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THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., AS M.W. GRAND MASTER.

The great event to which all of us have been looking forward to for some months past took place in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, when his Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., was installed as M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in succession to His Gracious Majesty King EDWARD VII., who on the 28th April, 1875, as H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, K.G., was in the same Hall installed in the same office amid the enthusiastic acclamations of such a gathering of Freemasons as had never previously been held in any country in the world since our ancient and honourable Society was first established. The great meeting on Wednesday was in all respects similar to—indeed, may be almost described as a replica of—that which was held in 1875. On both occasions the Albert Hall, vast as it is, was crowded from floor to ceiling with some 9000 brethren, ranging from the Officers of Grand Lodge, resplendent in their purple and gold clothing, to the W. Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the private lodges in their simpler, yet, very beautiful azure blue and silver. Such a scene as the Hall presented at these two meetings of Grand Lodge, in 1875 and on Wednesday, so grand as a whole and yet so simple in its constituent parts, so full of enthusiasm and yet so well-ordered and self-restrained, is not easily to be matched, and we congratulate all who were fortunate enough to be present on having "assisted" at this historical meeting, more especially if they were among those who witnessed the installation in 1875.

There must certainly have been quite 9000 brethren present at Wednesday's, as at the 1875, meeting, but so admirably had all the arrangements been planned that not the slightest hitch occurred at any time in any part of the Hall. Every one found the seat that had been assigned to him with the greatest ease, and as the time approached for the opening of Grand Lodge the spectacle was a grand one, such as it is not given to everyone to witness. As regards the ceremony itself, we must refer the reader to the report which appears elsewhere, and in which will be found such particulars as may lawfully be printed together with a list of those prominent brethren who, in commemoration of this great event, were either promoted to higher office in Grand Lodge than they already held, or were honoured with the brevet rank of Past Grand Officers.

We have also much pleasure in announcing that the Special Number which will shortly be published will contain, in addition to certain articles which may properly be included, a still more ample account of the meeting, together with the records of the Masonic services rendered by those who have been appointed to Grand Office.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

THE NEW M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND.

An Especial Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held at the Albert Hall on Wednesday afternoon, the 17th inst., for the purpose of installing H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

It is scarcely necessary to remind our readers of the series of events in the immediate history of Freemasonry in England which led up to the brilliant ceremony which took place on Wednesday in the Albert Hall. They will recollect how in December, 1874, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as he was then, was nominated Grand Master, and elected in March, 1875. On April 28th of the same year he was installed at the Albert Hall, and retained his high office until his accession to the throne, an event which rendered his resignation advisable. After reigning as Grand



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EARL AMHERST, M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER.

Master for a period of 26 years, his Majesty King Edward VII. resigned, and was succeeded as Grand Master, to the great satisfaction of all Freemasons, by his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

The Albert Hall was, of course, crowded from floor to roof on the occasion of Wednesday's great spectacle, over 9000 being present, none of whom were under the rank of a Past Warden. Bro. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bro. the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Viscount Templetown as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Cornwallis as Junior Grand Warden. Among those present were Bros. the Hon. James Hozier, Grand Master of Scotland;

the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland; the Rt. Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the Rt. Hon. Thos. F. Halsey, M.P.; and the Provincial Grand Masters of nearly all the English provinces.

From three to four o'clock brethren who were entitled to admission to the ceremony were shown to the seats assigned to them by the Stewards on duty. At 4.30 a procession of Past Grand Officers entered the Hall, and took their seats on the dais. A quarter of an hour later the procession of Grand Officers entered the hall in the following order, and proceeded to the dais:

- Two Grand Stewards.
- Grand Pursuivant.
- Two Junior Grand Deacons.
- Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Grand Superintendent of Works.
- President of Board of Benevolence.
- Grand Secretary.
- President of the Board of General Purposes.
- Deputy Grand Registrar.
- Grand Registrar.
- Grand Treasurer.
- Grand Chaplains.
- Past Provincial Grand Masters.
- Provincial Grand Masters.
- Grand Wardens.
- Junior Grand Deacon. | Senior Grand Deacon.
- Illustrious Visitors.
- Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Canada.
- Deputation from the Grand | Deputation from the Grand
- Lodge of Ireland. | Lodge of Scotland.
- Deputy Grand Master.
- Grand Sword Bearer.
- THE M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER.
- Senior Grand Deacon. | Senior Grand Deacon.
- Grand Standard Bearers.
- Two Grand Stewards.

The deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland included, besides Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., Grand Master, Bros. the Lord Saltoun, I.P. Grand Master; John Graham of Broadstone, Grand Master Depute; the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Substitute Grand Master; A. A. Spiers of Ellerslie, Senior Grand Warden; W. Munro Denholm, Junior Grand Warden; and David Reid, Grand Secretary.

The deputation from the Grand Lodge of Ireland comprised Bros. his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master; R. Keating Clay, Grand Treasurer; Sir C. A. Cameron, C.B., P.S.G.D.; W. J. Chetwode Crawley, I.L.D., P.S.G.D.; the Rev. B. Gibson, M.A., Grand Chaplain; W. M. Battersby, P.S.G.D.; and Oliver Foy, Hon. Sec. Masonic Boys' School.

Bro. H. Walmsley Little, Grand Organist, presided at the organ, and rendered the following selections while the brethren attending Grand Lodge were being shown to their seats: "March in E flat," W. S. Hoyte, P.G. Org.; "Offertoire in B flat," King Hall; "Cantilene in A flat," Wolstenholme; "Andante Religioso," J. Grison; and "Offertoire de St. Cécile," J. Grison. During the procession of Past Grand Officers, the Grand Organist played the March of the Priests from "Athalie" (Mendelssohn), and during the procession of the Grand Officers, Merkel's "Grand March in C."

The Grand Lodge was opened by the M.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl Amherst, and the minutes of the last quarterly Communication as to the election of a M.W. Grand Master having been read, the Pro Grand Master directed a deputation of Provincial Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and Grand Officers to withdraw for the purpose of introducing H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master.

The following procession having been formed, was greeted by a fanfare of trumpets on entering. During its progress up the centre of the hall, the Grand Organist played the march from Handel's "Occasional Oratorio:"

- Two Grand Stewards.
- The Collar and Jewel of the | The Gloves and Apron of the
- Grand Master on a Cushion | Grand Master on a Cushion
- borne by the Deputy Master | borne by the Deputy Master
- of the London Irish Rifles | of the Prince of Wales's
- Lodge | Lodge.
- Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- President of the Board of Benevolence.
- Grand Secretary.
- President of the Board of General Purposes.
- Grand Registrar.
- Grand Treasurer.
- Grand Chaplains.
- Four Past Grand Wardens.
- Six Provincial Grand Masters.
- His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT,
- Grand Master,

- Grand Standard Bearers.
- Two Grand Deacons.
- Two Grand Stewards.

His Royal Highness having been conducted to a chair on the left of the Pro Grand Master, the brethren took their respective seats with the exception of those bearing the insignia, who stood on the top of the steps on either side of the dais.

The brethren then stood to order while the National Anthem was sung and prayer offered by the Grand Chaplain, after which the Pro Grand Master addressed his Royal Highness, requesting him to take the obligation of office. The Duke of Connaught was accordingly conducted to the front of the pedestal, where he knelt and took upon himself the great and solemn obligation of Grand Master of England.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was then conducted to the right hand of the throne, and the Pro Grand Master invested him with the insignia of his high office, and inducted him into the chair of the Grand Master.

The Pro Grand Master having been conducted to his chair at the left of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Frank Richardson, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed the installation, after sound of trumpet, of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master, concluding with the words "whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve!"

The brethren then saluted the Grand Master according to ancient form, a similar tribute being given in honour of the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland respectively, each of whom duly acknowledged the compliment paid him.

