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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

There is nothing like taking time by the forelock, and hence, in accordance with the custom we have adopted for several years past, we call attention to the first of the three great anniversary Festivals which will be celebrated as usual in behalf of our Charitable Institutions in 1902. This, as our readers know full well, is the Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and though the old year is far from being out as yet, and a fairly long interval must elapse before the day appointed for its celebration comes round, we must not lose sight of the fact that the Christmas holidays will make a considerable hole in that interval, and that people during those holidays will be thinking more about the festivities in the home circle and elsewhere which are appropriate to this season than about the needs of a Charitable Institution, however Benevolent may be its objects. The Festival in question will take place on Wednesday, the 28th February, and will have for its President Sir A. FREDERICK GODSON, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire. Both Sir A. F. GODSON and his Province are known far and wide throughout the Craft for their exceeding goodwill towards all our Masonic Charitable Institutions, but Worcestershire, with which he has been so long connected, and over which he has had the honour to preside since 1895, has a muster-roll of only 15 lodges; and though there have been several occasions, and notably at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, when for so small a Province it has greatly distinguished itself by the extent of its donations, we must not expect from it anything like such an amount of support as was forthcoming from the "Chairman's Province" of Essex at the Festival in behalf of the same Institution in February last. Hence, if the total of next year's Returns are to approximate at all nearly to the £26,000 and upwards which was raised for the Old People during the present year, it can only be done by enrolling such a Board of Stewards as will worthily represent the lodges in London and the other and more particularly the wealthier and more influential among our Provinces. This much the moderate-sized Province of Worcestershire and its chief are entitled to expect, and we are pleased to find that up to the present time Bro. JAMES TERRY, the energetic Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, has been fairly successful in his efforts to enlist the services of ladies and brethren as Stewards in support of Sir A. F. GODSON'S Chairmanship. The Board already

numbers some 180 members, and though this is less to the extent of about 50 than Lord WARWICK'S Board at the corresponding date of last year, the difference is, to a certain extent, explained by the difference in the number of lodges in the respective Provinces of Worcestershire and Essex, there being, as we have said, only 15 in the former as compared with some 45 in the latter. Bro. TERRY, however, is, as usual, hard at work visiting lodges in town and country, and we have little doubt that, when we next take the opportunity of calling attention to the approaching Old People's Anniversary, we shall be in a position to report further and still more satisfactory progress.

The cause for which we are appealing is one that calls for all the support that can possibly be obtained. The Male Fund of the Institution provides annuities of £40 each for 210 old and indigent brethren; the Widows' Fund has on its establishment 253 old ladies, to each of whom is assigned an annuity of £32; and, in addition, there are between 20 and 30 widows of deceased annuitants, who receive each £20 a year for five years, or half of their late husbands' annuities. Thus the Benevolent Institution distributes annually a round £17,000 in maintaining in comfort between 480 and 490 poor brethren and widows of brethren who have fallen into a state of poverty or are too old, and, in the majority of cases, too decrepit to earn a livelihood. Add to this a sum of about £3,000 for expenses of management and the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon, and the reader will have no difficulty in satisfying himself as to the need there is for a generous support at each recurring Festival, the necessary expenditure being at the rate of £20,000 per annum, while the permanent income, consisting of the grants from Grand Lodge (£1,600) and Grand Chapter (£150), and the interest on invested capital, does not greatly exceed, if, indeed, it does exceed, the sum of £6,000. Lastly, there is, unfortunately, almost invariably a huge disproportion between the number of candidates for the two Funds and the numbers which it is possible to elect. At the annual meeting in May of this year 22 men were elected from an approved list, reduced by two deaths and a withdrawal, of 47, while 17 widows were elected from a list of 54, the three deferred annuitants in each case being included in the numbers elected. Thus when the poll was declared, there remained 25 old men and 37 widows unprovided for, and since then, of course, there have been received numerous petitions, from both classes of candidates, while the vacancies that have since occurred are few in number and unless Death plays havoc among the existing annuitants, will, in all probability, be as few in proportion to the roll of applicants as in the present and preceding years. We trust then, that early next month when, if all goes well, we shall again review the situation, we shall have it in our power to report such an increase in the number of Stewards, as will justify the hope of a successful result under the auspices of Sir A. F. GODSON and his loyal Province of Worcestershire:

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening last at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. George Richards, Dist. Grand Master of the Transvaal, presided in the absence of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master; Colonel Davis, A.D.C., Prov. G.M. for Surrey, acted as Past Grand Master; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., took the chair of S.G.W.; Bro. Frank Richardson was Director of Ceremonies; and among the brethren present were—

Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Henry Smith, P.G.D.; Joseph C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Dr. Strong, P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence; Robert Grey, P.G.W.; John Strachan, K.C., G. Reg.; Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C., Dep. G. Reg.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; T. Lean Wilkinson, P.G. Reg.; Charles Beaumont, P.D.G. Reg.; Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C.; Daniel Mayer, P.G.D.; W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; Albert Lucking, P.G.P.; Dr. Kiallmark, P.G.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; George Everett, P.G.T.; Sheriff Horace Marshall, G. Treas.; Major J. Woodall Woodall, P.G.T.; Ralph Clutton, P.G.D.; Rev. I. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Sir Borradaile Savory, G.C.; Dr. Clement Godson, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G.T.; Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; Major Henry Wright, P.G.S.B.; Col. T. Davies Scwell, D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; Henry Garrod, P.G.P.; Thomas Jones, P.G.D., P. Dep. Dist. G.M. Bengal; R. Loveland Loveland, K.C., Pres. Board of General Purposes; T. H. Roberts, P.M. 2502; and John Glass, P.M. 453. Some 800 brethren in all were in attendance.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the meeting of September 4th were read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter from the M.W. Grand Master in reply to a vote of condolence passed by Grand Lodge on the death of the Empress Frederick:

Royal Hospital,  
Dublin,  
18/11/01.

Dear Mr. Letchworth,

Will you kindly be the medium of expressing my most grateful thanks to the Grand Lodge for their most kind expression of sympathy with me on the death of my beloved sister the Empress Frederick.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,  
ARTHUR.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER then said he had to announce that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to acquiesce in (the desire expressed by several Provincial and District Grand Masters, that the occasion of his Royal Highness's installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master should be commemorated by the bestowal of Past Provincial and District Grand Rank on a limited number of brethren within the several provinces and districts, and that in the exercise of the power recently given the Grand Master by Rule 87, Book of Constitutions, His Royal Highness had been pleased to empower Provincial and District Grand Masters to confer the rank of Past Provincial or District Grand Officers in the following proportions:—One appointment for every twelve lodges in a province or district where the lodges do not exceed thirty in number, with one additional if the broken number exceeds six; and one appointment for every eight lodges in provinces and districts where the number of lodges is more than thirty, with one additional if the broken number exceeds four. (Applause.) He had further to announce that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to appoint Col. George Dixon, Dep. G.S.B., as Grand Sword Bearer, in place of Col. C. Molony, deceased. (Bro. Col. Dixon then advanced to the throne, and was invested.) He had further to announce that the Grand Master had been pleased to appoint Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser as Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, in the room of Col. George Dixon, promoted. (Bro. Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser was then invested.) He had further to announce that the M.W.G. Master had been graciously pleased to appoint Bro. Gotthelf Greiner as Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, in the room of Bro. Cesar Kupferschmidt, deceased. (Bro. Greiner was then invested.)

All these appointments were received with applause.

Bro. THOMAS WAKLEY, W.M. Cheselden Lodge, next rose and said: Right Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, Grand Officers, officers, and brethren, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Manisty, who is detained on circuit at Leeds, I have the high honour and great pleasure to nominate his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn for election as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.) His election for that high office is so fresh in our memories that I need not do more than say that during the time he has occupied the office of Grand Master he has fully shown the interest he takes in the Craft, and his sincere desire to promote its well being in every way. (Applause.) Perhaps I may be allowed to allude to the very gracious and kind interest he has shown in a lodge which he intended to constitute if circumstances over which he had no control had not prevented him—a lodge in connection with St. Thomas's Hospital, of which institution he is President, thus following in the illustrious steps of our King, who so long and ably ruled over the Craft, and I am convinced that no better successor could possibly be found anywhere. I am confident that in nominating the Duke of Connaught as Most Worshipful Grand Master I am but the mouthpiece of every English Freemason. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The ACTING GRAND MASTER said he had to ask if there was any other nomination?—a question which was not responded to. He had now to call for the nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. Col. T. DAVIES SEWELL, P.G. Stwd., said he begged to nominate for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year Bro. Captain John Barlow, who last year was proposed for that important office, and who felt justified on this occasion in offering himself, seeing that some thousand of the brethren kindly recorded their vote in his favour. He (Col. Sewell) would not weary Grand Lodge with the reiteration of Bro. Captain Barlow's Masonic virtues; he inflicted that penalty on them last year; but for a moment he might say that 20 years Captain Barlow had been a Mason, and a very industrious one; that he had filled every office in the Craft, and that he was Patron of all the Masonic Charities. (Hear, hear.) He would say no more; but he thought he could leave the matter safely in the hands of this Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

There was again loud applause when there was no reply to the Acting Grand Master's interrogatory if there was any other nomination to come before Grand Lodge.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER then said the next business was the appointment and investiture of the President of the Board of Benevolence. The Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint Bro. James Henry Matthews.

Bro. Matthews was thereupon conducted by Bro. Frank Richardson, acting G.D.C., to the chair, and the acting Grand Master re-invested him.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER added that as no other brethren than Bros. David Dixon Mercer and Henry Garrod were nominated for election as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence he should declare those two brethren duly elected.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH read the following names of 12 Past Masters who had been nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Bros. James Block, P.M. 1158; John Ellinger, P.M. 2222; Simon H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; Frederick W. Hancock, P.M. 548; Edward Nightingale, P.M. 87; Charles Henry Stone, P.M. 507; Robert Wellwood Ker, P.M. 594; George M. E. Hamilton, P.M. 1446; Edward W. Pillinger, P.M. 902; Joseph S. Pointon, P.M. 1861; John Henry Cureton, P.M. 1569; and Frederick William Colby, P.M. 22.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER declared these brethren duly elected.

On the motion of Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, seconded by Bro. D. D. MERCER, the Report of the Board of Benevolence for September, October, and November was taken as read, and the following recommendations, of grants therein contained, with the exception of one where the brother had died, were confirmed:

The widow of a brother of the Loyal Hay Lodge, No. 2382, Hay, Brecon	£100 0 0
A brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin	100 0 0
The three orphan children of a brother of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton Court	50 0 0
A brother of the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 758, Runcorn	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Newark-upon-Trent	50 0 0
A brother of the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, London	50 0 0

The report of the Board of General Purposes, as printed in the *Freemason* last week, was, on the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K.C., President, seconded by the VICE-PRESIDENT, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The appeal of the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, London, was then taken.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, K.C., G. Reg.: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, notices of five appeals to Grand Lodge were received, in one of which, from a province, I deemed it my duty to make certain representations to the parties concerned, with the result that the object of the appeal was accomplished, and the appeal itself withdrawn. The other, from a London lodge, now comes on for consideration, and is an appeal from the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, against a decision of the Board of General Purposes at their meeting on the 15th of October last, by which it was ruled that the election of Bro. Alfred William Sims as Worshipful Master was void; and the question now raised is whether a brother who has not served the qualifying period in the office of Junior Warden and has not served the qualifying period in the further office of S.W., can piece together two broken periods in the two separate offices, to form a perfect year, and thus render him eligible for the chair. The Board, in accordance with all previous decisions, and the opinions of the Constitutional advisers of Grand Lodge for the last half century at least, has declared that this could not be done, and that he must have served for one year the office of Warden, which may be completed either in the office of Junior Warden or in the office of Senior Warden. This having been challenged by the Regent's Park Lodge, it becomes advisable to point out to the appellants, and to other brethren who may not have understood the law, the strong grounds which exist for the ruling. I would first remind Grand Lodge of the necessary qualifications for the office of Master, which the Installing Master recites to the Master elect, before asking him if he is so qualified. Among other things he must duly have served the office of Warden in a regular lodge. Now, what is the meaning of duly served? Rule 130 explains that he shall have served for one year, and it becomes necessary to inquire from what time the year is to be computed. As early as April 16th, 1861, the Board of General Purposes adopted the opinion of the Grand Registrar, Bro. Sir Francis Roxburgh, that in the case of a Master it is from one regular installation to another. Sir Francis at that time said, "The true construction of this language is, in my opinion, that if his installation was at the lodge meeting in the month of June he must rule the lodge as W. Master until the installation of his successor at the regular lodge meeting in the month of June in the following year, and if he do not that, he cannot acquire the privilege rank of a Past Master." That was so far as the term applied to the office of Master; but on the 5th December, 1875, its applicability to the office of Warden was considered in Grand Lodge, when it was decided that the Warden must be invested on the day of installation, otherwise he would not be qualified by 12 months' service to occupy the chair of the lodge the next year. The Grand Registrar, Bro. McIntyre, thus referred to the matter: "The Warden must serve the office for a year. . . . It means regularly serving the office for one year." Again, in March, 1888, Grand Lodge declared this to be the law; and the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, said: "By the expression 'one year' as given in Article 130 of the Book of Constitutions the law clearly means that the regular day of installation in a certain month, as laid down in the lodge by-laws to the corresponding day in the following year, although that period may comprise more or fewer than 365 days. The words 'having served for a year the office of Warden' were carefully considered when the Constitutions were revised, and have always been taken in the sense I have stated. I venture to think, added Bro. Philbrick, that what we have always understood to be the law is really the law of the Craft, that the J.W. who has served a Masonic year, as I have just explained, reckoning up to the day he is put in the chair inclusive, is qualified to be Master of the Lodge." Bro. Thomas Fenn expressed his full concurrence in this view, and it is well-known how earnestly he combated the notion that two broken periods in the several chairs could be pieced together to make the qualifying year. As he tersely put it—"Two halfpennies won't do when you have to put a penny in the slot." In other words, while two halfpennies may be equivalent to a penny for some purposes, they are not "a penny piece" any more than two half-services in separate offices are full service in what is termed "the office." Each Warden holds a separate and distinct office for the other, with a different situation in the lodge, and has his own peculiar duties; and what is required by Rule 130 is clearly that the occupant of either the S.W.'s chair or the J.W.'s chair shall have served that office for one year. It may be that when he comes to the Master's chair he has served a full year in each Warden's chair; but either the one or the other would have been sufficient. I would advise Grand Lodge to abide by the uniform authorised practice in this respect, and to dismiss the appeal. At the same time it is impossible not to sympathise to some extent with Bro. Sims, who was prevented from being present to be invested on each occasion by reason of being engaged with his Yeomanry training. The installation on each

occasion was in June, and the next meeting of the lodge, when he was invested, was in October, so that he only served eight months in each chair, and between the one and the other there was an interval of four months, which was just as fatal as if it had been four years. But inasmuch as he has now completed a full year's service since he was invested as Senior Warden, under the second ruling of the Board, he will be eligible for election to the Master's chair at the next regular period of election in the lodge. No penalty was imposed by the Board either on Bro. Sims or on the lodge, as it was felt that the error had been committed inadvertently. The lodge, however, as I have learned recently from an interview I had with the appellants, feels that it has a grievance, inasmuch as it was deprived of the opportunity of being represented at the installation of the M.W.G. Master at the Albert Hall. On inquiry I find that neither the Board nor the Grand Secretary was responsible for this, but that it occurred through a misunderstanding. I would, therefore, suggest that a resolution of sympathy and regret be adopted by Grand Lodge as an act of justice. The resolution I move is: "That the appeal of Regent's Park Lodge be dismissed. That Grand Lodge sympathises with Regent's Park Lodge in its exclusion from the installation ceremony, and regrets that the tickets were withheld through a misunderstanding." He also proposed a vote of sympathy of Grand Lodge with the brethren at their exclusion from the installation ceremony.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said they were not excluded. Notice was given to the lodge calling their attention to the irregularity, but they would not attend at the office.

Bro. VESEY FITZGERALD, K.C., Dep. G. Reg., seconded the motion. He thought unless they were to stultify themselves they must be regular in their proceedings, and they were bound to follow precedent.

Bro. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., said he was going to follow on the other side. He had been a member of the Board for 36 years, and he traversed what was brought up as the opinion of the Board. It was the opinion of the Board by such a narrow majority that at the last moment they did not know how the opinion was going. He hoped to show that he was right, and that the Grand Registrar for once was wrong. The man who was always right was too good for this world. They had got to look at the letter and the spirit of the Constitutions and not to stultify themselves. The Constitutions provided that a brother must serve the office of Warden for one year. There was no distinction between the Wardens and if a brother had served for 12 months in the Junior and Senior Wardens' chairs that was sufficient. Here the brother had served eight months as J.W. and eight months as S.W. He was not giving his opinion alone, but the opinion of brethren of rank and position in the Craft, who were as strong as himself, and he left the question to Grand Lodge with confidence. Bro. Strachan said two half-pennies did not make a penny. Well, they were always tendered as a penny, and would be accepted by anybody as value for a penny, and he claimed that two eight months were as good as one 12 month. He moved, as an amendment, that the appeal be allowed.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said he seconded Sir John Monckton's amendment with a great amount of pleasure, and he hoped the brethren would support it. He endorsed everything Sir J. Monckton had said, and therefore he would not weary Grand Lodge by repeating his arguments. He would simply draw attention to the maxim of their esteemed late Bro. Fenn, who said that Masonry was a voluntary body; we got nothing out of it, but paid a great deal into it. What we wanted was common sense, not common law, for common law was not always common sense. He hoped the brethren would take this view, and decide according to common sense—they would, he felt, decide that two eights were a good deal more than one twelve. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. THOMAS JONES, P.G.D., P.D.D.G.M. of Bengal: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, in the interest of numerous lodges in India, I feel constrained to offer a word in support of the amendment suggested by R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton. The vicissitudes of the Military and other services in the up-country districts in India not unfrequently compel a brother to leave his duties, and thus his attendance at a particular lodge meeting is rendered impossible. But, no other brother being appointed to the office, the Wardens may be able to attend at subsequent meetings, and thus it is considered that his office has been duly fulfilled. For these reasons it appears to me that the contention raised by Sir John Monckton is deserving of support.

