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THE LATE PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

The sad news of the death of President MCKINLEY has been received everywhere with the deepest sorrow, but in no country with a deeper or more sincere sympathy than in the United Kingdom, and indeed throughout the whole of the British Empire. Full well do we remember how, in the month of January, when the whole country was stricken with grief at the death of her gracious Majesty Queen VICTORIA, the President and people of the United States claimed and exercised the right of kinship, and joined with us in showing respect to the memory of our beloved Sovereign. Now, unhappily, we are in a position to exercise that same right of kinship, and in the same spirit in which they sorrowed with us over the death of our good Queen, in that same spirit do we unite with them in lamenting the loss of their great and good President. Moreover, as English Masons, we may claim to express this sympathy with even greater justice than the rest of our fellow-countrymen. The late President was a member of our Society, and though in the course of his busy life, he was unable to devote much time to the pursuit of Masonry, he was deeply imbued with the principles on which it is founded. He was loyal to the people of whom he was the elected chief, and lived in charity with all men. May the G.A.O.T.U. grant strength to the widow, the family, and the American people in this hour of their terrible bereavement!

THE AUTUMN SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The usual interest and excitement will be witnessed in and around Freemasons' Tavern during the second week in October, when the autumn School Elections will be held, that for the Girls' School taking place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors on Thursday, the 10th, and that of the Boys' School on Friday, the 11th of that month. The Girls' School candidates have the better prospects, as there are 16 vacancies and only 25 children competing for them, so that every one of the latter has almost two chances of success to one of failure. For the Boy candidates, however, the outlook is less promising, as the number of vacancies to be competed for is 20, while the

number of candidates is 46—reduced from 47 since the issue of the voting papers and lists by the nomination of Leonard Darley at No. 36 under the "BEACH" Perpetual Presentation.

We have said that for the approaching election of children into the

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there are 25 candidates and 16 vacancies, London being responsible for four of the former and having a joint interest with Malta in a fifth, while the remaining 20 are of Provincial origin. The London four are all fresh cases, and will be found at Nos. 8, 16, 20, and 21 respectively, and of these No. 20 has this solitary chance of winning admission into the School, as before the election in April, 1902, she will have exceeded the maximum limit of 11 years. The Malta-London case at No. 5 is also in the same unfortunate predicament, and in the event of her failure to secure a place will have her name removed from the list. She has, however, a slight advantage in having 430 votes to her credit from her candidature in April. Of the 20 Provincial candidates Essex sends up two, namely, No. 3, who brings forward 3229 votes to help her on the present occasion, and a new case at No. 25. Suffolk contributes two new cases at Nos. 18 and 24 respectively, and Warwickshire two at Nos. 10 and 19. Of the remaining children No. 1, who has in hand 58 votes from the last three contests, derives her claims from East Lancashire and Cumberland and Westmorland; No. 2, with 10 votes, from South Wales (E.D.); No. 4, with 1266 votes in hand, from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; and No. 6, with 168 votes, from Cheshire. All the others are new to the ballot, and hail from the following Provinces or Districts: No. 7, from Northern China and China; No. 9, from West Yorkshire; No. 11, from Middlesex; No. 12, from Northants and Hunts; Nos. 13, 14, and 15, from Kent, Sussex, and West Lancashire respectively; No. 17, from North Wales; No. 22, from Hertfordshire; and No. 23, from Cornwall.

For the election into

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there were originally 47 candidates, but the name of one of these, as already explained, has been nominated under the "BEACH" presentation, and his friends and supporters are thus relieved of their labours and responsibilities in canvassing for votes in his behalf. Indeed, there may be said to have been at the outset 48 candidates, as it is notified on the list that the boy who would have ranked as No. 48 will be "presented by the Province of Northumberland." However, whether the number is 48 or 46, only 20 of them will be elected, and the chances of failure are greater than the chances of success.

Towards this list of 46, London furnishes 11, and has a joint interest with one or more Provinces in four others, while 31 derive their claims from the Provinces or Districts Abroad. The London 11 comprise Nos. 2 and 4, who were candidates in April, and obtained 1333 and 1582 votes respectively, and Nos. 13, 15, 18, 25, 35, 39, 44, 45, and 47, while the four in which it has a part interest are No. 5 (London and Kent), with 2566 votes to his credit; Nos. 6 and 9, both from London and Middlesex, the former having 925 votes to the good, and the latter 23 votes; and a new candidate at 41, who has claims on Kent and Essex as well as on London, but has this solitary chance of securing election into the School. Towards the 31 Provincial and Foreign Cases, Warwickshire

contributes three new cases—Nos. 17, 20, and 31—and West Yorkshire three—Nos. 19, 27, and 30. West Lancashire, Hertfordshire, and Bristol are severally responsible for two candidates, Nos. 21 and 36 hailing from West Lancashire; Nos. 29 and 43 from Herts; and Nos. 32 and 34 from Bristol. The others are distributed thus: No. 1, with 312 votes, South Africa (W.D.) and Hants and the Isle of Wight; No. 3, with 77 votes to the good, Demerara, British Guiana; No. 8, with 2465 votes in hand, Argentine Republic; No. 10, Middlesex and West Australia, who brings forward 925 votes, and Nos. 11 and 12, from South Wales (W.D. and E.D.), respectively, the former having 1043 and the latter 14 votes to help him on his way next month. The following are all new cases: No. 14 (Bristol and Somersetshire); No. 16 (Worcestershire and Surrey), whose name, in the event of failure, will be removed from the list; No. 22 (Cumberland and Westmoreland); Nos. 23 and 24 from Suffolk and Somersetshire; Nos. 26 and 28 from Staffordshire and Surrey; No. 33, with claims on Warwickshire and Staffordshire; No. 38 from the Isle of Man; No. 40 from Durham; No. 42, in whom Devonshire and Hants and the Isle of Wight are jointly interested; and No. 46 hailing from Essex.

It remains for us to give the usual prominence to the children on the two lists who will have their names removed in the event of their not winning places among the successful candidates. These are No. 5 (Malta and London), No. 9 (West Yorkshire), and No. 20 (London) on the Girls' List; and No. 16 (Worcestershire and Surrey) and No. 41 (Kent, Essex, and London) on the Boys' List; and on behalf of these we earnestly appeal to all Governors and Subscribers who are not already committed to the support of any candidate to give them the benefit of their votes and influence, so that they may not be disappointed of the benefits they have been adjudged worthy to receive.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE ROYAL ARCH. I.—THE FIRST PRINCIPAL.

In discussing the duties of the First Principal of a Royal Arch chapter, or Zerubbabel as he is called, it will not be necessary to refer at any length to the administrative aspect. The same considerations which guide the Wor. Master of a Craft lodge should influence the companion who presides over a chapter, and these have been referred to at length in an article in the *Freemason* on September 23rd, 1899, so that it is scarcely necessary to recapitulate what was said then.

Whilst the *Worshipful Master* is told during the ceremony of his installation that his prototype was that prince of builders Adoniram, he never again hears that name except at subsequent installations. In the chapter, however, the presiding officer is always known by the name of his prototype Zerubbabel. That great Hebrew was the grandson (not the son as stated by Ezra) of Salathiel, son of Jeconiah, King of Judah, and, therefore, of royal descent. He was born in Babylon, as the Hebrew significance of his name imports, and at the beginning of the reign of Cyrus returned to Jerusalem with the sacred vessels in his charge, as being the chief of the Jews who were then in captivity. He laid the foundations of the Second Temple, and restored the worship of Jehovah. His name occurs in the genealogies of our Lord in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke, but the name is written Zorobabel.

In the United States the presiding officers of the several Supreme Grand Chapters are called Grand High Priests, the officers being J. and Z., in that Order. Possibly in a Republican State it was felt incongruous that the representative of royalty should come first.

A peculiarity of Royal Arch Masonry is the fact that the chapter is opened by Principals only. At the Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter, held on August 5th, 1896, an attempt was made to introduce a change in this procedure. E. Comp. Garrod moved: "That in the opinion of this Supreme Grand Chapter it is desirable that the practice of excluding from the opening of Royal Arch chapters companions other than Installed Principals be discontinued."

The question had been raised as far back as 1880, and was then negatived. Comp. Garrod himself, on February 1st, 1893, had also mentioned the matter in Grand Chapter, but without making any motion on the subject. In support of his present proposition he adduced some extracts from the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham, but he chiefly relied

upon the absence of any reason for such exclusion. The seconder added that he thought the change in procedure should necessarily accompany the alteration in Article 73 already referred to as tending to make the Order still more popular.

How a change in a detail of ritual could affect outsiders in the way suggested is not clear, but a much better argument was that Royal Arch Masons might be induced to attend chapter meetings with more regularity if admitted to what was often the only ritual work performed.

The motion was negatived by a large majority, on the very reasonable ground that, granted there did not seem to be any very excellent reasons why the practice should be maintained, it should require very excellent and forcible reasons indeed why the traditions of 150 years should be destroyed.

At the same Communication, Article 35 of the Regulations was altered in order to allow H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Superintendent of Bombay, to appoint a *Pro* District Grand Superintendent. Such procedure already existed with regard to princes of the blood royal both in Grand Lodge, private lodges, District Grand Lodges and Grand Chapter, and the change proposed met with ready acceptance. On the principle of not making two bites of a cherry, one wonders why the proviso was not extended to Provinces as well as Districts.

In English Royal Arch Masonry the Second Principal bears the name of Haggai the prophet. In America, Haggai is third in order of precedence, and he is called the Scribe. Our Transatlantic brethren lose something by this as it destroys the force of the sublime illustration which represents our Lord as Prophet, Priest, and King. As far as his share in the government of the chapter is concerned, the position of Second Principal is somewhat analogous to that of Senior Warden in lodge. In the course of the work Companion H. has little to do beyond giving the symbolical lecture. Haggai was not the original colleague of Zerubbabel. The proclamation of Cyrus was made in the year B.C. 536, and the work of rebuilding the temple was undertaken by Z. and Jeshua the high priest. Owing to the opposition of the Samaritans and to misrepresentations made by them at the court in Babylon the work did not proceed beyond the foundation stone laying for some years, and it was not till B.C. 520 that Haggai came forward and expounded the law to the disheartened Hebrews. Aided by a rescript from Darius the building was resumed with vigour.