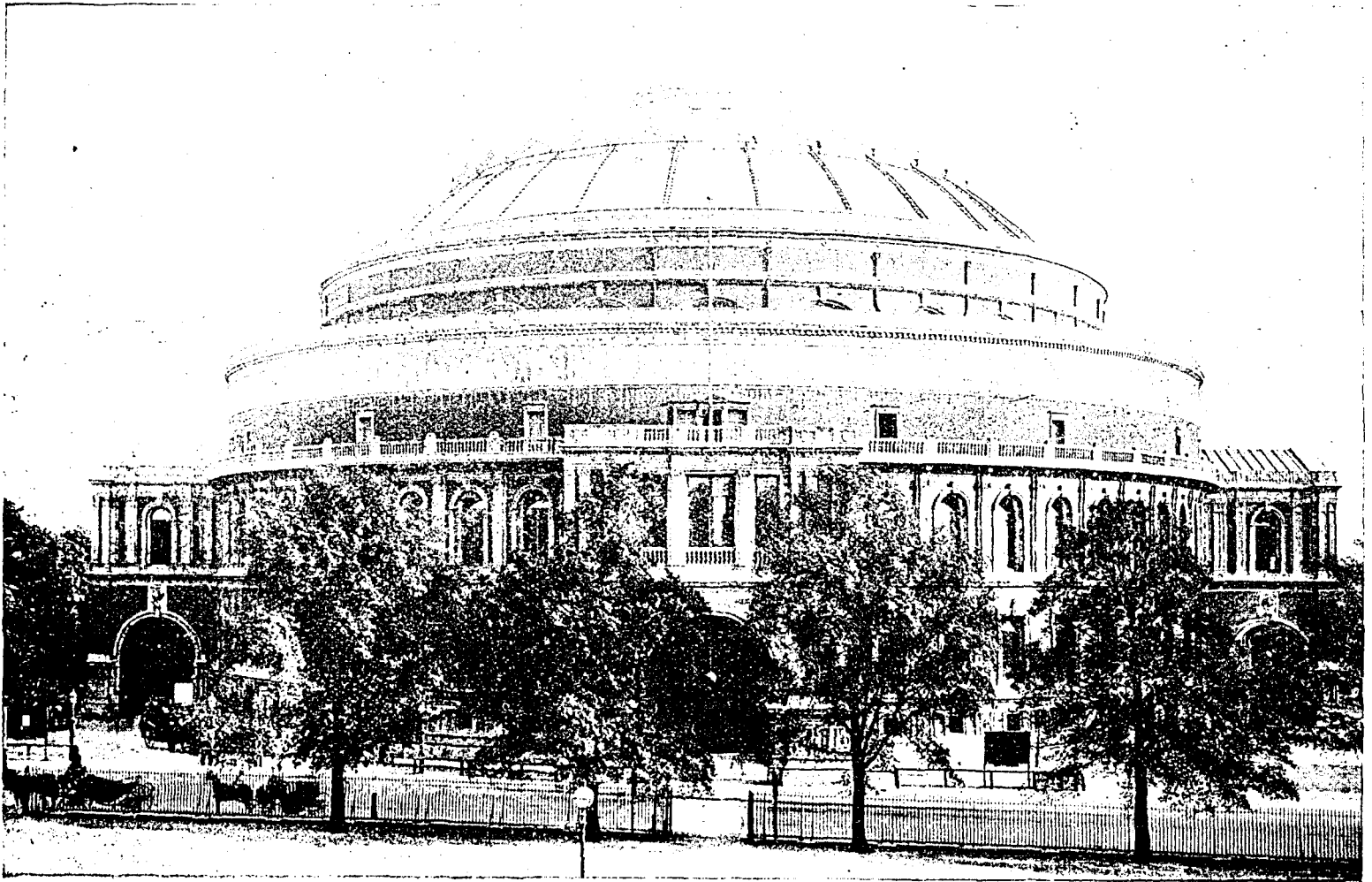
Earl AMHERST said: Your Royal Highness, it has been an immemorable custom on occasions like this, when any Master of the Craft has been placed in this chair, to remind him of the duties he then undertakes, and although it is unnecessary for me in view of the experience your Royal Highness has had as Dist. Grand Master of India and Prov. Grand Master of Sussex that I should say much on this head, it is right that our time-honoured custom should not wholly disappear; it will be my duty, therefore, to address a very few words to you on behalf of the Craft. Sir, I well remember that his Majesty, our late Grand Master, when installed in this Hall 26 years ago, spoke of the two watchwords of Masonry as Loyalty and Charity. As regards the last, it may interest you in this great assemblage to know that during the time his Majesty occupied that chair £1,350,000 was subscribed by the Craft in support of its three great Charities. During this year, although there has been no special incentive in the way of extra votes or the excitement of a Centenary to influence the brethren, over £75,000 has been cheerfully contributed to the same end. I think I may therefore claim, Sir, that the Craft has at least not neglected its benevolent usages. As regards Loyalty, Sir, we may congratulate ourselves that in this country, at least, Freemasonry has never had the misfortune to desert its proper functions and find itself allied with faction and intrigue. In other countries it has not always been so, and if any brother cares to inspect a relic of the Carlist wars which I have lately deposited in our Museum, they will see proof positive how Masonry in the Peninsula was at that time allied with faction and civil war. *Here*, on the contrary, we have been able to hold aloof from any suspicion of political motive, and though I do not claim that we are *more* loyal than our fellow subjects, yet I *do* claim that his Majesty our Grand Protector has no more loyal or devoted subjects than the Ancient Confraternity. Hence it is that we have had the advantage of many Grand Masters of your Royal House, and we now greet your presence as successor to your brother the King in the chair that has been occupied of old by your Ancestors. Sir, it only remains for me now to respectfully congratulate you on being unanimously chosen Head of this great Body, whose representatives you see before you to-day, and to express a fervent wish, in which all the Craft both within and without this Hall will cordially join, that T.G.A.O.T.U. may grant you many years of health and strength to prosperously fulfil the duties of the high office to which this day you have been formally inducted.

H.R.H. Duke of CONNAUGHT, M.W. Grand Master, said: Brethren, I have in the first place to express my grateful thanks to the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master for the exceedingly kind words he has just spoken, and to this great assembly for the hearty and fraternal reception accorded to those kind words. Believe me, brethren, I am proud to fill the high position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England to which you have been pleased to elect me. It is a position which for a long, though intermittent, succession of years has been filled by members of my family, who have always taken the greatest interest in the Order. The records of Grand Lodge show that since the year 1737, when my ancestor, H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales, became a member of the Craft, the Royal Family of England has closely identified itself with it. In the year



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H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, AS PROV. G.M. OF SUSSEX,
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.



EXTERIOR OF THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL.



INTERIOR OF THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

1766 their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Gloucester were initiated. In the following year H.R.H. Henry Frederick Duke of Cumberland became a member of the Order of which, in 1781, he was elected Grand Master. In 1787 his Majesty George IV.—then Prince of Wales—and the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV., were initiated, and three years later, in 1790, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, the father of my beloved mother, was admitted to the Craft and H.R.H. the then Prince of Wales was elected to the office I now have the honour to hold. Since that date, members of the Royal Family have from time to time joined the ranks of the Order, among them Prince William of Gloucester and my great uncle, the Duke of Sussex, who took the deepest interest and filled the office of Grand Master from 1813 until his death in 1843. During more recent years, the Craft has numbered amongst its members my brother, the late Duke of Albany, who became Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and my nephew, the late lamented Duke of Clarence, who at the time of his lamented death filled the office of Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire. It is also a subject of pride to the Order that among those upon whom the rank of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge has been conferred are his Majesty Oscar King of Sweden and Norway, H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark, and H.R.H. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia. But, brethren, without doubt the most eventful period in the history of Freemasonry, the one which has witnessed the most phenomenal progress is that which followed the installation as Grand Master of his present Majesty—then Prince of Wales—in the year 1875, and has continued until his Majesty's accession to the Throne. I feel sure that every member of the Craft hailed with satisfaction and delight his Majesty's gracious intimation that he would continue his intimate connection with the Order by assuming the position of Protector. During the twenty-five years his Majesty filled the office of Grand Master prosperity has attended our Order in a very marked degree. Not only have 1311 new lodges been added to the roll of English Freemasonry, but the Order has attracted to its ranks a very large number of brethren holding high positions in the Church and State, the Army and Navy, the Bench and Bar, leading members of both Houses of Parliament, and other distinguished men throughout the country. As evidence of the manner in which practical effect has been given to one of the cardinal principles of the Order—I mean Charity—I may mention that, irrespective of the large sums given by the Craft to local Charitable Institutions, a sum little short of £2,000,000 has during the past 25 years been subscribed by English Freemasons to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge and the three Central Masonic Charities, namely, the Girls' and Boys' Schools and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. In addition to this amount, £20,000 has during that period been voted from the funds of Grand Lodge for the relief of distress outside the Masonic body. Brethren, but a few months have passed since my election to the honourable position I now occupy, but I have for many years been associated with the Craft in England and India, and have watched with satisfaction and pride the good work which quietly it has carried on. I recognise in it a power for the greatest good. It is a body composed of God-fearing men, whose watchwords are religion, loyalty, and charity, and to be unanimously chosen Head of that body is to occupy a position in which any man might well feel proud.

Bro. the Hon. JAS. HOZIER, M.P., Grand Master of Scotland: I beg leave on behalf of 100,000 Masons holding under the Scottish Constitution at home, in India, the Colonies, and foreign parts, to convey our heartiest and most respectful congratulations on the magnificent enthusiasm of this installation. The highest honour that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has in its power to bestow is Honorary Membership. It is an honour that we confer very sparingly. At the present moment there are only two Honorary Grand Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. One is H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and the other is his brother-in-law, H.R.H. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, Protector of the Grand Lodge of Germany.

Bro. the Duke of ABERCORN, Grand Master of Ireland: Your Royal Highness and brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the cordial manner in which you have just now received my name as Grand Master of Ireland in connection with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and I beg your Royal Highness to accept our respectful and fraternal greetings on the present occasion, which has placed you as Grand Master of England. I only have to say that we, as Irish Freemasons, deeply feel the honour which has been conferred upon us to-day by being invited to attend this grand ceremonial. It is our one fervent prayer that your Royal Highness may for many years continue to occupy that position which has been conferred upon you to-day as Grand Master of England.

The M.W. Grand Master was then pleased in commemoration of the occasion to confer Masonic honours on the already-appointed Grand Officers:

APPOINTMENTS TO PAST GRAND RANK.

- Past Grand Warden (Junior)—
Right Hon. Sir Fredk. Geo. Milner, Bart., M.P. (N. and E. Yorks and Notts).
- Past Grand Chaplain—
The Most Rev. J. E. C. Welldon, D.D., Bishop of Calcutta and Primate of India (Bengal).
- Past Deputy Grand Registrar—
E. M. Underdown, K.C. (London).
- Past Grand Deacons (Senior)—
Lord Ernest Seymour (Warwick).
Sir John Brunner, Bart., M.P. (Cheshire).
Sir E. O. Gibbes, Bart. (New Zealand).
Gerald W. E. Loder, M.P. (Sussex).
Rear-Admiral E. N. Rolfe, C.B. (London).
Lieut.-Col. T. C. P. Calley (London).
The Hon. John Tate (Bombay).
- Past Grand Deacons (Junior)—
Col. H. Grier, R.A.M.C. (Malta and Hants).
H. J. Sparks (Norfolk).
Geo. Pemberton Leach (London).
Percy Harris (London).
Francis Stanhope Hanson (London).
William Dawes (Kent and Sussex).
John Slyman (W. Lancashire).
- Past Dep. Grand Director of Ceremonies—
Walter Gripper, M.A., M.B. (Surrey).
- Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies—
George Simonds (London).
Alfred James Thomas (London).
J. W. Elvin (Kent).
Ivan H. Haarburger (S. Africa).
Daniel J. Haarhoff (S. Africa).
H. Courtney Luck (Queensland).
- Past Grand Sword Bearers—
Major Herbert Green (W. Yorks).
Captain Williams Freeman (Shropshire).
Captain Arthur Lee Mitchell (London).
Captain Thos. F. Cooper, R.A. (Gibraltar).
J. F. Joaquim (E. Archipelago).
W. J. Spratling, B.Sc. (London).
William Hollis (Kent).
William Bull (Punjab).
- Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearer—
John Williams (Buckinghamshire).
- Past Grand Standard Bearers—
Joseph Russell (London).
A. Clegg (London).
James Speller (London).
J. Leach Barrett (London).
H. J. Lardner (London).
- Past Grand Organist—
Fountain Meen (London).

