4; and with so experienced a brother to bring it into good working order, and Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W., as Treasurer to look after its monetary affairs, La Chère Reine Lodge, No. 2853, will, no doubt, prove a success. It certainly has our sincerest good wishes for a long and useful career.

The title of the new lodge—Chère Reine—does not at first sight suggest any connection with an hospital. But light was thrown upon the point both by the Grand Chaplain in his oration, and by the W.M. in his speech in acknowledging the toast of his health. According to the former *Charing* is derived—though, as he was careful to point out, it is the less probable, if the prettier, of the two derivations he cited—from Chère Reine Eleanor, Queen of Edward I., who died at Lincoln in 1290, and whose body was brought to London for interment, a cross being erected by the King to mark each of the nine places at which the corpse rested—Chère Reine Cross being one of the nine. Thus the Chère Reine Lodge may be designated as a memorial of the "dear Queen" Eleanor, while the W. Master added that it was intended to serve as a memorial of La Chère Reine Victoria, who died at the beginning of this year, as well as of La Chère Reine Eleanor who died over six centuries ago.

It is to be regretted that his military duties in connection with the Warwickshire Yeomanry and the state of his health did not permit of the Earl of Warwick being present at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Essex. Though the proportion of Mark Master Masons to the Craft Master Masons is small, the reports for the past year that were presented in lodge were of a very encouraging character. There had been an increase in the aggregate membership, and the eight lodges now average 25 M.M.M.'s per lodge. Moreover the audited statement of account showed a fair balance to the good. Thus had his lordship been able to attend he would have had good reason to be pleased with the progress that had been made during the year. We trust that the advice of Bro. Colonel Lockwood, M.P., Deputy P.G.M.M., will be followed, and that, as the years go on, the number of Mark Master Masons in Essex will be greatly augmented.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. T. W. C. Winkfield P.A.G.D.C. There was a fair attendance, and the business on the agenda was carried out, the most noticeable of the proceedings being a resolution for the retirement on a pension of Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., Collector of the Institution.

The recent annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire at Dursley under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., appears to have been a great success and the reports that were presented show that during the past year the Province has fared exceptionally well, there being a larger balance than in previous years at the close of the account. Our Gloucestershire brethren take a great interest in the restoration of old ecclesiastical edifices, and it is evident from the report of the Tewkesbury Abbey Restoration Committee that the work is progressing satisfactorily and is being well supported by them. It was announced that owing to failing eyesight, Bro. W. Window, the respected Provincial Grand Tyler—who has served as Tyler of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge, for the long period of 36 years—had resigned his office, and Prov. Grand Lodge voted the sum of 10 guineas towards the fund that is being raised for the purpose of presenting him with a testimonial, the Prov. Grand Master paying Bro. Window the compliment of remarking that "there was no keener Mason in the Province." The officers for the ensuing year were subsequently appointed, and the brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of their chief.

The motion for considering "the present mode of electing the Grand Treasurer," of which Bro. T. J. Hutchinson, P.M., No. 1392, had given notice, was not brought forward owing to that brother's inability to be present but we are pleased to hear that the subject has already been referred to a Sub-Committee of the Board of General Purposes, who had not yet handed in their report.

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In that Grand Temple far beyond the skies,
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Here, we Prepare for this Grand Lodge of All,
And toil below in Faith and Hope and Love,
Watching and waiting for the Master's call—
The summons issued from the realms above.
For the Most High would have His Home complete,
He needs the best of bravest workers here;
And Lo, a voice came from the Mercy-Seat
Heard by Sir Walter on this earthly sphere:
"Come unto Me, O you who've laboured well,
And in the Light Divine now and for ever dwell!"

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

Bradford,
June 10th, 1901.

Craft Masonry.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.

The 142nd meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th instant, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. The W.M., Bro. E. C. St. Aubyn, Bro. E. C. Wise, P.M., S.W., and Bro. Dowling, J.W., were present, together with the Deacons and many Past Masters and members of the lodge. The visitors on this occasion were Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M. 1767; H. T. Town, 2128; and Taylor, 2399.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Jean Amedeé Raoul Duchon Doris was passed to the Degree of F.C. by his friend, Bro. Henri Saunion, P.M. On the motion of Bro. J. Beresford-Ryley, P.M., the following was resolved: "That when the lodge has voted a sum for the benefit of any Charity, and that such sum should be placed on the list of a brother acting as Steward attending any Charity Festival, the votes awarded in consideration of such grant should be used for the benefit of the lodge, and not be considered as the private property of such Steward." Bro. J. Beresford-Ryley, P.M., was congratulated by the lodge at having had the high honour of being elected No. 4 on the list for the Board of General Purposes at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the evening being enlivened by excellent songs and recitations from Bros. Town, Anning, Tallack, and others.

Seven Kings' Lodge, No. 2749.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. H. L. PRIDMORE.

The second annual festival of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Romford, on the 8th instant, when a goodly gathering of brethren, which included Grand and Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, and many visiting brethren from London and the Province of Essex, numbering between 70 and 80, supported the W.M., Bro. Chas. R. Allen, at the opening of the lodge.

The usual formalities having been complied with, Bro. H. L. Pridmore was presented as the W.M. elect, and installed as W.M. of the lodge by the retiring W.M. The new W.M., Bro. Pridmore, then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Clark Allen, P.M. 1716, I.P.M.; R. J. Hatfield, S.W.; E. F. Gillard, J.W.; the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking, D.D., P.G. Chap. Eng.; Chap.: Herbert Gilbey, Treas.; H. J. Chatterton, Sec.; G. M. E. L. Verlyck, S.D.; J. J. L. Linton, J.D.; J. H. Stewart, I.G.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1421, D.C.; Malcolm Johnston, Org.; C. H. Creech, W. H. Everett, J. C. Stone, and D. G. Kerr, Stwds.; and T. Williams, Tyler. The investiture, which was admirably carried out, being completed, the installing Master delivered the three addresses, after which the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a Past Master's collar with silver jewel attached, and also as a further mark of esteem and appreciation of his services as Master with a handsome gold jewel. Bro. Allen suitably acknowledged the gift. The report of the Audit Committee was then submitted, which proved that careful vigilance had been exercised over the finances consistently with a study of the comfort of the brethren, and notwithstanding the great expenditure incurred by the purchase of the handsome furniture and regalia of the lodge, with donations of 10 guineas each to two Masonic Charities, a substantial balance was carried forward to the ensuing year.