Another brother wished to know what was the majority in the Board of General Purposes. He contended that a brother must be in his office of Warden for a year, if it was the practice in Freemasonry. If that was not the meaning of the Book of Constitutions, let it be altered. That was the way with Acts of Parliament.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, K.C., said it was for the Grand Master to decide when the voting should take place. As mover of the resolution the brethren would admit he was entitled to say something in reply, because his very excellent and Right Worshipful Bro. Sir John Monckton had dealt with this matter most good-temperedly, as he always did. When Sir John Monckton said "Let me be your adviser," he should remember that he (Bro. Strachan) was advising; and by the Constitutions to which Sir John appealed he (Bro. Strachan) was the adviser of Grand Lodge, but it did not follow that the Grand Lodge was to endorse everything the Grand Registrar advised. He wished to guard himself about that, and he wanted to deal with the other points. A question was asked whether it was not a narrow majority; whether it was a narrow majority or a large majority of the Board, or a unanimous vote, it is not for this Grand Lodge to question. He was very sorry to find that any member of the Board revealed out of the Board what happened in the Board; but he would say nothing further about that. Bro. Monckton had said he had been 35 years a member of the Board of General Purposes. He thought the late Bro. Fenn was also a long time a member of the Board of General Purposes. When he said that for the purposes of the slot two half-pennies would not make a penny, so for the purpose of this Article of the Constitutions two imperfect services would not make a perfect service. Twice nothing never did make one, and if a brother acquired nothing by his service in the J.W. chair and acquired nothing by the office of the S.W., he acquired nothing, because twice nothing never did make one. It was not correct, as Sir John Monckton had said (he apologised for his weak voice, as he had been travelling from Leeds since two o'clock, but he would try to make himself heard), it was not a continuous service because the brother served as J.W. Let the brethren understand he expressed his sympathy

with the brethren; if it was possible for a dispensation from Grand Lodge to be granted, he would have advised it; but it was for the purpose of getting an expression of opinion the appeal was made to the Board of General Purposes. But from October, 1899, to June, 1900, the brother who was the Junior Warden—he went out of the chair in 1900—was then appointed to the S.W. chair, just as if he had been J.W. for the year, and he took his place as S.W. Therefore, from June, 1900, to October, 1900, he was not a Warden at all, and it was not a continuous service. It was a great mistake, as he held, that the brethren had made in this matter; it was not a continuous service; and, as he had said in opening this matter, four months out of office was just as bad as four years. Suppose he had served four months in 1900, he acquired nothing; then there was nothing in between which made up the time, and it was as bad as four years. Sir John Monckton suggested that the spirit of the law should be observed. Certainly. In advising Grand Lodge in anything he looked first of all, as a lawyer, how to interpret a thing, and then how it bore on Masonry, and to see how in Masonic jurisprudence Masons themselves had to deal with it, and he endeavoured to carry out the intentions of the framers of the law. He applied that in this case. It was not a question merely of a brother being qualified to serve the office of Warden and to occupy the Master's chair. A lodge of instruction would give him all the knowledge he required; but there was something more if the brethren would consider what they were doing in Masonry. He was very much struck a little while ago when he heard a Provincial Grand Master and a District Grand Master one a general and the other a colonel—say in his presence that one thing we had in Masonry—absolute discipline. What was the discipline when a brother who undertakes to do a certain thing does not do it? He acquired no status. A brother was not fit to govern until he had learned to obey. He was told not to deal with the ritual but with the Constitutions. He had not dealt with the ritual. All he said was it was his interpretation and according to the ritual the brother must have served the office of Warden for a year. He went to the Constitutions at once, and to Rule 130. Bro. Richardson said we want common sense, not common law. What he (Bro. Strachan) said was common law is common sense. The offices of Junior and Senior Warden were entirely distinct the one from the other. He did not know that he ought to take up the time of Grand Lodge, but this was a rule for Grand Lodge to express its opinion upon. If they expressed an opinion in favour of the appeal they must not complain if at some time a case occurred which they might regret. It might be a hard case, but hard cases made bad law. If the law was bad, let them alter it.

Bro. Bowles, Regent's Park Lodge, rose to speak.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER interrupted, and said that the Grand Registrar had replied, and he could have no further discussion.

The brethren then divided—

For the dismissal of the appeal	...	...	...	289
For Sir J. B. Monckton's amendment allowing the appeal	...	...	...	364

Majority for the appeal	...	...	...	75
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Bro. T. H. Roberts withdrew his notice of motion to alter Rule 130, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday evening. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, presided. Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M.M. for West Yorkshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master, Lord Herschell was G.S.W., and Bro. H. J. Sparks, G.J.W.; Bro. Frederick West, G.M.O.; Dr. Clement Godson, G.S.O.; Bro. W. J. Fisher, G.J.O.; Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G.S.; Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Bros. Fitzroy Tower, Cousins, G.D.C.; H. Lovegrove, Frank Richardson, President of the General Board; Harry Nicholls, Major Henry Wright, Dr. Kiallmark, Imre Kiralfy, Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; Dr. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.D.C.; and John Smith, P.G.I.G. The attendance was numerous.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form,

Bro. MATIER read the following letter from Col. Alfred Egerton, Controller and Treasurer of the Household of the Duke of Connaught:

Buckingham Palace,  
September 11, 1901.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am commanded by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to ask you to convey to the Earl of Euston and to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, his Royal Highness's most grateful thanks for their fraternal sympathy with him in the great loss which he has sustained by the death of the late Empress Frederick, and to express his keen appreciation of their kind letter of condolence.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very faithfully,

ALFRED EGERTON,  
Comptroller and Treasurer.

Bro. MATIER also read the following letter from Bro. Beach:

British Legation, Stockholm,  
September 15th.

Dear Brother Matier,

My mother begs me to request you to express to the Earl of Euston and the members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons our high appreciation of their kind expression of earnest sympathy and condolence with us in the hour of our great sorrow.

Yours fraternally,

ELLICE HICKS BEACH.

Bro. COUSANS, G.D.C., said the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg., as President of the General Board, in place of Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, and asked the M.W. Pro G. Master to invest him.

Bro. Frank Richardson was conducted by Bro. Cousins to the throne, and the Earl of Euston invested him with his collar and jewel of office. Bro. Frank Richardson, who was cheered, then took his place at the table as President of the General Board.

On the motion of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. FITZROY TOWER, the Report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON next moved: "That Article 154, Book of Constitutions, be altered so as to include as *ex officio* members all Past Presidents of the General Board, by adding the words to the Article, 'all Past Presidents,' after the word 'President.'" He said by Article 154 the constitution of the General Board was provided for, and it provided for the President of the General Board being a member. At the time the Book of Constitutions was revised there was no Past President. They now had a brother who held that rank, and it would be convenient if all Past Presidents of the Board formed part of the Board. He, therefore, moved as mentioned.

Bro. FITZROY TOWER seconded, and the motion was carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON next moved: "That Bro. Cowasjee Eduljee Panday, formerly District Grand Treasurer, Madras, having been convicted of embezzlement and other offences, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, be expelled from the Mark Degree." All the brethren would agree with him that they should keep not only Grand Lodge, but all lodges, pure; and that if any brother got into the disgraceful position of this brother they ought to get rid of him.

Bro. FITZROY TOWER seconded, and the motion was carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON then moved: "That this Grand Lodge do recognise and acknowledge the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria, Australia, subject to the customary conditions and restrictions which shall be noted in the document of recognition." As all the brethren knew, for some years there existed no District Grand Lodge of Victoria. It so happened now that the different Constitutions, the Scotch and Irish, had joined with each other, and formed a Grand Mark Lodge of their own, and the majority was so enormous—three lodges only under the English Constitution had not joined—that the General Board thought it was a proper thing that they should recognise the Grand Lodge of Victoria as a sister body, subject only to the rights of those lodges which did not go over to the new Grand Lodge. That would be provided for in the warrant that would be granted.

Bro. FITZROY TOWER seconded.

The Earl of EUSTON said he thought this was a right time for the Grand Lodge of the district to be formed. Those lodges which remained under our banner would have an absolute right to do so as long as they chose. But he should think it better if they were to join the Grand Lodge as many as could.

A BROTHER asked whether it would be better to retain our superiority, because we should now have no right to grant new lodges in the Australian Colonies?

The Earl of EUSTON said this motion only referred to Victoria.

The motion was carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said the M.W. Pro Grand Master had made to the Library a very valuable gift indeed, that being a copy of the Book of Constitutions of 1767. That volume was very rare, very few were to be got, and he moved "That the best thanks of Grand Lodge be given to the M.W. Pro Grand Master for the gift of a copy of that volume to Grand Lodge."

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K.C., seconded.

The motion was carried.

The Earl of EUSTON: Thank you, brethren; I am only too glad to give it.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said he had another very pleasing duty to perform—to inform the brethren that their esteemed Bro. Imre Kiralfy, who sat beside him, had presented to G and Lodge a very handsome trophy of armour, rifles, and bayonets. He had no doubt the brethren had seen the walls and lobby were decorated as they came in, and it gave a better appearance than formerly. That was due to Bro. Kiralfy, and he now moved the best thanks of Grand Lodge for the gift.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND seconded.

The motion was carried, and Bro. Kiralfy bowed his acknowledgments.

Bro. G. PHILLIPS PARKER: M.W. Pro Grand Master, I have the honour of proposing the nomination of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught for election as M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year. Words are not necessary to show his fitness for that high office, but there is one fact stands out above all others, and that fact I will mention. By reason of his exalted position his Royal Highness must necessarily be the subject of criticism; yet the world has never had anything to say of him but in praise as Duke, as soldier, as Mason. We all know how beloved and respected he is, and there is no better than he to succeed to the position of our late Most Worshipful Grand Master. I trust he will be spared many years to rule over us. With those few words I beg to nominate his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught for election as M.W.G. Master. (Applause.)

Bro. HOBLYN: M.W. Pro Grand Master, I have much pleasure in nominating for Grand Treasurer Bro. Frederick George Ivey, a P.M. of No. 3, P.G.S., P.P.G.D. Middlesex, and a Royal Ark Mariner.

The Earl of EUSTON having enquired whether there was any other nomination, and receiving no reply, informed Grand Lodge that the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased to appoint Bro. John Strachan, K.C., Grand Overseer, as Grand Registrar in place of Bro. Frank Richardson. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

### SONNET FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Barren December gives King Winter birth,  
And now he reigns throughout the land supreme,  
Darkening the day with desolating dearth—  
Dimming the sky, ice-binding brook and stream.  
Hark how he howls, his harsh, hard-hearted cries  
Fill with dismay the shrinking, trembling breast;  
Creoning and soughing, his wild tempests rise,  
Seeming to say, "In vain is man's protest."  
With blighting breath he bares the bounteous land,  
With blustering gusts he heaves the restless wave,  
With furious voice that nothing can withstand,  
He tells us that the strongest is his slave.  
In vain we plead against his stern decree,  
In vain rebel against his dread inclemency!

Tradford,

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual Prov. G. Lodge of Cambridgeshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, under the auspices of the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1492, on the 29th ult. Bro. Colonel R. Townley Caldwell, Prov. G. Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. the Rev. Joseph H. Gray, Past G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G. Master; G. J. McKay, 88, Past Dep. Prov. G. Master Cumberland and Westmoreland, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; and the following officers:

Bros. W. P. Spalding, 88, Prov. S.G.W.; Frank Piggott, 88, P.P.J.G.W. (acting for Bro. A. S. Bell, 859), Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. C. G. Griffinhoofe, 859, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Read, 2727, Prov. G. Treas.; W. Hutchinson, 2107, Prov. G. Reg.; Oliver Papworth, 88, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; F. J. Moden, Prov. S.G.D.; R. H. Adie, 1492, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; F. Dewberry, 441, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G.D. of C.; Dr. W. R. Roper, 441, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; H. M. Martin, 2107, Prov. G. Org.; T. A. Guyatt, 2727, Prov. G. Purst.; and H. G. Comber, 859, and J. W. Metcalfe, 2107, Prov. G. Stwds.

The following brethren were also present:

Bros. W. James, W.M., A. R. Hill, S.W., J. V. Prior, P.P.S.G.W., John L. Rutter, P.P.G. Reg., E. Stanley Wood, F. E. Apherpe-Webb, and H. Wybrow, all of 88; G. F. Knowles, W.M., F. W. Miller, I.P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., J. Vail, P.P. S.G.W., J. Taylor, P.P.G. Reg., T. Watts, P.P.G. Treas., J. Catling, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, F. R. Leach, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, L. Hoegood, P.P.G. Stwd., J. Dempster, P.P.G. Purst., H. W. Dewberry, C. E. Gray, E. E. Ing, R. T. Catling, and J. A. Fabb, all of 441; T. Ground, W.M., and E. J. Brooking, 809; W. J. Armitage, W.M., P.P.G. Purst., W. H. Francis, P.P.J.G.W., W. G. Bell, P.P.G.R., S. R. Van Duzer, F. D. Bruce, T. W. Helme, C. C. G. Robert, and H. A. Northern, all of 859; Wm. Buiggs, W.M., J. R. Green, P.P.S.G.D., C. E. Boughton-Leigh, P.P.A. G.D.C., and John Briggs, of 1492; C. H. Davey, W.M., J. A. Dawson, P.P. G. Purst., F. H. Potts, P.P.A.G.D.C., Geo. Barrow, and C. B. Bosworth, of 2107; C. Lacey, P.P.G. Stwd., Rev. W. T. R. Crookham, P.P.G. Chap., and W. Hawker, of 2727; S. W. Heaton, 45; C. G. Wilson, 604; and H. J. Thompson, 2401.

The brethren having saluted the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. G.M. in the customary manner, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers and the roll of lodges were then called over.

The Prov. G. Treasurer (Bro. J. Read) presented his accounts, as audited, and a balance of £64 was shown.

The Prov. G. Registrar (Bro. W. Hutchinson) presented his return of the lodges for the past year, as follows:

Lodge.	Number last year.	Initiations.	Joining Members.	Deaths.	With-drawals.	Present Number.
88	86	4	2	1	3	88
441	69	6	1	0	2	74
809	71	5	0	2	4	70
859	191	22	2	4	14	197
1492	28	0	9	0	0	37
2107	48	3	1	0	2	50
2727	48	2	3	0	4	49
	541	42	18	7	29	505

It should be stated that the return contains some duplicates. The number of members of Provincial Grand Lodge was also given by the Registrar, viz.: No. 88, 29; No. 441, 23; No. 809, 33; No. 859, 28; No. 1492, 4; No. 2107, 10; No. 2727, 4; total, 131.

Bro. J. Read, 2727, was re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers as understated:

Bro. W. G. Bell, P.M., Treas. 859	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Taylor, P.M., Treas. 441	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. G. Griffinhoofe, 895	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. T. R. Crookham, Chap. 2727	...	...	
" J. Read, P.M. 2727, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Norfolk (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. L. Rutter, P.M. 88	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Oliver Papworth, P.M., Sec. 88, P.P.S.G.W. (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" L. Hoegood, P.M. 441	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Briggs, P.M. 45, W.M. 1492	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. A. Dawson, P.M. 2107	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" F. Dewberry, P.M., D.C. 441, P.P.S.G.W. (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. Ground, W.M. 809	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" H. G. Comber, S.W. 859	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. J. Brooking, J.D. 809	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. W. Miller, I.P.M. 441	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. E. Wood, Std. Br. 88, P.P.G. Stwd. Mon....	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. E. Gray, 441	...	...	
" J. H. Widdicombe, J.W. 859	...	...	
" F. D. Bruce, 859	...	...	
" C. B. Bosworth, Stwd. 2107	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Hawkes, Stwd. 2727	...	...	
" C. H. Ellis, Tyler 859	...	...	

The brethren having saluted the Prov. Grand Officers, Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, Secretary, presented the report of the Cambs Masonic Charity Association for the past year, which spoke with satisfaction of an increase of subscribers, whilst the receipts amounted to £254.

Upon the motion of Bro. J. CATLING, seconded by Bro. F. PIGGOTT, the report was received, and ordered to be printed and circulated in the usual way.

The TREASURER proposed, Bro. J. TAYLOR seconded, and it was agreed, that 10 guineas be voted to the Cambs. Masonic Charity Association for current expenses.

The TREASURER proposed, Bro. W. R. ROPER seconded, and it was agreed, that 10 guineas be voted to one or more of the Royal Masonic Institutions, to be paid through the Cambs. Masonic Charity Association.

The SECRETARY proposed, Bro. W. P. SPALDING seconded, and it was agreed, that £10 be voted to the widow of a deceased brother.