There is one point in the lecture of H. which may be alluded to as possessing features of interest. The banners are said to bear the emblems of the 12 tribes, four larger banners bearing those of the leaders of each group of three. The list of the tribes is referred to as in *Genesis xlix.*, and the names of the leading tribes in *Numbers ii.*

The tribes are referred to or enumerated five times in all in Holy Writ, namely, *Genesis xlix.*, *Exodus i.*, *Numbers ii.*, *Joshua xv.-xix.*, and *Revelations vii.*, and not one of these lists agrees with any other. The first enumerates the sons of Jacob without tribal reference. The second ignores Joseph, giving but 11 names. The third omits Joseph and Levi, but includes Ephraim and Manasseh. The fourth mentions the second half of the tribes of Manasseh, and the fifth leaves out Dan. The order in which they are named is interesting, the variations being considerable.

Reuben	Reuben	Judah	Judah	Juda
Simeon	Simeon	Issachar	Joseph	Reuben
Levi	Levi	Zebulun	Manasseh	Gad
Judah	Judah	Reuben	Ephraim	Asher
Zebulun	Issachar	Simeon	Benjamin	Naphtali
Issachar	Zebulun	Gad	Simeon	Manasseh
Dan	Benjamin	Ephraim	Zebulun	Simeon
Gad	Dan	Manasseh	Issachar	Levi
Asher	Naphtali	Benjamin	Asher	Issachar
Naphtali	Gad	Dan	Naphtali	Zebulun
Joseph	Asher	Asher	Dan	Joseph
Benjamin		Naphtali	Levi	Benjamin

In the fifth list Joseph must be taken as representing Ephraim. The leading tribes were Dan, Judah, Ephraim, and Reuben. The devices are a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle.

These symbols are described in *Ezekiel i. 10* and *Revelations iv. 7*, and from a very early period they have been held to be emblematical of the four Evangelists, and the Evangelists are thus represented in mediæval art.

The Third Principal takes the name of Jeshua, the high priest. In Haggai and Zechariah he is called Joshua. He was the son of Zorelech and the grandson of Seraiah, and like the two others was born in Babylon. As representative of the priestly caste he is practically the Chaplain of the chapter, and shares with Z. the duty of offering prayer. In the government of the chapter he is practically Junior Warden. In the course of ceremonial work, besides offering prayer, he has to deliver the historical lecture. It is not worth while treating historical errors too seriously in a Masonic legend, but, still, when the latter

descends to details, we look for some approximation to accuracy. It is an error to speak of the tabernacle being erected two years after the Exodus. Both occurrences took place in the same year—1491 B.C.—and the dates were—the tabernacle 1491 B.C., King Solomon's temple 1004 B.C., and the temple of Cyrus 519 B.C. There was, therefore, practically the same interval of time between them, namely, 487 years and 485.

The temple of Cyrus was much beautified by Herod as a concession to the Jews, and was finally destroyed by the Romans under Titus, who, however, personally made every effort to save it. The statement in Haggai that the glory of the latter house should exceed that of the former does not refer, as some think, to the superior ornamentation, but to the fact that it was in the second temple that our Saviour was presented.

The symbolical and mystical lectures may be more suitably referred to when we come to discuss the chapter-room and its furniture.

In our next we shall refer to the remaining officers of the chapter.

THE MASONIC GUIDE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR 1901-2.

This admirable annual is compiled by the R.W. Bro. Philip Sansom, Past D.G.M., and Grand Treasurer, and is published under the patronage of the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Samuel James Way, Bart., Chief Justice of South Australia, &c.

The accomplished editor has discharged the onerous duties of that office on similar lines to that of last year's issue, the only extra feature I have detected being two pages devoted to the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," No. 2076, London. There are 17 members of the "Correspondence Circle" in South Australia, including the Grand Lodge and six lodges. The Grand Master's name is also one of the number.

There are 43 lodges on the roll, returning in all some 2570 members, being the largest total yet registered, and an average of nearly 60 per lodge; thus showing a considerable advance on the English average.

I have many times referred to this most useful Guide, and consider it one of the best published in connection with any Grand Lodge because of the valuable information afforded, interesting not only locally, but also generally, and a model compilation of its kind.

The Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter has only three subordinates as yet, returning together 168 companions. There are two Mark lodges working in South Australia, by warrants of the Mark Grand Lodge, which are in a flourishing condition; besides a R.A. chapter and Mark lodge under the Irish Constitution. There appears to be room for advance in respect of both these Degrees, especially of the Royal Arch, which is the officially recognised complement of the Master Mason's ceremony.

W. J. H.

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Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, with the City Sheriffs and their ladies, attended by the Under-Sheriffs, paid a State visit to the above School on Monday last. The civic party were received by the following members of the House Committee: Bros. Sir John Monckton, Chairman for the month (with whom was Lady Monckton), Long, Letchworth, Richardson, Grey, Hammerton, Hunt, Matthews, and Loveland.

The girls went through an admirable performance of calisthenics, marching, music and part singing, which the Chief Magistrate very warmly eulogised in a long and interesting speech; after which two Gold Medallists, Miss Agnes Robinson and Miss Doris Eagle, approached the Lord Mayor, and begged his lordship to accept from the pupils and staff two purses, containing together five guineas, as the Institution's loyal and loving contribution to the Mansion House Victoria Memorial Fund.

A careful inspection of the Schools and grounds was then undertaken by the distinguished visitors, who before leaving expressed to Miss Buck and Miss Hutchinson, the Matron and Head Governess, their great satisfaction with all they had seen. It is noteworthy that the whole of the civic dignitaries are Freemasons and Governors of the School.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

By the death of the late Bro. Lord Radnor, the office of Prov. Grand Master of this province became vacant in June, 1900. A special Prov. Grand Lodge was, therefore, held at Swindon on the 29th of May last, to recommend, according to the Constitutions, to H.R.H. the Grand Master a brother as successor to the late Prov. Grand Master, and the brethren unanimously recommended Bro. the Rev. Frederick William Macdonald, P.G.C. England, P.P.G.W. Wilts, for this post.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master was pleased to approve of the recommendation, and on the 20th day of June last appointed Bro. the Rev. F. W. Macdonald Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons in Wiltshire.

There was an important gathering of brethren of the Mark Degree on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at Salisbury, for the installation. The ceremony took place at 1.30 p.m., at the Council Chamber, which was kindly lent for the purpose by the Mayor, and had been handsomely decorated for the occasion by Mr. F. Simmonds, of Salisbury, the plants and flowers used in the decorations having been kindly sent by the Earl of Radnor from the Longford Gardens.

The Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, came to perform the ceremony, and, on the report being made to him that Prov. Grand Lodge was properly constituted, he entered, attended by the following Grand Officers: Bros. Col. Brymer, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Dorset; Belton, S.G.W.; Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; the Rev. J. Lloyd, P.G.C.; and Bambridge, P.G.O.

The Pro Grand Master then installed the Prov. Grand Master, who, after his address to the brethren, appointed and invested the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Major F. P. Goddard, and the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bro. F. S. Hancock	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Campbell Maclean	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" E. Waters	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. S. Bambridge	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" Alfred Plummer	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Harry Bevin	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. Griffin	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. M. Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Barns	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. A. B. Elews	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. E. Nicolson Browne	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. Hislop Chandler	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Dear	...	...	...	Prov. G. S.B.
" Baker	...	...	...	} Prov. G.I.Gs.
" Rendell	...	...	...
" William Dean	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Pro Grand Master withdrew from the lodge, attended by the Grand Officers, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in form by the Prov. Grand Master.

The brethren then attended a banquet at the White Hart Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, when there were present in addition to the Prov. Grand Officers already mentioned Bros. Purvis, P.P. S.G.W. Somersetshire; Mercer, P.P.J.G.W. Somersetshire; Rubie, P.P.G.O. Somersetshire; McConnell, P.P.G. Chap. Somersetshire; Watts, P.P.G. Chap. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Rev. Dunlop, A. E. Fuller, and Dalby, W.M. 155.

Bro. C. W. Powning, W.M., and the following brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge, Salisbury, viz.: Bros. Hammick, Col. Everett, Bowes, Bartlett, Southly, Follitt, Sutton, Knight, Major H. Gibbs, S. Gibbs, and others.

The usual toasts were submitted.

In the evening the Prov. Grand Officers of the Elias de Derham Lodge entertained the Pro Grand Master and the officers of Grand Lodge at the White Hart Hotel.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the consecration of the Welsh Lodge, No. 2867, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 30th instant. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, and the principal officers designate are Bros. Sir John Puleston, W.M.; E. R. Cleator, S.W.; and T. J. Harries, J.W.

We may further state that the Forest Hill Lodge, No. 2846, will be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall this (Friday) evening, the ceremony being performed by the Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer, and other Grand Officers. Our respected Bro. James Speller, Past G. Std. Br., is the W.M. designate of the new lodge. We shall publish a full report of the proceedings in our next week's issue.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham—the first that has been held under the auspices of Lord Barnard, the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master—will take place at the Victoria Hall, Sunderland, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 2 15 p.m. The business to be transacted will be of the usual character, and will include the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year. We are glad to note that the Prov. G. Treasurer's statement of account is a satisfactory one, there being, notwithstanding the additional expenditure rendered necessary by the special meeting at which Lord Barnard was installed in office, a balance at the close of the account approximating closely to that brought forward from the previous year. When Prov. Grand Lodge has been closed, the brethren will adjourn to the Palatine Hotel, where a banquet will be served, tickets for which, at 5s. each, must have been previously obtained of Bro. H. J. Halfpenny, 1, Cresswell Terrace, Sunderland.

It is with the most sincere regret that we record the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, F.S.A., V.D., a memoir of whose services to Freemasonry will be found in another column. Bro. Lambert was born in 1823, initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry in 1844, and during his long career of 57 years was honoured with appointments to Grand office in the several branches of the Craft with which he was connected. He was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of Grand Lodge in 1881, and Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter in 1883. He was also a Past S.G. Deacon of the Mark Grand Lodge, Past G. Warden of Regalia of Great Priory, having held the position for a long term of years, and Inspector-General (Unattached) 33° of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. To each and every of these Grand bodies our deceased brother had rendered valuable services, and though for some time past, owing to advancing age, he had taken no very active part in the duties of Masonry, his presence in our midst, as that of a veteran of so many years' standing, will be sorely missed.