A very pleasing incident of the evening was the unexpected presentation to the lodge of three very handsome chairs for the W.M., S.W., and J.W., respectively, by Bro. R. J. Hatfield, S.W., who has once more given evidence of his generous and kindly disposition by unsolicited presentations both to the lodge and the lodge of instruction.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in a manner characteristic of the hotel and its genial proprietor, Bro. J. W. Joyce, and which also elicited favourable comments from those who partook of the generous fare provided.

The Bishop of Barking, P.G.C., and Chaplain of the lodge, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," referred, in the course of a very able and effective speech, to the great progress the lodge had made since he assisted the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G.M., in the consecration thereof two years ago, and trusted that, as the lodge

had acquired a good reputation, the same would be maintained by a due regard for quality rather than a desire for quantity. That also applied to Freemasonry in general.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant meeting to a conclusion.

The speeches were interspersed with a capital programme of music under the direction of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. H. J. Chatterton, songs being rendered by Miss Edith Kingsford, Mr. M. E. Moloney, and Bros. Vanstone Datlow and Harry Hawkes. Mr. F. F. Studd gave an amusing ventriloquial entertainment, and Miss Leila Rawson gave a selection very effectively on the violin.

Instruction.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A meeting was held on the 30th ult. at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. Justin Allen, P.M., W.M.; F. M. Ridley, S.W.; C. E. Dowling, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; Fred Lackman, P.M., Treas.; A. H. A. Bridger, Sec.; Strother, S.D.; H. Wilcox, J.D.; Newman, I.G.; Humble, Stwd.; F. Styles, P.M.; H. T. Johnson, W.M.; Harrison, le Seuer, and St. Aubyn.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Ridley being W.M. elect, and Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., acting as D. of C. The Preceptor, Bro. R. H. Williams, then worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on the 31st ult. at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. J. Bailey, P.Z. 1602, M.E.Z.; A. F. Hardymont, J. 1489, H.; E. Lloyd, H. 890, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; W. J. Lewis, N. 890, P.S. 173; Scribe N.; H. Foskett, M.E.Z. 185 and 890, Treas.; F. Marchant, P.S. 890, P.S.; W. Smith-Rose, 1st A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; R. N. Larter, H. 186; H. J. Dunaway, 59; E. Stevens, 733; A. L. Butters, J. 890; W. Hallett, 733; and J. M. Huish, H. 185.

The chapter having been opened, the companions were admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dunaway being the candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Hardymont for the manner he had rehearsed the duties of Second Principal, which compliment was duly acknowledged. A communication re the election of Bro. Capt. Barlow as Grand Treasurer was read, and met with much approval. It was arranged that the annual supper take place on the 21st instant. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks, Comp. Bailey, M.E.Z. After "Hearty good wishes" had been accorded the chapter was closed.

Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave, No. 1.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. N. BROKESHIRE, P.G.C.

At a meeting of the above conclave, held at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday evening, the 6th instant, there were present R.W. Bros. John Robertson Reep, P.G.V., S.R.; W. J. Spratling, G.R.; J. J. Pakes, P.G.V.; V.W. Bro. N. Brokenshire, P.G.C., Sec.; W. Bro. Thomas Sheppard, P.G. Std., S.R. elect; Bros. Robert Roy, T. F. Noakes, Org.; J. Alford Clarke, C. Lee, C. Letch Mason (Leeds), and others. Visitors: V.W. Bros. L. M. Biden, P.G.C., and A. W. Chapman, S.R. elect S, and P.G.C.

The conclave was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After some formal business was gone through, R.W. Bro. J. R. Reep, S.R., rose, and, addressing the conclave, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting for the acceptance of Bro. Brokenshire a service of plate and a salver, bearing an inscription, to mark the event. It would be known to all the brethren of the conclave that Bro. Brokenshire had served that conclave well and faithfully as Secretary for some years past, and had in a particular way identified himself with the Order of the Secret Monitor. The brethren feeling that had, at the previous meeting, subscribed the necessary funds for the testimonial. Bro. Reep then uncovered and presented the plate, and at the same time placed in the hands of Bro. Brokenshire a purse, together with a list of the subscribers. The salver was thus engraved: "Presented to Bro. N. Brokenshire by the brethren of the Premier Conclave, No. 1, O.S.M., in recognition of his services when acting as Secretary of the conclave during a number of years. June, 1901." Bro. Brokenshire thanked the S.R. and brethren for the very handsome present they had made him, and also thanked the S.R. for the exceedingly kind way in which he had made the presentation and for the good wishes he had expressed towards him. Bro. Brokenshire said that the ritual of the Order was founded upon the friendship which existed between David and Jonathan, a friendship which was formed on the battle field and continued until Jonathan's death, and to understand the sincerity of such friendship one had only to read the lamentation of David over Jonathan in the first chapter of the 11. Samuel, so had he from the time he was inducted into the Order, some 13 years ago, found on the battlefield of life not one friend only, but many true friends, evidence of which was tangibly shown by the testimonial he had just received. Bro. Brokenshire expressed a hope that he might be spared to remain with them for some years to come, to carry out the duties of Secretary or any other duties he might be asked to perform, and that when for him the shadows of this transitory life have faded into the realities of the life to come, his children would look upon this present with pride and always

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THE 103RD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD AT THE

CRYSTAL PALACE SYDENHAM, S.E., on WEDNESDAY, at Six o'clock, 26th JUNE, 1901,

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENCY OF

The Right Hon. W. W. BRAMSTON BEACH, M.P.

(Prov. G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight), Trustee of the Institution.

The Services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

The Brethren and Ladies will dine together at the same tables, à la table d'hôte.