The P.G.M. proposed, the D.P.G.M. seconded, and it was agreed, that a vote of thanks be passed to those brethren who had served the office of Steward for the Masonic Charities (Bros. G. Barron, 88 and 2107; A. E.

Chaplin, 88; J. C. Laxton, 2107 and 2727; and O. Papworth, Prov. G. Sec.).

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Lion Hotel, and was attended by about 40 brethren.

The Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. John Vail took the S.W. chair (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. G. Bell), and Bro. Joshua Taylor was in his place as J.W.

Dinner ended,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave the toast of "The King and the Craft." For the first time in the memory of any member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, there was a change in the form of this toast since their last meeting. Her Majesty Queen Victoria had been taken from us, and our late Grand Master had become King of these realms. For the first time, therefore, he gave them "The King and the Craft." They knew the great interest his Majesty took in the Craft whilst Grand Master, and the speaker was sure that now he had become Protector of the Order his interest would not be diminished.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master of England." The Duke of Connaught had only recently been installed, and they trusted he would preside over the fortunes of the Order as long as his Majesty the King had been pleased to do. The Duke of Connaught took a keen interest in the Order, and they wished him long life and every energy to preside over the future of Masonry.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then gave the toast of "The G. Officers of England," and said that those who were present at the recent installation of the Duke of Connaught must have been convinced of the great amount of pains which had been taken in the ordering of the arrangements and in the working of the ceremonial on that occasion. It reflected great credit on all who shared in the work. He was especially struck with the excellent address given by Earl Amherst; it was a happy speech; it touched the right chord, and was received with happy inspiration by the brethren assembled in that enormous building. There were no present G. Officers with them that night, but they had with them of the Past Grand Officers a right trusty and well-beloved brother of their own, V.W. Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, and that name he associated with the toast.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. GRAY, P.G. Chap., said he was proud to respond for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and he should once more allude to the installation of their present Grand Master. Those of them who were present would never forget it. It made an impression in two ways. When the enormous number of Masons filed into the building, one could realise what Grand Lodge meant; and when they heard of the progress which the Craft had made during the late Grand Master's reign they realised what the Grand Lodge had done for the Craft. If a body had done its work, as it had done, he was happy and proud to belong to it.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER gave the next toast—that of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master." To propose it was his happy privilege, and one with which he should be very sorry to part. Happily, their Prov. Grand Master needed no words of eulogy from him, more especially in his presence. But in two words, so to speak, he could give two very good reasons why they would drink his health with great cordiality. First, they felt that in Colonel Caldwell they had the right man to rule over them; they could not possibly have one wiser or kinder. Secondly, the Craft was prospering under his rule. There was a boast existing in this province, and he would repeat it. That boast was that they were a most happy and united province. There was no man in the province who was not fair enough to acknowledge that a great part of that happiness and that unity was due to their Prov. G. Master. They only desired one thing of him, namely, that he would continue to rule over them as long as possible.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in responding to the toast so eloquently proposed by the D.P.G.M., said he thanked them all very much for the way in which they had received it. He spoke from his heart when he said how deeply he loved his Province of Cambridgeshire. There was no province in England with which he would change, or Provincial Grand Master with whom he would change places. And he rejoiced that at the installation of the Duke of Connaught the Province of Cambridgeshire was one of those called upon to escort the Grand Master into the meeting of Grand Lodge. He congratulated the brethren who had assembled that day from all parts of the province. Every lodge was well and worthily represented. They had worked well during the past year, and he thanked Bro. Treasurer for the improvement that had taken place in the finances. It was also to be noticed that their numbers had increased. Still, he hoped, that before the year of the present Registrar expired, there would be a further increase, and he also hoped that the number of lodges would be increased. The two places he had his eye upon were Chatteris and March—points admirably adapted for new lodges. Nor did he think that a lodge at March would adversely affect the lodge at Wisbech, but that both would profit. Doubts at first existed about their latest lodge at Ely, but they knew now how well that lodge had prospered. They had a good and hard working lodge at Ely. Year by year it brought in brethren who but for that lodge would never have seen the light. He hoped before long, therefore, they would have an increase in the direction of March and Chatteris. Then he might also speak of their devotion to the cause of Charity. Mention had already been made in lodge of those who had served as Charity Stewards, and he was very sorry that the jewel to be presented to a brother of Etheldreda Lodge was not there for presentation. The brother was well entitled to it, and he should have it. There were good energetic workers in all the lodges, and Freemasonry went on flourishing in the province. The appointments to Provincial Grand rank involved a great amount of care and consideration. The brethren who had been so appointed would, he was sure, fulfil their duties, and through their work the province would continue to prosper. He was also confident that they would receive the generous aid of all the brethren. As Bro. Gray had already responded to another toast, he should couple with this toast the names of Bro. J. Taylor, S.W., who had for a long time done good work in the province, and Bro. Crookham, P.G. Chaplain, who was connected with the lodge at Ely.

Bro. J. TAYLOR said he had been a Mason for a great many years, but he never expected to be called upon to undertake his present position, and he would rather that the duty of responding should have fallen upon the Deputy Prov. Grand Master or the Senior Warden. However, he could give this assurance that so far as he was concerned he should endeavour to do his duty, and there could be no doubt that the other officers would do so also.

Bro. Rev. W. T. R. CROOKHAM, P.G. Chap., said he knew very little of Masonry at present, although he was in love with it. He was pleased to hear the kindly reference made to their lodge at Ely by the Prov. Grand Master, because they did try to do their duty. Still, as they were mere babes in Freemasonry, not much would be expected of them yet. He felt deeply impressed with the honour conferred upon him. Freemasonry would always have a warm corner in his heart. He wished more of his professional brethren were Masons. The clergy might join the Order with great advantage to themselves, and a great deal of good would be done to the community.

Bro. W. P. SPALDING submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities" in a very sympathetic speech, and spoke of the excellent work done in the Girls' and Boys' Schools, to the honour of the staff of each Institution and to the honour of the Craft, whilst as to the Old People, nothing could be nobler than to give a helping hand to those who had seen better times.

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, in responding, said he agreed with the proposer that much was to be said for the charity which knew no evil of a brother. He also thought with Bro. Crookham that if the clergy did come into Freemasonry it would be for the benefit of those with whom they came in contact, alike in Freemasonry and in their various parishes. They would get wider views of mankind, and would be enabled to do an immense lot of good. With regard to the money for the Girls' and Boys' Schools, it was marvellous where it came from. Whatever sum was wanted was forthcoming. The Old People had held their Jubilee, but if there could be some special function whereby special efforts could be made to collect a sum approaching to that collected for the Boys' Centenary Festival, then they would be enabled to elect 30 or 40 more of the deserving candidates on the list. Bro. Papworth mentioned that the Boys' School would probably be ready for the reception of the boys after the midsummer holidays. As a member of the Board of Management, it would be his earnest endeavour to discharge his duties as their representative, as well as in connection with the Masonic Charity Association of the province.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER gave a welcome to "The Visitors." They were disappointed by the absence of Bro. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G.M. of Norfolk. They were glad to have with them brethren from New Zealand and South Africa.

Bro. S. W. HEATON, 45, responded, and said that although but a young Mason, he was struck with the business manner in which the proceedings of Prov. G. Lodge were conducted. He was pleased to know that one of their officers, Bro. Wm. Briggs, who initiated him, had done a great deal for Freemasonry.

The PROV. G. MASTER proposed "The W.M. Wardens, and brethren of the Alma Mater Lodge," and thanked them for their good arrangements. This lodge, of which he was one of the founders, used to be held at Bletchley, midway between Oxford and Cambridge; but now it had been entirely removed to Cambridge, and was this year presided over by that popular, energetic, and charitable Mason, Bro. William Briggs.

Bro. W. BRIGGS said it was a proud honour for the brethren of Alma Mater to know that this was the first time Prov. G. Lodge had been held under their banner. It was a sort of compound of some of the other lodges, with No. 859 as the principal nursery. But in their way they believed they could do good work for Freemasonry, and help to carry its principles into everyday life.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list.

There were several pleasing contributions of harmony during the evening.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting was held in the Crane Court Assembly Rooms, at Chelmsford, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., excellent arrangements for the occasion having been made by the Principals and companions of the Essex Chapter, No. 276. His Honour Judge Philbrick, K.C., G. Supt., presided, and he was supported by—

Comps. Vero W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.H., as Prov. G.H.; E. H. Bailly, Prov. G.J.; Thos. J. Ralling, Prov. G.S.E.; John B. Bromley, Prov. G.P.S.; Robt. Cook, Prov. A.G.S.; A. Durrant, Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. Saint Clair Hill, Prov. G. Reg.; F. England, Prov. G. Std. Br.; A. Lucking, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.D. of C.; W. H. Cummings, Mus. Doc., Prov. G. Org.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G. Janitor; Rev. Canon Quennell, P.P.G.H.; Andrew C. Durrant, P.P.G.H.; J. J. C. Turner, P.P.G.J.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Gayton, P.P.G. Reg.; Harris Hills, P.P.G.J.; George Corble, P.P.G.H.; J. P. Lewin, P.P.G.S.N.; J. S. Hammond, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Spencer, P.P.G.S.B.; T. J. D. Cramp-horn, P.P.A.G.S.; J. P. Greer, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. H. Ward, P.P.G.S.N.; C. Williams, M.E.Z. 276; G. W. Pascall, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Courtenay Warner, M.P., P.Z. 2256; J. F. Marlar, P.Z. 2154; Mark Gentry, P.Z. 2154; J. P. Sayer, M.E.Z. 1024; S. A. Mugford, H. 276; G. H. Nichols, J. 276; H. N. Crozier, P.S. 276; F. Spalding, A.S. 276; and others.

The minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Chapter (held at Colchester) having been read and confirmed, letters and telegrams were read from several companions unavoidably prevented from attending. These included Comps. the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, G. Supt. Suffolk; H. J. Sparks, G. Supt. Norfolk; Millner Jutsum, P.P.G.H.; Capt. Giles, P.P.G.J.; G. C. Cowell, P.P.G.S.N.; W. Shurmer, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Gower, P.P.G.R.; R. Howard Ives, P.P.G.S.N.; W. H. Roscoe, Prov. A.G. Soj.; W. J. Barnes, P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

The roll of chapters was then called by the Prov. G.S.E., and all but one of the 14 chapters forming the province were found to be fully represented.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was presented by Comp. JOHN J. C. TURNER, P.P.G.J., who also moved its adoption. It stated that the roll of chapters in the province had been increased to 14 by the consecration, on April 23rd, of a chapter to be attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, Shoeburyness. There had been during the year 29 exaltations and 23 joining members, against which the resignations had been 17, the deaths six, and exclusions 17, leaving the total membership of the province at the close of the year '00, against 357 last year.

The motion for the adoption of the Report having been duly seconded, it was carried unanimously.

The next business was the election of three members to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, and as only the required number had been nominated, the G. SUPERINTENDENT declared them to be elected as follows: Comps. John J. C. Turner, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.J.; W. E.

Dring, P.Z. 453, P.P.G.H.; and George Cowell, P.Z. 214, P.A.G. Soj., P.P.G.S.N.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in his address to the companions, said it gave him great pleasure to meet them in the town of Chelmsford, recalling as it did to his mind the day when he was installed as ruler of Royal Arch Masonry in that province at Chelmsford by that eminent companion, the late Earl of Lathom, whose memory would remain green for many long years to come. They could hardly realise the regret which he felt at being unable to be present at the consecration of the last chapter formed in the province—the St. Andrew's at Shoeburyness—but he was at the time laid up through a most painful attack of sciatica, and could but express by telegram, as he repeated now by word of mouth, that he wished the chapter and its companions every prosperity. Previous to the consecration of that chapter their number stood at 13, a number which those who were superstitious considered to be unlucky, though why the number 14, which included 13, was more lucky he failed to understand. As they now stood with 14 chapters they had twice seven—equalling 14—which was truly Masonic, though number nine was more of a Royal Arch number. What their numbers might be this time next year he would not prophesy, but there were whisperings in the air of petitions in course of signature for the founding of new chapters. All he could say was that, speaking with a deep sense of the responsibility of his position, where there was sufficient material to found a Royal Arch Chapter and sufficient companions to support it, he should be pleased to give it every encouragement. They did not want to see a number of weak chapters whose light would burn with a high flame for a short time and then go out with a snuff, as that would not be creditable to a great province like that to which they were proud to belong. He was to be in the West of England that Essex was thoroughly in earnest in the work of Masonry, and he felt proud to be connected with a province which had such a name and reputation. That meeting was a kind of annual stock-taking, as he thought he had on similar occasions remarked, a time when they reviewed the past and looked forward to the future with hope. This was the eighteenth anniversary of the formation of that Provincial Grand Chapter in Chelmsford, and the results of that formation were patent to all the Masonic world. They were meeting that day under the banner of the Essex Chapter, and among the many faces that he was glad to see, he was pleased to recognise that of Comp. Andrew Durrant. It was said that a prophet had no honour in his own country, but he thought they would agree with him that Comp. Durrant was a living example to the contrary. He was greatly appreciated, not only as father of this chapter, but as one who had done a great amount of work for Masonry in Essex, and had been the elected Treasurer of Provincial Grand Chapter ever since its formation. In conclusion the Grand Superintendent enjoined the companions to do all they could for the various chapters to which they belonged, so that they might be examples of good and harmonious working. (Applause).

The election of a Prov. G. Treasurer then took place, and Comp. Andrew Durrant was unanimously re-elected for the 19th year on the motion of Comp. VERO W. TAYLOR, seconded by Comp. GEORGE CORBLE.

The G. Superintendent then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. T. Courtenay Warner, M.P., P.Z. 2256	...	Prov. G.H.
" A. J. H. Ward, P.Z. 51	...	Prov. G.J.
" T. J. Ralling, P.Z., S.E. 51, P.G.S.B. Eng.	...	Prov. G.S.E.
(19th year)	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Mark Gentry, P.Z. 2154	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. M. Wright, I.P.Z. 2005	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Charles Williams, M.E.Z. 276	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" P. F. Holmden, M.E.Z. 214	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" James Berry, M.E.Z. 1817	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. T. Legg, J. 2374	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" S. A. Mugford, H. 279	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas. 1000, P.A.G.D.C.	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Eng. (19th year)	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. A. Hobday, H. 1000	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" E. C. Holmes, Org. 2374	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" E. R. Evans, M.E.Z. 453	...	
" A. W. Martin	...	

On the motion of the G. SUPERINTENDENT, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Principals and companions of the Essex Chapter for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting, which was duly acknowledged by Comp. C. WILLIAMS, M.E.Z.

The G. SUPERINTENDENT having announced that the meeting for next year would be held at Romford, the Prov. G. Chapter was closed.

About 50 companions afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford, under the genial presidency of the G. Superintendent.

### PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF HAMPSHIRE.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE CONNAUGHT PRECEPTORY, No. 172.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., M.E. and S. Grand Master, accompanied by several of the Great Officers, went to Aldershot on Saturday, the 30th ult., the Feast of St. Andrew, to instal the newly-appointed Prov. Prior, V.E. Knight R. Loveland Loveland, K.C., G.C.T., in the place of his late lamented predecessor, the V.E. Knight W. W. B. Beach, G.C.T., who had ruled over the province so long and so successfully.

The proceedings commenced with the installation of nine knights by the V.E. Knight C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G. Vice-Chancellor.

At three o'clock the M.E. and S. Grand Master was received by the assembled knights under the arch of steel, and entered in procession accompanied by the Great Officers. Having assumed the throne, he proceeded to the consecration of the Connaught Preceptory, appointing as his assistants V.E. Knight the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.G. Prelate, as Chaplain; V.E. Knight F. Richardson, G.C.T., G. Registrar, as 1st Constable; V.E. Knight R. Clowes, K.C.T., P.G. Cons., as 2nd Constable; and V.E. Knight J. C. F. Tower, K.C.T., P.G. Vex. B., as Marshal.