As a warm supporter of our Central Masonic Institutions his death will be, if possible, still more deeply lamented. He not only took a deep interest in their welfare, but he also very materially contributed to their funds. Thus he was a Patron of the three Charities, and had figured on upwards of 30 occasions in their Festival Stewards' Returns, about one half of his Stewardships having been served in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, while the other half was about equally divided between our two Scholastic Institutions. He had likewise acted several times in the same capacity for the Mark Benevolent Fund, for which he had qualified as a Vice-President. Outside Freemasonry he was also a generous benefactor of our Metropolitan Charities, and every now and then we used to read of him as presiding as Chairman at one or other of their Festival dinners. He was, indeed, a most worthy man and Mason, and London and Freemasonry are the poorer by reason of his death. To the members of his family, to the members of the lodges and other Masonic bodies with which he was or till quite lately had been connected, and to the very large circle of those who were privileged to call him friend, we tender our most respectful sympathy.

There are one or two circumstances referred to by Grand Master—now I.P.G. Master—Willard L. Eaton in the address he delivered at the recent annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, on which it strikes us we may legitimately offer a few remarks. It appears that in some of the Masonic jurisdictions in the United States it is regarded as being quite in the ordinary course of things; that a lodge in one jurisdiction which helps a distressed member of a lodge in another jurisdiction should apply for and receive reimbursement of the money so expended. The rule may not be quite in accordance with our old fashioned ideas of what constitutes Masonic Charity, but there it is, and it is no business of ours to contest the right of an American Grand Lodge to adopt it if it chooses. But the rule does not always work smoothly. The lodge of the poor brother who was assisted does not invariably see its way to reimbursing the lodge which rendered him assistance, and differences, more or less acute, between the two bodies not infrequently follow, which it is not in the power of Grand Masters to adjust.

A case of this kind was referred to as having arisen between Malta Lodge, No. 318, Iowa Register, and Barton Lodge, No. 6, Canadian Register (Province of Ontario). A member of good standing of the latter went to reside in the jurisdiction of the former. But misfortune overtook him, and Malta Lodge, having given the needful help, applied, unsuccessfully, to Barton Lodge for repayment. *Hinc ille lacrymæ.* Barton Lodge pleaded financial inability to meet the demand, and also that when it assisted a travelling brother in distress, according to his necessities and its own means, it did not ask for, or get, return of its money. Moreover, it lost its temper, forgot "the amenities which belong to the Fraternity"—this, indeed, seems to have been the gravaman of the charge against Barton Lodge—and generally disported itself to the disgust of the members of the Malta Lodge. In vain, we are told, did the Grand Master of Canada use his good offices in trying to adjust the difference. The squabble continued, and in the end Grand Master Eaton said he had "no option but to close the correspondence."

But the remarks of Bro. Eaton in one part of this section of his address sound strange. In one sentence

he says that "the persistent ill-tempered refusal of Barton Lodge to respond to the just demands of Malta Lodge" left him no option but to close the correspondence; in the next he tells us that the Grand Lodge of Iowa has "incorporated into its code the doctrine that 'no lodge is liable for Masonic aid furnished by another lodge or brother, unless such aid is furnished by request of such lodge or its Committee on Charity.'" Barton Lodge may have behaved ill-temperedly, but in the face of the doctrine thus incorporated, how can the demands of Malta Lodge be described as just? True, it is added, that Malta Lodge is said to have had reasonable ground for expecting that Barton Lodge would pay, but as to this we can only remark "Blessed is he that expecteth nothing, for he shall not be disappointed."

In another part of his Address Bro. Eaton vehemently denounced the "unmasonic use of the blackball," the moral he deduces from this misuse being as follows: "We cannot guard our portals too carefully. The absolute right to cast a secret ballot is a landmark of this fraternity, but this right ought never to be exercised through unworthy or unmasonic motives." And so say all of us.

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Burma was held at the Masonic Hall, Rangoon, on the 26th June. In the absence of Bro. J. Copley Moyle, Dist. G. Master, who had gone on leave to England, the chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. N. N. Parakh, Dep. Dist. G.M. in charge, and to judge from the printed report of proceedings, not only did the meeting pass off satisfactorily, but the District appears to be, for an organisation on so moderate a scale, in a condition that leaves very little to be desired. There are 10 lodges on the roll of the District Grand Lodge, and the number of subscribing members does not reach 400—the exact total of the lodge returns on the 31st March, 1901, is 374—but this is in excess of the previous year's aggregate. The lodges also are declared to be in good working order, and prompt and careful in the discharge of their appointed duties. But, after all, an average of 37 members per lodge in so remote a District, and where the civilian and military sections of the population are so liable to be moved from one station to another, is creditable, and we heartily congratulate the brethren of the District on the good fortune which appears to have attended them during the past year.

The District Grand Chapter is necessarily a smaller body, but in this case also there is a modest increase of membership. The convocation of District Grand Chapter was held at Rangoon two days before the District Grand Lodge, and the District G.H., who presided in place of the absent G. Superintendent, took occasion to urge on Craft Masons and especially on the W. Masters of lodges, to do all in their power to encourage Master Masons to join the Royal Arch. He also expressed himself as pleased to know that the newly-formed "Fort Dufferin" Chapter was doing such excellent work the number of those who had been exalted under its banner being already—at the date of the convocation—about 20. With a similar display of energy among the other chapters, the fortunes of the Royal Arch would be still further advanced.

There is only one subject for regret, namely, that the "Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Society" does not seem to have received the amount of support which it deserves, and which alone will enable it to carry out successfully the purposes for which it was founded. However, as both the District G. Lodge and District G. Chapter voted grants in aid of this praiseworthy Charity, let us hope that others may be emboldened by such excellent examples to go and do likewise.

If "bigness" may be taken as a criterion of worth, then, beyond all doubt, the St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, of Boston, Massachusetts, must be pre-eminently worthy, for, as a contemporary informs us, it has 1142 subscribing members, or not far short of as many as are to be found in all the 45 chapters of our Province of West Yorkshire taken together. Next in order of worth or "bigness" comes the Oriental Chapter, of Philadelphia, which can boast of 1069 members, while Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, Rochester, New York, musters 816 members. The biggest Grand Chapter in the United States is that of New York, which has 22,817 members under its jurisdiction, but then the Grand Lodge of the same State is also the biggest of all the Grand Lodges in the U.S.A., with over 100,000 Craft Masons on its register.

We have been requested to correct an error in our report of the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 7th instant. It was Bro. Arthur Williams, not Bro. Dr. Sandberg, who seconded the motion for the removal of certain lodges from the Grand Lodge Register.

Correspondence.

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

MASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having since my sojourn in South Africa sent you a few lines after visiting lodges away from Kimberley, I am adhering to the custom a recent visit paid to Port Elizabeth. The two lodges located there are said to be in a flourishing condition numerically, and on installation nights the attendance is quite large. I had an opportunity of visiting Goodwill Lodge, No. 711, when the ceremony of passing was excellently performed by the new W.M. Emulation working was fairly closely followed. The lodge was well and closed tiled, and although I had been introduced to some of the Past Masters by a Past Master of my own (Kimberley) lodge, I was very strictly examined before gaining admission. The examining brother informed me that if the King visited them he would have to undergo an examination. The lodge is to be complimented on this course, as there is often much laxity in this direction. It might, however, be suggested to the lodge that, being under the E.C., it would not be considered discourteous on the visit of a P.O. of the Grand Lodge of England either to introduce him to the lodge, or to propose the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

There is a R.A. chapter attached to this lodge, which I made an effort to visit, but without success. I was in attendance a quarter of an hour before the hour, clothed, and signed the attendance book, but as the chapter was opened and proceeded to business without any intimation to me, or the appearance of any of the Principals, I unclothed and retired. Having visited lodges in almost every portion of the world, I shall always regard my Port Elizabeth experiences as unique.

The installation ceremony of the Athole Lodge (S.C.), Kimberley, took place on Tuesday last, and was most impressively performed by Bro. Stewart, P.M.—Yours fraternally,

W. E. CHAPMAN,
P.A.G.D.C.

Kimberley, 24th August.

Reviews.

The Century Bible.—The Pastoral Epistles, Timothy and Titus.—Edinburgh and London: T. C. and E. C. Jack. 1901.—This makes the fifth volume of the series so far published, and is edited by the Rev. R. F. Horton, M.A., D.D., the general Editor of the set being the Rev. Professor W. F. Adeney, M.A. There is an excellent map devoted to part of the Roman Empire, showing the journeys of St. Paul, by John Bartholomew and Co., and a very handy Index. The Introduction by Dr. Horton is of a most interesting and valuable character, in part, concerning their Authenticity and Contents. The evidence for and against the genuineness of the first epistle is explained with judicial impartiality, and then the author's own view is given, likewise as to the others. "There are in these three letters, 171 words, or phrases, which are not found elsewhere in Paul." Many of these are recorded below the scholarly Notes to the Revised Version (both Versions being printed); the notes generally are very full, and undoubtedly may be considered as some of Dr. Horton's best work; and the little gem of a Book is quite a treasure for all who can appreciate detailed and adequate explanations of the many difficulties of the text without any hortatory or homiletical additions. Each volume is published at the uniform price of 2s. or 3s., according to binding.

The Seven Houses by Hamilton Drummond (Ward, Lock, and Co.). Price, 6s. This is a tale of France of the Renaissance and possesses a charm and freshness suggestive of the country and the period. The foundation of the plot is a horoscope cast for the heiress of the house of De Lhoac at the time of her birth, the only other surviving members of the family being her grandsire, the Sieur de Lhoac, and his younger brother Henri, who being a churchman can provide no heir to Lhoac but covets the property none the less, the only barrier between him and which is the infant heiress. The working out of the horoscope in the life of the child Denise supplies an interesting and novel development to the plot. The life of the child is at first threatened by her tutor, a friar appointed by Henri de Lhoac, who makes three unsuccessful attempts on the life of the child, but at the third is forced to eat the poisoned half of an apple he had divided with her, and himself suffers the death he had plotted against Denise. To further his own ambitions, the Bishop traps his niece when she grows up into a loveless marriage, which, nevertheless, turns out happily in the end. There is a vivid account of the ravages made by the plague in the times of which the book treats, and of the superstitious terrors with which a corrupt religion inspired the peoples, also a finely-drawn picture of the disordered state of society in Italy. The plot is cleverly developed on striking lines, the character sketches are lifelike and human, while the pictures of the life of the period are graphically painted, at times in lurid colours.

"The Time of Transition, or the Hope of Humanity," by F. A. Hyndman, B.A. (Messrs. Swan, Sonnenschein and Co., Ltd., Paternoster-square.) Price 6s.—There are few students of the trend of modern thought, especially as regards religion, who will not follow the author's reflections with regard to the spirit of the age, viewed from the religious, political, social, and domestic standpoints without interest, though there are fewer still, we imagine, who would be prepared to give an unqualified assent to his propositions. Nevertheless, new light is thrown on old truths, and forgotten truths have been unburied in this volume. The unique position of the Church of England, the importance of the Apocryphal writings, the Motherhood, as well as the Fatherhood of God, such of the doctrines of the Papacy as have been the outcome of Policy, not of Faith, the attempted re-union of Christendom, the social status of women, and other kindred subjects are dealt with in a most scholarly manner, which never fails to interest the reader, even when it does not convince.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board, in the chair. Bro. Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair, in the absence of Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Past Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros.