PROMOTIONS

- Past District Grand Master of Egypt and the Soudan—
Lt.-General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., P.G. Warden.
- Past Grand Wardens (Junior)—
The Right Hon. Walter Hume Long, M.P., P.G. Deacon.
The Right Hon. Frank Green, Lord Mayor of London, P.G. Deacon.
Colonel Alfred Mordaunt Egerton, C.V.O., C.B., P.G. Deacon.
- Past Deputy Grand Registrar—
Frank Richardson, P.G. Deacon.
- Past Grand Deacons (Junior)—
Arthur W. Orwin, M.D., P.A.G.D.C.
Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., R.N., P.G. Std. Br.
- Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies—
Alfred C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.
- Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies—
Robert C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.
- Past Grand Standard Bearer—
Charles J. R. Tijou, P.A.G. Purst.

Congratulations having been received from Canada, Newfoundland, Australia, and elsewhere, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and H.R.H. the Grand Master was then escorted to his room, a March of his own composition, "The Rock of Israel," being performed by the Grand Organist.

The proceedings were under the control of Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Bart., F.S.A., Garter King at Arms, Grand Director of Ceremonies, whose directions were carried out by Bro. Frank Richardson, acting G.D.C.

Obituary.

BRO. FREDERICK MORGAN, P.M., P.Z.

We regret to announce the death on Wednesday, the 17th instant, of the above well-known and exceedingly popular South London Mason. Bro. Morgan was initiated in the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, on the 19th October, 1876. About three years later he joined the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, and in due course was elected and installed in the chair of W. Master. He continued a subscribing member till June, 1895, when he resigned his connection with it, having in the previous month been elected a joining member of the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2533. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Temperance Chapter, No. 169, on 1st December, 1878. In 1879 he became a founder of the Wellington Chapter, No. 548, of which in a few years' time he rose to be M.E.Z. He was a supporter of our Institutions, being a Vice-President of the Old People, a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School. He had also served thrice as Festival Steward, namely, on two occasions for the Benevolent Institution, and once for the Girls' School. The funeral will take place in Norwood Cemetery to-morrow (Saturday) at 12.30 p.m.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

Grand Supreme Ruler:

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF WARWICK.

Deputy Ruler of the Order:

HIS HONOUR JUDGE F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C.

Grand Chancellor:

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HALSBURY.

Grand Chamberlain:

C. E. KEYSER, Esq., J.P., &c.

GRAND FESTIVAL, 1901.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the GRAND FESTIVAL of the ORDER will be held at THE HOTEL CECIL, STRAND, W.C., on

TUESDAY, JULY 23rd, 1901.

GRAND COUNCIL will meet at Five o'clock precisely, WHEN THE RIGHT WORTHY BRO.

The Rt. Hon. the EARL OF WARWICK,

Supreme Ruler of the Order,

Will be again proposed as Supreme Grand Ruler, and BRO. JOHN MILLARD BASTONE, P.G.G.,

Will be proposed as Grand Treasurer for the year.

At Six o'clock.

THE GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND STEWARDS for the Year will be invested and proclaimed.

All Princes of the Order are entitled to be present at GRAND CONCLAVE, which meets at Six o'clock, and all Bro. Secret Monitors are invited on this important occasion.

Brethren belonging to any other jurisdiction, and desiring to be present, should apply to

Bro. W. J. SPRATLING,
Grand Recorder,
74, Wickham-road, Brockley, S.E.

The Grand Festival will be followed by a BANQUET at Seven o'clock, for which Tickets (price One Guinea *etca*, inclusive), may be obtained of the Grand Stewards attached to the various Conclaves, or of the Grand Recorder.

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*Passengers will not be booked to stations marked * on Wednesday Mornings, July 31st or August 7th, but must leave Paddington on Tuesday Midnights, July 30th or August 6th, instead.

EVERY WEDNESDAY NOON and THURSDAY.—To MINEHEAD (for LYNTON and LYNMOUTH).

EVERY WEDNESDAY NOON & FRIDAY NIGHT.—To WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Bridgewater, &c.

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT.—To Monmouth, Newport, CARDIFF, SWANSEA, Llanelli, Llandoverly, Carmarthen, Newcastle, Emlyn, TENBY, Cardigan, Goodwick, MILFORD, &c.

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SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

Both the brethren, who were already Grand Officers,
and have now been promoted to higher rank in Grand
Lodge, and those who now don "the purple" for the
first time, are in every sense a group of brethren that
embody in themselves, both individually and collect-
ively, all the best characteristics of the true Mason.
They hail from different ranks and stations in life, and
represent amongst them the various learned profes-
sions, the military and naval services, the trade and
commerce of the country, the successful politician,
and last, but not least, the hard-working brethren who
devote their mental powers during all the leisure they
can spare to purely Masonic pursuits—the organisation
of lodges, the spread among their fellows of a know-
ledge of our beautiful ritual, &c.

Thus among those who have been promoted to higher
rank in Grand Lodge will be found the hero of
Khartoum, who is now in charge of the military
operations in South Africa, the successful politician
who has attained to Cabinet rank, the chief Magis-
trate of the capital of the British Empire, the brother
under whose direction all the arrangements for the
recent meeting of Grand Lodge in the Royal Albert
Hall were carried out so thoroughly and so successfully,
and the Preceptor with whom rests the very serious
responsibility of guarding our ritual from all innova-
tion even in its minutest details.

In the list of those who have had Past Grand rank
conferred upon them are members of Parliament, an
ecclesiastical dignitary who ranks as the Primate or
Metropolitan of the Anglican Church in our Indian
Empire; the great capitalist, who, by his many and
generous benefactions, has won the love and respect
of his fellow citizens of all classes; the "medicine
men" of the Empire, who have again and again
risked their own lives if by so doing they could save
that of a fellow creature suffering from some fell
disease; and those who by their ability and experience

have made for themselves positions of eminence in the
arts, trade, and commerce of the country. It might
have been in the power of his Royal Highness the
Grand Master and his advisers to select another and
yet another body of Masons of equal merit, but we
venture to assert that a better choice could not have
been made. Hence we congratulate not only those
who have made the selection, but likewise those who,
possessing the qualifications we have mentioned, have
had the good fortune to be advanced to the front rank
of our English Craft.

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It is a satisfaction to note that the offices of Prov.
Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Wiltshire,
rendered vacant by the lamented death last year of
the late Earl of Radnor, have been at length filled by
the installation of his son the present Earl. The
appointments were made some time ago, that of Prov.
Grand Master being returned in the Grand Lodge as
dating from the 13th October last. But it was not
until Wednesday, the 3rd instant, that the new chief
of Craft and Royal Arch Masonry in Wiltshire was
installed, greater interest than usual attaching to the
ceremony owing to the fact that in both cases it was
performed by Lord Radnor's brother-in-law, the Earl
of Lathom, Prov. G. Master and G. Superintendent
of West Lancashire. It is hardly necessary to say that
the meeting at Salisbury, which was very numerous
attended, passed off most successfully, the arrange-
ments by the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Elias
de Derham Lodge, No. 586, which meets in the city,
receiving the heartiest recognition from the newly-
installed Prov. Grand Master.

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A third function was also carried out with success,
occasion having been taken to turn the gathering to
account for the laying of the foundation stone of the
new Masonic Hall which the Elias de Derham Lodge
are having erected for their accommodation. The
ceremony was performed by the Earl of Radnor, who
was very heartily acclaimed by all who witnessed it.
The day's proceedings concluded with the usual
banquet, at which his lordship presided. We con-
gratulate Lord Radnor and our Wiltshire brethren on
the success of the day's proceedings.

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Our report of the recent meeting of the Prov. G.
Lodge of Middlesex, which appeared a fortnight since,
will have satisfied our readers that the Craft in the
metropolitan Province is in a prosperous condition.
The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts showed that during
the past year the goodly sum of £180 had been
expended for benevolent purposes, while grants of 15
guineas each were voted to our three Central Institu-
tions. These may not strike the reader as very
formidable sums, but it must be remembered that they
are quite irrespective of the lists handed in by the
brethren who acted as Stewards for Middlesex lodges
at the Festivals which have taken place during this
year. If these lists and the grants by the Prov. G.
Lodge are taken together, it will be found that
Middlesex has acquitted itself well, as it does almost
invariably.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge
of Essex was held at Loughton on Thursday, the 18th
instant, under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick,
D.G.M. England, the Prov. Grand Master. We hope
to be able to publish a full report next week, but in
the meantime we have much pleasure in announcing
that in the course of the proceedings a very interesting
episode occurred. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B.,
who was present at the meeting in the twofold
capacity of an Essex brother and the Secre-
tary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,
formally presented to his lordship the Address of
thanks which had been voted to him for the eminent
services he had rendered that Institution by presiding
as Chairman at its Anniversary Festival in February
last. The Address was very beautifully engrossed
on vellum, and having been made up in album-form
and handsomely bound, will serve as a memento to his
lordship of a most successful meeting. It is needless
to say that the gift was very greatly appreciated by
Lord Warwick.

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The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of
Hertfordshire will be held at the Freemasons' Hall,
Watford, on Wednesday, the 24th instant. In the
course of the proceedings a ballot will be taken for
the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing
year, the brethren who have been nominated for the
office being Bro. J. R. Cocks, P.M. 403, P. Prov. G.
Warden, and the present P.G. Treas.; and Bro. W.
Medcalf, P.M. 2372, P.G.S.B. The usual banquet will
follow, tickets for which are obtainable up to the
20th instant (to-morrow), price 7s. 6d., exclusive of
wine.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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GRAND STEWARD'S JEWEL.

Brother Broadbent, of Bolton, has sent me photographs of a "Grand Steward's" jewel, as designed by Bro. W. Hogarth, who was a Grand Steward in 1735. I am not sure of the date of the oldest known, but this one is dated "May 2nd, 1774," as inscribed on the reverse, with the name "Mr. Jas. Mist, G.S." After the date the name of the jeweller is engraved, "Neill, St. James Street, fecit." The size, or diameter, of the badge is about 35 (in sixteenths of an inch), and the reverse has the name, date, &c., engraved on the portions of the backs of the tools available. Bro. Mist was presented to the Grand Master (Lord Petre) as one of the 12 Grand Stewards at the "Assembly and Feast" held on May 2nd, 1774, at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. I need not draw attention to the artistic character of the design, and the very handsome decoration it makes, being so beautifully set in paste diamonds and garnets, the three jewels being of silver. To do it justice the reproduction should be in colours, but the present representation of the original, obverse and reverse, must suffice for the time.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Obverse.