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Brethren 25/- Ladies 20/-

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remember the friendship which existed between the brethren and himself. The conclave was opened in the Second Degree, when R.W. Bro. W. J. Spratling occupied the chair, and admitted to this Degree Bros. T. F. Noakes, Robert Roy, and Charles Letch Mason. The assembly of Princes was then closed. W. Bro. Thomas Sheppard, P.G. Stwd., and S.R. elect, was then presented and regularly installed into the chair by R.W. Bro. J. J. Pakes. The S.R. appointed and invested his officers in the Second Degree as follows: W. Bros. Robert Roy, A.; F. W. Kendall, A.; F. J. C. Loder, E.; and J. Lusty, S. The S.R. also appointed and invested his officers in the First Degree as follows: W. Bros. Robert Roy, C.; F. W. Kendall, G.; R.W. Bro. J. Tickle, P.G.T., Asst. D.R.O., Treas.; V.W. Bro. N. Brokenshire, P.G.C., Sec.; W. Bro. F. J. C. Loder, 1st V.D.; V.W. Bro. J. Lusty, 2nd V.D.; V.W. Bro. J. Kay, 3rd V.D.; W. Bros. F. E. Hughes, 4th V.D.; T. F. Noakes, Org.; J. Alford Clarke, Gdr.; and Bro. J. W. Freeman, Sentinel. The addresses to the brethren were very impressively given by R.W. Bro. J. J. Pakes. The S.R., in presenting to R.W. Bro. J. R. Reep a handsome P.S.R.'s jewel, said that it gave him very much pleasure in doing so on behalf of the conclave, as a mark of appreciation for the services he had rendered to the conclave, and of the estimation in which he was held by the brethren, and he hoped that he might live many years to wear it in the conclave. R.W. Bro. J. R. Reep suitably acknowledged the presentation.

The conclave was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they enjoyed a magnificent banquet, and during the usual toasts a programme of music arranged by Bro. T. F. Noakes, Org., was admirably gone through, the artists being Bros. Fred W. Stephens and Louis Breeze, and Miss Ada Hunt Smith. The latter's sweet voice was much appreciated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual gathering in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Town Hall, Dover, on Wednesday, the 12th instant. M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Pro G.M. of England, and G. Master of the Province of Kent since the year 1860, presided, and was supported by the leading Provincial Grand Officers, there being a very large attendance of brethren and visitors, numbering altogether between two and three hundred.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, and the chiefs of the province saluted in due form, the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were received, Bro. William Russell being then re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bro. RUSSELL suitably expressed his appreciation of the renewed confidence reposed in him by the brethren.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were then appointed for the ensuing year:

Bro. James S. Eastes, P.G.D.	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" W. H. East, P.M. and W.M. 199...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Major V. H. Stallon, P.M. 158	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. S. P. H. Statham, B.A., P.M. 2195	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Lawrence Fry, M.A., P.M. 2499	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Russell, P.M. 77, P.A.G.D.C....	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Spencer, P.M. 1063, P.G.S.B. ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. J. S. Layton, P.M. 2530	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Col. Frigout, P.M. 2041	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Beauchamp Wadmore, P.M. 1678...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. F. Whyman, P.M. 1050	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. H. Mount, P.M. 31...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" W. Burfoot, P.M. 1223...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" D. T. J. Lyle, P.M. 1063	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. D. Webb, P.M. 1314	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. D. Ingall, P.M. 1837	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Walter Hope, P.M. 503	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" Nicholas Grunwell, P.M. 2200	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Robert Dann, P.M. 125	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" Robert J. Pugh, P.M. 2147	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" George Edgar Tournay, P.M. 972...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Edward Wilfred Barclay, P.M. 1208	...	
" James W. Nash, P.M. 1050	...	
" Henry Smith Syer, P.M. 829	...	
" George A. Burrell, P.M. 1424	...	
" Isaiah Turton, P.M. 615	...	
" John W. Farmery, P.M. 1449	...	
" Samuel R. Macartney, P.M. 1464	...	
" Walter Louis Seyfang, P.M. 1725...	...	
" John Barnwell, P.M. 2099	...	
" H. M. Kingsland, P.M. 2660	...	
" W. Austin, 1670	...	

On the motion of the M.W. Prov. G.M., Earl AMHERST, Pro G.M., one grant of £10 and six grants of £15 each were voted, and, in accordance with the recommendations of the Charities Commission, adopted at the preparatory meeting.

Bro. W. RUSSELL, P.G. Treas., proposed that a Perpetual Presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls be purchased for 1550 guineas, and that it be named the Earl Amherst Presentation. The brethren were, he said, well acquainted with the large scheme the province had had in view for some time past, and which had its completion in the proposition he had just made. It was indeed pleasing for the province to have succeeded in placing the top-stone on a project undertaken originally to mark the appreciation they entertained for their beloved Prov. Grand Master.

The DEP. PROV. G.M., in seconding the proposition, referred to the great success of the recent Girls' School Festival under the presidency of their beloved Prov. Grand Master, whom they trusted would survive to preside over the province for many years to come.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Earl AMHERST then announced that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, W.M. designate, had been pleased to allow the Kentish Charities Stewards to wear their badges in connection with the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls as long as they continue to be subscribing members of a Kentish lodge, in recognition of the record contribution made by the brethren of the province.

The Prov. Grand Lodge then adjourned to permit of the brethren attending Divine Service at the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The use of the church for the occasion was kindly permitted by the Rev. Canon H. Bartram, M.A., and service was conducted, and a sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain.

On Prov. Grand Lodge being resumed, votes of thanks were accorded to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Town Hall; to Canon

Bartram for the use of the Parish Church; and to the Prov. G. Chaplain for his excellent sermon.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently sat down to the annual banquet held in connection with the Grand Lodge, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the "fires," however, being omitted in consequence of the presence of a number of ladies in the galleries of the banquet hall.