W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., W. Dodd, and G. S. Recknell, represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren present were—

Bros. Henry A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Br.; E. W. Nightingale, James Block, F. W. Hancock, William P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; G. M. E. Hamilton, R. W. Ker, S. I. Nottley, P.G.S.B.; John Williams, P. Dep. G.S.B.; W. Kipps, A.G.P.; Charles Henry Stone, John Ellinger, E. W. Pillinger, C. H. Webb, Charles Sheppard, P.M. 2202; Lorenzo Faull, W.M. 619; William R. Cleghorn, W.M. 1366; H. Massey, William Oliver, P.M. 1772; J. P. Forman, W.M. 28; M. Powermann, W.M. 19; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237; Henry Johnson, W.M. 780; John Horwood, W.M. 813; and S. J. Cowley, W.M. 22.

The brethren first confirmed a sum of £295, the total amount of sums over £20 and under £50 which were recommended at the previous meeting for the Grand Master's approval of being granted. The new list contained the names of 16 petitioners, who were qualified through two lodges in the London district and lodges at Klerksdorp, Walmer, Dagshai, Cawnpore, Huddersfield, Agra, South Shields, Bristol, Tuebrook, Hay (Brecon), Calcutta, Melbourne, Grand Orient of Italy, and Kew Bridge. One of these was withdrawn and one was deferred. Three were dismissed. The sum of £340 was voted to the remainder. One petitioner was recommended for the approval of Grand Lodge for £100, two petitioners were recommended for the Grand Master's sanction for £40 each, and three for £30 each. A £20, a £15, a £10, and a £5 were the remaining grants.

Craft Masonry.

New Forest Lodge, No. 319.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. W. BOGGELN.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, in Ashley-lane, Lymington, on the 10th inst., when there was a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren to witness the installation of Bro. J. W. Boggeln in the chair of K.S. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. A. Algar, P.M. 1780, and the Beard of Installed Masters included Bros. G. S. Love, R. E. Jackman, J. W. Jelliffe, A. Bist, T. Schafer, S. Dore, T. Dacombe, 35 and 359; L. Stevens, 359; W. Berry, 394; E. W. Drysdall, 1780; and E. Warren, 1780. The newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. S. Love, I.P.M.; S. H. Humphry, S.W.; E. A. G. Stone, J.W.; R. E. Jackman, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; J. S. Doman, Sec.; J. Foster, S.D.; C. Roberts, J.D.; T. Schafer, D.C.; G. C. Cooke, I.G.; E. C. Elliott, Org.; G. O. Vores, C. W. S. Wareham, R. W. Hallett, and E. Payne, Stwds.; and J. Bailey, Tyler. Appropriate reference was made to Bro. Love's very successful year of office, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel in gold, suitably inscribed, and expressive of the brethren's appreciation of his ability and valued services in the chair.

At the close of the lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Assembly Rooms (admirably served by Bro. J. Walter, of the Angel Hotel), and a very pleasant evening was spent, the new W.M. receiving the best of good wishes for a happy and successful year of office.

The company separated about eight p.m.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ROBERT FULTON THOMSON.

The annual installation in connection with the above lodge was held, by special dispensation, in the Venetian Salon at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 12th instant, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Carroll, who was supported by the following principal officers and Past Masters: Bros. R. F. Thomson, S.W.; A. J. Noble, J.W.; C. Gieseke, C. J. Free, H. J. Konberry, E. M. Jeffery, C. Schmidt, G. A. Peters, W. A. Bray, E. Hill, and H. Hyde, P.Ms., the last-named acting as D.C.

The visitors present included the following: Bros. H. J. Leroy, W.M. 1278; J. B. Mansfield, 871; F. J. Reynolds, 871; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177 and 2063; E. W. Miller, 1681; W. W. Morgan, 177; A. Greenwood, 2346; B. H. Joseph, P.M. 43, P.P.G.D. Warwick; W. H. Nichol, 1507; J. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec. 25; S. E. Coad, 2744; Frank Francis, 2763; J. T. Whitehead, J.W. 1441; E. Gardiner, J.W. 1351; John Petch, P.M. 2278, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; Francis Hole, 228; Fredk. Gurney, S.D. 2518; W. Woodward, 2513; J. Mears, I.P.M. 788; E. E. Jenkins, 1446; J. Foxcroft, 9; W. G. Guthrie, 1489; W. N. Caldwell Moore, P.M. 142, Sec.; F. Button, 1364; W. J. Gough, 145; W. C. Ferris; W. S. Jones, 753; H. Jenkins, 2361; and J. H. Duckham, P.M. 1593.

The lodge having been opened, and formal business transacted, a ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation, and for Bro. Eustace Fischer as a joining member. The ballot proved favourable in each instance. Bros. Herbert Dale and Percy J. Emms were subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of M.Ms., and Messrs. Frank Binns, Joseph Brickland, and Christopher Norman Cox, the three candidates who had been balloted for and approved, were initiated.

After a short interval, during which the lodge had been called off from labour, the W.M. elect, Bro. R. F. Thomson, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Carroll. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. B. Noble, S.W.; G. W. Flatman, J.W.; C. Gieseke, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Free, P.M., Sec.; R. M. B. Laing, Asst. Sec.; W. Cooper, S.D.; W. T. Hustwayte, J.D.; W. Hartwell, I.G.; H. Hyde, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Phillips, Asst. D.C.; E. C. Holmes, Org.; T. G. Gunn, F. J. Rover, and G. E. Smith, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. Bro. W. J. Carroll, I.P.M., delivered the three addresses in a manner which elicited the warmest recognition from the brethren present, and was then presented by the Wor. Master, on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's collar, to which was attached a massive Past Master's jewel. Bro. Carroll suitably responded; a vote of thanks was passed to the Auctors; a proposition for election as a joining member, and two nominations for initiation were received; also one resignation and one removal to the country list, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors to the number of nearly 90 then adjourned to the Venetian Salon.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and Bro. Carroll, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Thomson," who he said had been initiated at the meeting following his own initiation, and they had worked together ever since. He urged upon the brethren to accord the W.M. the same generous support they had extended to him, and in that case he predicted that he would not only maintain the reputation of the lodge but add to its lustre.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and the W.M., in reply, stated that he had always endeavoured to do his best since he had been first appointed to office as A.D.C., and should continue to do so in the high office in which he now found himself, and hoped not only to maintain but even add to the high reputation gained for the lodge by the Masters who had preceded him.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Officer, Bro. W. J. Carroll," and in so doing testified to the success of his tenure of the chair, during which he had initiated 17 or 18 new members, and his success otherwise as a ruler had been great. He had secured the honourable position to which he had attained by hard work in both the lodge and Freemasonry. He had pleasure in presenting Bro. Carroll, on behalf of the members of the lodge, with a diamond ring for Mrs. Carroll as a mark of the esteem in which members of the Upton Lodge regarded her husband in Freemasonry.

Bro. Noble, S.W., on behalf of the officers of the lodge during Bro. Carroll's tenure of the chair, presented him with a miniature gold Past Master's jewel.

The initiates admitted to Freemasonry by Bro. Carroll presented him, through one of their number, with a gold ring, with square and compasses set in diamonds.

Bro. Carroll, who was evidently keenly sensible of the many compliments paid him, responded in fitting terms, and expressed the hope that he might be spared many years to enjoy association with the members of the lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" was proposed and responded to by Bros. F. Binns, J. Brickland, and C. N. Cox.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Jeffrey, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Leroy, Joseph, P.P.G.D. Warwickshire, and Petch, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts, all of whom united in expressing approbation of the excellent working of the lodge under Bro. Carroll, and anticipating a continuance of the same under the newly-installed Master.

At intervals between the toasts an excellent musical programme was rendered under the supervision of Bro. E. C. Holmes, Org.

Eldon Lodge, No. 1755.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. J. TONKIN.

The brethren were favoured with fine weather for the annual festival at the Masonic Rooms of the Royal Hotel, Portishead, on Saturday afternoon, the 14th inst. It was the occasion of the installation meeting of the above lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among whom were a goodly number of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and brethren from the neighbouring provinces. The officers present were Bros. J. H. Stafford, W.M.; J. Turner, I.P.M. *pro tem.*; C. J. Tonkin, S.W.; Thomas Cox, J.W.; A. J. Tonkin, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Treas.; E. Davey, P.M., Org.; H. W. Call, S.D.; A. R. Knee, J.D. *pro tem.*; F. G. Moore, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Roberts, I.G.; and Frank Simpkins, Tyler. The numerous company of distinguished brethren and visitors included the following: Bros. E. Fry-Wade, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Rice, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. L. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. G. Dimery, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; C. P. Billing, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. K. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. W. Harris-Hall, P.M.; W. T. Shapland, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. T. Bradford, F. C. Ellis, W. L. A. Pizzev, T. Lowther, H. Sheppard, Henry Marsh, George Bowen, P.M. 1060; A. H. Meek, W. B. Stephen, H. H. Clements, W. R. Maby, W. E. Wadley, A. H. Wiles, James Holmes, F. J. Hatton, P.M. 68; S. H. Gibson, 68; Rev. T. Theophilus, P.S.G.W. Monmouthshire; W. Stafford, Charlie Pfeiffer, P.M. 68, P.M. 1833, P.P.G.D.; T. M. Davey, W.M. 68; George W. Myers, 68; J. H. Fulford, 686; W. T. Rugman, J.W. 103; C. G. Hickman, 2257; J. P. Tay, 2257; W. P. Lambert, 1388; Alfred M. Crinks, 68; A. Hellyar, 68; and others.

Apologies for non-attendance through illness, professional engagements, and other causes were received from Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset; Dr. C. A. Wigan, P.M. 686; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Jefferies, P.M.; Capt. E. W. Harvey, Edward Tedder, P.M.; F. S. Gardner, C. J. E. Grubb, P.M.; H. W. Mackenzie, I.P.M. 1750; W. J. O'Rourke, P.M.; Capt. W. Powell, P.P.G. Treas. Devon; J. B. Gilley, A. Dodge, W.M. 1388; and others.