After solemn prayer, the warrant was read by V.E. Knight C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G. Vice-Chancellor, and the petitioning knights having signified their approval of the officers nominated therein, the following oration was delivered by the CHAPLAIN:

It is interesting to note, in these matter-of-fact days, how many there are who still love and appreciate the ancient days of chivalry and the Orders they gave birth to. The world has become so prosaic, so much attention is paid to its merely commercial side, there is so much stress and turmoil in modern life, that it is refreshing to know that Orders still exist in which it is possible to obtain a glimpse of those mediæval conditions which made the Middle Ages so full of poetry and romance. Amongst these, the Order of the Temple shines forth pre-eminent, for notwithstanding the vicissitudes it has undergone, it continues to exhibit some of the most characteristic features of its ancient prototype. The Order was originally founded by two valiant Knights, Hugo de Pargun and Geoffrey de St. Aldeman, who, together with six other Knights, banded themselves together in the year A.D. 1118 to protect the Christian pilgrims against the attacks of the infidels. The old chronicler, Matthew Paris, remarks that the seal of the Order, representing two Knights on one horse, was chosen in allusion to the poverty of the two founders, who could only afford one horse in common; but others say that it was an emblematical representation of the charity they were to exhibit by being ready to rescue any in danger even by placing them on their own horses. Numbers soon joined, and quarters were assigned to them near the Temple at Jerusalem, from which they took the name of Knights of the Temple. In process of time they became extremely wealthy and influential. Many great men, who did not wish to become full members, were affiliated to them in order to obtain some of their privileges for which they paid large sums, and the names of emperors and kings are to be found amongst them. By these means they became an immensely powerful organisation, and during the Crusades they did sterling service for the Christian cause. Afterwards, however, many of them lapsed into luxury which, to a great extent, proved the cause of their downfall. Their possessions were immense. In every country of Europe they held vast estates, and when the period of the Crusades was ended, many a covetous eye was cast on their wealth. In England several of their churches may still be seen, more especially the Temple, in London, and St. Sepulchre's, at Northampton and Cambridge. It was from France, however, that the first blow fell upon the Order. There Philip Le Bel, and Pope Clement V., entered upon a league to destroy them so that they might seize their treasure and lands. On the night of 10th October, 1307, all the knights throughout France were arrested and thrown into prison. They were put to the torture to force them to confess crimes of which they were innocent, and at length were led out in bands of 50 together and burnt alive. Jacques de Molai, the Grand Master, with four of his priors, who had been treacherously enticed into France by Philip, were the last victims of this relentless persecution. After remaining nearly seven years in prison, they were burnt alive on 11th March, 1314, before the Cathedral of Notre Dame, in Paris, the glorious martyrs of a glorious Order. Throughout the greater part of Europe their persecution was equally severe, but in Portugal and Castile, and Arragon, it was less violent, and in England they continued to exist, though in an enfeebled condition, until the reign of Henry VIII., when they finally disappeared with the monasteries. It is a very interesting question as to how far we modern knights of the Temple can be considered to be the lineal descendants of the historic Knight Templars of old? After the dissolution of the Order by the Pope at his Council of Vienne, near Lyons, in 1312, the Order vanishes from the pages of history, so far as Europe in general is concerned, and certainly in England after the early Tudor period. But there is a document still to be seen in Paris, which is known as the Tabula Alma, or Charter of Transmission, according to which, it is said, that Jacques de Molai, anticipating his own martyrdom, appointed as his successor Johannes Marcus Larmenius, of Jerusalem, and that from that time there has been a regular line of Grand Masters. Unfortunately, the evidence is extremely weak, when examined in detail, and the best authorities are agreed that it must be rejected. The Swedes alone, I believe, among the nations who possess the Order, are willing to accept it. We must then seek for another reason for our existence. However pleasant and satisfactory it would be to be able to claim the pedigree of ages, I fear we should not be justified in doing so, at any rate definitely. But it is something to keep up the memory of a glorious Order, and to endeavour, as far as we can, to illustrate the chivalry of the past. There is an immense amount of literature on the Knight Templar Order, so that we have the means of studying what they did, and bringing our practice into harmony therewith. In this connection we owe much to the enlightened action of our authorities, who, in recent years, have done so much to improve our ceremonials, and also to the fraternal union that we live in with the other Great Priors of the United Kingdom. But we must remember that we form an Order of Chivalry, and should avoid copying any other society with merely the addition of a military equipment. To aid us in this good work we are about to consecrate a new preceptory, to be called the Connaught. I feel sure that in taking this name you have done so not so much because the Duke is a distinguished Knight Templar, as because you have been privileged to be associated with him in more intimate relationship in having had him so long as your General. It will be a souvenir for you of that time, and as the preceptory is intended for officers in his Majesty's forces, it would have been difficult to choose a more appropriate one. May you, then, go forward and flourish! Remember your illustrious predecessors of old. Their work was mainly physical; yours is spiritual. They had to fight against the Infidels; you have to contend against Infidelity. They had to go long and dangerous pilgrimages; you have to pass through the snares and pitfalls of the world. Strive then to be true knights in thought, word, and deed. Endeavour to make the Connaught Preceptory, which is this day to be added to the roll, worthy of its predecessors, and so try to fight for your heavenly Captain here below, that you may reign with Him in glory hereafter.

The M.E. and S.G.M. then completed the consecration in due and ancient form according to the established ceremonial of the Order, and afterwards installed the E.P. designate, E. Knight F. B. N. Norman-Lee, P. Prov. Prel., who then appointed his officers.

The arch of steel was again formed, and the G.M. retired, accompanied by the Great Officers.

At four p.m. the Prov. Priory was opened, and the M.E. and S.G. Master re-entered, and ascended the throne.

The ACTING G. MARSHAL then announced that the Prov. Prior-designate stood without, on which the M.E. and S.G.M. directed that he should be admitted, and after solemnly administering the obligation, duly invested him with all the insignia of his rank, and placed him on the throne as Prov. Prior of Hampshire.

The V.E. PROV. PRIOR then said a few words, thanking the M.E. and S.G.M. for his kindness, and for the great interest he had shown in the Order by coming, at considerable personal inconvenience, to instal him and to consecrate the new preceptory that day.

The M.E. and S.G.M. replied, expressing the pleasure that it gave him to be there, and his desire to do everything in his power to further the interests of Knight Templary, after which he retired, accompanied as before by the Great Officers.

The V.E. PROV. PRIOR then appointed E. Knight F. Newman, P.G.C. of G., as Prov. Sub-Prior, and the other Prov. Officers, at the same time expressing his regret at the absence of the former through illness.

The Prov. Priory was then duly closed, and M.E. and S.G.M., the Great Officers, and the other Knights dined together under the presidency of the V.E. Prov. Prior.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### ON THE LECTERN.

Lecterns, or reading desks, came into use at an early date; there is frequent mention of them in early writings, and representations of them in ancient vignettes. They were placed in the centre of choirs in large ecclesiastical buildings as early as the 7th century, and the choristers were arranged in rows on the right and left of them. They are of various forms, but the eagle is introduced in a very large number. With outspread wings, and mounted on a stem at a convenient height for a reader, this grand bird, at an early date, was made to serve the purpose of supporting the framework, on which the large and heavy volumes used for the service were placed. There was, probably, some reference in the thoughts of those who first used them to the fact that the eagle soared to the most elevated regions, and, therefore, in a fanciful way, would be likely to carry the words of the readers or choristers nearer to heaven than they might otherwise ascend. In some instances the inclined framework on the back of the bird was made to accommodate two books, one above the other, and furnished with movable brackets to light the reader. Frequently the eagle is represented standing on an orb, and sometimes on a dragon, and the base of the stem on which it is placed is often raised on lions. A more simple form, without the introduction of the eagle, consists of an inclined book-board, raised to a convenient height on a stem. Next to this are examples that have two slanting book-boards, which meet at their upper edges, like a roof; and there are others with clever groupings of four desks, or book-boards. These are generally made of oak or some other hard wood. They nearly all turn on pivots, and some of them are enriched with much carving. Sometimes the eagle is of wood, and the framework of iron. In the handsomest examples base, stem, bird, and book-board are of polished brass. Besides the lecterns used in the services there may still be seen others in old churches on which volumes of homilies and commentaries are chained. Old inventories mention many more. An inventory of the church goods of All Saints' Church, Hereford, for instance, dated 1619, tells us of "The paraphrase of Erasmus chayned to a deske," and "Jewell's workes chayned to a deske." A little later on, in the churchwardens' books belonging to the same church, there is mention of "one wainscott deske in the chancell," which was, doubtless, a lectern. In the following century (1766) there is another side-light upon the same subject, in another entry "two candlesticks for the reading desk." There are still books chained to a desk in Horncastle Church, and there is one, a battered volume of homilies, with a chestnut-hued cover, in Alnwick Church. In the vestry of All Saints, Hereford, there is a library in chains, consisting of 286 volumes, all fastened to the shelves on which they are placed. In Grantham Church, too, there is a library in chains; and about 40 volumes are chained in Turton Church, Lancashire. Kettering Church has two books chained by the covers to a long reading-desk. Over and above this plan of chaining their books, with iron chains, our predecessors had a contrivance for keeping them open, that we have also discarded, or have retained only in the modified form of book-marks. The narrow strip of silk or braid that we place between the pages of a book they fastened to the topmost edge of the lectern, and made the ends heavy with leaden weights. When they wished to keep a book open, they brought two of these strips down from the ridge of the lectern, one over each page, which prevented all motion of the leaves. When not in use they were allowed to hang down. There are many vignettes in ancient MS. Bibles, and other writings, showing lecterns with these contrivances attached to them, and the leaden weights, of a disc-like form, depending from them. The well-known French antiquary, M. Vieo: le-Duc, gives five examples of them from ancient writings, preserved in French libraries, in his *Dictionnaire Raisonné du Mobilier Français, de l'Épave Castorinuene à la Renaissance*. One of them shows these ancient book-marks attached to the lower side of a desk, on which a scribe is writing, and they are passed up over the book or writing and over the top edge of the lectern, allowed to depend from its upper side, instead of the lower one, as in other examples; and there is one instance given, in which the weights are fastened to the side, in which case they would be merely lifted and placed upon any sheet that was required to be kept in position. Both Oxford and Cambridge have interesting specimens of ancient brass eagles in their college chapels. The county of Norfolk, too, is rich in them; Southampton has two, one of which is very fine, and supported on four lions; Bristol has two, one in St. Mary Redcliffe, and the other in St. Mary-le-Port; Southwell Minster has a grand example, which is said to have belonged to Newstead Abbey; and there are others to be met with here and there. There is an example of a wooden eagle in Winchester Cathedral; one in All Saints' Church, Monksilver, Somersetshire; and another in Exeter, in St. Thomas's Church. There are a few examples of ancient brass lecterns without eagles. An oaken lectern, with four desks, in St. Martin's Church, Deptling, Kent, is very richly carved. There is an interesting brass eagle in Long Sutton Church, Lincolnshire. It stands only two inches short of six feet in height, and its base rests on three lions. There are bold mouldings at intervals up its stem, which is surmounted by a ball, or orb, rather less than a foot in diameter; and on this ball stands the bird, with beak slightly open, and wings outspread, sturdy, prim, and square, though made to revolve upon the stem just below its standing place.

### MESSRS. THOS. AGNEW AND SONS, 39B, OLD BOND-STREET, W.

This year is the seventh annual exhibition on behalf of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution. Here we have fine examples of the work of J. Hoppner, R.A.: 2, Mary Stuart Wortley, granddaughter of the Earl of Bute, K.G., Prime Minister to George II.; another, 14, by the same artist, the Hon. Miss Emma Crewe, daughter of John Lord Crewe; also of Sir Henry Ratburn, R.A.: 4, Miss Wilhelmina Ross of Shandwick; also 20, by the same artist, Alicia Lady Stuart of Coltness, daughter of Wm. Blacker of Carrick-Blacker, co. Armagh; notice here the artistic skill by which all the details are made subservient to the main figure. The great landscape and portrait painter T. Gainsborough, R.A.: 5, Sir William Blackstone, the famed judge, author of well-known Commentaries; 6, A Pastoral Landscape, in the artist's well-known style; 7, the great picture, the Duchess of Devonshire, stolen from Agnew's Galleries 1876, recovered 1901; 8, The Lock, George Romney, Mrs. Jordan, the famed actress; Sir J. Reynolds, P.R.A.: 16, the Duchess of Marlborough and Child. No one should miss seeing these famed examples of English art.

### THE HOLLAND FINE ART GALLERIES, 14, GRAFTON-STREET, BOND-STREET, W.

Here we have a collection of choice oil and water colour paintings by artists of the Dutch school. Our attention was especially drawn to 6, The Pond Voorschoten, by W. Roelofs; 9, "The Village Church," by P. J. C. Gabriel; 15, "The Mill," by the same artist; 17, Beukenlaan, the lights and shadows are good; 28, Near the Hague; 35, Autumn, a masterly work; 45, Renkum, all the above are by H. de Bock; this artist combines a broadness of style with delicate conscientious details. Another artist who has some effective pieces is J. Bosboon: 24, Alkmaar Church; 32, Church—interior; 12, Tilburgh Cathedral. An artist who has a marked style of his own is J. Maris: 13, The Cornfield; 23, Dordrecht; Mura, whose works are 46, "On the Sands," "Amsterdam;" J. Neuhuys 39, "In the Woods," very effective. There are many other pictures of great merit worthy of notice but we cannot particularise them. We will merely add that the exhibition shows that the modern Dutch school is full of vitality.

### THE DOWDESWELL GALLERIES, 160, NEW BOND-STREET, W.

There is an exhibition at the above galleries of original drawings by the late L. J. Wood, R.I. They are interesting from the fact that the writer knows intimately many of the places depicted, and can vouch for the truthfulness with which they are painted. Some represent English scenes, others places abroad, but they all show able artistic conception. We notice a few: 6, Chapel at Haddon Hall; 8, Boppard on the Rhine; 11, Bacharach on the Rhine—the quaint old houses in these two are admirably drawn; 12, All Saints', Hastings; 14, At Shere, Surrey—clever tree work; 16, The Old Abbey Gate, Kenilworth; 18, Queen Elizabeth's Dressing-room, Kenilworth Castle—notice the delicate details of the ruined window; 19, Cock Mill, Whitby—quiet in tone, but effective; 24, At Gomshall, Surrey; 33, Lincoln Cathedral; 34, At Rouen, Normandy; 36, 37, fine tree work in each; 40, Dinant on the Mense, Belgium. The exhibition will repay a visit.

### HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE, "THE LAST OF THE DANDIES."

This play, as a reminiscence of olden times, is most interesting. The dress, manners, and customs of our grandfathers are produced with extraordinary fidelity. Infinite pains have been bestowed, that every thing should be strictly correct. Undisputed authorities have been consulted, even on the minutest particulars. The result has been that the *tout ensemble* is truthful and impressive. We may be amused at and, perhaps, ridicule the *outré* costumes we see, both of the men and women, but we should remember that the dictates of fashion have been, and ever will be, despotic, and the dress and manners of this our present age, may, to our descendants, 50 years hence, appear equally absurd. As a literary work, "The Last of the Dandies" cannot hold a high place—the story is very slight—the author, Mr. Clyde Fitch, seems to have devoted himself chiefly to the development of the principal character, Count d'Orsay, so well and efficiently interpreted by Mr. Tree. Were it not for his consummate skill there would be nothing in the character. The author has merely afforded the bare skeleton, which the artist has clothed and vivified. We would especially commend the tact and judgment evinced in the final scene, when the coming of the "dread guest" is announced; the acting is not exaggerated, but well restrained, and its dignity maintained; the situation was one that required the most careful discrimination; the author deserves great praise for his original conception. With regard to the other characters, the ladies have not much opportunity afforded them of distinguishing themselves. Miss Kate Yorke, as Lady Summershire, is affectionate and tender. Miss Lily Hanbury, though not our idea of Lady Blessington, does the best she can with her part. Of the male characters, they are so shadowy that they afford no opportunities. The valets, Messrs. Courtice Pounds and Robb Harwood, are certainly clever. Winkles, the page boy, Master E. Ruthven, evinces talent, and promises well for the future. Mr. Maurice, as Lord Ascot, is good, as also Mr. H. B. Warner as Lord Ardale. The piece is admirably staged.

### LYCEUM THEATRE, SHERLOCK HOLMES.

To those who have in past years read the thrilling adventures of Sherlock Holmes in the "Strand Magazine," the episode of Miss Faulkner now represented at the Lyceum Theatre must have awakened pleasurable recollections. Dr. A. Conan Doyle, the author of the dramatic version of his own story, has been assisted by the practical stage experience of Mr. Wm. Gillette, the result being a well-constructed play, which, though of a highly sensational character, is not without the range of probability. The action of the piece is so rapid and complicated, that it requires great attention to follow it. The interest is well sustained during the first three acts, but rather falls off in the fourth act. We think the love episode, which brings down the final curtain, is uncalled for. It would have been better for the play were it expunged altogether. As might be expected, the interest centres round the detective, Sherlock Holmes, which is undertaken by Mr. Wm. Gillette, who finds in it a part admirably suited to him. We would here reiterate the caution to visitors which the management has advertised that the opening scene of the play should not be missed—it is absolutely necessary for the proper understanding of what follows: To describe the plot of the piece beforehand would detract from the enjoyment of those who see it—we will confine ourselves to a few general remarks on the manner in which the chief parts are enacted. The *sang froid* which Mr. Gillette exhibits is most appropriate; the deductions he draws from trivial incidents are for the most part very clever, although we cannot agree with all of them. The great scene—the escape of the detective—is ingeniously and cleverly managed. Mr. Abingdon gives us a fine piece of character as Professor Moriarty. Jas. Larrabee and Sidney Prince find good exponents in Messrs. Ralph Delmore and Fuller Mellish. Doctor Watson is taken with much intelligence by Percy Lyndal. Miss Maude Feal renders Alice Faulkner interesting. Miss Charlotte Granville fully emphasises the wickedness of Madge Larrabee. In fine, the caste is good all round. One word in parting, see Sherlock Holmes.

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**Masonic Notes.**

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. George Richards, Dist. Grand Master of the Transvaal, as Grand Master. A full report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere, and from this it will be seen that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was nominated for the office of M.W.G. Master, and Bro. Capt. John Barlow for that of Grand Treasurer for 1902-3. The other business on the Agenda was also dealt with, but from a letter we have received and to which it may be necessary to call attention, some brethren appear to take exception to the manner in which the business relating to a Warden's service was dealt with.

The Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro G.M.M., presided at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons which was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, when the paper of Agenda, as published last week, was dealt with. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., was nominated as M.W.G.M. Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. F. G. Ivey as G. Treasurer. The report of the General Board, and the resolutions arising thereout, were adopted, and the brethren afterwards dispersed.