Reverse.

ON THE INSTALLATION

OF

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G.,
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BY

BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., F.R.S.L.

Build we to-day a Column to our Art—
One that shall crumble not nor fade away;
One to match well its Royal counterpart
Which long upheld and proved the Craftsman's stay.
To the Most High our work we dedicate—
(Our work we still begin and end with Him)
And pray that He will in our souls create
That Light of Lights which Death can never dim.
And as we thus our stately Column raise,
We thank the Architect of Earth and Heaven;
And tend to Him full meed of joyous praise
For Mercies shown and gifts so freely given:
And pray again His blessings on the "Free"
Whilst thrice ten thousand say "So Mote it Be"!

So Mote it Be—with glad re-echoing
The voices sound from farther pole to pole;
And each and all their willing tributes bring
To laud the name carved deeply on Time's scroll.
The name of him who rules us from to-day—
Our Brother-Prince, who loves Masonic deeds!
Who, twin with us, the Apron does display,
And who a Master loved by all succeeds.
Long may he reign and Labour for our cause—
(A cause all fraught with Charity divine)
A wise exponent of our well-planned laws
Which are celestial in their best design:
Long may he live to hail Freemasonry
And thankful hearts repeat "So Mote it Be"!

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 12th instant at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bro. H. Bevir, William Vincent, C. H. Webb, James Boulton, Oliver Papworth, T. H. Roberts, W. H. Saunders, S. J. Attenborough, R. Clowes, A. C. Spaul, H. Benn, C. Pulman, J. H. Gardiner, H. Massey, and J. M. McLeod, Secretary.

The SECRETARY reported the receipt from the Home Secretary of a letter acknowledging, on behalf of his Majesty the King, the address of sympathy and congratulation passed by the Quarterly Court on April 12th.

It was then resolved that this letter should be entered on the minutes.

The SECRETARY next reported the receipt of a letter from Sir Dighton M. Probyn, intimating the consent of his Majesty the King to assume the position of "Grand Patron" of the Institution in succession to her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS, it was resolved that this letter be entered on the minutes, and that a letter of thanks be sent in answer.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, his Majesty was elected "Grand Patron" of the Institution.

The following motion was carried, on the proposition of Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, P.A.G.D.C.; Patron and Hon. Solicitor to the Institution, seconded by Bro. HARRY BEVIR, P.A.G.D.C., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management: "That this Court accepts the sum of 1550 guineas from the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, in commemoration of the Anniversary Festival of the Institution, held under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., for the purchase of a Perpetual Presentation of one Boy to the School, to be called 'The Beach Presentation,' the right of such presentation to be vested in the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of Hampshire and Isle of Wight for the time being."

The CHAIRMAN then reported on the progress made with the new Schools at Bushey. The Schools had been visited on the 9th instant, and it could be then seen that considerable advance had been made with the work. No doubt the contractor was very much behind his time. The Board hoped the building would be occupied within two years. The chapel was all up to date; other things were going on well. He must refer to the fire that took place, which he hoped would not materially delay the work. It was an unfortunate occurrence for the builder. He had put some of his timber in the place and covered a panel with shavings; it was all right on the Saturday morning. On the Sunday night it was found to be on fire. It was practically all burned out, and a good deal of damage was done to the stone work as well.

Bro. C. H. WEBB inquired as to the insurance.

The CHAIRMAN said the question of insurance he did not think affected the Institution; it affected the builder; it might slightly delay the building. Fortunately, the fire was discovered on the Sunday night. Three or four brigade engines got there. The fire was confined to one part of the building. The delay in the building was the principal thing to be deplored.

The SECRETARY reported the admission to the School under Law 68 of Albert Robinson, No. 30, and William Soughton, No. 10, on the list of candidates at the April Election, the two highest unsuccessful, there having since occurred two extraordinary vacancies.

The list for the October Election was next settled; 47 approved candidates were declared, and 20 of them are to be elected.

The Secretary reported that the result of the 103rd Anniversary Festival of the Institution on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Crystal Palace, was £23,020 12s.

On the motion of Bro. HARRY BEVIR, seconded by Bro. ATTENBOROUGH, a vote of thanks to Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, for presiding at that festival, and to the Stewards was unanimously passed.

The Secretary announced that Col. John Davis, A.D.C., Prov. G.M. for Surrey, would preside at the 104th Anniversary Festival of the Institution, which is to be held on June 25th, 1902.

A vote of thanks to Bro. C. E. Keyser, closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

On Wednesday, the 10th instant, the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham was held at Sunderland, under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 124, when there was a very large attendance from all parts of the province. The Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., presided, supported by Bro. Colonel W. M. Angus, Dep. Prov. G. Master, and there were among those present Bros. Thos. Purvis, Past Dep. Prov. G. Master, as P.S.G.W.; John Smith, 135, P.J.G.W.; C. T. Johnson, P.S.G.O.; Alex. Darling, P.J.G.O.; the Rev. W. M. O'Brady Jones, P.G. Chap.; Geo. W. Bain, P.G. Treas.; John Heppell, P.P.S.G.O., P.G. Sec.; T. E. Greenhough, P.S.G.D.; Jos. Rickerby, P.G.I. of W.; Wm. J. Jobson, P.G.D.C.; Fred W. Sykes, P.G.S.B.; J. N. Simpson, P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Mabane, P.G.I.G.; Joshua Curry, P.G. Tyler; C. B. Ford, P.P.J.G.W.; Seymour Bell, P.P.G.D.C.; C. F. Ferguson, W.M. 122; John Holt, P.P.S.G.O.; G. F. Allan, P.P.G.M.O.; W. Hodgson, P.P.G.O.; Sept. Peacock, I.P.M. 124; J. J. Wilson, W.M. W.M.; W. Scott, S.W.; D. W. Tarpie, J.O.; J. Deans, P.P.G.I. of W.; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.M.O.; John C. Moor, P.P.G.M.O.; E. J. Willis, J.D.; J. G. Scott, I.G.; T. Grieve, Tyler 124; F. S. Cowper, P.P.S.G.D.; Ernst Lautbach, P.P.G.M.O.; T. Robinson, P.P.G.M.O.; R. Bolam, P.P.G.S.B.; Eugene Home, W.M. 135; W. N. Cochrane, W.M. 250; Wm. C. Barron, P.P.G.M.O.; R. S. Benson, P.P.J.G.O.; Rev. W. Bowler, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Ferry, P.P.G.O.; Adam Dodds, P.P.G.M.O.; T. R. Short, P.P.G.D.C.; John Page, P.P.G.S.B.; Walter C. Bell, W.M. 346; John Straker Wilson, P.G. Stwd. Eng.; Rev. Jos. Lawson, P.P.G.C.; Harry Brown, P.P.S.G.O. Durham; Geo. Harland, P.P.G.R. of M.; C. F. Sutcliffe, P.P.J.G.D.; Jas. Sedcote, P.P.G.M.O.; W. E. Moffett, P.P.S.G.O.; John Rudd, Sec. 362; Thos. Coulson, P.P.J.G.W.; John Readhead, P.P.S.G.W.; R. E. Beall, W.M. 463; and others.

In connection with the meeting, by special permission of the Electric Lighting and Tramways Committee of the Sunderland Corporation, and by the arrangement of Bro. F. C. Snell, the borough electrical engineer, and his assistants, a large party of brethren were conducted over the power station and over the Roker and Hylton routes of the system, the brethren being received at the Grand Hotel by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Wilson, and officers of the Union Lodge of Mark Masons, Sunderland. The run over the Roker and Hylton routes proved very enjoyable. In addition to the W.M. there were present: Bros. J. C. Moor, J. D. Todd, Thomas Robinson, F. S. Cowper, S. Peacock, P.Ms., and other members of the local Committee.

Bro. JOHN HEPELL, P.G.S., read the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which reported that the Grand Mark Master had been pleased to act on the recommendation of Prov. G. Lodge and had appointed as R.W. P.G.M. of the province for the next three years Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D. The number advanced during the year had been 45 against 26 last year. The province was never in a healthier condition. From the balance in hand, the sum of 10 guineas had been granted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and 10 guineas to the Mark Educational Fund. The Committee made recommendations that 10 guineas be voted to the widow and family of a deceased brother; that 10 guineas be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and 10 guineas to the Mark Educational Fund.

The report was adopted on the motion of Bro. Col. ANGUS, Deputy P.G.M., seconded by Bro. THOS. PURVIS, acting P.S.G.W.

The P.G.M., Bro. Canon TRISTRAM, congratulated the brethren on the progress of Mark Masonry in the province, and especially upon the addition of two new lodges to the province in the Blaydon and Hartford Mark Lodges. They all deeply mourned the death of her Majesty the Queen, by which their late Mark Grand Master was now his Majesty the King. (Applause.) They congratulated the Craft on the appointment of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master of England, and the Province of Durham on the installation of Lord Barnard as its P.G.M. (Applause.) In conclusion, he feelingly referred to the loss which had been sustained by their esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Colonel Angus, in the loss of his son. He was quite sure their Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master had the sympathy of every Mason in the province, and that he also had the pleasing thought that his son had laid down his life in the cause of his country. "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

Bro. J. J. Wilson, W.M. of the Union Lodge, Sunderland, was elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The P.G.M., Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., then appointed and invested the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Col. W. M. Angus (re-appointed)	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
Seymour Bell	...	Prov. S.G.W.
G. Washington Bain, 124	...	Prov. J.G.W.
W. J. Jobson, 293	...	Prov. G.M.O.
Robert Marshall, 192	...	Prov. G.S.O.
Robert Bolam, 135	...	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. Joseph Lawson	...	Prov. G. Chap.
J. J. Wilson, 124	...	Prov. G. Treas.
S. Peacock, 124	...	Prov. G. Reg.
John Heppell, 362 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
John T. Stark	...	Prov. S.G.D.
Carrickfergus Fergusson, 122	...	Prov. J.G.D.
R. E. Beall, 495	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
W. C. Bell, 346	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Eugene Home, 135	...	Prov. G.S.B.
John Wiley, 39	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
John Briggs, 362	...	Prov. G. Org.
W. Neville Cochrane, 250	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Joshua Curry	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. T. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. J. Sedcole, P.P.G.M.O., were elected Auditors on the motion of Bro. J. C. Moor, P.P.G.M.O.