After the preliminary lodge business had been disposed of, Bro. W. Rice was unanimously re-elected to represent and serve the lodge on the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee. Then followed the chief item for which the brethren had assembled, namely, the installation of Bro. Charles Joseph Tonkin, S.W. and W.M. elect, who was regularly installed into the chair by the Prov. G. Secretary of Somerset (Bro. E. Fry-Wade), who ably performed the ceremony in the unavoidable absence through indisposition of the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. R. C. Else. Bro. C. J. Tonkin at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Stafford, I.P.M.; T. Cox, S.W.; H. W. Call, J.W.; the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherley, P.M., Chap.; A. J. Tonkin, P.M., Treas.; E. Davey, P.M., Sec.; A. R. Knee, S.D.; J. W. Roberts, J.D.; F. G. Moore, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Noble, Org.; A. H. Wiles, I.G.; A. H. Meek and G. Bowen, P.M. 1060, Stwds.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler. The W.M. presented, on behalf of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel, suitably engraved, to Bro. Stafford for his efficient services during the past year. A telegram of "Hearty good wishes" was sent from the lodge to Bro. E. Tedder, P.M., who was prevented from being present by illness.

After lodge was closed, the customary banquet was held, over which the newly-installed W.M. presided.

The W.M. had first the honour to submit "The King and the Craft," a toast which, he said, they had hardly had time to become acquainted with in that particular form of words. Loyalty to the Sovereign of the country was the duty of every Englishman, and it was a duty that was cheerfully discharged by every member of the Masonic Order. In consequence of his Majesty's long connection with the Craft as G. Master, they had especial cause to honour his name, and to wish him a long and prosperous reign.

The toast was splendidly received, and was followed by "God save the King."

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; the M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past." He (the W.M.) considered that the Masonic Order was most fortunate, on the retirement of their former Grand Master, in having such a distinguished and able Mason as the Duke of Connaught ready and willing to fill the position of G. Master. The Duke had ruled for many years over the important Province of Sussex to the satisfaction of everyone. The Freemasons of England might rest content and assured that he would faithfully discharge the duties of the Grand Mastership. The Pro Grand Master was a very zealous and hard-working Mason, and the officers and past officers of Grand Lodge were noted for their splendid work in Craft Masonry.

This toast was likewise heartily honoured.

The W.M. next claimed attention whilst he gave in a very hearty manner "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan; the W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. C. Else; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He reminded the brethren of the splendid work of the Prov. G.M. in Freemasonry, and trusted that he would return from his gallant service in South Africa safe and sound. He sincerely regretted the esteemed Deputy Prov. G.M. was not in more robust health, and, in conclusion, paid a tribute of praise to the officers and past officers of the province.

Bro. E. Davey, replying, returned his most sincere thanks on behalf of Prov. G. Lodge. As for himself, his service to the Craft had been a love-labour. As a result the Provincial collar followed, and he should always value the distinction. He would leave it to the brothers who had to follow him to deal more particularly with the duties of Prov. G. Lodge Officers.

Bro. C. P. Billing, Prov. J.G.W., in replying, complimented the W.M. on the skillful way in which the toast had been proposed. No point had been overlooked. The W.M. had turned a thought to the Prov. G. Master at the front, fighting for his country. He had referred to the Prov. G. Lodge Officers, among whom was their esteemed Deputy, whom they all cherished. Further kind expression had been made of those holding office at the present time. Looking around among the brethren they saw many who had been decorated with the purple; but promotions in Freemasonry were different to those in every day life. Their brother, the President of the United States, was lying dead because of envy, hatred, and malice. Now, Freemasons do not envy a brother promoted to office or position. He was sure their hearts went out in sympathy in the present sad circumstance to their American brothers and to the American nation.

Bro. F. G. Dimery, P.P.G. Purs. Somerset, regarded it an honour to respond. The Prov. Grand Lodge of Somerset was looked upon with much esteem in other provinces, and was noted for its work in the Charities. They in West Yorkshire considered that the premier province, but the Province of Somerset stood very high indeed.

The W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to the toast of "The Installing Master." (Applause.) Personally, he thanked the Wor. Prov. Grand Secretary for consenting to take this part in the ceremony. The Installing Master had made the work in the lodge a complete success. He had given a perfect specimen of working in Craft Masonry. The goodness and kindness of the Prov. Grand Secretary was well known in Somerset, where he was held in high esteem, and the toast was commended to the brethren with all enthusiasm.

On rising to reply, Bro. Fry-Wade, P.G. Sec., was very heartily received. He candidly confessed that he would rather be performing the ceremony of installation than making an after-dinner speech. He thought after-dinner speaking should be done by deputy, and that some one should do the work for them! The Installing Master was a necessity at these festivals. If there was no Installing Master, there would be no Master in the chair, which would be a fact to be deplored by all the brethren. It was a satisfaction that so worthy a brother had been installed in the chair that day. They knew how difficult it was for anyone to take the place of the D.P.G.M. of Somerset as Installing Master. They knew how well Bro. Else performed the ceremony with which he had been so constantly familiar for so many years. He (Bro. Wade) only hoped that upon this occasion he had filled a gap, and that another year the W.M. elect would

be installed by the D.P.G.M. They must not forget that their Deputy was not getting younger. He (the speaker) would have preferred to have seen the work done that day by the I.P.M. or a P.M. of the Eldon Lodge. He thought it could not be put too forcibly that it was the duty of the outgoing Master to instal his successor. He earnestly hoped there would be a P.M. of 1755 who would take up the ceremony, and no doubt perform it much better than he had done. He (Bro. Wade) would be glad to render any assistance, and thanked the brethren for the kind way they had treated the toast.

The I.P.M. submitted the popular toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was well received. They had seen during the past 12 months, and indeed during the last few years, the good and excellent qualities of the W.M. They had no fear as to the welfare of the Eldon Lodge under his rule. They would all do their best to support him, and they all very heartily and very sincerely wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. He trusted that this pleasant and joyous evening was a type of the entire reign, and that all success would attend his rule.

The W.M. briefly returned his thanks, and assured the brethren of his ready service at all times. He was desirous to do his best for the lodge and for the Craft, and hoped to earn their approbation at the end of his term.

Bro. Billing proposed "The I.P.M." He said they possessed grateful hearts and their gratitude now went forth to the I.P.M. for the capital way in which he had done his work. He had not spared himself. The ritual work had been up to the standard, and the hospitality of the lodge, if possible, excelled during the year. In all sincerity and in truth they were grateful to their I.P.M. for the excellent way in which the lodge had been carried on. Their I.P.M. had been a credit to himself and an honour to the lodge.

The I.P.M. suitably replied, referring to the pleasant and able assistance rendered him by his officers.

Bro. Cox, S.W., proposed "The Past Masters of 1755," who, he said, were second to none. They had done their work well. They attended the meetings of the lodge regularly, and it spoke well for the status of the lodge when it had such a splendid body of Past Masters. They were brethren who delighted in the ritual work of Freemasonry and in the various Charities connected with our Order.

Bro. Rice, as the senior P.M., suitably and feelingly replied; and was followed by Bro. Stafford, I.P.M., the junior P.M.

The W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren." He cordially welcomed those from other lodges, other provinces, and other countries. He referred to the Masonic landmark, which conferred the privilege of visiting throughout the globe.

Several brethren replied, including Bros. C. Pfeiffer, P.M. 1833; Myers, 68; S. Gibson, 68; Hickman, 2257; and W. Stafford (Bermuda).

The W.M. proposed "The S.W. and Officers of 1755." He said the S.W. was a thoroughly reliable officer and a true Mason. He (the W.M.) ventured to predict that in 12 months' time he would make a model Master. He felt sure the J.W. and the other officers would do their duty.

The Senior and Junior Wardens replied to the toast, promising their best services.

Bro. W. K. Thomas proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said no one could have attended the recent great Masonic gathering at the Albert Hall without being impressed with the vastness of the Masonic Charities. Personally, it was a pleasant surprise to himself to learn the immense sum that had been collected during the reign of the King as G.M. Some might regret the cost of working the great Central Masonic Charities, but all must admire their vastness, which he hoped would long continue. They worked admirably for Charity in Somerset. In the Eldon Lodge they had an able representative on the Somersetshire Organisation in Bro. Rice, who was steeped in Charity and good works. The brethren of the Eldon Lodge had shown by their Masonic spirit that they valued the Charities, for they had subscribed liberally thereto.

Bro. Rice replied, and said he had never appealed for any money for Charity that had not been readily granted. Masonic Charities had grown and were growing. The Boys' School in 1856 educated 25; they were now educating 293, and were spending £100,000 on the new school in Bushey Park. The Girls' School in 1875 educated 48, and to-day they had 267 on the books, including a child of a dear brother of that lodge who had passed away. The sum of £2,000,000 had been subscribed for these Charities during the King's reign as Grand Master. Of that they must not be too proud, for that virtue was almost too sacred for speech.

The Tyler's toast seemed a most appropriate one to follow Bro. Rice's reply, and the brethren separated a little before nine o'clock, as many desired to catch the last train for Bristol.

A good musical programme was arranged, some capital songs being interspersed between the toasts and the replies thereto, Bro. J. H. Fulford ably accompanying on the pianoforte.

Merit Lodge, No. 466.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. W. COULSON.

The installation festival in connection with the above lodge took place on the 16th instant, at the George Hotel, Stamford Baron, when Bro. J. W. Coulson, S.W., was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. H. Costobadie, I.P.M. Bro. Coulson afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. W. Everdell, S.W.; F. W. Kent, J.W.; Rev. E. F. Buckton, Chap.; D. Bloodworth, P.M., Treas.; H. Knott, P.M., Sec.; F. Evans, Asst. Sec.; H. V. Cobbold, S.D.; C. Gray, J.D.; J. C. Billing, Org.; G. W. Pinner, I.G.; T. Booth, P.M., D. of C.; F. J. Lovett and G. Chapman, Stewards; and G. Goodley, Tyler.

Horwich Lodge, No. 2324.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. M. VARLEY, P.M., PROV. ASST. G.D.C. WEST LANCASHIRE.