We must remind our readers that the half-yearly Chapter of the Great Priory of the Temple will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 13th instant, and that afterwards a Priory of the Order of Malta

will be held for the admission of such Knights Templar as have previously signified their desire to be admitted. When business is ended, the customary banquet—tickets 21s. each—will be served at the Freemasons' Tavern adjoining.

Our readers will have heard with regret of the death, in his 66th year, of the eminent surgeon, Bro. Sir W. McCormac, Bart. The deceased was a member of our Society, and was present as a visitor at the consecration of the Cheselden Lodge, No. 2870, being one of those invited to return thanks for the toast of "The Visitors."

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons (Scottish Constitution) of New South Wales was inaugurated on Wednesday, 30th October, in Sydney. The Prov. Depute Grand M.M., in the absence, and by authority from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Major Z. C. Rennie, performed the ceremony, and, after the election, invested the various officers, proxies being invested. A Committee of three was appointed to decide on the design for the Prov. Grand Lodge certificates. The inauguration of this Prov. Grand Lodge will give a further incentive to the members of the New South Wales Scottish Mark lodges, which are progressing favourably, to continue their interest in the Degree work, and go on to higher office in the Order, besides finding work and instruction for them that they were unable to attain to in the absence of a Provincial authority.

The more we examine the communications respecting the "Masonic Vagrant," which we receive from time to time from lodge Almoners and others who have had experience of his predatory ways, the more are we convinced that if the evil is to be put down, or at all events reduced to a minimum, something in the nature of a central directing organisation must be established, not to supersede the local organisations or arrangements already existing, but to work in harmony with them, and render the circle of their influence more complete. Different localities have different ways of dealing with the vagrant, nor do we suggest that these should be seriously altered or modified, as they have doubtless been adopted as being the most suitable in the localities in which they are operative. What is needed is that communication should be established among the different organisations, so that the experience obtained in each may be made available for all. This, it seems to us, can best be done by forming a sort of Head Centre. It would not be very difficult to do this, and the local Centres would benefit by the information circulated by the Head Centre.

Bro. John Taylor, of Torquay, in his letter of last week, says "several whom I have stopped appear to make a wide circuit, taking them about three years to complete, and from my records their tale is the same on each occasion." But it would be difficult for the vagrant to carry on his little game successfully for any length of time if a register of all Masonic applicants for relief were formed and circulated at frequent intervals by the Head Centre among local Centres. It would take time to form such an organisation, but once formed, there would be little difficulty in working it, and, as is shown by the success of the Association which already exists in the United States, the very considerable sum of money which is annually wasted in relieving unworthy applicants would be saved.

We fully appreciate Bro. Taylor's unwillingness to hand over the known vagrant to the police and the reasons which prompt it. But, with all due respect to him, it is unwise to show any consideration to these people, and for this reason that it is the Craft which is brought into disrepute by them, and the worthy Mason who is really in want of help who suffers. These are entitled to our sympathy and in order that they may benefit by that sympathy the evildoer should be brought to book whenever possible.

By the death of Bro. Henry Sutherland, P.G.D., the English Craft have lost a most respected member and one who, in his profession and in the various pursuits to which he devoted his leisure, had won the highest distinction. His career as a Freemason dates from some 40 years ago, when he was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and it may be said to have culminated in 1896 in his appointment to the brevet rank of Past Grand Deacon. At the time of his death he occupied the Master's chair in the Old Westminsters' Lodge, No. 2233, which he had helped to found in 1887, and was Secretary of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. We tender our most

respectful sympathy to the wife who is now mourning his loss, and also to the brethren of the lodges and other Masonic bodies of which he was a member.

The consecration of a new lodge is not an event of every day occurrence, but every now and then there appears to be—if we may be permitted to use the expression—a run on consecrations. About two months since the Grand Secretary performed the ceremony in the case of some five or six lodges in the London District within the space of about 10 days or a fortnight, while last week and the week before it was our privilege to report the consecration of about the same number in different parts of the country.

On the 11th instant Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D. of C., Deputy P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, had the pleasure of consecrating the East Goscote Lodge, No. 2865, in the Village Hall at Syston, near Leicester, no such ceremony having been performed in this Province since 1892, when the Gracedieu Lodge, No. 2428, Coalville, and the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, were constituted. On the 13th and 26th ult. two lodges were started on their career namely, on the first date, the Bridge Trust Lodge, No. 2878, Handsworth, by the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G. Master Staffordshire, and, on the latter, the Ceres Lodge, No. 2879, Swaffham, by Bro. Hamon le Strange, Prov. G. Master Norfolk. To these must be added the lodges meeting in Cheshire, namely, the Egremont, No. 2872, Liscard, which was consecrated the day the foundation-stone of St. Mary's Church in the same town was laid; and the Temperance Lodge, No. 2876, which was consecrated at the Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead, on the 21st ult., the ceremony in both cases being performed by the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., the Prov. G. Master. We trust these lodges may realise the most sanguine hopes of their founders, and that they, one and all, have before them long and successful careers.

As will be seen from the report which will be found in another column, the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire held its annual meeting under the auspices of the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1492, at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on Friday, the 29th ult. Bro. Colonel R. Townley Caldwell, Prov. G. Master, occupied the chair, and was well supported by his Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, and the representatives of the lodges, there being also a fair sprinkling of visitors. As usual, the Report of the Charity Association was the chief item on the Agenda, and the Province is to be congratulated on the work of the past year. Cambridgeshire has only seven lodges on its roll, but in all things it acquits itself well. The lodges discharge their duties admirably, while, by means of its Association, it is able to support the Charitable Institutions regularly, and with a goodwill, as evidenced by the liberality of its contributions, that would be a credit even to a much stronger Province. We are always pleased to note such facts, and to congratulate the brethren and their ruler on their successful accomplishment.

Among the many lodges of instruction which have been formed in London few occupy a more distinguished position than the Kirby, formerly the Clarence, which works under a warrant granted by the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263. Its teaching, which is modelled on that of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, is perfect, and its annually recurring Festival has latterly become one of the most popular functions of the year. There is invariably a large muster of the brethren, the services of a brother who is a strong ritualist and eminent in the higher ranks of the Craft, are secured for the chair; the manner in which the work in lodge is carried out leaves nothing to be desired, and the proceedings at the social board are in complete harmony with what has gone before.

The tenth of this series of annual réunions was recently held under the presidency of Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., and the manner in which the sections of the Second Lecture were worked by brethren who, we are told, had never done anything of the kind before, and the general arrangements for the meeting, reflected the highest credit on the Preceptor and lodge officers. The usual silent tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the late Bro. Kirby, after whom the lodge is named, while the services of Bro. Baker, who had discharged the duties of Secretary for the last 10 years, were suitably recognised, and gracefully, if briefly, acknowledged. In short, the Festival was a great success, and we trust will be followed by others still more successful.

## 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.

KIRBY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 263.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me through your columns to thank the brethren of the above lodge of instruction for the handsome testimonial so graciously presented to me by Sir Forrest Fulton, P.G.D.R., on their behalf, at the 10th annual festival, held at the Midland Grand Hotel, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., the numerous subscribers precluding the possibility of my thanking them individually.

I also wish to express my high appreciation of the kindly feeling and assistance ever extended to me in my efforts to promote the success of the lodge.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM BAKER,  
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MASONIC VAGRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been called to the letters on the above subject which appeared in the issues of your paper on the 10th and 30th of November. I am, and have been for upwards of 15 years, an Almoner of "The Birmingham Itinerant Fund," to which every lodge in Birmingham, except one or two others in the immediate neighbourhood, contribute—18 in all. When I first accepted the office, it was understood that each lodge should contribute at the rate of 1s. per member. Many do not contribute at that rate, but I can generally reckon upon an average of two guineas from each of the 18 lodges. I am not limited in any way to the amount of relief I may give. Everything is left to my discretion. I agree with Bro. Morton that the office is a thankless one, and, I may add, that it is one which, in Birmingham, at any rate, is by no means a sinecure. I endeavour to administer the fund with scrupulous fairness, but, at the same time, with generosity, in what I convince myself are really deserving cases. It occasionally happens that the certificate is not forthcoming, and in all such cases I insist upon very strict proof that the applicant is a Mason; and unless he can give me that proof he obtains no relief from me. I would certainly emphasise the suggestion made in the correspondence in your paper, that in every large town there should be one Almoner for the whole of the lodges in that town. I think that each lodge should contribute to the Almoner's fund in proportion to the number of its members, and that no relief should be given by any individual member of a lodge to itinerant Masons, but that they should be referred to the general Almoner.

During my term of office I have relieved over 1300 cases. I keep three books, a receipt book, a cash book, and a ledger. The first is, of course, signed by the applicant, and at the head of each receipt I enter the name and number of the lodge, the profession, calling, or occupation of the brother relieved and the amount and nature of the relief given, and any particulars of the man or the case that strike me, and from time to time copy those entries into the cash book which is carefully indexed for future reference, so that, when any brother applies to me, I can at once by referring to the index and page of the cash book ascertain whether I have relieved him previously (always assuming that he has given his proper name), and also the amount and nature of the relief given.

I need hardly say, however, that many of what I may term the vagrant class in contradistinction to the honest itinerants apply to me more than once and would many times; and when many find that I will not give them anything many come months or perhaps a year or two afterwards under another name, and in all such cases many profess to have lost their certificates and offer to be proved. As my recollection of faces is pretty good, if I have reason to think that I have seen the man before I do not at once refer to my books but ask him to write down his name and the name and number of his lodge on the ground that I am rather deaf—which is, unfortunately, the fact. I then refer to my book, and if the man has given a wrong name, of course, I cannot find it, but it is in my experience invariably that these men although they give a different name from the real name and number of their lodge—probably because they do not know the number even if they know the name and place of any other lodge. They all know that I have a calendar to refer to, and upon several occasions by taking a considerable amount of trouble in looking through the receipt-book for the name and number of the lodge, I have been able to confront one impostor with his own signature and to compare his writing with that of the false name he had signed a few minutes previously. The last case of this kind occurred only a few weeks back. A man applied whom I was positive I had seen before. I told him to write his name, and the name and number of his lodge. He wrote "Joseph Marchant, Solon Lodge, 771, New York." I asked him for his certificate. He replied he had lost it, and in further reply to my questions said he had never been to me, or indeed in Birmingham before. Upon looking back through my receipt-book I found that on August 16th, 1900, I had relieved a man named Joseph Barber of that lodge, and on comparing his signature in the receipt-book with the name he had written down, the name "Joseph" was identical, so much so that the one might have been a tracing of the other.

Many, and I should think nearly half, of those who apply to me for relief are foreigners—Germans, Poles, Russians, Italians, and Americans, and some colonists from the Cape, &c. Some profess to be in search of work; to these I give only two or three shillings, and as I feel sure that they are not likely to get work in Birmingham even if they are in earnest in wishing to do so, the only way in which I relieve them a second time is by giving them a railway ticket for some neighbouring town, it being my object to get them out of Birmingham as quickly as possible whenever they go to the lodge and are a nuisance. On the other hand many, and indeed most, of the respectable Masons are those who are on their way to London, Liverpool, Bristol, Cardiff, and other seaports, many seafaring men, some commercial travellers. To those I give their railway tickets with a few shillings over to provide for the night's lodging when they get to their destination; but under no circumstance do I give the money unless my clerk is out. I give my clerk the money, and he has strict orders not to give the ticket or the balance of the money until the man is actually starting, as some years back one of my clerks was twice imposed upon. In one case he gave the ticket when he got it at the booking-office, and the man bolted; and in the other he gave it when the man was actually in the train a few minutes before the train started, and he got out and made a bolt of it; and, no doubt, both these men went back and sold their tickets for what they could get.

With respect to foreigners, I was for some time greatly assisted by the late Bro. Van Helden, who was the Chief of the Detective Department of the Bir-

mingham Police Force, and an admirable linguist; and when I had a foreigner apply to me whom I could not understand, I sent him with a note to Bro. Van Helden, and he invariably sent me a reply with all the information necessary. I was greatly indebted to him, and much regret his death, which took place a few months ago, and which was a serious loss to Masonry in Birmingham, as well as to the force of which he was one of the most prominent members.

In conclusion, let me say that if at any time I can be of any assistance to the Almoner of any large town or group of lodges my experience of 15 years is at his service.—Yours fraternally,

J. LONON WARREN,  
P.M. 276, 468, and 887,  
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## Reviews.

**The Temple Bible.**—We have received from the publishers, Messrs. J. M. Dent and Co., London, and Messrs. J. B. Lippincott and Co., Philadelphia, the first two volumes of the above work, being the books of Genesis and Exodus complete in each volume. The binding of this work, which is edited by A. R. S. Kennedy, D.D., is most ornate, and the letterpress and marginal notes as clearly printed as could be desired. The texts, as numbered in the authorised version, are so numbered in the margin, but the letterpress is arranged as ordinary narrative, in paragraphed texts, or as poetry, as the sense may require. The Book of Genesis is prefaced by a scholarly introduction, in which the antiquity of the Pentateuch, the theme and character of the book, the civilisation of the ancient world, Babylonian culture and libraries, also the authorship, date of composition, and purpose of the book are discussed, as well as the Babylonian and Egyptian elements. There are copious notes at the end, also a synchronism of ancient history, maps, and references to the Book of Genesis in English literature. The introduction to the Book of Exodus deals *inter alia* with the historical literature of the Hebrews, the place, title, and contents of the book, the literary problem of the Pentateuch, and Exodus as literature, history, and the lessons it teaches. At the end are similar addenda to those mentioned above as occurring at the end of Genesis.

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## The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE PUNJAB.

The minutes of the proceedings of the autumn Communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab have been printed and circulated. It is announced that the lodges in the district have been regularly inspected during the year.

Two new lodges have been added, viz., Lodge Excelsior, No. 2832, at Dagshai, and Lodge Grey, No. 2844, at Dharamsaia, the former has taken the place of Lodge Excelsior, No. 1722, which was one of the original lodges at the foundation of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. No. 1722 became extinct when Dagshai was closed for two years on account of the prevalence of enteric fever.

The District Grand Master, General Sir POWER PALMER, K.C.B., G.C.S.I., called the attention of Worshipful Masters to the necessity for imparting instruction in the mysteries to our newly-initiated brethren. Regular courses of lectures should be instituted. The D.G. Master stated that he was glad to see from the inspection reports that some lodges have this system of lectures. He wished that this mode of instruction should be general. New Masons learn a great deal in this way. Even old Masons will find they have more to learn. He, for one, on referring the other day to some recent books on Freemasonry, found to his surprise that he was quite ignorant regarding the antient history of Freemasonry, especially with regard to the antiquity of Grand Lodge, first established, in 1717.

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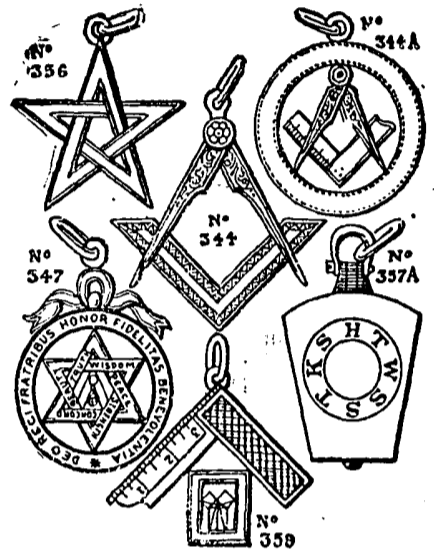
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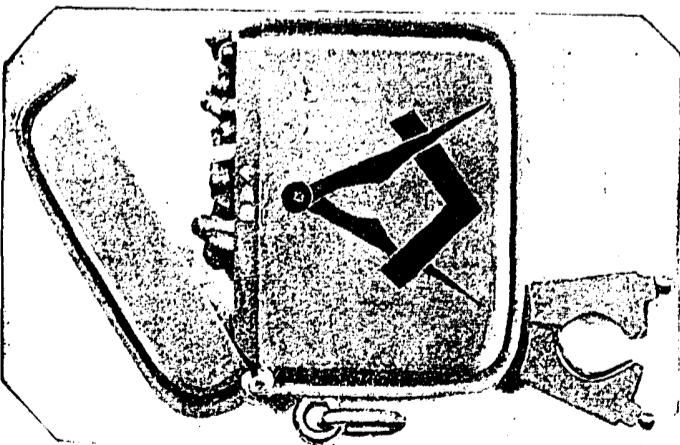
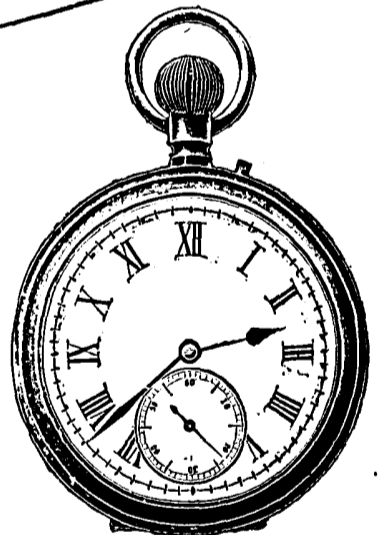
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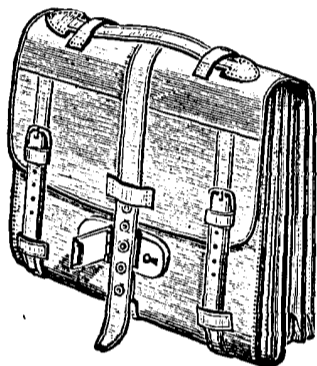
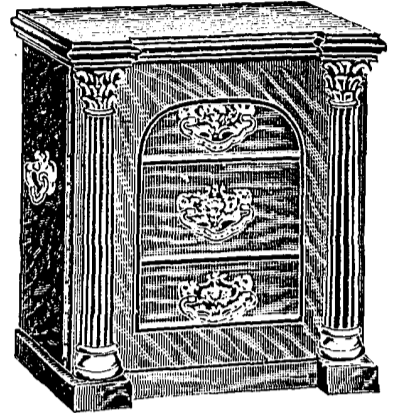
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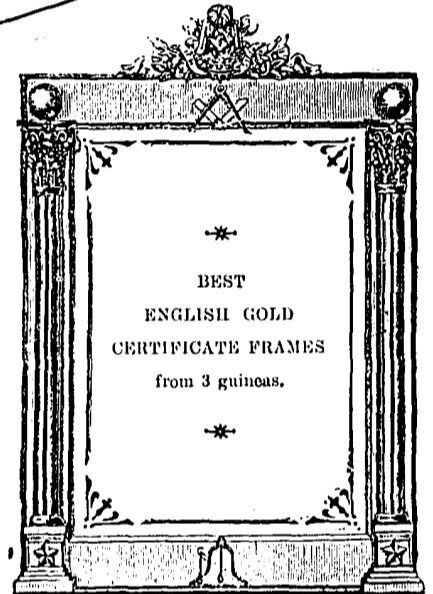
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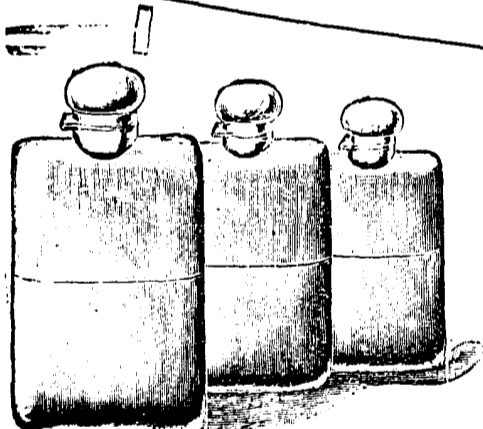
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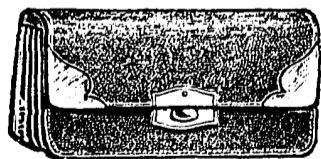
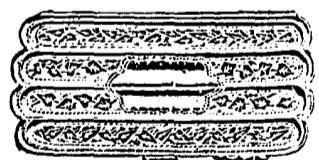
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## Craft Masonry.