The PROV. S.G.W., in proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, the M.W. the Prov. G. Master," declared that his powers of speech were inadequate to express the feelings of English Masons, and particularly those of the Province of Kent, towards Earl Amherst. He could say many flattering things of his lordship were he not present, which, in his presence, might be somewhat out of place. It was said that when the ears of a person tingled he was being talked about, and if that was the case, the Earl's ears must often burn in consequence of the way his praises were continually sung by his brethren of Kent. The speaker concluded by praising the way in which Earl Amherst carried out his multifarious Masonic duties.

M.W. Bro. Earl AMHERST, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, commenced by thanking the Prov. S.G.W. for omitting to say all the nice things to his face he was prepared to say behind his back. It was certainly better to have nice things said of him in his absence than the reverse. He had been privileged to reply to that toast for many years past, and he should have felt he did not deserve the thanks he had received on so many occasions had he not striven to make the Province of Kent what it was—one of the best, as regards Masonry, in the kingdom; and he felt it had been well worth his while to give time and trouble to attain such a result, especially since his endeavours had been so cordially backed up by the brethren of the province. They had made an effort whereby they had achieved a result on behalf of the Charities no province had ever equalled. He was particularly gratified the Grand Master had acceded to his request to recognise the success by allowing the Kentish Stewards to wear their badges as long as they remained members of Kentish lodges. It was an honour only twice before accorded in connection with the Charities—on the occasion of the Centenaries of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions. They could not have expected to rival the totals received on either of those occasions, but they had done their best, and, although Kent was by no means the most important province of England, they had succeeded in surpassing all previous efforts. On ordinary occasions the Stewards' jewels were probably passed over to the ladies as brooches or other ornaments, but on this occasion they would continue to adorn the manly breasts of the men of Kent. Generally he might say that Freemasonry had gone on with the usual prosperity of the Province of Kent. They had not consecrated any new lodges in the past year, and only one new chapter, but they had done so much in extending the Order during the last 25 years that he felt there was little more to accomplish without treading on the ground covered by the existing lodges, and that he would never agree to. He felt that not once in his time had a new lodge been created likely to interfere with older ones, rather the new ones had added to the prosperity of the older ones and advanced the practice of Freemasonry generally. They had to maintain their prestige in Kent—a high and lofty one—and he could but ask them to keep Kent where she was—the admiration of the provinces of England. They heard no sounds of dissension such as were heard in some parts, and he hoped the same spirit would always prevail among them, so that they might always be found in the spirit of the proud motto on their jewel—Invicta. At the end of his 40 years' Mastership he was told that the brethren desired to offer him a testimonial. He replied no better compliment could be paid him than a bumper Festival for the Institution he had promised to preside over. The brethren of his province gave him that support, and for that and all the support they had rendered him in the past he desired to tender his very hearty thanks to his good brethren of Kent.

Earl AMHERST then proposed "The Health of Bro. James S. Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.," observing that since he had selected him to act as Deputy he had frequently given counsel which he (the speaker) had never regretted accepting; and the effects of which had never caused the brethren any regret.

The toasts of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The Visitors" were proposed and duly honoured.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G., who paid eloquent tribute not only to the benefits conferred on that Institution by Earl Amherst and the brethren of the Province of Kent, but also to the kindly interest taken in the Institution by the Countess Amherst, and the excellent speech made by her ladyship at the recent School Festival, which had been admired by Masons who had read the report of the speech wherever it had circulated.

The last toast was that of "The Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199," under whose banner the brethren had assembled, Earl AMHERST specially complimenting the lodge for the hospitality and splendid entertainment they had extended to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent on that occasion.

During dinner a military band rendered a well-selected programme of popular airs, and at intervals in the toast-list vocal selections were given by Madame Minnie Curtis, Miss Daisy Beyton, Bro. E. Wilford Bunbury, P.G.O.; J. Pearson, and Mr. J. E. Ward.

Obituary.

BRO. LORD WANTAGE, P.G.W.

We regret to announce that Bro. Lord Wantage died at his residence at Wantage on the 10th instant. Bro. Robert James Loyd-Lindsay, K.C.B., V.C., first Baron Wantage, was a son of the late Lieutenant-General James Lindsay, and was born on April 18, 1832. He was educated at Eton, and was formerly in the Scots Fusilier Guards. He served with distinction throughout the Crimean campaign, acting for a portion of the time as A.D.C. to the Commander-in-Chief. Besides the V.C. he received a medal with four clasps and the First Class Medjidie and Turkish medals. He was also made a Commander of the Legion of Honour. Of fine presence, every inch a soldier, the friend and patron of Volunteers, Bro. Lord Wantage's name is inseparably connected with the shooting at Wimbledon and the encouragement of our citizen soldiers. Bro. Lord Wantage had been in the course of his career Equerry to the King when Prince of Wales, Financial Secretary to the War Office, Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire, a J.P. for that county and Northamptonshire, Brigadier-General Commanding the Home Counties Infantry Volunteer Brigade, Lieut.-Colonel commanding the Honourable Artillery Company of London, and Commander of the first Volunteer Battalion of the Princess Charlotte of Wales's Regiment.

For 20 years (1865-85) he represented Berkshire in the House of Commons, his colleagues being Mr. John Walter and Mr. Richard Benyon, called by Bishop Wilberforce "a trio of as distinguished Churchmen with diverse tastes as could be met in a day's march." Bro. Lord Wantage married, in 1858, Harriet Sarah, only child of the first Lord Overstone, who was his constant and able helpmeet in the many charitable and philanthropic social undertakings of which he has been the life and soul. When Lady Wantage lent her drawing-room in London, as she so often did, for the advocacy of the East London Church Fund and other Charities, Lord Wantage was always to the fore himself, encouraging, by his presence as well as by his purse, all well-considered efforts for the good of others. Bro. Lord Wantage was a Doctor of Laws, a Fellow of the Royal Society, a Past President of the Astronomical Society, and the founder of one of the finest and best-equipped observatories in the world—that of Dunecht. He joined the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor, on the 11th July, 1860, and was exalted in the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, on the 3rd May, 1865. In 1891 he was appointed S.G. Warden, and in 1898 was chosen to fill the important position of Prov. G. Master of Berkshire, which had remained vacant ever since the death, in January, 1892, of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., the first G.M. of the newly-formed Province. He was a Life Subscriber of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRO. SIR WALTER BESANT, P.M.