The first meeting after the vacation of this very prosperous lodge was held at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. W. Glover, W.M.; James Ryder, S.W.; F. Thornham, J.W.; the Rev. T. Storey-Bates, P.G.C., Chap.; R. Hampson, Treas.; W. M. Varley, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; James Kay, S.D.; R. Harrison, J.D.; R. Bates, D.C.; G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; T. Eddleston, I.G.; J. H. Hadfield and R. Court (acting Tyler), Stwds.; E. W. Buckley, J. Watts, G. C. Kenyon, Chas. H. Field, William Booth, John Taylor, J. G. Dickinson, G. Prickett, H. Barker, James Gooden, Arch. Cowper, and Alfred Sadler. Visitors: Bros. G. J. Crutchley, Sec. 1161; Harold C. Bates, 1032; Thos. Humphrey, I.P.M. 178; W. H. Philips, W.M. 730; W. G. Goodacre, 2600; Hy. Dickinson, 287 U.S.A.; J. A. Bennett, I.G. 1126; Thos. Allen, 1032; Peter Yates, 730, P.P.G.P.; and John Haydock, 1032.

The W.M., Bro. W. W. Glover opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Jonathan Pendlebury, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. in a most excellent and praiseworthy manner. The working tools of the Degree were given by Bro. F. Thornham, J.W., and the charge by Bro. J. H. Hadfield, Stwd., in a very able style. Bro. G. Prickett having previously answered the customary questions, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. W. W. Glover, W.M. The Second Degree tools were given by Bro. J. Ryder, S.W. The lodge was then closed, after the expression of "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren.

The brethren adjourned to the social board, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and honoured.

The W.M., in proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," alluded in very complimentary terms to Bro. W. M. Varley, P.M., Sec., who had been appointed to the rank of Prov. A.G.D.C., adding that the honour was well deserved by Bro. Varley for his sterling work for the general good of the Craft, and the brethren of the Horwich Lodge, to show their appreciation of his good qualities as a Mason and as a slight recognition for his services on behalf of Lodge No. 2324, had unanimously subscribed to make him a present of his Provincial Grand Lodge full dress suit and case, and he (Bro. Glover) had very great pleasure in handing it to him on behalf of the brethren and hoped he would live a very long time to wear it and to do honour to the lodge.

The gilt plate on the leather case bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. W. M. Varley, P.M., Secretary, Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies West Lancashire, by the members of the Horwich Lodge, No. 2324, September 10th, 1901."



BRO. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, the new President of the United States, was initiated, passed, and raised in the Matinnecock Lodge, Oyster Bay, Long Island, where he resides. The members of this lodge are principally fisher men and gardeners, who had known Bro. Roosevelt since he was a boy. The room was very small, holding only about 300 persons, but on that night over 700 squeezed in, and barely left room for the working of the ceremony. For a week previous to the initiation, says the *Daily Express*, humorous cartoons had appeared in certain New York papers depicting Vice-President Roosevelt riding a goat, and going through various undignified evolutions generally connected with a circus.

THE MASONIC RIFLE MATCH.

BISLEY, 14th September.

Winners of First Gavel—London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962:

	Scores.
Bro. R. H. Tayton ...	92
" A. Wright ...	86
" H. Mardell ...	81
" W. M. Ward ...	81
" C. W. Potter ...	80
" J. H. Crickmay ...	75
" C. A. Taylor ...	72
" H. Lintott ...	69

Total ... 636

Winners of Second Gavel—Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362:

Bro. C. Jackson Crow ...	88
" G. James ...	88
" A. Marshall ...	86
" C. W. Barter ...	82
" H. J. B. Paish ...	77
" J. L. Miller ...	63
" H. Sillis ...	62

Total ... 546

Also competed—Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021 ... 535
Paddington Rifles Lodge, No. 2807 ... 520

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present: Bros. H. J. Dunaway, W.M.; J. Horstead, S.W.; E. Lucas, J.W.; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., P.G.D.C. Norfolk, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; M. Relph, S.D.; R. E. Maskall, J.D.; H. Coxon, I.G.; C. Nicole, F. Armitage, A. E. Turner, A. Noel, D. Taylor, J. Foxcroft, W. A. Evans, C. Weston, D. J. Witte, J. Ewings, C. J. Field, W. Perrins, E. Richards, J. F. Perrins, F. H. Johnson, E. Morris, A. W. Herve, C. G. Muller, and W. Hancock, P.M.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The lecture on the tracing board was given. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Richards being the candidate. The traditional history was recited. Bro. A. W. Herve was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Horstead was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Salisbury, Strand, when there were present: Bros. H. Passmore Edwards, W.M.; Goff, S.W.; Sparks, J.W.; Heseltine, S.D.; Westcott, J.D.; Nutt, I.G.; Ropley, Preceptor; Kibblewhite, Sec.; Pastorelli, Penn, Müller, Becching, and Cox.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. After the ceremony of calling off and on the W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of the Second Degree. Bro. Pastorelli offered himself as the candidate, and the ceremony was proceeded with. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Pastorelli acting as W.M. elect. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, resumed in the Second Degree, and then in the First Degree, when Bro. Edwards delivered the addresses. After resuming in the Second, the lodge was closed in that Degree.

The Strand Lodge of Instruction meets every Tuesday evening at the Salisbury, 91 and 92, Strand, from seven till nine p.m., and Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Royal Arch.

Londesborough Chapter, No. 734.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. JOHN MCFADEN.

The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, St. John's-avenue, Bridlington. The members present included Comps. H. Onslow Piercy, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; R. R. Hawley, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; H. C. Clarke, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. McFaden, H.; G. Rennard, P.G. Std. Br.; J.; J. Willbourn, S.E.; Dr. Godfrey, S.N.; T. Hunter, 1st A.S.; O. E. Aves, 2nd A.S.; G. W. Leng, and Robt. Sivers, Janitor. Comps. Robert McBean, P.Z. 200, P.P.G.R., and James R. Lane, M.E.Z. 204, P.P.G.S.B., were visitors.

In the unavoidable absence of Comp. W. H. Winpenny, P.P.G.S.B., M.E.Z., the chapter was opened by Comps. H. C. Clarke, P.Z., J. McFaden, H., and G. Rennard, J. After the minutes of the last regular chapter had been read and confirmed, and the balance sheet received and adopted, a conclave of First Principals was formed. Comp. R. R. Hawley, at the request of the acting M.E.Z., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in a most impressive and efficient manner installed Comp. McFaden into the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. G. Rennard into that of H.; and Comp. J. Willbourn as J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. H. J. Clarendon Godfrey, Scribe E.; E. J. Smith, Scribe N.; James Watson, Treas.; T. Hunter, P.S.; O. E. Aves, 1st Asst. Soj.; G. W. Leng, 2nd Asst. Soj.; T. A. Lawrence, S.B.; and Robert Sivers, Janitor. Comp. Hawley then gave the addresses, and, on the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. Rennard, he was accorded a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The chapter was then closed.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the Station Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Miss Little, the manageress.

Comp. McFaden occupied the chair, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Comp. Rennard replied for "The P.G. Chapter."

Comp. Clarke gave "The Three Principles," all of whom replied.

Comp. Onslow Pierce proposed "The Visitors," giving them a kindly welcome.

Comp. Lane replied in a very happy manner.

Comps. Godfrey, Hunter and Aves responded for "The Officers."

A most enjoyable evening was spent, songs and recitations being given by Comps. Willbourn, Lane, Sivers, and others.

Bro. A. C. Edwards, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., accompanied the songs, and also contributed a couple of pianoforte solos in a most brilliant manner, for which he was warmly thanked.

Obituary.

BRO. LIEUT.-COLONEL GEORGE LAMBERT, V.D.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. George Lambert, which melancholy event took place at his residence in Coventry-street, Haymarket, on the 12th inst. Our brother was born in 1823, and after spending his early days in Hamburg, entered the old-established firm of Lambert and Rawlings, goldsmiths, with which, throughout sundry changes of nomenclature, he continued to be associated until his decease. Bro. Lambert was initiated in the Percy Lodge, No. 198 (the chair of which he afterwards filled on numerous occasions) in 1844. The Royal Arch he joined through the portals of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, and was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Bon Accord Lodge. In both these bodies he passed the chair. Of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he was also a member, and had attained the 33rd and last Degree. The office of Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Lodge was conferred upon him in 1801, and that of Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Chapter, 1833. He was also a Past Prov. G. Warden of Hertfordshire, Past S.G. Deacon of the Mark Grand Lodge, and a Past Grand Officer of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple. To the sacred cause of Charity he was a liberal benefactor, and had served many Stewardships on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions in addition to qualifying as a Patron of them all. Bro. Lambert was a Past Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, twice Master of the Tinplate Workers and Pattern-Makers, and a Liveryman of the Horners', Glovers', Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers', and Gardeners' Companies. He also served as President of the Metropolitan Friendly Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond, and was one of the foremost supporters of the French Huguenot Hospital, in Victoria Park. In the volunteer service he was long associated with the Queen's Westminsters, and had retired from that corps with the Volunteer decoration and the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and the author of many interesting essays on archaeological subjects. The remains of our lamented brother (who was in his 78th year) were interred in the family grave, at Kensal Green, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., the following, among others, being present: Bros. F. Orchard, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Green, S.W.; W. Webber, and F. Stallard, P.M., Sec. Percy Lodge of Instruction.