Claremont Lodge, No. 1861.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. R. DICKASON.

The installation meeting of this most successful lodge in the Province of Surrey took place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 25th ult. Present: Bros. W. Rogers, P.M., W.M.; J. R. Dickason, S.W., W.M. elect; W. T. Greenland, J.W.; Jos. Pointon, P.M., Prov. G.S.B., Treas.; H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; H. R. Gurney, S.D.; W. J. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. H. Portch, I.G.; A. Wood and W. P. Underdown, Stwds.; A. Bridge, Asst. D.C.; J. Bailey, Tyler; R. Day, Thos. Bowler, P.M., G. Sweet, C. R. L. Philp, H. A. Porter, G. E. Overton, C. R. Syers, and Saml. Cooper. The visitors were Bros. J. Ellinger, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Surrey; F. Swinford, P.M. 2272, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; J. Pointing, 1622; J. H. Brace, 1928; G. W. Dickson, 879; E. Singer, 879; J. Johnson, 1815; J. Tossell, 1205; J. W. Cain, P.M. 179; E. Musgrove, 1269; A. E. Pusey, D.C. 179; S. J. Dickason, 2184; J. D. Rose, 619; F. S. Williams, 101; J. M. Wimble, P.M. 1901; F. E. Pow, P.M. 1901; J. Howell, S.D. 879; J. Culpeck, S.D. 1178; A. E. Cooper, 901; A. Pusey, 179; J. S. Targett, P.M. 1559; H. Warner, P.M. 1259; F. Bint, I.P.M. 704; T. Robinson, W.M. 917; Harry Greene, 1365; G. Ivimy, 1441; Jos. Dickason, 1901; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M. 507 and 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their Report, which was received and adopted, and showed the lodge to be in a thoroughly sound financial position. Bro. W. J. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C., next presented the W.M. elect, Bro. T. R. Dickason, to receive from Bro. W. Rogers, W.M., the benefit of installation, which was carried out in a most perfect and impressive manner in a Board of 14 Installed Masters. Bro. T. R. Dickason, W.M., invested his officers for the ensuing year in a very correct and pleasing manner. The addresses were rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. W. Rogers, admirably. The W.M. rose, and in very graceful terms said it was his pleasing duty to present the I.P.M., Bro. W. Rogers, with the beautiful jewel in the name of the brethren of the Claremont Lodge, and which he so richly deserved for having conducted the duties for the past year in so excellent a manner, with their earnest hope that he would be spared for many years to wear it in the lodge. Bro. W. Rogers, in very appreciative terms, thanked the brethren for their handsome token in recognition of his services and, he heartily reciprocated their wish to wear the same and remain a Past Master for very



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

many years in the Claremont Lodge. The W.M., with very appropriate remarks, next presented a beautiful banner to the lodge, excellently designed and executed by Bro. H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D., the worthy Secretary. It was resolved that the grateful thanks of the brethren be presented to the W.M. for the handsome gift which had also been done to his worthy predecessors in the chair and he was only following precedent. The W.M. replied he was only too pleased to do his utmost for the lodge and follow the example of his predecessors. Eight propositions of good and true gentlemen were handed in for initiation, and four brethren as joining members, which is a record for the installation meeting.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, supplied by Bro. H. Anderson, proprietor, which gave great satisfaction.

The cloth removed, the W.M. presented the customary loyal and Masonic toasts in most becoming terms, which were right royally received.

In giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said they were always ready to assist the M.W.G.M. in his duties, and carried out whatever they undertook in a most excellent manner.

The W.M., in presenting the toast of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. Col. John Davis, A.D.C.," said those who had had the privilege of attending Prov. G. Lodge could only come to one conclusion, and that was after witnessing the great ability with which he presided, and the keen interest he showed in all that appertained to Freemasonry, that the Prov. Grand Master was all that could be desired and well worthy to preside over so important a province.

Bro. T. R. Dickason, W.M., in appreciative terms, next proposed the toast of "The Dep. Prov. G.M., W. Bro. F. West, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and dilated upon the many excellences of the Deputy Prov. G.M., and his valuable services rendered to Freemasonry in general, and the Province of Surrey in particular. Although the Prov. G.M. and Deputy Prov. G.M. were unable to be present, having made a previous engagement, yet they were cognisant of the good work done in the lodge, and no one was in closer touch with the details of the work than the D.P.G.M. Of him, too, the W.M. mentioned that he had done splendid service under no less than four Prov. Grand Masters, and he was only reciprocating the wish of all the brethren present when he hoped that the Dep. P.G.M. might long be spared to continue his splendid work in the province. With respect to the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, they were always ready to assist their worthy chiefs in the noble work of Freemasonry, and he coupled with the toast the name of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Jos. Pointon, Prov. G.S.B.

In reply, Bro. Pointon (who received quite an ovation) said it was indeed for him a privilege and proud pleasure to respond for the Prov. Grand Officers. All were anxious to do as the many worthy brethren who had preceded them had done, and serve the Prov. G.M. to the very best of their ability. On behalf of the Prov. G. Officers, he most cordially thanked them.

Bro. W. Rogers, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The W.M.," and said it was a great pleasure to him to do so. He was a most worthy brother and zealous worker, as he had already shown the brethren in carrying out the duties that evening. He most heartily congratulated the W.M. on the favourable auspices under which he had been installed that evening. Finally, he was the first Master during the present century; secondly, the first during his Majesty the King's reign as monarch; thirdly, the first since the M.W.G.M. and Deputy Prov. Grand Master had been installed; and, lastly, the first Master installed since the Claremont Lodge had attained its majority last June. The deep interest in the lodge was shown by the W.M. in recommending such worthy candidates for initiation, and the I.P.M. was confident that the Claremont Lodge, under the present rule, would rank as one of the first in the Province of Surrey. He asked the brethren to drink to the toast in bumpers.

The W.M. was initiated in the Claremont Lodge five years ago, is a Life Subscriber to the three Masonic Institutions, a most ardent worker in the Claremont Lodge of Instruction, which is held every Wednesday at the Newlands Hotel, of which he is the proprietor. The worthy Preceptor is Bro. Jos. Pointon, P.M., P.G.S.B. The W.M. will represent the Claremont Lodge at the coming R.M.I. Boys' Festival. An excellent record for so young a Mason.

The W.M., in reply, most heartily thanked the brethren for such a cordial greeting, and the many kind words said of him. The few years he had been connected with the lodge he had assisted in its welfare, and he trusted, after the favourable auspices under which he had been installed, that at the end of the year the lodge would be in a still more prosperous position, and that he should be able to carry out the installation ceremony as efficiently as it had been done that night.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Rogers," who was an excellent worker. The ceremonies that evening could not have been excelled, and during the past year the duties had been carried out most efficiently. The I.P.M. was always ready and willing to assist whenever required, and the W.M. was grateful to have so worthy a brother to call upon if necessary. He asked the brethren to drink most cordially to the toast.

In reply Bro. Rogers most heartily thanked the brethren for such a hearty reception, and quoted the more favourable conditions under the W.M.'s installation than in his own, inasmuch as his Mastership was during the dying century, and they had to lament the death of the Queen, and the resignation of the then M.W.G.M., his Majesty the King. The lodge was now in a more flourishing state, and the W.M. might rely upon every officer and Past Master rendering most strenuous assistance to uphold its dignity.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given in most cordial terms, and responded to most ably by Bros. Robinson, Wimble, Bint, Ellinger, Pow, Cain, Howell, and J. Dickson.

The toasts of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and "The Visitors," all received high eulogiums from the W.M., and were duly responded to.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful and happy meeting ever held in the lodge.

An excellent programme of music under the direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, P.P.G.O. Middx., ably assisted by Miss Emily Rasey, Miss Alice Oliver, and Bros. Harry Greene and Frank Swinford. Bro. Frank Swinford ably presided at the piano.

## Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present: Bros. John Briggs, M.A., W.M.; E. J. Vidler, S.W.; F. Bristow, J.W.; Wm. G. Mills, Treas.; H. Durell, S.D.; A. Hall, J.D.; S. W. Heaton, Org.; J. H. Telmes, Bromley Hall, and G. A. Ward, Stwds.; T. J. Burgess, P.M.; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; D. A. Langdon, P.M., D.C.; T. Fontaine, P.M.; T. Williams, Tyler; W. H. Walter, T. Ockelford, R. Lockyer, E. J. Stafford, J. Smith Leslie, E. B. Salt, F. G. Powell, A. Peckham, A. M. Randall, C. W. Bond, A. Kenealy, 708; S. Meech, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; H. W. Bowen, 2769; W. Purchas, P.M. 88; and H. E. Wallace.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing board in the Second Degree, and also the traditional history in the Third Degree. The acting Secretary having read the correspondence, propositions were received for joining and initiation. The W.M. then announced that Bro. Wm. Briggs, LL.D., P.M., had been appointed Prov. J.G.D. of the Province of Cambridgeshire. It was proposed and seconded that a vote of congratulation should be entered on the minutes of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured by the brethren.

In giving "The King, the Protector of the Craft," the W.M. alluded to the Queen's birthday and the future Coronation, and to the delight it would afford to the King's loyal subjects.

Then followed "The M.W.G.M., the Duke of Connaught, K.G.," and "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past."

The I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M." It needed no comment, he said. He alluded to the lecture given on the Second Degree, and the traditional history; how admirably and impressively they had been given, and how much indebted the lodge was for his kindness.

The W.M. replied. He said he thanked the brethren for the kind attention they gave to his rendering of the lectures—he alluded to the lodge of instruction—that there would be a supper in January, and he hoped the brethren would attend.

Then followed "The Visitors," He (the W.M.) accorded them on behalf of the lodge and himself a hearty welcome.

Bros. Purchas, Meech, Bowen, Kenealy, and Wallace replied.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed.

Bros Burgess and Driver replied.

Then followed "The Officers." The W.M. praised the working on that evening; he said it was admirable, and completely satisfied him. He particularly alluded to the closing of the lodge in the Third and Second Degrees.

The toast was responded to by the S.W., J.W., acting I.G., Organist, and Stewards.

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

Bros. Burgess, Berry, and Heaton, by their musical talent, contributed to the entertainment of the brethren, and Mr. Haydon Wood gave some excellent solos on the violin.

## Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165.

The regular meeting of this old and respected lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., when there were present Bros. Godfrey Sykes, W.M.; J. Woodhouse, I.P.M.; W. de B. Herbert, M.A., LL.B., S.W.; C. J. Andrews, J.W.; Howard Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Henry Times, P.M., Sec.; Sir William Murray, Bart., acting S.D.; Bertram Van Praagh, J.D.; H. Bearman, I.G.; H. W. Clarkson, Stwd.; Alfred P. Crabb, P.M.; Frank W. Simmonds, LL.B.; Morley Agar, F.R.C.S.; Ed. White, J. Harris Stone, M.A.; W. Hulbert, Frank Richardson, W. H. Burt, E. J. Wilberforce, J. A. Dugdale, Leo Norman, W. Marcus Thompson, and Captain Gordon Renton. There was a large number of visitors present, among others, Bros. the Ven. Archdeacon of London, P.G. Chap.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas.; D. D. West, P.M. 108; Clarence T. Coggin, D.C. 2127; F. T. Davies, Sec. 2771; Albert Pearce, 1174; Jno. Coote, P.M. 2579; Captain Leslie Renton, 1591; A. J. Potter, P.M. and Sec. 813; William Hunt, P.M. 172; George Rankin, W.M. 2818; J. Howard, W.M. 813; Albert Leighton, P.M. 263; Jno. Jacobs, P.M. and Treas. 1803; Hugh Fraser, 58; and Lionel Brough, 2127.

The lodge having been duly opened, and 10 guineas unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Alfred P. Crabb, P.M., at the request of the W.M., took the chair, and passed Bro. Simmonds to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Crabb then gave the explanation of the second tracing board in strict accordance with the Emulation working, and rendered it in a very impressive manner, which was much appreciated. The W.M. resumed the chair, and initiated two candidates—Captain Francis Bernard Lawson and Mr. Bernard Cox (who had at previous meetings been

regularly proposed and unanimously elected)—into Freemasonry. The W.M. concluded by delivering the charge to the initiates in a manner which gave great satisfaction to all present.

A letter having been read from Earl Carrington, explaining absence from town prevented his being present on that occasion, much to his regret, the lodge was then closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, and after dinner the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In replying for "The Grand Officers," both Bros. the Archdeacon of London and Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas., made kindly references to the lodge, and the excellent working always to be seen there, and complimented the W.M. on the very successful evening he had had.

The W.M., in reply to his toast (proposed by the I.P.M.) briefly thanked the members of the lodge for the support they were according him during his year of office, and promised to maintain the traditions of that old and respected lodge, while he occupied the chair and as long as life was spared to him.

Bro. John Harris Stone, M.A., in a most eloquent speech, proposed "The Past Masters," and referred especially to the services which had been rendered by them.

This toast was briefly acknowledged, on behalf of the Past Masters, by Bro. Henry Times, the honorary Secretary, who must have considered his reception very gratifying.

Bros. Captain Leslie Renton and Lionel Brough responded in suitable and graceful speeches for "The Visitors" (proposed by the S.W.).

Bro. Howard Thompson, Treas., proposed "The Health of the Initiates" in a well thought out and impressive speech.

Bros. Capt. Lawson and Bernard Cox responded, and after referring in strong terms of admiration to the very impressive ceremonies in which they had participated, cordially thanked the brethren for having elected them as members of that famous lodge, of which they hoped to prove themselves worthy members, and to justify their election.

The special feature in this lodge is the excellent musical programme, which is always provided after the banquets at each meeting, and which are always looked forward to by the members and their guests with the greatest possible pleasure. The entertainment on this occasion was no exception to the rule. On the pretty printed programmes handed after dinner to each brother present, it was noted that Mr. Dennis Drew had the musical arrangements entrusted to him, who, as well as being down for two songs himself, had engaged the valuable services of Miss Louise Atkinson, Miss Lilian Harvey, and Mr. Maudim Jackson; whilst Mrs. Dennis Drew presided at the pianoforte (an excellent "concert grand," kindly sent by Messrs. Erard especially for the occasion). In addition to all this, an unexpected treat was provided by Bro. Lionel Brough entertaining the company by a series of his inimitable stories and anecdotes, told as only that worthy brother can tell them. It is quite needless to say how thoroughly these were appreciated, and Bro. Lionel Brough had such a reception as must have been extremely gratifying to him, hardened as he is to getting "ovations" wherever he goes.

The Tyler's toast brought the enjoyable evening to an end, and the brethren separated soon after midnight.