After other business the Prov. G. Lodge meeting closed.

The annual banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, Bridge-street, where an excellent dinner was provided. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., presided, and was supported by Bros. Col. W. M. Angus, J. G. Kirtley (Mayor of Sunderland), Thos. Purvis, J. Straker Wilson, Augustus E. Burdon, F. C. Snell (Borough Electrical Engineer), John Heppell, P.G. Sec., Thos. Robinson, J. D. Todd, J. C. Moor, and J. J. Wilson. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Seymour Bell, P.S.G.W., and Geo. W. Bain, P.J.G.W.

The various loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual summer entertainment to the residents in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon was given on the 10th inst., under very favourable circumstances. The weather was all that could be desired, and, as a consequence, a large party of brethren and ladies attended. The arrangements were admirable, with the result that, whether annuitants or visitors, everyone partaking of the generous hospitality provided by permission of the Board of Management thoroughly enjoyed themselves from beginning to end.

Among the party were

Bro. Alfred H. Hickman, Mrs. Hickman, Bro. James Stephens, Bro. C. H. Webb, Mrs. E. Savage, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. and Miss Newton, Mrs. Terry, Miss Kate Terry, Dr. Strong and Mrs. Strong, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Bro. Henry Times, Miss Emily S. Times, Bro. and Mrs. David Hills, Bro. H. Massey, Miss Massey, and Miss Eliza Massey, Bro. Henry Humphries, W.M. 569; Bro. W. H. Hubbert, Bro. E. J. Anning, C.C., Mrs. Anning, and Miss Anning; Bro. James E. Terry, Mrs. Annie Jennings, and Miss Jennings.

Many more brethren and ladies took part in the entertainment, and a hearty reception was given them on their arrival by Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Institution; Bro. John G. Stevens, the principal clerk; and the Misses Norris, matron and assistant matron.

It had been arranged that before tea a musical entertainment should take place in the grounds of the Institution, but although the weather was entirely suitable, it was found that the noise of the trains, which run close to the Institution, was so great that it would be impossible for the performers to do justice to their work. The concert was therefore adjourned to the hall of the Institution. The musical director was Bro. John Porter, and the accompanist Miss Beatrice Cowley. With these were associated Madame Mary Knight, Bro. Charles Bignell, and Bro. Tom. Costello, and the performances were a pianoforte solo by Miss Cowley, selected songs by Madame Knight, a coon song with banjo accompaniment by Miss Cowley, and humorous songs by Bros. Charles Bignell and Tom Costello. All these performances were deservedly most heartily applauded, and at the conclusion the visitors partook of a choice tea. Walks in the grounds and visits paid to the annuitants in their homes were the next items on the programme, and the evening's proceedings, which commenced at half-past six, comprised the following performances:

Pianoforte solo, "Balmoral;" musical sketch, Miss Fanny Wentworth; song, "My Queen," Mr. Bertram Pearce; humorous song, "Dad's Dialects," Bro. John Porter; song, Mdle. Marie Vagnolini; plantation songs, "But it is so" and "Who did," Miss Beatrice Cowley and Bros. John Porter and Collinson; conjuring entertainment, Mr. Burnard; pianoforte selection, "Variations," Mr. Herbert Collinson; banjo song, "Hello, ma baby," Miss Beatrice Cowley; song, Mdle. Marie Vagnolini; humorous mimetic sketch, "Mrs. Fitz Jones at home," Bro. John Porter; song, "The last watch," Mr. Bertram Pearce; Duets, "Katisha and Koko" and "Bunthorne and Lady Jane," Miss Beatrice Cowley and Bros. John Porter and Collinson; ventriloquial entertainment, Mr. Burnard; plantation song, "Good-night," Bro. John Porter and company; and "God Save the King."

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the performers on the motion of Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, and Bro. PORTER acknowledged the recognition.

Miss Fanny Wentworth's musical sketch seemed to give unbounded satisfaction, and great regret was manifested when she was obliged to leave early in the evening on account of her professional engagements.

The company returned to town by train shortly after nine o'clock.

SOCIETY OF ARTS.

On Monday, the 8th instant, at their first meeting after the annual election, the Council elected Sir William Henry Preece, K.C.B., F.R.S., as chairman for the ensuing year.

The various committees were also re-appointed.

The dates fixed for the examinations in 1902 (General Examination, Grade II., and Preliminary Examinations, Grade I.), are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th.

The results of the Preliminary Examinations (Grade I.), held at the end of last March, are now ready. Copies for gratuitous distribution to each candidate who attended the examination have been sent to all centres. Additional copies can be obtained, price 3d each.

Copies of the results of the General Examinations (Grade II.) were sent out to the centres for distribution to each candidate in the last week in June. Additional copies can be obtained, price 6d. each.

The practical examinations in music were not concluded this year until the 6th instant, too late for the results to be included in the report of the council. They lasted for 11 days.

The examination was conducted by Mr. Ernest Walker, M.A., Mus. Doc. Oxon., and Mr. Burnham Horner.

The system of examination was the same as that for last year. For instrumental music certain standards are given, and candidates are asked to select for themselves which of these standards they choose to be examined in. The standards range from easy to very difficult music. For each standard a list of music is given for study, and for the pianoforte examination a selection from this list is sent to the candidates six weeks previous to the examination. For other instruments the pieces can be at once chosen from the general list. Candidates are then expected to play or sing the pieces which they have prepared, and in the third and fourth standards to play a piece, or a portion of a piece, at sight, in addition.

In all, 566 candidates entered, and of these 551 were examined, an increase of five as compared with last year; five of these took up two subjects, so that there were 556 examinations. Of these there were 476 passes and 80 failures.

The following were the subjects taken up: Piano, singing, violin, violoncello, mandolin, guitar, and organ. Four hundred and thirteen entered for the piano, 352 of whom passed and three obtained medals; 89 entered for the violin, of whom 81 passed; five entered for the violoncello, four of whom passed; three passed for the mandolin; six entered and five passed for the organ, and one obtained a medal; 39 entered for singing, of whom 30 passed, two obtaining medals; one entered for the guitar and passed.

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York Lodge, No. 236.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. CAPT. C. E. WOOD.

There was an interesting Masonic function at the meeting of the above lodge on the 15th instant, at York, when a welcome home was extended to Bro. Capt. C. E. Wood, a member of the lodge, who at the outbreak of the war had volunteered for service in South Africa, and who recently returned at the head of his company after an extended absence from his native city. The following brethren were present: Bros. Ed. S. Robinson, W.M.; O. G. Taylor, S.W.; A. Procter, acting J.W.; G. Potter-Kirby, Treas.; T. C. Thompson, Sec.; A. G. Rayner, S.D.; J. B. Inglis, J.D.; A. Sample, Org.; J. H. Wray, I.G.; A. H. Barson, D.C.; D. C. Laig, Stwd.; J. Half and W. S. Laley, Tyler; J. A. Askew, I.P.M.; M. Bryson, P.M.; A. Jones, P.M.; T. Parker, S. Needham, G. H. Osborn, C. E. Wood, and A. Fletcher. Visitors: Bros. J. P. Gill, P.M. 1901, and F. W. Crook, 1901.

A ballot was taken for Bro. C. B. Crossley, of the Ryburn Lodge, No. 1283, as a joining member, who was declared elected. Bros. Needham and Phillips were next raised by the W.M., assisted by Bro. M. Bryson. The presentation to Bro. C. E. Wood was made by Bro. E. Robinson, W.M., who, in an appropriately worded speech, called attention to the fact that Bro. Wood had been at the front fighting for 16 months for his country. While he had been away, he had doubtless passed through many great dangers, and everyone was pleased that he had returned safe and sound. The W.M. expressed the hope that before long the war would terminate, and that the men with whom we were now fighting would live in perfect friendship with the British people there. (Applause.) Bro. Captain Cecil Wood expressed his thanks for the great honour they had paid him. He referred to the magnificent welcome which York accorded the Volunteers on their return. It was a welcome that was appreciated by every Volunteer. There had been other welcomes of a private nature, and they were the more difficult to respond to, and that occasion was one of them. He again thanked them most sincerely for their very kind compliment. (Applause.) The terms of the address were as follows: "To Brother Captain Cecil Ernest Wood,—We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the York Lodge of Freemasons, No. 236, do hereby offer to you our hearty fraternal greeting on your return to your native land after 16 months' service with the military forces of the Empire in South Africa, and we desire to express our admiration of the pluck and devotion to duty which prompted you to volunteer for active service with the colours in the time of your country's need, and to congratulate you upon the efficiency and success with which you have discharged the duties which have devolved upon you. We trust that you may long live to enjoy the honour and distinction you have so well earned. Given at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, in the City of York, on the 15th day of July. A.L. 5901." Signed, "E. S. Robinson, W.M.; O. G. Taylor, S.W.; J. S. Shannon, J.W.; and T. C. Thompson, Secretary."

The address is illuminated very artistically. It shows at the top Bro. Wood's monogram, the York Arms, with the Sword and Mace and Cap of Maintenance, and the crest of the 1st V.B. (P.W.O.), West Yorkshire Regiment. In each corner of the address is a representation and the signs of the Zodiac, and various Masonic emblems. On one is an illuminated scroll, in which the white rose of York appears, surrounded by laurel leaves, while in the centre is a representation of the exterior of the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place. At the foot there is a view of the crypt in York Minster, in which the lodge formerly held their meetings, and there is also a view of the interior of the present lodge.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 371.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. IRVING.

The brethren of the above lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Maryport, on the 9th inst., for the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. On account of serious illness, he had sent word he would be unable to attend. This untoward incident was likely to mar the lustre of the event, Bro. Kenworthy having installed every Master of the lodge since the year 1866 inclusive, which is a record in Freemasonry, and his visit was looked forward to with much interest. The brethren were delighted when it was known that Bro. Kenworthy had improved in health during the last few days, and would perform the duties of Installing Officer once more. Bro. Kenworthy was ably assisted by Bros. J. C. Thompson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and R. Monkhouse, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.