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Lac is the produce of an insect formerly supposed to be a kind of ant or bee, but now ascertained to be a species of *Coccus*; and it is collected from various trees in India, where it is found so abundantly, that were the consumption 10 times greater than it is, it could be readily supplied. This substance is made use of in that country in the manufacture of beads, rings, and other female ornaments. Mixed with sand it forms grindstones; and added to lamp or ivory black, being first dissolved in water with the addition of a little borax, it composes an ink not easily acted upon when dry by damp or water. In this country, where it is distinguished by the names *stick-lac*, when in its native state, unseparated from the twigs to which it adheres; *seed-lac*, when separated, pounded, and the greater part of the colouring matter extracted by water; *lump-lac*, when melted and made into cakes; and *shell-lac*, when strained and formed into transparent laminæ; it has hitherto been chiefly employed in the composition of varnishes, japanned ware, and sealing-wax; but for many years past it has been applied to a still more important purpose, originally suggested by Dr. Roxburgh, that of a substitute for cochineal in dyeing scarlet. Large quantities of a substance termed *lac-lake*, consisting of the colouring matter of stick-lac precipitated from an alkaline solution by alum, were manufactured at Calcutta and sent to this country, where at first the consumption was so considerable, that in the three years previous to 1810, Dr. Bancroft states that the sales of it at the India House, equalled in point of colouring matter half a million of pounds weight of cochineal. More recently, however, a new preparation of lac colour, under the name of *lac-dye*, has been imported from India, which has been substituted for the lac-lake, and with such advantage, that the East India Company are said to have saved in a few months £14,000 in the purchase of scarlet cloths dyed with this colour and cochineal conjointly, and without any inferiority in the colour obtained. Wax, so valuable for many minor purposes, is of still more importance in those parts of Europe and America in which it forms a considerable branch of trade and manufacture, as an article of extensive use in the religious ceremonies of the inhabitants. Humboldt informs us that not fewer than 25,000 arrobas, value upwards of £83,000, were formerly annually exported from Cuba to New Spain, where the quantity consumed in the festivals of the church is immense, even in the smallest villages, and that the total export of the same island in 1803 was not less than 42,670 arrobas, worth upwards of £130,000. Nearly the whole of the wax employed in Europe, and by far the greater part of that consumed in America, is the produce of the common hive-bee, but in the latter quarter of the globe a quantity by no means trifling is obtained from various wild species. In China wax is also produced by another insect, which, from the description of it by the Abbe Grosse, seems to be a species of *Coccus*. With this insect the Chinese stock the two kinds of tree on which alone it is found, and which always afterwards retain it. Towards the beginning of winter, small tumours are perceived, which increase until as big as a walnut. These are the nests (abdomens of the females) filled with the eggs that are to give birth to the *Cocci*, which, when hatched, disperse themselves over the leaves, and perforate the bark, under which they retire. The wax (called *Pela*, white wax, because so by nature) begins to appear about the middle of June. At first a few filaments like fine soft wool are perceived, rising from the bark round the body of the insect, and these increase more and more until the gathering, which takes place before the first hoar frosts in September. The wax is carried to Court, and reserved for the Emperor, the princes, and the chief mandarins. If an ounce of it be added to a pound of oil it forms a wax little inferior to that made by bees. The physicians employ it in several diseases; and the Chinese, when about to speak in public, and assurance is necessary, previously eat an ounce of it to prevent swoonings; a use of it for which, happily, our less diffident orators have no need. This account is in the main confirmed by *Geomelli Careri*, except that he calls the wax insect a *worm*, which bores to the pith of certain trees; and says that it produces a sufficient supply for the whole empire, the different provinces of which are furnished from Xantung, where it is bred in the greatest perfection, with a stock of eggs. A very different origin, however, is assigned to the *Pe-la* by *Sir George Staunton*, who informs us that it is produced by a species of *Cicada*, which in its larva state feeds upon a plant like the privet, strewing upon the stem a powder, which, when collected, forms the wax. But as he merely states that this powder was "supposed" to form it, and does not appear himself to have made the experiment of dissolving it in oil, it is most probable that his information was incorrect, and that *Grossier's* statement is the true one. This probability is nearly converted into certainty by the fact that many Aphides and *Cocci* secrete a wax-like substance, and that a kind of wax very analogous to the *Pe-la*, and of the same class with bee's wax, only containing more carbon, is actually produced in India by a nondescript species of *Coccus*, remarkable for providing itself with a small quantity of honey, like our bees. This substance was first noticed by *Dr. Anderson*, and called by him *white-lac*. It could be obtained in any quantity from the neighbourhood of Madras, and at a much cheaper rate than bees' wax; but the experiments of *Dr. Pearson* do not afford much ground for supposing that it can be advantageously employed in making candles. *De Azara* speaks of a firm, white wax, apparently similar, and the produce of an insect of the same tribe, which is collected in South America in the form of pearl-like globules from the branches of a small shrub two or three feet high. The further consideration of this interesting subject will be continued at a later opportunity.

GENERAL REMARKS ON ART DURING THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

The fashion of grand mausolea had become so general during this reign that there are few of the more ancient nobility of this realm who have not sepulchral chapels, in different counties, which contain splendid and costly vestiges of elaborate, though tasteless, art, which are now, in numerous instances, the spoils of time and neglect. The pride of gorgeous monuments was no less excessive than that of large houses. We find now sumptuous tombs in obscure villages, where the great mansion has totally disappeared, or has fallen into hopeless decay. More than a year's rental of the whole estate was frequently lavished upon the memorial of its

deceased lord, and, generally speaking, under testamentary direction. Painting, if indeed it had made no great progress since the time of *Holbein, More, or Zuccado*, had maintained a respectable state, from the talents of *Vansomer, Mytens, and Jansens*, who found no want of due patronage. *Vansomer* is said to have excelled in the accuracy of his likenesses, and he frequently enlivened his portraits by the introduction of accessories, such as the interior of rooms, furniture, or landscape. *Mytens* exerted himself so much to imitate *Vandyck*, upon his arrival in England, with a design to rival him in his own manner, that his later pictures are particularly excellent. He introduced landscapes very happily into his backgrounds, and with a decided effect of warm and harmonious colouring, emulous of his master *Rubens*, and in the style of that school. If *Jansens* had not the freedom of hand nor the grace of *Vandyck*, he equalled him in the lively effect of his carnations, and excelled him in the neatness of his finishing. Although his attitudes are stiff and formal, they are remarkable for truth and tranquility in the countenances. His portraits are usually painted upon panel. The men place one hand on their sword, and the other upon a richly-carpeted table. The ladies are usually standing with their arms crossed, and holding a feather fan in one hand, with a rich accompaniment of Persian silk tapestry; rarely in open air, with a landscape. His groups, or family pictures, are not so well arranged as by *Holbein*, in *Sir T. More's*. The individuals of whom they are composed appear to be placed together without reciprocal action, or being connected by any other principle, than of juxtaposition. They stand in a row, and do not form a pyramidal line. Miniature painting possessed other claims for popular acceptance than its more commodious size only. It was made ornamental to the person by having been, in the progress of luxury, worn as an ornament, when the carved ebony and ivory box were superseded by gold setting, enriched with diamonds or other jewels. What at first enhanced the value became, under adverse circumstances, the cause of miniature having been left without protection and thus hastened to decay. A specimen, therefore, of this age by *Hilliard, Oliver, or some of the best artists*, remaining in a perfect state, is a real curiosity.

HOW IS THE NOISE OF THE CRICKET PRODUCED?

The chirp of this insect does not, as most people think, emanate from powerful vocal organs in possession of the creature. In fact, it is not uttered from the mouth at all, but is caused by the rubbing together of the elytra, or wing cases. When closed the elytra cross each other at their tips, the right lying over the left; at the end of the right elytra on the under side there is a saw-like arrangement, and on the upper side of the left elytron, in a corresponding position, is a sort of rasp, and these rubbing together, when the wings are put in rapid vibration, cause the sound, which everyone in the country knows so well. The peculiar shape and hard texture of the wing cases make them act as sounding boards, and the volume of the noise is by this means increased. It is popularly supposed that the presence of a cricket in the house attracts luck to its tenants, and to drive away or kill the "crickets on the hearth" is sure to lead to the ill-fortune of its perpetrators.

THE SHAFTESBURY THEATRE.

Those of our readers who are on the look out for hearty laughter, which is continuous from the rise to the fall of the curtain, cannot do better than visit this theatre and witness the cleverly-acted farce "Are You a Mason?" We will not enter into the story other than to tell of an elderly gentleman (*Amos Bloodgood*) and his son-in-law (*Mr. Frank Perry*), who, in order to account for their late arrival home at night, pretend to be Freemasons. The farcical possibilities of the idea are obvious. The cast includes Messrs. *Paul Arthur, G. Giddens, Marsh Allen, Mark Kinghorne, W. H. Day, C. Wellesley, W. Howe, Misses Marie Illington, Ethel Matthews, Agnes Miller, Jennie Buckle, Annie Brophy, Gwen Connington, and Mrs. T. N. Wenman.*

GENERAL NOTE.

To precede "The Night of the Party" at the Avenue Theatre, Mr. *Weedon Grossmith* is preparing for immediate presentation a new one act play by *Mr. H. T. Johnson*, called "Between the Dances."

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Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, E.C.

The usual monthly meeting of this, the only English lodge in New South Wales, was held at the Protestant Hall, Sydney, on the 5th August, there being a large attendance, notwithstanding the heavy rain. The W.M., Bro. Parkinson, presided, and after reading the voluminous correspondence, including a cablegram to the M.W.G.M. offering fealty and congratulations, and the cablegram from his Royal Highness and Grand Lodge of England in reply, Bro. H. A. Podmore, P.M., was invited to take the chair and initiate three candidates, one of whom was his eldest son, who had just returned from the Transvaal. This is the second occasion within the past two months that Lewises have come forward, on the previous month two out of the five being sons of Masons. The Secretary reported that the Arbitrator, in the case of the Lodge of New South Wales Constitution, had given his award against the defendant, and he hoped that in a short time the matter would be at an end.

The lodge is increasing its numbers, and great care is being taken to ensure the acceptance of only reputable candidates.

After the lodge had been closed, the usual loyal toasts were drunk.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M." was given for the first time since the installation of his Royal Highness a fortnight previously.

The Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398 (E.C.), Nova Scotia, was accorded an unanimous vote of thanks for the loan of the original letter of the Grand Lodge in 1871 on the Coquette case, which confirmed the right of minorities to hold the lodge warrant in spite of the action of seceding members.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE REV. HUGH PRICE HUGHES, M.A., chaplain to Bro. Sheriff-elect Horace Brooks Marshall, has published an interesting volume entitled "The Morning Lands of History: The Story of a Tour to Greece, Palestine and Egypt."

ON THE 17th July, the local Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria Lodge, No. 2392, Acacia, under the Grand Lodge of England, loyally and respectfully commemorated the occasion of the installation of the M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., by a banquet, for which almost every Mason in Acacia provided himself with a ticket.

BRO. DR. MORDAUNT SIGISMUND will deliver a lecture on "Grand Orient Masonry in juxtaposition to English and American Masonry" before the Regent's Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 2202, at the Restaurant Prascati, Oxford-street, W., on Monday evening next, the 23rd instant. The lodge will be opened promptly at 7.45 p.m., and visiting brethren will be cordially welcomed.

TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS.—During the year ended November 20th, 1900, 435 of these banks transferred their funds to the Post Office Savings Banks, the amounts transferred being £8,201,193 in money, and £2,40,300 in Government stock. At the end of the year the depositors in the trustee savings banks numbered 1,625,023, and the average amount of each deposit account was £31 13s. 4d.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of Mark Master Masons of the County Palatine of Lancaster will be held under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.W., at the Town Hall, Tadmorden, on Wednesday, the 2nd prox. The business before the Prov. Grand Lodge will be to receive the report of the committee appointed to revise the by-laws, and the transaction of the annual business of the province.