#### United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507.

The regular meeting of the above most flourishing and successful lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Thursday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. T. R. Roberts, W.M.; F. W. Madge, S.W.; W. E. Dean, J.W.; George Beste, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Lipscomb, P.M., Sec.; Wal. Smith, S.D.; C. Woolward, J.D.; F. T. Tebbutt, I.G.; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Chaney, P.M., and A. Holmes Dallimore, Stwds.; George Harrison, Tyler; B. W. Brewer, I.P.M.; Chas. Wm. Stone, P.M.; R. B. Gilson, P.M.; G. W. Wightwick, N. F. White, W. Moreton, A. W. Coombes, Templer Down, and F. G. Rich. The visitors were: Bros. N. Garland, 858; M. Hart, 179; A. E. Oxley, P.M. 2147; W. J. Keen, S.W. 2846; W. A. Jarvis, 1599; A. Collins, W.M. 1952; W. Brewer, 1853; G. R. Hoare, P.M. 1314; and H. Pearce, P.M. 1599.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. W. Wightwick was raised in a most exemplary manner by the W.M., who gave the traditional history and the tracing board. A ballot was taken for Mr. F. J. Rich and Mr. T. R. Bell, which proved unanimous, and Mr. Rich was duly initiated in an impressive manner by the W.M., who likewise gave the charge, which was greatly appreciated by the whole lodge, and listened to with rapt attention by the brother candidate. The W.M. announced his intention of acting as Steward and representing the lodge at the coming Benevolent Festival, and he hoped he should have a good list and worthy of the United Pilgrims Lodge. A notice of motion was presented to subscribe from the Benevolent Fund the sum of 50 guineas to the W.M.'s list for that Institution; also the sum of 10 guineas granted to a brother of the lodge who was in deep distress, and a petition to the Board of Benevolence was duly signed. Likewise a petition was signed on behalf of Bro. Thomas, P.M., who was an applicant for the Benevolent Institution in May next, and a Committee was formed, with power to add to the number, for the purpose of carrying his election. By desire Bro. Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M., was unanimously elected Secretary to that Committee. To further this object the sum of five pounds was voted also from the Benevolent Fund. The lodge is to be congratulated on its beneficence.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied by the worthy proprietor, Bro. Callingham, which was highly appreciated.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were right loyally presented by the W.M., and duly received.

That of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," was also cordially presented and received.

Bro. A. W. Brewer, I.P.M., in well deserved and meritorious terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was most cordially received.

In reply, Bro. T. Roberts, W.M., most heartily thanked the brethren for so cordial a greeting, and said it was always his endeavour to carry out his duties to the very best of his ability.

In proposing the toast of "The Bro. Initiate," the W.M. said he had known him for several years, and he had proved himself worthy of the election of the brethren. He was convinced he would carry out the principles in their entirety, and be an honour to the lodge and Craft.

Bro. F. J. Rich very appropriately responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was presented by the W.M. in most cordial terms, giving them all a most hearty welcome.

Bros. A. Collins, A. E. Oxley, H. Pearce, and G. H. Hoare most ably responded.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was forcibly presented by the W.M., giving them all the honour due, which was duly responded to by Bros. Beste, Treas.; Lipscombe, Sec.; and Chas. H. Stone, P.M.

The W.M. next duly honoured the toast of "The Officers," which was replied to by Bro. Madge, S.W.

The Tyler's toast closed one of the happiest gatherings of the United Pilgrims Lodge.

An excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bro. W. A. Jarvis, was carried out, the artistes, who were all loudly applauded, being Miss Kate Temple, and Bros. Robt. Wilkes, Charles Conyers, and Barclay Gammon. Miss Kate Temple most ably presided at the piano.

#### City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.

##### INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN BARRY O'CALLAGHAN.

The installation meeting of this important and ever-growing lodge took place at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. E. Rutherford, W.M.; J. B. O'Callaghan, S.W., W.M. elect; J. B. Burton, J.W.; C. M. Brander, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Beach, Sec.; S. E. Young, Asst. Sec.; J. T. Townsend, S.D.; J. Swift, J.D.; C. Pennack, I.G.; T. H. Townsend, B. Smith, A. H. Marks, P.M.; H. T. Culliford, P.M.; H. J. Homer, P.M.; H. Fonseca, P.M.; M. M. Taylor, P.M.; E. R. S. Young, A. Colomb, J. Harris, A. H. Chapman, J. Ireland, A. H. Fisher, G. Torris, Peter Hart, A. J. Beddoes, A. W. Bacon, A. Bott, J. Emanuel, Chas. E. Homer, S. A. Marks, G. F. Schulz, R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler; and a great many others. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Fraser, I.P.M., W. Sergeant

Lee, P.M., J. Wyatt, H. E. Scott, and W. H. White, all of 2488—the guests of Bro. H. J. Homer, P.M.; H. R. Ackerman, 1772; L. Hales, 1227; W. A. Dowling, P.M. 2012; Nat. Lyons, F. Cheesewright, P.M. 997, Sec. 2190; H. May, 173; E. C. Irish, J. C. Lake, W. Buckland, 2163; J. Laurie, 1536; L. Honeyborne, 1424; W. H. Cooper, 2266; J. M. Payne, J.W. 2818; F. J. Mackadam, J.D. 1201; T. Horne, P.M. 71; C. H. Horner, 1559; A. Marshall, J.W. 2499; G. H. Peters, 2394; W. Osborn, 193; W. Baker, P.M. 2205; J. Godbold, 1539; E. Spurrell, 834; G. Rankin, W.M. 2818; T. M. Richards, W.M. 857; J. K. Burch, 172; T. Hatch, 2671; H. Burkett, J.D. 2786; E. A. Hubbard, 879; Hay Cook, J.W. 754; J. D. Mahony, J.D. 2622; A. R. Brett, 879; F. J. Deaton, 25; A. Marshall, 23; Victor Vaughan, 23; J. L. Silver, 1663; G. Leeder, 1278; R. T. West, 1744; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. E. Rutherford, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read, Bro. A. H. Marks, P.M., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Barry O'Callaghan, and he was installed into the chair of King Solomon by the outgoing Master, Bro. Rutherford, in a very able manner. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing 12 months, making special mention of the past services of the Treasurer, Bro. C. M. Brander, P.M. They were as follows: Bros. E. Rutherford, I.P.M.; J. B. Burton, S.W.; J. T. Townsend, J.W.; C. M. Brander, P.M., Treas.; S. E. Young, Sec.; E. R. S. Young, Asst. Sec.; J. Swift, S.D.; C. Pennack, J.D.; T. H. Townsend, I.G.; F. J. Chaffer, D. of C.; G. Foster, Asst. D.C.; G. Tapley Smith, R. G. Knox, S. A. Marks, and Peter Hart, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was well rendered by Bro. E. Rutherford, I.P.M. In presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. E. Rutherford, the W.M. stated that it was a small token of the great esteem in which he was held by the members, and for his valuable services, and he earnestly hoped he would be with them for many years. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, to Bro. Edward Rutherford, P.M., as a token of fraternal regard and in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. 28th November, 1901." Bro. Rutherford, in brief but eloquent terms, tendered his heartfelt thanks for the kind appreciation of his services as W.M. The W.M., Bro. Barry O'Callaghan, initiated Messrs. W. H. Manning, Robert Robinson, and Henry Tarry in a manner that should leave a lasting impression upon the initiates. The Audit Committee reported that the balance was the largest the lodge had ever had, the books were in champion order, and they found everything most satisfactory. Bro. H. J. Homer, P.M., proposed that £300 be invested in Consols in the names of Bros. C. M. Brander, P.M., H. Fonseca, P.M., and the W.M., Bro. Barry O'Callaghan, in trust for the lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Rutherford, I.P.M., and carried unanimously. The W.M. stated that he was going up as Steward for the Old People, and he hoped the members would help him all they could, and it was then resolved to place 20 guineas on his list from the funds of the lodge. Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed.

After the banquet the W.M. gave "The King and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were duly honoured.

Bro. E. Rutherford, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. J. Barry O'Callaghan, stated that as they seemed very anxious to cheer he would be brief in his remarks. The W.M. had shown them that evening he could work, and he would prove a good W.M. of the lodge, and he wished him every happiness and prosperity during his year of office.

Bro. Barry O'Callaghan responded, and said that he was not going to inflict them with a speech—Irish or English. He had heard some Irish calls that evening. He appreciated the honour of being Master, but he had done his best for the lodge. Sometime ago he met with an accident and lost his memory, so that he lost time in studying the ritual, but he hoped to give them satisfaction during his year of office. Masonry was not a religion, but all were better for being Masons.

In giving "The I.P.M., Bro. Rutherford," the W.M. stated that he was initiated in the lodge the same night as Bro. H. J. Homer, P.M., and the I.P.M., Bro. Rutherford, and they had followed each other in the chair, which was somewhat unique, and he hoped the three initiates that evening would meet with the same experience.

The toast was received with enthusiasm as was Bro. Rutherford on rising to respond. In thanking the members for the way the toast had been received, he said that he had no idea he was so popular. At the lodge meeting in September he omitted to thank them for their great support in his Stewardship for the late festival of the Boys, which placed the lodge the third highest in the list. So long as he was a member he would do his very utmost to promote the interests of the lodge.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. A. H. Marks, P.M., and H. J. Homer, P.M., who both responded in a very few words.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiates," and said that it was a most important toast, as without initiates they could not have such grand meetings as they always had in the lodge.

Bro. W. H. Manning responded, observing that he would endeavour to do his very best to carry out all the things he had heard during the ceremony of his initiation.

Bro. R. Robinson also acknowledged the toast, and said he hoped to be with them for a number of years, and to do his duty as a Mason.

Bro. H. Tarry also responded, and stated that he had long wished to be a Freemason, but being a nervous man he had kept from it. Now that he was one of them he was delighted, and hoped to do what was necessary to make himself a good member of the Craft.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Tom Fraser, I.P.M. 2488; G. Rankin, W.M. 2818; and J. L. Silver, 1663.

Bro. Tom Fraser said he was almost ashamed to acknowledge the toast, as he had responded there before. The visitors appreciated the grand working in the lodge, and the musical entertainment. The Past Masters of the City of Westminster Lodge were all good, and had well carried out the great things of Masonry.

Suitable responses were also made by Bros. J. L. Silver, G. Leeder, G. Rankin, and Ditton, P.M.

Other toasts followed, and at a very late hour the proceedings were brought to a close.

The musical entertainment was good, in which the following took part: Miss Ethel Ra Leslie, Professor Parks and his Eaton Choir Boys; Miss Josephine Deakin, an Australian, her first appearance in Masonic circles; Bro. F. Cheesewright, P.M.; Mr. Tom Carney, Miss Louise Zeitlin, and Miss Milbourne Druif.

The W.M. has made the following appeal to the members of the City of Westminster Lodge, which was set out in the menu and programme:

"Lyric Chambers, Shaftesbury-avenue,  
London, W., 27th November, 1901.

"Friends in the cause of suffering humanity; Freemasonry, though variously estimated by those who are ignorant of its world-wide benefactions, has the unique distinction of being directly or indirectly connected with every cultured family in existence, and therefore its popularity can never cease. On its platforms, creeds and nationalities are harmoniously blended, and this because its great objective is 'Peace on earth good will to men,' and therefore Benevolence its chief characteristic.

"Having personally recognised that Charity has become an indispensable corollary of our social system, I, as Worshipful Master of this lodge, have elected to go up as 'Steward' for the 'Old People,' and, therefore, most earnestly appeal to all and sundry of you for that material support, through and by which alone it is possible for me to give anything like the substantial financial aid necessary to the General and House Committees of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so as to enable them to continue the noble work of cheering the hearts of those of our brethren who, through unforeseen calamity or misfortune, are, on their approach to the end of the intricate windings of this mortal life, humiliated in being reduced to the necessity of soliciting our support.

"There are also under the charge of the above excellent Committees, the aged widows of those of our brethren whose bodies have long since been returned to mother earth, and whose souls, I hope, have passed, under the guidance of the Most High, through the valley of the shadow of death, to that Grand Lodge above where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever, and where in due course, I further hope, we will all join them, and receive their fraternally spiritual greeting in return for that Charity which I now beg you to give, with a fulness of heart, towards the maintenance in their declining age of those dear ones, who were once loved and cherished by our departed brethren, but who, by a similar set of circumstances, would have been left

to mourn in poverty had it not been for the benefaction of the Ancient and Honorable Institution of Freemasonry, of which we are all so justly proud.

"Brethren of the City of Westminster Lodge, I address you more particularly. Doubtless an appeal to your charity in this form, and through this medium is a departure from the customary method of loosening your purse strings, but do not, I pray you, because of its originality in this respect, turn a deaf ear to its wail by refraining to uphold the traditional munificence of our lodge, for your duty on this, as on all such occasions, is obviously to maintain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments—Benevolence and Charity.

"In conclusion I beg leave to intimate that our able and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. S. E. Young, 128, Jerdingham-road, New Cross, London, S.E., will have pleasure in receiving the names of any of the brethren who may desire to join me as Stewards on this occasion, or he will gratefully receive, acknowledge, and faithfully apply all cheques or postal orders (crossed London Joint Stock Bank) from any source whatever on my behalf for the purposes herein stated. Please do not hesitate to respond to this appeal with even small amounts, as we have precedent for the acceptance of the 'Widow's Mite' in the sacred cause of Charity, an attribute to which is accorded the approbation of Heaven and earth, blessing, as it invariably does, the giver not less than the receiver.

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
"JNO. BARRY-O'CALLAGHAN,  
"Worshipful Master."

#### Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

The November meeting of this lodge, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 18th instant, was memorable for the addition of five new members—two, viz., Bros. John Henry and William Marshall Candy, being joining members, and Messrs. Ernest Harward Barnaschoué, Sidney James Stiff, and Cyril Morton being initiates. There were present also Bros. Dr. C. E. Milnes Hey, W.M.; Ralph Langton, I.P.M.; H. F. Woodward, S.W.; T. Henry James, J.W.; J. Vaughan Sherrin, S.D.; A. Clarke Williams, J.D.; Henry Blennerhasset, I.G.; Arthur B. Hudson, P.M., D.C.; George Rawlinson, P.M., and A. Arthur Barnes, Stwds.; Thomas Briggs, P.M.; Rupert Smyth, P.M., acting Sec.; Jas. Chas. Hayes, P.M. 619 and 1708; Major R. S. Ellis, P.M. 2242; and C. Neal, Tyler; and the following visitors, viz.: Bro. George Clark, P. Prov. S.G.D. Middx.; Charles Norrington, P.M. and Sec. 619; S. J. Cross, P.M. 2242; and W. S. Horlock, 92.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, the W.M., and Bro. Thos. Briggs, P.M., and other brethren made feeling references to the loss the lodge has sustained by the death of Bro. George Kenning, a founder, Past Master, and the late Secretary of the lodge, and a resolution of sincere sympathy with the family was unanimously passed, and Bro. Smyth was desired to notify them of that fact. The W.M. then initiated the three candidates with considerable care and skill. Bro. Woodward, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., for the ensuing year, and the re-election of Bro. Samuel White as Treasurer was as enthusiastic as ever.

The brethren subsequently dined together.

#### Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432.

##### INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. S. BENJAMIN.

This tobacco trade lodge held its installation meeting on the 28th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Bro. Thomas Rayner, W.M., presided, and there were also present: Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C.; Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles Ransford, I.P.M.; A. S. Benjamin, S.W.; Oscar C. Moore, J.W.; G. Ransford, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; Alex. Jones, S.D.; E. Grahner, J.D.; George Emblin, P.M., D.C.; W. C. Lightfoot, I.G.; James Parkins, I. L. Van Gelder, S. Maier, and E. Asser, Stwds.; D. Phillips, P.M.; W. Klingenstein, P.M.; A. Pringle, P.M.; W. C. Foyle, W. R. Daniel; O. H. Beatty, John Taylor, John Bessie, Samuel Phillips, P. Phillips, Samuel Cohen, J. H. Culance, P.M.; J. W. Drake, W. H. Oades, T. H. G. Francott, D. Pappaclia, H. Alberge, J. C. Metcalfe, E. Van Raalte, L. Weenen, James Moore, F. Smith, and H. W. Carr. The visitors, besides the two Grand Officers, were: Bros. R. G. Kellett, 1312, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; G. H. Pizey, W.M. 2374; A. Rubury, 228; A. L. Lazarus, 218; W. R. Williams, P.M. 975; Rev. F. Spero, Chap. 205; E. C. Porter, P.M. 1612; H. Wheatley, P.M. 1512; Charles Wheatley, P.M. 1512 and 2540; J. Leather, 538; F. S. Benjamin, 2119; W. Hammond, 813; Arthur Bayman, 45; Humphrey J. Phillips, P.M., Sec. 205; Samuel E. Southgate, P.M. 700; George S. Benjamin, 796; F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326; George Smith, J.W. 901; T. Bowles, 2202; Robert C. Rell, 335; P. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; M. Beedle, W.M. 619; J. T. Dunk, 1687; W. Parsons, 753; W. Edymann, Treas. 780; W. T. Walls, 2421; H. Cooper, 754; and J. Malmesbury.

The W.M. raised Bro. Samuel Phillips to the Third Degree, and afterwards requested Bro. George Emblin, P.M., D.C., to perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. Emblin then took the chair, and installed Bro. Arthur Solomon Benjamin, S.W., W.M. elect. Bro. Thomas Rayner was invested as I.P.M., and the other brethren invested were Bros. O. C. Moore, S.W.; A. F. Jones, J.W.; Geo. Ransford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Grahner, S.D.; W. C. Lightfoot, J.D.; S. Maier, I.G.; G. Emblin, P.M., D.C.; Jas. Parkins, Org.; H. O. Winter, I. L. Van Gelder, E. Asser, and Harry Alberge, Stwd.; and S. T. Hill, P.M., Tyler. The new W.M. then initiated Mr. Israel Zeegen, Mr. Hy. Rollings, and Mr. Hy. Drake. Later in the evening Bro. Benjamin, W.M., announced that he would stand as Steward for the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Charles Ransford, P.M., elicited from the W.M. that the ball would take place next February. It was not held last February on account of the late Queen's death.