Bro. Sir Walter Besant, to whose death on Sunday, the 9th instant, we refer elsewhere, was initiated in 1862 in the Mauritius Lodge of Harmony, which was warranted as No. 1163, on the 10th November, 1860, became No. 841 on the closing up of the lodges in 1863, and was erased on 17th January, 1868. In 1869 he joined the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, and was installed W.M. in 1873. In 1871 he became a founder and Hon. Secretary of the Masonic Archaeological Institute, and the following year was chosen Hon. Treasurer. He took part, as a founder, in the formation of our well-known literary lodge—Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076—and was elected and re-elected annually its Treasurer. Thus—as we point out in our Notes—No. 2076 has had the misfortune to lose within the brief space of a few weeks its first and only Secretary—the lamented Bro. G. W. Speth—and its first and only Treasurer—the subject of this brief memoir. To Sir Walter's widow and family we tender our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have suffered. On Wednesday afternoon the funeral of Bro. Sir Walter Besant took place in the presence of a large gathering of people. The first portion of the service was held in Hampstead Parish Church, and the interment was made in the burial ground attached to the church, at the end of Church-row, with which so many historic associations are identified. The Rev. Brook Deedes, Vicar of Hampstead, and the Rev. H. Williams officiated, and the service was choral, Mr. George Aitken being at the organ. The coffin, which was of unpolished oak, with brass furniture, bore the inscription, "Walter Besant, Kt. Died June 9th, 1901. Aged 64." The mourners were Lady Besant and her two daughters, Major Foster-Barham, Lady Besant's brother, Sir Walter's brothers, the Rev. F. Besant and Mr. Edgar Besant, and the latter's son and nephew, Dr. Sprigg, of the "Lancet"; Mrs. Carnegie Long, Miss L. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Digby Besant. Sir Walter's eldest brother, Dr. W. H. Besant, was too unwell to be present, and Sir Walter's two sons are serving in South Africa.

Bro. Sir Walter Besant was born at Portsmouth on August 14, 1838, and was educated at King's College, London, whence he proceeded as scholar and exhibitor to Christ's College, Cambridge, graduating as eighteenth Wrangler in 1859. In 1861 he accepted the appointment of Senior Professor at the Royal College, Mauritius, where he remained until 1867. Compelled by ill-health to resign this office, he returned to England, and in 1868 became Secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund, a post which he held for 17 years, and the duties of which directed him to a course of study which qualified him to write a "History of Jerusalem," in collaboration with the late Professor Palmer, and to become editor of the great work entitled "The Survey of Western Palestine." Before this, however, his literary impulses had already begun to show themselves, and the year after his return to England he published his first work, entitled "Studies in Early French Poetry." In 1873 he again ventured into the same field of literature with "The French Humourists," while four years later he published what is certainly by far the ablest of his critical studies, the little monograph on Rabelais, contributed by him to the series of "Ancient and Foreign Classics." Meanwhile he had embarked upon another and far more remunerative line of literary industry. In 1871 he entered into that partnership with the late Mr. James Rice, which may be described without exaggeration as memorable in English letters. In 1872, they gave the world the first-fruits in the novel of "Ready-Money Mortiboy." This was well received, the three succeeding productions of the two partners being "My Little Girl," "With Harp and Crown," and "This Son of Vulcan." In the year 1877, was published "The Golden Butterfly," and they well deserved the success it met with. "The Monks of Thelema" followed. "By Celia's Arbour," which in turn was succeeded by the "Chaplain of the Fleet." But when one more novel, "The Seamy Side," had been added to the list their companionship was broken for ever by the premature death of Mr. Rice. In 1882 our brother wrote the famous novel which contained perhaps the only dream of the creative imagination ever realised by the practical philanthropist. The "People's Palace" of actuality sprang from the beneficent vision first conceived in the brain of the author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men." The nucleus of the funds necessary for the realisation of the novelist's idea had come from a bequest of £12,500, left in 1840 by Mr. J. T. B. Beaumont, and known as the Beaumont

Trust. In 1886, thanks to the munificence of the Drapers' Company, the Royal family, the late Duke of Westminster, and many others, this fund amounted to £75,000, and the trustees drew up a scheme for the erection of a People's Palace, to include a public library and reading rooms, technical schools, summer and winter gardens, a concert hall, swimming baths, and gymnasium. The foundation stone of the "Queen's Hall" was laid on June 18th, 1886, by the then Prince of Wales, and was opened by the late Queen Victoria on May 14th 1887, her Majesty on the same occasion laying the foundation-stone of the Technical Schools. This was one of the most memorable days of a memorable year. The Queen, who was attended at the ceremony by the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duchess of Teck, the Duke of Cambridge, and other members of the Royal family, drove from Paddington Station to the Mile End-road, and, on returning, visited the Mansion House.

Some years, however, had elapsed before the fiction became fact, and in the meantime Walter Besant continued to ply his fertile pen with unremitting diligence, and with a felicity that seldom failed. "All in a Garden Fair" appeared in 1883, "Dorothy Forster" in 1884, "Uncle Jack" in 1885, "Children of Gideon" in 1886, "The World Went Very Well Then" in 1887, "For Faith and Freedom" in 1888, "The Bell of St. Paul's" in 1889, "Armored of Lyonesse" in 1890. Besant, in fact, could be counted upon, like the late Mr. James Payn down to the period of disablement, for the regular production of at least one novel a year for many years of his working life.