The members present were Bros. I. Sibson, W.M.; W. Irving, S.W.; A. G. Kirksup, J.W.; Jas. Gardiner, Treas.; A. E. Kitchin, Asst. Sec.; R. A. Skelton, Asst. D. of C.; Isaac Irving, I.G.; John Messenger, P.P.G. Treas.; W. E. Mandale, Stwd.; R. Monkhouse, P.M.; Wm. Coulthard; Jos. Henderson; Thos. Milburn, P.M.; Jos. Reed, P.M.; T. Postlethwaite; G. Wood Turney, P.M.; Tom Brown; Thos. Carey, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Geo. Johnson, P.G. Std. Br.; and Joseph Kendall. The visitors present were Bros. Wm. Tulley, P.M. 1220, P.P.G.D. of C.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.D. of C.; John R. Thompson, W.M. 1220; Daniel Ross, S.W. 1220; Robt. Askew, 1220; Peter McKie, 2285; John Percival, J.D. 2285; John Paterson, P.M. 962, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Beck, W.M. 2285; John Bell, 872; Edward Sandwith, 962; Joseph McGill, 962; John Goddard, 2285; D. Short, Asst. Sec. 2285; John Robinson, 310; and others who omitted to sign the roll book.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Isaac Sibson, W.M. The minutes having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The installation of Bro. W. Irving, S.W., W.M. elect, was proceeded with by Bro. Kenworthy with his customary mastery and dignity. His rendering of the ceremony was beyond all praise, and it was frequently alluded to by the after-dinner speakers. Subsequently the officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Isaac Sibson, I.P.M.; A. G. Kirley, S.W.; A. E. Kitchin, J.W.; T. W. Melrose, Chap.; J. Gardiner, Treas.; Thos. Armstrong, Sec.; W. E. Mandle, D.C.; I. Irving, S.D.; Jos. Young, J.D.; J. Mackenzie, Asst. Sec.; R. R. Graves, Org.; Robt. Skelton, I.G.; W. Coulthard, W. B. G. Deans, and H. Tinnion, Stwds.; and John Messenger, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by Bro. J. C. Thompson in grand style, after which Bro. Gardiner said the pleasing duty devolved upon him of presenting Bro. Isaac Sibson, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during his year of office. Bro. Gardiner then handed to him the handsome jewel. Bro. Sibson thanked the Treasurer exceedingly for his very kind words, and said he highly appreciated the gift of the jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren. Bro. Irving, W.M., in the name of the brethren, gave a most hearty welcome to the visitors, and invited all to dine with him at the Golden Lion Hotel.

The lodge business, which occupied two hours, having concluded, the brethren afterwards dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, presided over by the newly-installed W.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The speeches were interspersed with some excellent songs.

The following was the toast list: "His Majesty the King;" "Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The

Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," responded to by Bro. Capt. Saunders, R.A., P.M.; "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the M.W.G.M. of England; the M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge;" "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck; the W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Col. F. R. Sewell, and the rest of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge;" "The Installing Masters, Bros. Kenworthy and J. C. Thompson," proposed by Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; "The Newly-Installed W.M. of Perseverance Lodge, No. 371," proposed by Bro. I. Sibson, P.M., P.G.O.; "The I.P.M., W. Bro. I. Sibson, and Past Masters of No. 371," proposed by Bro. W. Irving, W.M.; "The Newly-Invested Officers;" "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast.

Everything was of the best, and promptly served. The brethren separated at an early hour.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING.

The brethren of this lodge, accompanied by their wives and friends, held high revel on Wednesday, the 17th instant, when, under the presidency of the W.M., a most successful outing was celebrated. Among those present were Bro. J. T. C. Blackie, W.M., Mrs. Blackie, and Miss Lamb; Bro. S. Richards, S.W., and Mrs. Richards; Bro. Brownhill, J.W., and Mrs. Brownhill; Bro. Jones, Treas. and acting D.C., and Misses Jones; Bro. G. J. Critchley, Sec.; Bro. Bentley, S.D., and Mrs. Bentley; Bro. Hartley, Org., and Mrs. Hartley; Bro. E. Loebell, P.M., and Mrs. Loebell; Bro. Tyler and Mrs. Tyler; and others.

The assembly took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 11.30, when a light refreshment was partaken of, consisting of strawberries and cream and other toothsome delicacies which gladden the heart and tickle the palates of the fair daughters of Mother Eve. Having for the time being satisfied the twin demons hunger and thirst, the brethren and ladies mounted the stage coaches, and all being comfortably settled, the order was given by the acting D.C. to the man with the horn to tootle and the driver whipped up his horses and away we went on over the drive to Disley proceeding via Cheadle on through Stockport and Hazel Grove, the scenery most of the way being as fine as can be seen in the North of England, but not having the space to enter more fully into a description of the beautiful scenery, &c., we must refer our readers to the Tourist Guide or the house agents for a fuller description. However, all pleasant things have to end some time, so it was with our drive, for at 2.30 the coach pulled up at the noted hostelry, the Ram's Head Hotel, where refreshments were served on the lawn.

The next portion of the programme was a novel bowling competition, the W.M. and S.W. being rival captains of mixed teams of ladies and brethren. The game caused an endless amount of fun and amusement, and Bro. Richards' (S.W.) team eventually beating Bro. Blackie's (W.M.) by 17 points.

The more serious part of the day's proceeding then commenced, namely, a *recherché* banquet, served in the style for which the hotel is famous. Every justice was done to the good things provided.

Bro. Blackie, W.M., proposed "The King and the Craft," and the usual Masonic toasts.

Bro. J. Brownhill then proposed "The Ladies," which was heartily honoured.

Bro. Critchley, in a brief and humorous speech, responded on behalf of the ladies. The toast of "The W.M." was ably proposed in a eulogistic manner by Bro. Loebell, P.M., who congratulated him on the success of the picnic.

The W.M., in responding, said he was very pleased that they had all enjoyed themselves, and he hoped to see them all assembled on many such merry gatherings.

After a stroll round the gardens, seats were again taken for the drive home, which was very enjoyable in the cool of the evening, and the party arrived at the starting point about 10 o'clock, after having spent, as every one declared, a most enjoyable and jolly ladies' outing.

Every thanks are due to the W.M., Bro. Blackie, for the splendid manner in which he had arranged the day's outing, and also to the Picnic Committee for so ably assisting him.

Instruction.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on the 12th inst. 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. Hardyment, J. 1489, P.G.D.C. Norfolk, H.; R. N. Larter, H. 186, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; M. Speigel, P.Z. 834, 1556, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, S.N.; H. Foskett, P.Z. 1641, 890, Treas.; H. J. Dunaway, 59, P.S.; W. Smith-Rose, 1st A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; E. Stevens, 733; A. L. Butters, J. 893; and W. J. Lewis, S.N. 890, 173. Comp. A. J. Jordan, 1602, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jordan being the candidate, who was afterwards unanimously elected a member, and duly acknowledged the compliment. The officers for the ensuing two weeks remain the same, and Comp. Bailey was complimented on his excellent work. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was then closed.

DEATH.

COFFIN.—On the 16th instant, Henry Ellis Coffin, at "The Britannia," Fairfax-road, South Hampstead, in his 63rd year.

THE SALE on Tuesday at Christie's of a perfect example of the First Folio Shakespeare proved to be a noteworthy event in the world of the bibliophile. The copy measures 12½ in. by 8½ in. No letter of text is lacking; and, but for the bottom corners of four leaves being slightly repaired, and the portrait after Droeshout rubbed in places, its condition is good, perhaps, as that of the 1899 example. On the other hand, its value is decreased by reason of the modern morocco binding. The opening offer of £500—more than it was worth 30 years ago—came from Messrs. Pickering; then one of £800 from Mr. Quaritch. By Messrs. Hornstein, Sabin, and others it was carried to £1500. Thereafter the contest was between Pickering and Quaritch. Although in 1899 the late Mr. Bernard Quaritch wrote that the copy which then brought £1700, was worth no more than £1100, his son was on this occasion the final bidder at £1720—a record sum.

TO CIGAR CONNOISSEURS.

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DICE AND DOLASSES.

Few of those who toss the dice in the once favourite game of backgammon, remember they are playing a game, at least, 3000 years old, and that the dice they use are of fabulous antiquity. Apollo taught their use to Hermes, who, afterwards, presided over the game; but these Greek gods probably brought their knowledge from Egypt, where dice, and, it is said, even loaded ones have been found in very ancient tombs. They were known also in Babylon and Chaldea, whilst in Rome gaming with dice seems to have been universal. The Roman emperors and the nobles played for high stakes, but even the austere Cato did not condemn the use of dice as an amusement. The Romans had two sorts of dice, one like those in present use, which were called *tesserae*, the numbers upon which were written in Roman numerals; and the other *tali*, which were oblong, and only numbered on four sides. A game, somewhat similar to backgammon, was played with four tali and 15 counters on each side; the counters were moved according to the throws of the tali. The best throw was called *venus*, when all four tali presented different numbers; and the worst four aces called *canis*. In the tali, the deuce and cinque were omitted. A fine specimen of a Roman talus, with markings in double circles, the six being at the end, was found in the old Roman Bath at Bath, and with some dice boxes may now be seen in the Pump Room in that city. Etruscan tombs have yielded dice, one set of which has become famous. The numbers upon these dice, instead of being the ordinary numerals from one to six, were written in Greek letters. In these, Canon Taylor hoped to find a clue to the lost Etruscan language. The Etruscans, like the Romans, used an alphabet derived from the old Greek one, but their language had no resemblance to Greek or Latin, or any known tongue; and the few inscriptions they have left, being chiefly monumental, have been puzzles to antiquaries and philologists. The dice, upon which Canon Taylor expended much research, would, of course, give the Etruscan numerals up to six, but the difficulty was to ascertain with certainty which of the numbers was denoted by any one of the words. The reconstruction of a language from such very scanty materials is a task of even greater difficulty than Owen's famous reproduction of the moa from a single thigh-bone. Happily, the unexpected discovery of a bilingual inscription on the wrapping of an Egyptian mummy in the museum at Agram will probably greatly facilitate the desired result. The use of dice is very evidently derived from that universal form of divination—the casting of lots. "The lot," says the author of the Book of Proverbs, "is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord," and this belief of the Hebrew race is shared by all mankind, whether savage or civilised. The medicine-man in South Africa traces the dolasses of his clients, and prophesies by the way they fall, in which direction strayed cattle must be sought, or where the thief may be found, or the witch who has caused disease or death. The dolasses used for this purpose among the Kaffirs and Hottentots are not dice, but, perhaps, the earliest of all divining implements—knuckle bones—which, under the name of "astragali," were used for much the same purpose throughout Europe in Roman times, and are consigned in a state of survival to the games of children who still play "dibs" by tossing knuckle-bones, although without any idea of their ancient use in divination. This game, or one very similar, is illustrated in a terra-cotta group of girls among the Greek and Roman antiquities in the British Museum. But among the Mashonas a different kind of dolasses is used, somewhat resembling the Roman Tali; like them, they are oblong, and consist of four to the set. These are not numbered, but carved in knots and scrolls of different kinds, one especial pattern being a sort of conventional lizard, consisting of parallel zigzag lines, which, perhaps, may have some connection with rain, as parallel waved lines were used to symbolise water in Egyptian hieroglyphs, and are still so used among the American Indians. Mr. Bent, who describes and figures the dolasses of the Mashonas in his book on *The Ruined Cities of Mashonaland*, says: "On the evening of the new moon they will seat themselves in a circle, and the village witch doctor will go round, tossing each man's set of dolasses in the air, and by the way they turn up he will divine the fortune of the owner for the month."