IMPORTANT MASONIC APPOINTMENT.—An important Masonic appointment applicable to the eastern district of Scotland has been made. Bro. David Guthrie Shiell, Brechin, will shortly be installed to the office of Grand Superintendent for Angus and Mearns of the Royal Arch Chapter. Bro. Shiell is widely known amongst Freemasons in the county, and the honour which has been conferred upon him is regarded as a highly popular step in Masonic promotion.

THE NEW OSWESTRY MASONIC HALL.—A Grand Lodge of the Province of Shropshire will be held at Oswestry on the 17th prox., when the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall will be laid by Bro. Sir Olley Wakeman, Prov. Grand Master. The contract for the building has been let to Messrs. W. Griffiths and Son, Ellesmere, for £1614. Bro. W. H. Spaul, F.R.I.B.A., Past A.G.D. of C. and Prov. G. Sec., is the architect. The site of the hall is at the junction of Rolt-street and Smithfield-road.

HOUSE OF REST FOR CLERGY.—A fund has been opened at the London and Westminster Bank, Lothbury, with the object of carrying into effect the earnest desire of the late Bishop Creighton to establish a home of rest for overworked clergy of the London diocese. Some £1500 will be required. Prebendary Ingram is receiving donations at St. Margaret's Rectory, Ironmonger-lane. The Archdeacons of London and Middlesex have given from the reserve fund the first instalment of money necessary to secure the lease of the property which it is desired to acquire.

BRO. THE EARL OF MOUNT EDGCUMBE unveiled, at Saltash, Cornwall, on Wednesday, a memorial to the late General Sir William Penn Symons, erected in the Victoria Gardens. The monument is of granite, 30 feet in height, the sides of the base and the shaft being ornamented with rock facing, and the terminal carved crown heavily gilded. At the base is a bronze medallion, with life-size bust of the distinguished officer, and a bronze tablet bearing the following inscription: "This monument was erected by his countrymen at home and abroad to the memory of Major-General Sir William Penn Symons, K.C.B., of Hatt, who fell while commanding the troops at Tanna Hill, Natal, on the 20th October, 1899."

BRO. PITT-LEWIS, K.C., Deputy-Judge of the City of London Court, gave some interesting information, during the hearing of a case before him, respecting the distinction between payment by cheque and payment by cash—a difference which ought to be generally known among business men. Two or three hundred years ago, he said, it used to be held that it could not be regarded as payment in satisfaction to offer £1 for a £5 debt. The House of Lords had corrected that, and said that, while giving a sovereign in payment of £5 was no discharge, the handing over of a cheque for the smaller sum constituted "satisfaction." A cheque was a different instrument in law to current coin of the realm. When the former was tendered for a smaller sum than that which was demanded, it inferred, if accepted, a stipulation that it was full payment of the larger sum. Once taken, the acceptors could not afterwards say, "Oh, we took it on account." Business men ought to remember that, and the legal profession might also, with advantage, bear it in mind.

THE RETIREMENT of Bro. James Berry from the office of Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire is, we (*Dundee Advertiser*) understand, about to be officially announced. Bro. Berry, who for many years has taken a leading part in Scottish Masonic affairs, has been constrained to resign for the reason that the state of his health prevents him from devoting the attention to the discharge of the duties of the office which for many years has characterised his occupancy of this high and honourable post. Bro. Berry's connection with Freemasonry has been long and honourable. When a young man he became initiated in the mysteries of the Craft. Thirty years ago he was appointed to an official post in Provincial Grand Lodge. Ten years later he succeeded the late Bro. David Small as Prov. Grand Secretary. Subsequently he became Depute Master, and in 1888, on the unanimous nomination of the district, he was elected Provincial Grand Master by Provincial Grand Lodge, in succession to Bro. the Hon. F. Lyon. In 1893, when his commission ceased, on the urgent representation of the province, he was re-elected, an honour again repeated when his five years of office expired. The retirement of the Provincial Grand Master will, it is understood, come before a Committee of Grand Lodge on an early date.

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PRINCESS STEPHANIE, the former Crown Princess of Austria-Hungary, and Count Lonyay have arrived in town, and are staying at Claridge's Hotel.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC reception was given to "The Great Millionaire," Mr. Cecil Raleigh's new autumn melodrama, at Drury Lane Theatre, on the 18th inst.

MANCHESTER is threatened with a disastrous water famine, unless the long-delayed rain falls, the Thirlmere works yielding as yet but one-sixth of their full supply.

THE DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND'S many friends will be glad to hear that the results of the accident which befell her Grace the other day while out horse-riding are no longer serious.

WE ARE REQUESTED to state that the Hendon Lodge of Instruction, No. 2206, meets at the Volunteer Hotel, Upper Baker-street, W., on Tuesday evenings at eight o'clock.

AMONGST the latest contributions received at the Bank of England for the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London are the following annual subscriptions: Bro. Sir Henry Irving, £100; Duke of Westminster, £50.

AUSTRALIA'S Sword of Honour for General Baden-Powell has now reached London, and is under the care of the Hon. Henry Copeland, Agent-General for New South Wales. The date of presentation is not yet fixed.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Duchess of Argyll), who is staying at Roseneath, continues to manifest the keenest interest in her Wounded Soldiers' Home. Her Royal Highness daily superintends the arrangements for the comfort of the men.

THE CONSECRATION of the Borough of Islington Lodge, No. 2861, will take place on Wednesday next at the Masonic Temple, Beale's Restaurant, Holloway-road, at 4.30. V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., will perform the ceremony.

THE KING has appointed Brevet-Major Charles Henry Strutt, late of the Royal (Bombay) Artillery, to be a Military Knight of Windsor on the Lower Foundation, in place of Major Clement Headington Dale, who has been promoted to the Royal Foundation.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE are at present staying at the Grand Hotel des Thermes, Salsomaggiore, near Milan, where they went after leaving Aix-les-Bains. They are expected to arrive at Devonshire House on the 29th inst., and next day go to Newmarket.

BRO. VISCOUNT AND VISCONTRESS CASTLEREAGH have arrived at Plas Machynlleth, North Wales, the Welsh residence of the Dowager-Marchioness of Londonderry, where his lordship is to be presented with a portrait by Ellis Roberts of his grandmother, the gift of the inhabitants of Macynlleth.

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION have published an "Emergency Book," containing a series of simple instructions for rendering "first aid" in cases of accident or sudden illness. The book is ingeniously arranged to supply the required information in any emergency without a moment's delay.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE attended Easingwold Agricultural Show on Wednesday. Sir George Wombwell's house party at Newburgh Park, to meet his Royal Highness, included Bro. the Duke of Marlborough, the Marchioness of Londonderry and Lady Helen Stewart, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Varborough, and Col. FitzGeorge.

IN THE PRESENCE of many thousands of his mourning fellow-countrymen, the remains of the murdered President McKinley were interred at West Lawn Cemetery, Canton, Ohio. Although severely simple in character, the ceremony was very impressive, and the presence of large bodies of troops served to enhance the importance of this national funeral.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF SIAM, accompanied by his brother, Prince Parachatra, and attended by Phya-Rat, one of the bodyguards of the King of Siam, is spending the week in Gloucestershire. To-day (Friday) they will be shown over Gloucester Cathedral by Bro. Dean Spence. After luncheon at the Deanery, the distinguished visitors return to London.

HIS MAJESTY has expressed a wish to retain as a memento the figure-head of the Royal yacht *Elfin*, which is now being broken up at Portsmouth. The vessel was purchased by the Prince Consort some years after his marriage with Queen Victoria, and was used principally for giving short sea trips to the young Princes and Princesses when the Royal Family was at Osborne.

THE TORPEDO-BOAT destroyer *Cobra* foundered off Grimsby. She left Tyne-mouth on Tuesday on her way to Portsmouth, fell in with a heavy gale, and apparently, owing to the action of the seas, drifted on the Dudgeon rocks, near Grimsby. Almost immediately, she broke in two. Only 12 survivors of the crew of over 70 men were picked up by a passing steamer.

THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was desirous of coming to London from Ireland for the purpose of attending the memorial service for the late President of the United States in Westminster Abbey, but his lordship has not yet entirely recovered from the attack of sciatica from which he was suffering when he left town, and was compelled to postpone the journey.

ON THE 19th INSTANT King Edward and Queen Alexandra left Fredensborg for Sorgenfri Castle, where their Majesties lunched with Prince and Princess Christian. Queen Alexandra, King Christian, and some other members of the Royal Family then drove to Bernstorff Castle, returning afterwards to Fredensborg by train. King Edward and the rest of the Royal party returned from Sorgenfri by motor-car.

SUMMER VACATION at the Royal Military College has now ended. Among the new cadets who have entered are Prince Mahomed Ali Bey; a son of General Gatacre; Hon. C. A. J. Annesley (son of Bro. Viscount Valentia), and the Hon. M. A. Wingfield (son of Bro. Viscount Powerscourt). Captain F. R. H. Chapman, of the Indian Staff Corps, has been temporarily appointed Instructor in Hindustani.

BRO. EARL ROBERTS has consented to unveil a statue of the late Queen Victoria in Piccadilly, Manchester, on October 10th. The funds were raised at the time of the Diamond Jubilee celebration, and after the payment of £5000 for the monument, a balance of about £14,000 will remain to aid the rebuilding of the local infirmary. On the following day Bro. Earl Roberts will open a military tournament in Manchester.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR HENRY TROTTER will on the 28th inst., in Kennington Park, present war medals to members of the Volunteer Service companies of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment and East Surrey Regiment. The men to be decorated belong to the 3rd (Bermondsey) V.B. Queen's, 4th V.B. Queen's (New-street, Kennington Park), 1st Surrey Rifles (Camberwell), and 4th V.B. East Surrey (St. John's-hill, Clapham Junction).

MEMORIAL SERVICES for the dead President were held throughout the country. The diplomatic and official element in metropolitan society attended Westminster Abbey where his Majesty the King was represented by the Earl of Pembroke. St. Paul's Cathedral was crowded by a congregation chiefly composed of the civic and commercial classes. Signs of mourning were everywhere apparent, many places of business being closed during a portion of the day.

BRO. W. MILES, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, has kindly consented to give a dramatic, humorous, and musical recital, comprising scenes from Lord Lytton's "Lady of Lyons," zither recitals, and humorous selections, before the scholars and friends of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, on Monday next, at 7 p.m. Tickets may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLeod, or members of the Board of Management.

DEATH.

LAMBERT.—On the 12th instant, at 12, Coventry-street, Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., third son of the late Francis Lambert, of Coventry-street and Acton, Middlesex, in his 78th year. Friends will please accept this, the only intimation. No flowers by desire. The funeral took place on the 17th instant at Kensal Green Cemetery.