In 1883 he found time to write a biography of the late Professor Palmer, and to compose, a few years later, the "Eulogy" of the accomplished but too short-lived naturalist, Richard Jefferies. He had always been an enthusiastic lover of London and its antiquities, and, devoting still closer attention to the subject in later years, he may be said to have raised himself almost to the position of its recognised historian. He wrote about London, lectured about it, laboured indefatigably to spread a knowledge of its long glories and a pride in its venerable record among his fellow-citizens. With all this he was a regular contributor to at least one weekly journal of large circulation, and for years he conducted, almost single-handed, the little monthly periodical entitled "The Author," the organ of the Incorporated Society of Authors, of which Bro. Besant was the virtual founder, and of the executive committee of which he was the first chairman. It was in the columns of this periodical that he so persistently urged that claim on behalf of the man of letters to participation in official honours, which was recognised in 1895 by the bestowal of a knighthood upon himself. When, more than a year later, Sir Walter was lecturing upon his favourite theme, "London," at the Queen's Hall, Lord Rosebery, who was in the chair, paid him a handsome compliment. "It was my privilege," said his lordship, "to submit Sir Walter's name to the Queen for the honour of knighthood, and I did so for this reason. There are many men of letters in London who have distinguished themselves by the brilliancy of their works, but I doubt if there is any man in London or elsewhere whose works have produced so practical and beneficent a result as those of Sir Walter Besant. But for him the People's Palace would not, I believe, have been built, and since that time he has enriched our literature in various ways, but in no respect, in my judgment, more usefully than in those two fascinating books in which he has dealt with London and with Westminster." Yet a third volume, entitled "East London," appeared from his pen only a few months ago, equal in every respect to the two which preceded it, and his broadly planned "Survey of London" has been in preparation for many years, but its completion will now pass into other hands.

BRO. CHARLES CHAMPNEY POWELL.

We regret having to announce the death, at the early age of 41, of a distinguished West Country brother in the person of Bro. Charles Champney Powell, wine merchant, of Monmouth, and captain of K Company of the 4th V.B. South Wales Border Regiment. Bro. Powell was P.M. of the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, P.Z. of the Loyal Monmouth Chapter, No. 457, and Past G. Supt. of Works for the Province of Monmouth. He was also a member of the St. John's Mark Lodge, Abergavenny, the Ivor Hael Rose Croix Chapter, 18°, the Gwent Preceptory, and the Four Kings' Council in the Allied Degrees. The deceased was furthermore a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which is losing so heavily by death just now, and a Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities. The deceased was a brother of Mr. F. A. Powell, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., architect and surveyor, of Kennington-road, S.E.

BRO. GEORGE BARBER.

Bro. George Barber, the proprietor of the Furnival Press, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, and Furnival-street, died at his residence, Sussex Lodge, Loughborough-road, S.W., on Saturday, the 1st instant. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, was the son of Mr. James Barber, of Deal. He established the Furnival Press in 1862, and the business advanced so rapidly under his superintendence that a short time ago the present premises had to be built to accommodate it. His death, which was somewhat unexpected, was due to heart disease. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 6th instant, the remains being interred in the family vault at St. George's Church, Deal. Bro. Barber was a freeman of the Barbers' Company, a Freemason, and a member of the Surrey County Cricket Club and the Canterbury Club. He leaves a widow, four daughters, and one son, Mr. Richard Barber (who will carry on the business), his eldest son having predeceased him by six years.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, June 22, 1901.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 17.**CRaft LODGES.**

1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2549, Benevolencia, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1366, Highgate, Beale's Restaurant.

MARK LODGES.

234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.
239, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

CRaft LODGES.

1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant.
2191, Anglo-American, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
156, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1017, Montefiore, Holborn Restaurant.
1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.
433, Britannic, Mark Masons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.

Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

CRaft LODGES.

700, Nelson, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
1044, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings, Lavender-hill.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
2149, Huguenot, Criterion.
2266, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1766, St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20.

House Committee Girls' School at 4.30.

CRaft LODGES.

6, Friendship, Criterion.
1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal.
1716, All Saints', Office of Board of Works, Poplar.
2012, Navy, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
73, Mount Lebanon, Cannon-street Hotel.

CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—

1657, Aldersgate, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
MARK LODGE.

451, Bolingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRaft LODGES.

143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
975, Rose of Denmark, The Horns, Kennington.
1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
2712, Jubilee Masters, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
1511, Studholme, Cafe Royal.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22.**CRaft LODGES.**

1511, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2712, Lord Kitchener, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

BANK RATE REDUCED.—The reduction of the Bank rate on Thursday from $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (to which it was lowered only a week ago) to 3 per cent. has come as a surprise to the City.

THE ABERGELDIE shootings and fishings have been taken by his Majesty for the ensuing autumn season.

BRO. SHERIFF LAWRENCE, M.P., will preside at the summer festival of the Reedham Orphanage, Purley, on Wednesday, the 19th inst.

THE JUDGES' ANNUAL WHITEBAIT DINNER at Greenwich will not take place this year consequent on the death of Queen Victoria.

THE JUNE NUMBER of the "Anglo-Catholic," a magazine for Church people, contains an article by Bro. Canon McLarney on Clonfert Cathedral.

BRO. THOS. WM. OCKENDEN, P.M., P.P.G.D. MIDDIX, was on Saturday last presented with a handsome silver tea and coffee service by the congregation of St. John's Church, Clapham Rise, in recognition of nine years' services as the people's warden.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee was held at Londonderry House on Saturday last with reference to the Naval and Military Concert to take place at the Crystal Palace on Saturday afternoon, July 6th, in aid of Service Charities. It was announced that his Majesty the King and Queen Alexandra have graciously given their patronage.

THE BELLE STEAMERS are now regularly making daily trips (Fridays excepted) to Southend, Walton and Clacton, Felixstowe, Harwich, Ipswich, Southwold and Yarmouth, leaving Fresh Wharf at 9.15. To Margate and Ramsgate at 9.35, in addition to which the husband's boat will leave each Saturday for Margate at two o'clock, calling at Tilbury only.