(To be continued.)

SIR FRANCIS CRANE.—TAPESTRY AT HAMPTON COURT.

There is an acknowledgment from King Charles in the first year of his reign that he owes £6000 to Sir Francis Crane for tapestry: "Francisco Crane, militi A.D. 1625. For three suits of gold tapestry, for our use we stand indebted to Sir Francis Crane for £6000. Granted to him an annuity of £1000. To Sir Francis Crane also allowed £2000 yearly for the better maintenance of the said works of tapestries, for ten years to come." It is plain by this deed that the manufacture was then arrived at great perfection. Another suit of hangings, executed at the same place, and representing the Five Senses, was in the palace at Oatlands; they were sold in 1649 for £270. At Hampton Court are some of the cartoons. The beautiful hangings at Lord Oxford's at Houghton, containing whole lengths of King James, King Charles, their queens, and the King of Denmark, with heads of the royal children in the borders were in all probability the production of the same manufacture. Williams, Archbishop of York and Lord Keeper, paid Sir Francis Crane £2500 for the Four Seasons. At Knole is a piece of the same tapestry, wrought in silk, containing the portraits of Vandyck and Sir Francis himself. Mrs. Markham, whose maiden name was Crane, and a descendant of Sir Francis, has a half-length portrait in tapestry of her ancestor, with the collar of St. George over his shoulders. She has also a picture, in the same manufacture, of St. George and the Dragon. At Lord Ilchester's, at Redlinch, in Somersetshire, is a suit of hangings of this manufacture. They represent the 12 months in compartments. There are many more sets of the same design—the habits are of the court of Francis I., and one of the months represents a gentleman and lady riding together to hawk. Francis Crane, who was the last lay Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, appears to have had an enterprising mind, for under the patronage of King James I., and encouraged by the Prince of Wales and Villiers, Marquis of Buckingham, he established a manufactory of tapestry on an extensive scale at Mortlake, in Surrey. But the extent of patronage does not appear to have been by any means adequate to the magnitude of the undertaking.

For, in a letter written to the King by Sir Francis, he complains of the Royal negligence; of the non-payment of large sums he had expended for the Marquis; of £300, besides carriage, paid for certain drawings, as designs for tapestry, made for Pope Leo X., the subject—the 12 months in the year—by Raphael d'Urbino. And he further states that his disbursements in the concern had exceeded upwards of £16,000, of which, in return, he had received no more than £2500, and both his estate and credit were so far exhausted that without further support he should be unable to continue the business one month longer. The Royal bounty expected, however, was not extended, and the trade, consequently unsupported, soon fell into decay. He died, according to the record on his monument in the church of Stoke Bruerne, in Northamptonshire, in the 82nd year of his age, A.D. 1703. At the Park in this place, an estate which he had received in consideration of money due to him from the Crown, he built a house upon a plan which he had procured from Italy. The building was spacious enough to receive a visit from Charles I., his Queen, and courtiers.

THE LONDON OF TO-DAY.

London never looked brighter than at the present time. While they have been going mad and dying under the scourge of heat waves in America, New York suffering even more severely than Chicago, London has been basking in the genial sunshine of a pleasant summer. Flowers in the parks and in the window-boxes of the West End houses, the leafy planes along the Embankment, the show of roses in the Temple Gardens, the gay colours of the horticultural beds in the squares, the bright baskets at the circuses, the glory of Kew and Hampton Court, the gaiety of Henley and Ranelagh, have rarely been excelled in any other season. It is true enough, and sad enough, that the shadow of the war falls across the path of fashion, and that the symbol of crape is common among the middle classes, but London makes a brave stand against the inevitable. As for the young men of London, you will find them in the cricket field, at tennis, playing golf, boating on the river, and soldiering. At a Saturday inspection of Volunteers you may see 8000 or 10,000 of them on parade, as well set-up and lively fellows as you could meet anywhere. War is a terrible thing, but the Boer War, which the Brussel De Wet boasts a good thing, because, in his opinion, "it has united the Boers and the Hollanders for ever," may similarly be called a good thing for us, seeing that it has united Great Britain and Greater Britain in the sacred bonds of a blood brotherhood, and taught us a lesson in modern warfare, the value of which cannot be overrated. For health, for the temperateness of its climate, for the cheerfulness of its inhabitants, for a high sense of the duties of citizenship, for opportunities of cheap education and cultured entertainment, and for individual independence, London stands preeminent among the great cities of the world.

OPEN-AIR PLAYS.

One pleasing result of the summer weather has been the success which has attended this season, the production of plays in the open air. Of these the most notable have been the performances given by Mr. Ben Greet's company in the London Botanic Gardens. The dwellers in the neighbourhood are to be congratulated upon the opportunities they have had of enjoying the representation of Shakespeare under the delightfully cool conditions. Artistically, the open-air play is scarcely to be defended; but it makes a pleasant pastime and gives real pleasure to a large number of people.

GENERAL NOTES.

There is some possibility, it seems, that Mr. Tree's next Shaksperian production may be a revival of "The Tempest," in which he would play Caliban, and in which, perhaps, Miss Viola Tree would be the Ariel.

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In the autumn season we are to have a new play at the Garrick, by Mr. Pinero, for which Miss Fay Davis is engaged.

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THE BLACKSMITHS' COMPANY have given a donation of £5 5s. to the funds of the City of London General Pension Society.

BRO. BURNE, TURNER, AND CO. (LIMITED), of Leadenhall-street, have been appointed wine merchants to the King.

THE BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY has voted the sum of 250 guineas as a special jubilee donation to the Newspaper Press Fund.

THE CLOTHWORKERS' COMPANY have given a donation of £50 to the funds of the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children.

THE HOUSE in Lichfield in which Dr. Johnson was born, having been purchased by the city, was formally dedicated to the public as a museum and library.

THE KING'S NEW GOLF LINKS.—The King's new golf links, on the Royal demesne, near Windsor Castle, which have occupied some time in preparation, have now been completed.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—A Select Committee of the House of Commons on Tuesday found proven the preamble of a Bill to authorise the Governors of Christ's Hospital to sell the site.

THE TERM "Royal Yacht," hitherto applied to vessels appropriated to the personal use of the Sovereign, will be abandoned henceforth, and the appellation will be "His Majesty's Yacht."

BRO. ALFRED J. THOMAS, who has just been appointed P.A.G.D. of C., was given a small congratulatory dinner by a few intimate friends on Friday last, at Oddenino's Imperial Restaurant, Regent-street.

PROPOSED CHINESE EXHIBITION.—It is announced that a syndicate is in course of formation for the purpose of holding an exhibition of the industries, arts, and sciences of the Chinese Empire in London in the summer of 1903. Preliminary negotiations have been entered into for renting Olympia, Kensington, which, with its annexe, forms a most suitable place for such a purpose.

A DELIGHTFUL DAY was spent on Monday, the 15th instant, by the members of the West Ham Park Committee, who journeyed to Hampton Court, and enjoyed a trip up the river as far as Chertsey. Bro. Deputy Walford (the chairman) was gracefully assisted by Mrs. Walford in dispensing hospitality, and superintending the arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of their guests.

TIME-HONOURED PRESENTS TO BRO. THE LORD MAYOR.—In accordance with a custom dating from the 12th century at least, Bro. the Lord Mayor has received warrants from the First Commissioner of Works for four fat bucks from Bushey Park. The Sheriffs have received warrants for three bucks, and the Recorder, Chamberlain, Town Clerk, Common Serjeant, and Remembrancer warrants for one buck each. The warrants had their origin in the early charters by which their "huntings" were secured to the citizens of London.

MORE SALMON FOR THE THAMES.—It is stated that the Thames Salmon Association has now some 3000 salmon parr in Mr. Gilbey's hatchery on the Colne, near Uxbridge, and it is intended to place the fish in the Thames when they have assumed the smolt stage. It cannot definitely be ascertained that anything has since been seen of the first consignment of salmon turned into the river at Teddington by the Association last April, although it was rumoured that several of the fish had been discovered dead in Richmond Lock. Inquiries from the lock-keeper showed, however, that that official had seen nothing of the salmon, dead or alive.

THE MEMBERS OF THE LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY made an excursion on Saturday last to Abingdon, Dorchester-on-Thames, and Wallingford. At Abingdon Mr. Alderman Harris met the party, and conducted them over the Town Hall, containing the corporation's treasures, insignia, plate, &c. A visit was also paid to Christ's Hospital, which is a charming mediæval building with a wooden colonnade in front, and contains an interesting series of arms and portraits. The Deputy Mayor conducted the company over the interesting parish church. Visits of equal interest were paid to Dorchester and Wallingford.