A LIBRARY is to be formed in connection with the Bournemouth Lodge of Instruction, and doubtless it will be much appreciated by Masonic students. Some promises of books have already been made, and there must be many Masons in Bournemouth and the neighbourhood who would like to help; they should communicate with the Preceptor or the Secretary.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.—The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the County and Borough Halls, Guildford, on Friday, the 28th instant, at 3.15 p.m. precisely. All Principals and Past Principals of the several chapters of the province are requested to attend, and all companions are invited to be present. The companions will appear in full Royal Arch clothing, and morning dress.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY will be held at the County and Borough Halls, Guildford, on Friday, the 28th inst., at 4.15 p.m., precisely, when the attendance is required of Provincial Grand Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the lodges in the province. All Master Masons of the province are invited to be present. The attendance of brethren of other provinces is cordially invited. Morning dress.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK is the wealthiest in the world. Its real estate free from all encumbrances is valued at 1,671,058 dols., and it has a permanent fund of 103,690.90 dols.; a home reserve fund of 215,022.43 dols.; a general home fund of 9,885.44 dols.; and cash on hand 54,274.72 dols. Exclusive of the furniture in the Hall in New York city and the Home in Utica, the Grand Lodge of New York can realise 2,353,912.11 dols. at any time. The membership is now 106,235.

PRESENTATION.—One of the pillars of King Solomon Lodge, Toronto, is Bro. Daniel McDonald, P.M. To mark his wonderful record of not having missed a lodge meeting for the long period of 30 years, his brother members at the last meeting presented him with a handsome gold watch, upon which was inscribed "As a recognition of his services in attending every meeting of the lodge since his initiation, January 30, 1870, to May 9, 1901." Bro. Walter S. Lee made the presentation, while Bro. Aubrey White, P.D.G.M., and other members spoke of Bro. McDonald's services to the lodge and to Masonry.

AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Gosport Chapter, No. 903, held at the India Arms, Gosport, on the 5th inst., Comp. E. Braham, M.E.Z., at the request of the Principals and companions of the Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 358, Bermuda, presented a handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. W. F. World, P.Z. of the latter chapter. While in Bermuda the recipient was an active worker in Masonic circles, and his departure for England was much regretted by all with whom he had come into contact. It was in appreciation of his many services to the Craft, and as a mark of the esteem in which he was held, that the companions of the Bermuda chapter desired the presentation of the jewel to be made.

THE KING AND THE R.A.S.—By the King's command Sir Dighton Probyn has written to Sir Walter Gilbey enclosing a donation of 250 guineas from his Majesty for the fund which is about to be raised by the Royal Agricultural Society for the purchase of a site between Willesden and Ealing, for the purpose of the future permanent showyard of the society. He states that the King is hopeful that the £30,000 required will soon be forthcoming, and that although his Majesty is no longer able to continue to take the active part in the management of the society which he has hitherto done, having four times been President and for 22 years a trustee, still he will never cease to have the greatest interest in its welfare.

THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL FUND.—The Mansion House Fund in support of the National Memorial of the late Queen Victoria has received one or two notable additions within the last few days. The United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England has sent £500, the Orient Steam Navigation Company £210, and Mr. R. Gordon £105. There have been received also the following, among other sums, viz., the employees of M. B. Foster and Sons, Limited, £10 4s. 11d.; Mr. C. R. Rivington, £5 5s.; and Bishop Wilkinson, £10. The Mayor of Holborn has started a borough fund for the purpose of raising contributions for the Queen Victoria Memorial.

A SMART CITY RECTOR.—As so many impostors have recently applied for relief at St. Mary-at-Hill, the Rector, the Rev. W. Carlile, has decided to impose the usual labour test of chopping sticks on a Sunday as well as on week days. He previously consulted Bro. the Archdeacon of London, who had sent him several doubtful persons. Bro. the Archdeacon replied, "Your regulation is a wise one." A man with half-starved expression and dressed in rags recently applied for assistance, saying he had no work or food. When offered a job his face broadened out with a well-fed grin, and, as he quickly slipped out of the church, he said, "That aint wot I wants, guv'nor." On several occasions Mr. Carlile has had even the iron chains stolen.

THE LADY MAYORESS will preside at "The City of London" stall at the great county sale to be held at Earl's Court on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 27th, 28th, and 29th instant. The proceeds are to be given to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, which, in spite of the Princess of Wales's and other appeals, is now urgently in need of further funds. Upwards of £800,000 has already been spent through the association—over £250,000 of which came to it through the Mansion House—in maintaining the wives and children of men at the front during the progress of the war. We are asked to intimate that the Lady Mayoress will be grateful if gifts of articles for sale at the City of London stall, or of money wherewith to purchase them, so that the City may be well and worthily represented in this charitable rivalry among the counties of the kingdom.

PRESENTATIONS AT WIMBORNE.—On Monday, the 3rd instant, in the presence of an unusually large attendance at the St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Bro. W. E. Brymer, D.P.G.M., on behalf of the members, presented Past Master's jewels to Bros. the Very Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.G. Chap. Eng., and R. G. Cave, P.P. G.D.C. Bro. Colonel Brymer, in making the presentation to Bro. Heath, stated there was no Mason in the province who had done so much for Masonry as Bro. Heath, who had attained the highest positions not only in the Craft, but in the other Degrees in Freemasonry. Bro. Luff supplemented the remarks of Bro. Col. Brymer, who then handed a jewel to Bro. R. G. Cave. In so doing he alluded to Bro. Lieut. Cave's connection with the Dorset Yeomanry and his services with the 26th Company in South Africa. Bro. Lieut. Cave suitably acknowledged the gift. The jewels were of handsome and costly design, and bore a figure of St. Cuthberga.

THE INNER TEMPLE GARDENS.—For the benefit of poor children these gardens will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening from now up to the end of August.

THE 275TH PERFORMANCE of "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" will be given at the Globe Theatre on Tuesday next, and Miss Julia Neilson's season will temporarily conclude on Friday, the 28th instant.

THE KING has intimated to the trustees of the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill, his intention to send for exhibition there the Jubilee presents of the late Queen, which have already been shown at the Imperial Institute.

THE VICAR OF ST. JUDE'S, Bethnal Green, appeals for funds to give several hundred poor children of the locality a day in Epping Forest, and their mothers a day at Southend. For the sick he would be most grateful for any free convalescent home letters.

GENERAL BOOTH is not so seriously ill as reported. He is simply suffering from the effects of a chill caught a little time since, but was sufficiently well two days ago to transact important business at his house in connection with the Salvation Army work.

AN EXHIBIT by the Belgian Government of heavy ordnance, projectiles, small arms, &c., illustrating step by step the progress made in manufacture since the days of the old muzzle-loaders, is among recent additions to the Earl's Court Military Exhibition.

THE BATTLESHIP FORMIDABLE returned to Spithead on Thursday night and reported that her full-power trial had resulted satisfactorily. She will now be taken into the dockyard and completed for sea. The Formidable is a very fine ship, having a displacement of 15,000 tons. She is 400ft. long, and carries about 50 guns of various sizes.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY on Thursday inaugurated a summer series of day trips from London to Leamington, Warwick Castle, Guy's Cliff, Stoneleigh Park, Stratford-on-Avon, and Shuttery. The cost of the trip, including fare, carriage drive, and luncheon, is one guinea.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SCHOOLS.—The annual speech day and distribution of prizes will take place, at Pinner, on Saturday, the 22nd instant, at 1.30 o'clock. Bro. W. W. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Management, will preside, and Mrs. W. W. Thompson has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

SIR EDWARD BRADFORD, the Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, who was thrown from his horse in Portman-square, while out riding on Thursday, is going on very well, and is in no danger. He is suffering from injuries to his head, but, fortunately, they are not of a serious nature, and he expects to be out of doors again in a few days.

INTERNATIONAL YACHTING.—After a series of trials Mr. Lorne Currie's yacht Greyfriars has been selected to represent England in the international contest for the Seawanhaka Cup. The vessel is now being cased, and will be conveyed across the Atlantic by the liner Australasian at the end of the month. The races take place on the 24th prox.

PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND.—The honorary Secretaries of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London have received at the Bank of England a cheque for £2650 from Messrs. J. S. Morgan and Co., which they have paid, at the request of Mr. Foxhall P. Keene, "as a donation from that gentleman to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, being one-half of the Oaks Stakes won by Mr. Keene's horse, Cap and Bells, at Epsom, last week."

NEW MASONIC HALLS FOR MOTHERWELL.—On Saturday afternoon, the 8th instant, in beautiful weather, Bro. Colonel R. R. Stewart, the Provincial Grand Master of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire, laid the memorial stone of the new Masonic Halls which are being erected jointly by the two local lodges, viz., Lodge St. John, Dalziel, No. 406, and Lodge Livingston, St. Andrews, No. 573. There was a large gathering of the Masonic brethren from the town and district, the procession being the largest yet seen in Motherwell in connection with a Masonic ceremony.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076, at its meeting on Midsummer Day will have to mourn the loss of another of its founders in the person of Bro. Sir Walter Besant, who remained its Treasurer to the end, and who has soon followed his co-founder, Bro. G. W. Speth, its indefatigable Secretary. Suitable recognition of Sir Walter Besant's services to the antiquarian and historical side of Masonry is certain to be rendered at the meeting; and it may be interesting to mention that a movement has already been started for the erection of a monument to the late Bro. Speth, in commemoration of what he did for the Craft.

THE QUEEN, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the Duke of Cambridge have given their patronage to a military and dramatic fête which is to be given, by permission of Sir Redvers and Lady Audley Buller, in the grounds of Government House, Aldershot, on the 25th and 26th instant, in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association. A capital programme has been arranged. Bro. Charles Wyndham, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Irene Vanbrugh, and others are to supply the dramatic entertainment, music will be plentiful, and on the second day a military tattoo is to be played by 10 massed bands. Sports of almost all kinds are included in the programme, also a musical ride and a Balalaïka mée. In fact, the fête will make Aldershot a centre of attraction on the two days mentioned, and the South-Western Railway Company have, in view of the fact, arranged to issue cheap return tickets.

BRO. CHARLES E. KEYSER, J.P. of Reading, has undertaken to preside at the 143rd Anniversary Festival of the Orphan Working School on Friday, 28th instant, advertised in another column. This excellent charity provides a home and education to 500 fatherless children, and requires at least £13,000 a year to maintain and educate its large family. The income from regular contributions only reaches £6000 annually, leaving £7000 to be raised by donations in response to the annual festival appeal. The school was founded in London on May 10th, 1753, and was carried on at Hoxton till 1773, then in the City-road till 1847, when the present building at Haverstock Hill was erected. The Alexandra Orphanage for Infants, the junior branch of the institution, was started at Hornsey in 1864, and amalgamated with the Orphan Working School in 1877. In 1875 the Convalescent Home, at Margate, for the accommodation of 25 children needing change of air, was opened. Altogether 5500 children have been trained and cared for in the institution.

INTEREST in the sale of the overstock of sherries from the Royal cellars increases as the date of the auction draws near, and there can hardly be a doubt that an active competition will take place on the part alike of the trade and of private purchasers. The 5000 dozens are drawn from 105 different bins, the largest proportion from a single one being 284 dozen, and the smallest 13. With regard to the age of portions of the wine it is impossible to speak with certainty, and the nearest clue in these instances is the date of bottling, which in many cases took place as far back as the sixties. But sherry does not depreciate in value by keeping, and for years to come a high esteem is likely to be rightly placed on the contents of these bottles, each of them labelled with the initials "V.R." or "P.V." In modern days this wine is mainly used for dessert purposes, a circumstance which may quite possibly have accentuated the desirability of reducing the large stock accumulated at the five Royal residences concerned. Of a total of 1183 lots, St. James's Palace contributes 451, Buckingham Palace 391, Marlborough House 194, Windsor Castle 100, and Sandringham 47.

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DEATHS.

BESANT.—On the 9th instant, at Froggnal End, Hampstead, N.W., Bro Sir Walter Besant, aged 64.

WANTAGE.—On the 10th inst., at Lockinge House, Berks, Bro. Robert James, Baron Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., aged 69.