BRO. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN MEMORIAL FUND.—The first list of subscriptions has now been issued, by which it appears that upwards of 50 firms and persons, most of them well-known either in music or society, have contributed nearly £900. The subscription is to provide a monument in St. Paul's, to endow a scholarship, and to erect a statue on the Embankment. A large general committee has been formed, and among the members of the executive committee are Sir George Lewis, Sir A. C. Mackenzie, Sir G. Martin, Messrs. T. Chappell, Cowen, German, Hare, Hood, Charles W. Matthews, Walker, Wagg, A. Littleton, and Rupert Carte.

THE PASSMORE EDWARDS' SAILORS' PALACE.—The foundation stone of this building, which will be erected mainly through the munificence of Bro. Passmore Edwards, was laid by Bro. the Duke of Fife on the 11th instant. The building will cost £12,000, and the site and endowment will require another £12,000. It is situated in Commercial-road at the junction of four main highways, and is surrounded by the Scandinavian, Asiatic, and German homes. The ceremony on the 11th instant was attended by Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, Bro. Sheriff Lawrence, M.P., Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale, M.P., and Lady Dimsdale, Mr. H. S. Samuel, M.P., Mr. S. Buxton, M.P., Bro. and Mrs. Passmore Edwards, Mr. Mason (chairman of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society), the local members of Parliament, and the Mayors of the adjacent boroughs. Replying to an address read by the Bishop of Hereford, Bro. his Grace the Duke of Fife expressed his pleasure at finding that the name of Bro. Passmore Edwards would always be associated with the work, as but for his generosity the directors would have hesitated about commencing such an undertaking. It would be a noble building, admirably equipped, and would thoroughly justify the name of "Jack's Palace." His Grace then laid the foundation stone with a trowel (presented by Lady Dimsdale on behalf of the Ladies' Guild) made from the oak and copper of the Foudroyant. On the motion of Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, seconded by Mr. F. T. Bullen, votes of thanks were passed to the Duke of Fife, the Lord Mayor, and Bro. Passmore Edwards. Afterwards the Duke presented Bro. Edwards with a signed address. In the afternoon the Duchess of Fife entertained about 300 sailors at a garden party in the rectory grounds.

ON THE steamer Zealand, sailing July 10th from New York for Antwerp, will be Col. M. Richards Mucklé, accompanied by his grandson, M. R. M. Stambach, who visits Europe on business combined with recreation. He will remain abroad about two months, during which time he will sojourn in Paris a short while to visit old-time friends, and later on other localities on the Continent, among them Strasburg in Alsace, where he will inspect the newly-completed building erected by the German Government for the Imperial University and National Library, restored since the war between France and Germany. The library at the period of its destruction in 1870 numbered between three and four hundred thousand books, pamphlets, and valuable ancient manuscripts, which were all destroyed. General Bismarck Bohlen, who was appointed by Emperor Wilhelm I. the Governor-General of Alsace and Lorraine, in making an appeal for contributions in books and money for the restoration of this famous historical and world renowned institution to friends of literature throughout the world, selected for the purpose in the United States and Canada, Col. M. Richards Mucklé, who has been diligently engaged in this, to him, very agreeable mission for the past 30 years, and has but recently again forwarded another case of books, of which already between 40 and 50 have been sent by him, numbering in the neighbourhood of 13,000 volumes and pamphlets. The contributions have been forwarded to their destination from the United States free of all expense whatever, through the kindness and liberality of the Adams Express Company and the North German Lloyd Steamship Company. Colonel Mucklé's visit to the Imperial Library will be a source of much pleasure and interest, enabling him to inspect his contributions resting upon the shelves of this great and noble Imperial organisation. He will later also visit Berlin and the Foreign Office, in which he will be able to meet some of his friends of past years, as well as some of the members of the Reichstag. We bespeak for him a very hearty reception, particularly in Germany, where he is very popular, and has always been welcomed by many distinguished personages, among others the late Prince Bismarck, with whom he was an admired correspondent.

BRO. T. HASTINGS MILLER (the Chief Commoner) attained his 60th year on the 13th instant.

AT the last examination for young women for positions in the Post Office, there were no fewer than 754 candidates for 132 vacancies.

THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY RECEIPTS amounted on Tuesday to £51,000, the highest sum that has been recorded for some years.

THE EMPRESS EUGENIE, who is now in fairly good health, paid a visit incognito to the Glasgow Exhibition on the 12th instant.

THE LORD PROVOST OF GLASGOW, as the result of his visit to London, announced last week, that the King will visit Glasgow Exhibition in the autumn.

THE KING is taking deep interest in the Congress on Tuberculosis, which opens in London on the 22nd instant. The proceedings will be opened by the Duke of Cambridge.

THE BUTCHERS' COMPANY have sent an annual subscription of £2 2s. to the Dental Hospital of London, and a donation of £1 1s. to the St. Bartholomew-the-Great school excursion.

THE PROV. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has summoned a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, to be held on Tuesday, the 6th prox., at Aldershot.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR and the Lady Mayoress were present on the 16th instant at the garden party given by Bro. Alderman Truscott and Mrs. Truscott at their residence, Greatwood, Chislehurst.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.—Comp. the Rev. J. Home Pilkington, rector of Framlingham, has been appointed to succeed the Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn as Grand Superintendent of Suffolk.

THE CHIEF event in the Henley Regatta was a race between an English eight and a crew from Pennsylvania University. The English crew won, after a desperate struggle, by a boat's length.

WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED to draw attention to the fact that the Grand Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor will take place on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, and not on Wednesday, as was erroneously stated on the front page of circulars.

THE SPANISH ART EXHIBITION.—The daily attendance of visitors to the Guildhall Art Gallery is being well maintained. Since its opening the Spanish Art Loan Exhibition has been visited by no fewer than 223,000 persons.

A CELTIC CROSS, the order for which was given by the late Queen, has been erected within the grounds of Balmoral Castle in memory of the late Duke of Coburg. The cross is of granite, and was quarried in the neighbourhood.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—The Rev. Dr. Adler, Chief Rabbi, has sent Bro. the Lord Mayor £846 7s. 8d., being the aggregate of the amounts collected in the London synagogues under his charge in aid of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

IN OUR ISSUE of the 6th instant we stated that a special grant of £10 had been placed by the Prov. G. Lodge of Surrey on the Prov. G. Master's list for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This should have been £210.

BRO. LORD EUSTON was entertained at dinner recently by the brethren of his lodge. It was a dinner primarily to congratulate Lord Euston upon his appointment as N.D.C. to the King, but we believe it also possessed an antecedent significance.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT states that mainly owing to tunnels and other excavations in the vicinity, the foundations of St. Paul's Cathedral are endangered. Cracks have appeared in the walls, and the vast structure "shows an inclination to slide down the hillside towards the Thames."

WE HAVE received an illustrated leaflet entitled "Saturday to Monday at Dieppe," issued by the Continental Traffic Manager of the L.B. and S.C. Railway. Particulars are therein given of the journey to Dieppe and back, of the town and its environs. The first-class return fare for the week-end is now only 30s.

MESSRS. BRAND AND CO. (Limited), of Mayfair—whose advertisement will be found in another column—have been honoured by the Royal Warrant of appointment as Purveyors of Concentrated Beef Tea to H.M. King Edward VII. The honour of being purveyors to his Majesty, when Prince of Wales, was held by this firm for many years.

REGENT'S PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Bro. Dr. Mordaunt will deliver a lecture on "Lights and Shadows of Masonry" before the Regent's Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 2202, meeting at Frascati's Restaurant, on Monday evening next, at eight o'clock. Members of the lodge are invited to bring as many visiting brethren as possible. The ordinary working of the lodge will be dispensed with on this occasion.

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH appeared in the *Times*, *Standard*, and all the morning papers of Wednesday, the 10th instant: "Maseru, July 8. A patrol of sharpshooters, under Captain Thomas, moving northwards from Ladybrand, engaged a party of Boers, killing five, wounding seven, and capturing three." The officer in command is the youngest son of the well-known Bro. James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., who has another son at the front, Bro. Major G. Harley Thomas, R.A.M.C.

IN THE OPINION OF MR. CHOATE, the American Ambassador, more successful attention has been given to the development of scientific methods of administering charity in London than in any other city. That which has struck him more than anything else in London, he adds, is the enormous and widespread devotion of its people of all classes, from the Royal Family downwards, to the cause of charity.

THE LATE LORD WANTAGE'S WILL.—The gross value has been entered at £21,671 1s. 7d. of the whole of the estate of Bro. Colonel Robert James, first Baron Wantage, of Lockinge House, Wantage, and of Overstone Park, Northampton, and 2, Carlton-gardens, V.C., K.C.B., Lord Lieutenant of Berks, M.P. for Berks 1865-85, and Financial Secretary to the War Office 1877-80, who died on the 10th ult., aged 69 years, son of the late General James Lindsay, of Balcarres.

THE MARQUIS OF ZETLAND, Prov. Grand Master of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of this province (on the invitation of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, and St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2586), in the Grand Hall, the Spa, Scarborough, on Friday, the 26th instant, at three o'clock. Dinner will be provided at the Grand Hotel, at five o'clock; tickets for which (5s. each) may be had from Bro. Chas. Travess, Masonic Club, Scarborough.

FREEMASONS' KETTLE.—On the 11th instant the annual Kettle of St. David's Lodge, No. 393, took place at South Bells, Berwick. The day was delightfully opportune for such a gathering, and the large company enjoyed the sunny outing to their very hearts' content. South Bells was reached in the usual way, and at 2.30 the company sat down to the favourite repast, purveyed in Councillor Greenwood's familiar able style. Bro. F. Edminson, W.M., presided. A number of toasts were proposed and responded. The Sheriff proposed "The Visitors," and ex-Provost Laidlaw, Jedburgh, and Rev. M. Green, Norham, replied.

THE 20TH ANNUAL OUTING of the employees of the *Freemason* took place at Windsor on Saturday last, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. H. Sayer (Father of the Chapel), Bro. C. Lambe, vice-chairman. The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Proprietor, George Kenning, Esq." (which was enthusiastically received), remarked that he hoped the good feeling which had always existed between the proprietor and the employees would continue. After dinner the party had an enjoyable drive by brake to Virginia Water, and returned to London about nine p.m. Great credit is due to the stewards, Messrs. C. R. Bettison and A. French, for the able manner in which they arranged the outing. A very tasteful programme was provided.

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