The closing of the lodge was followed by a choice banquet, and under the direction of Bro. Maurice Aubrey, Miss Charlotte Dickens, medallist, R.A.M.; Bros. Franklin Head, Will Edwards, Mallet, and Maurice Aubrey gave vocal performances, along with the Rev. E. Spero.

Bros. Sudlow and Clowes responded to the toast which included "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Thomas Rayner, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom all the brethren congratulated on attaining the position of W.M. He expressed their sincere wish that Bro. Benjamin would have a happy and successful year. It would be the effort of every one of them to make it very pleasant and enjoyable for the W.M. and the brethren. From what they had seen that night of the working of the W.M., he believed they had a Masonic treat in store for them.

Bro. Benjamin, W.M., replied. The present was one of the proudest moments of his life. He had been a Mason many, many years, and he had always aspired to the high office he now held. He could assure the brethren that during his year of office he should do everything he possibly could to maintain the dignity of that office to the fullest extent. He would like to mention the subject of the ball. Bro. Bullock, the Secretary of the lodge, had kindly consented to act this year as in former years in the capacity of Secretary to the Ball Committee. The ball would take place in February, 1902, and the tickets would be sent out before Christmas next. He hoped the brethren would support the entertainment, and he would ask each member of the lodge, and especially Bro. Culance to serve on the Committee. He might also mention that he had received several telegrams of congratulation on his being installed, and among them was one from the Royal Warrant Holders Lodge, which he had replied to, reciprocating their hearty greetings.

The initiates severally responded to the toast proposed in their honour.

Bro. Benjamin, W.M., proposed "The Charities," and asked the support of the brethren so that he might go up as Steward for the Boys' School with a list worthy of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge.

Bro. W. Klingenstein, P.M., replied. He was glad that even on a very busy evening the W.M. had not forgotten the Masonic Charities. He thought those Institutions were the main pillars of the Masonic Order. The outer world might say what they liked about Freemasonry, but the Institutions of the Craft were second to none, doing more good in educating orphan children and in relieving old age than any other institutions. He was proud to see so many members of the general community supporting the benevolent fund which the W.M. and his predecessors supported, and had carried home to the hearts of the brethren. He congratulated the W.M. on reaching the chair, and was sure his stewardship would meet with the encouragement it deserved. Bro. Charles Ransford, P.M., without asking brethren for support, took up 70 guineas. During the present W.M.'s year he hoped the benevolent fund would become an established fact, and form the nucleus of a charity to support any brother who might undertake the duties of Steward.

Bros. Pizey, Beedle, Phillips, Spero, and Bowles replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Benjamin, W.M., proposed "The I.P.M., the Installing Master, and the Past Masters," and presented Bro. Rayner with a handsome jewel of a Past Master. He was sure if he did his work during his year as well as Bro. Rayner had performed his duties in the past year, that the brethren would be satisfied. The brethren must also be proud that they had a Past Master who could perform the ceremony of installation as Bro. Emblin had performed it that evening.

Bro. Rayner, I.P.M., having thanked the brethren for the jewel, said the past year had been to him a very important year of his life, serving, as he had, the office of Master of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge. He had done his best, and if it had not met with the brethren's approval he believed they would not have bestowed on him the jewel.

Bro. G. Emblin, P.M., also replied.

Bros. G. Ransford, P.M., Treas., and W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec., replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. A. F. Jones, J.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed an exceedingly pleasant evening.

## The December Magazines.

The Captain contains the continuation of the serials "In Deep Water," and "A Cavalier Maid," and the conclusion of "The Autobiography of a Dog," as well as several very interesting complete tales. There is an article on the art of Louis Wain, illustrated from photographs and sketches by the artist. "His Majesty" is the title of an episode in the life of the King, in which two anarchists mistook a "double" of his Majesty for King Edward himself. "Drysdale-Naturalist," the athletic and stamp corners are also worthy of special mention.

Cassell's Magazine, Christmas Number, is accompanied by a very handsome photogravure plate entitled "The Pirate's Prize." The number commences with the opening chapters of what bids fair to be a most exciting tale of Italian society, entitled "The Unnamed," by Wm. Le Queux. Some interesting particulars are given of children, who act in pantomimes, and there are several complete tales appropriate for Christmas, also verse, and the illustrations are most artistic. J. S. Street gives a clever satirical sketch entitled "Extracts from a Diary of a Millionaire," and Harry Furniss contributes amusing anecdotes of Parliamentary Funny men, past and present, "The Buonapartes," "Icebergs," "London a hundred years ago," and "Bygone Dances," supply the subjects for other papers.

Chambers' Journal, extra Christmas number, contains several interesting complete tales, also papers on various subjects of which special mention may be made of those on "Old Journal Days," by G. Manville Fenn; "A Leinster Highwayman," "The Cost of Living," "A Fortune May Await You," "Peculiarities of Leading Politicians," "Sundials in our Churches," and "Memories of Millais." The extra portion of the number comprises five complete stories of exceptional interest.

The Century Magazine, Christmas number, opens with a reprint of Milton's L'Allegro beautifully illustrated with coloured pictures, as also are other poems published in this number. There are several complete stories, and the opening chapters of a new serial entitled "The Rescue." The article on the settlement of the Western States of America is continued. Other interesting papers are those on "Thackeray in the United States," "The Appeal of the Book-plate, Antiquarian and Artistic," also those on impressions of the late President McKinley, which has especial reference to his opinions on reciprocity and the personality of President Roosevelt.

The Cornhill Magazine for December contains the first instalment of some hitherto unpublished reminiscences of Thackeray's two lecturing tours in the United States, contributed by General James Grant Wilson. The article includes reproductions of two water-colour sketches and several text illustrations from the brush and pen of the great novelist. Mr. Stanley Weyman brings "Count Hannibal" to its conclusion, and Dr. Fitchett completes "The Tale of the Great Mutiny." Mr. Austin Dobson describes the once popular "Ombres Chinoises." Mr. Andrew Lang, in collaboration with "a working man," discusses "The Reading Public." The "Londoner's Log Book" runs its course, and Mr. Laird Clowes writes on "Old Naval Families." Mr. C. J. Cornish contrasts "The Old and the New Prodigal," while Mrs. Clarence Paget gives her experiences of a journey to the Burma Ruby Mines.

Macmillan's Magazine opens with the continuation of the serial "Princess Puck," and has also, besides one or two complete tales, some capital articles, including those on "Dr. Johnson among the Poets," "The Art of Friendship," and "The Ethnographic Survey of India." There is a peculiarly appreciative paper on Australian verse, containing some of the best examples of the poetry of the new Commonwealth.

The Pall Mall Magazine Christmas Number, which is beautifully illustrated throughout, opens with an account of the literary friendship of Mr. A. A. Swinburne and Mr. Watts-Dunton. "The Grey Wig" is the title of a pathetic story by I. Zangwill, which is followed by several other complete stories. Lieut.-Col. Newnham-Davis contributes an article on "Good Form," and there is a review of Mr. Gerald Balfour's book on R. L. Stevenson, by W. E. Healey, which is calculated to create considerable controversy. The Duke of Argyle communicates a remarkable vision of a phantom army, and there is an instructive paper on the rebuilding of London. The illustrations include six exquisite inset plates.

The Playgoer opens with an interesting article based on conversations with Sir Henry Irving, illustrated with 14 special illustrations. Mr. John Hollingshead contributes a very thoughtful article on the rights and duties of playgoers, and some reminiscences of the old Adelphi Theatre are illustrated with many old prints and photographs. There is a biographical sketch of Miss Lottie Collins, with 10 illustrations, Notes on Music, The Stage of To-day, Dress at the Theatre, French Drama, &c., also portraits, in or out of character, of several familiar stage faces.

The Smart Set contains 44 signed articles, stories and poems, yet it is not so much for quantity as quality that the number is notable. The leading feature is a novelette entitled "How Chopin Came to Rem-en," which is fairly hilarious in its depiction of a prosaic lawyer who becomes suddenly seized with the spirit and genius of the immortal composer. The second contribution of length is a story in play form, entitled "The Castle-BUILDER." The Infanta Eulalie writes for the number a very interesting opinion of "The American Girl," whom she studied on the occasion of her memorable visit to the United States. As a companion article, Mrs. M. E. W. Sherwood discusses "L'Americaine" as she is found abroad, particularly in Paris. One of the most brilliant of Edgar Saltus's series of Essays in "The Smart Set" is the present contribution, "The Seventh Devil of Our Lady." Stories that must command attention are "An Opal Ring," "The Pathos of Being Good," "Lord Cammarleigh's Secret," "Art for Love's Sake," "The Problem Play," "Extension Souls," and "The Heart of the World." There are also several excellent poems.

## Instruction.

ETHICAL LODGE, No. 2045.

At the weekly meeting of the lodge held at the Hotel Great Central, Marylebone, N.W., on Thursday, the 28th ult., a lecture was delivered by Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler, on "Tylers and Tyling," which was listened to with great attention by a good muster of the brethren.

Before closing the lodge, the brethren unanimously passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Sadler, who acknowledged the compliment gracefully and expressed his wishes for the continued prosperity of the lodge.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; E. P. Fischer, S.W.; R. E. Maskall, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. Norfolk, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P. G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; H. R. Bower, S.D.; E. Richards, J.D.; C. Weston, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; P. G. Langdon, P.M.; E. Morris, C. Nicole, H. C. Kerly, P. E. Gats, A. Noel, and T. E. Newman.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kerly being the candidate. The traditional history was recited. The ceremony of passing was afterward rehearsed, Bro. Gates being the candidate. Bro. Fischer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

## Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE GILL, P.M., F.R.G.S.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of our late esteemed brother, which took place at his residence, Elgin Mansions, Maida Vale, W., on the 24th ult., after a long and painful illness. He commenced life as a schoolmaster, in which profession he gained great distinction, proving himself a thorough educationalist. While at Hope-street School, Liverpool, among his many pupils was Mr. Hall Caine, the celebrated author, who will, no doubt, ascribe much to his early training. Some years later, after a most successful career as a teacher, he relinquished the position to take up the more extensive and beneficial undertaking, that of author and publisher, and under the appellation of "George Gill and Sons," Warwick-lane, he founded and established the business entirely through his untiring energy and masterly tact, which has earned a world-wide reputation. He was possessed of all those lovable qualities which go to form the "real good man," and he will be greatly missed both by his late employes, by whom he was most highly respected, and also by Freemasonry in general, which has lost a most ardent and firm supporter. He was P.M. of Lodges 1329, 1641, and 1963 and P.Z. of 1329 Chapter, as also P.M. of the Southwark Mark Lodge. His benevolence knew no bounds, being a Life Governor to each of the Masonic Institutions, and whenever the cries of the distressed were heard, his heart was always expanded, accompanied with that relief which the necessitous required. His personal figure will be greatly missed but his memory will long survive. The interment took place at Norwood Cemetery, on the 30th ult., in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The cortege consisted of a hearse, which with the coffin were covered with numerous and beautiful wreaths bearing loving tributes to his memory, and 12 coaches, in the first of which were the chief mourners, Messrs. Reginald and Claud Gill, and Mr. Gibson, and in the remaining ones the relatives and representatives of the staff and brethren and companions representing the lodges and chapters with which the deceased brother was associated. Among those present were Messrs. Hall Caine, Ralph Hall Caine (Director of Sir Isaac Pitman's, Limited), T. H. Venables, H.M.I. (representing the Board of Education and the Borough-road Training College), Hadfield, Slater, Steggle, Pilley, Adamson, Shore, F. W. Purchase, E. Yewell, E. G. Bartlett, W. J. Hamer, F. A. Mattin, and G. Palmer (representing the firm), Ben Johnson (for some years Editor), J. Marshall, J. Churchill, E. C. Morgan, and Andrew Sall, A.K.C. The following lodges were represented: Sphinx, 1329; Crichton, 1641; Duke of Albany, 1963; Cator, 2266; Earl of Lathom, 1922; Royal Jubilee, 72; and Stability, 217; also the following chapters: Sphinx, 1329; Star, 1275; Macdonald, 1216; Cator, 2286; and Selwyn, 1901; and the Southwark Mark Lodge were represented by the following: Bro. R. J. Voisy, P.M.; R. J. Vincent, P.M.; R. Stokoe, P.M.; Geo. King, P.M.; Vincent T. Murché, P.M.; Charles Henry Stone, P.M.; Chas. Wilson, P.M.; Andrews, sen., P.M.; Henry Cornford, P.M.; E. J. S. Ware, P.M.; W. R. Russell, P.M.; H. Lynn, P.M.; John Tom Evans, W.M.; J. J. Elliott, S.W., W.M. elect; E. J. Day, S.W.; T. G. Ball, T. P. Shovelier, B. T. Davis, A. D. Crofts, E. C. Samuel, W. T. Smart, A. Henley, R. Barker, and J. T. C. Huggins. Among the lovely wreaths were the following: "From Harold to his dearest grandfather," "Gert, broken-hearted child, to dearest father," Isabel and Harry, Harold and Stanley, Mrs. G. Maxwell, Lawford and Harold Elliott, and Frances Maxwell-Lawford, grand-children, Gertrude, Isabella, and Florence (three daughters), Mr. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Murché and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Slater, Fellow Directors of the Teachers' General Investment Company, Marquis de Leuville, Staff of G. Gill and Sons, Messrs. Adamson and Shore, Nurse Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Bryen, Mr. and Mrs. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Savil Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. J. Price, and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher. From the following lodges: Crichton, Duke of Albany, Masters and brethren of the Southwark Mark Lodge, and the Sphinx Chapter.

BRO. LT.-COL. STOWASSER, P.M., Sec. Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, was at the meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 4th instant, invested as Dep. G.S.B. This has given great satisfaction to a large circle of Masonic friends.

BRO. D. F. C. JOHNSTONE, P.M., P.P.Z., officiated as District Grand Secretary of the Punjab, vice the late Bro. W. Bull, P.M., P.P.Z., who died suddenly at Simla during autumn communication of District Grand Lodge.

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## SHAFTESBURY THEATRE.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE MARK IN THE PUNJAB LODGE "Worthy Apprentice," No. 193, is applying for permission to meet at Kasauli during summer months instead of Umballa.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY and Lady Helen Stewart have left Londonderry House, Park-lane, for Wynyard Park, Stockton-on-Tees.

THE DUKE OF TECK continues to make satisfactory progress towards convalescence. His Serene Highness has now recovered sufficiently to permit him to leave his bed and take repose in the daytime on a sofa.

THE RIGHT HON. A. J. BALFOUR is now quite convalescent, and was able to leave his room on Monday. It is announced that the First Lord of the Treasury intends to visit his constituents in Manchester next month.

BRO. HERMANN KLEIN advises us that he intends to sail for New York on the 14th instant, after which date only important communications will reach him through the medium of the *Sunday Times*, 46, Fleet-street, E.C.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT honoured the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland with his company at dinner in the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin, on Monday evening, when a number of distinguished guests were invited to meet his Royal Highness.

THE WHITTINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION has changed its place of meeting from Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, to the Crown and Sceptre Hotel, Great Titchfield-street, W., where the regular meetings of the lodge will, for the future, be held.

THE SANCTION of Lodge Worthy Apprentice, of Mark Masters, No. 193, Umballa, has been given to a petition for a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge to be moored to that lodge. Petition was presented by Bro. Capt. Blackham, S.W.; Bro. Colonel Denny, and Bro. Peters.

BRO. WILLIAM J. WRIGHT, Secretary of the Lodge Bathurst United, Bathurst, N.S.W., has kindly forwarded us a copy of the Masonic Guide of New South Wales, of which he is the compiler. The guide comprises lists of N.S.W. Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past, members of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence, with index to metropolitan and country lodges, with dates of meeting.

THE ROYAL ARCH IN THE PUNJAB.—A circular has been sent to all Masters of lodges in the Punjab by District Grand Lodge inviting attention to the very small proportion of Royal Arch Masons in the District with a view to the Degree being widely brought to the notice of every Master Mason with the instruction that the Holy Royal Arch Degree is a completion of the Craft Masonic knowledge.

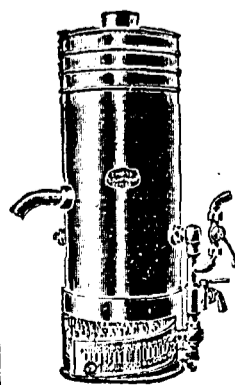
GARRICK THEATRE.—The powerful play "Iris," the work of Mr. Pinero produced the early part of the season, still continues its successful career. However opinions may differ as to its merits, it has fascinated the public generally, who nightly crowd the theatre. The characters of Maldonado (Mr. R. Asche) and Iris (Miss Fay Davis) are boldly conceived, and are played so artistically as must certainly satisfy the talented author. We should imagine that it will be a long time before another piece is required at the Garrick to replace "Iris."

THE BRETHREN of St. John's Lodge, No. 2825, Blackpool, with their lady friends, assembled in large numbers in Upper Adelaide-street Masonic Hall, on the 29th ult., when the first social meeting of the season was held. A very enjoyable programme of music, singing, and dancing was gone through, whilst the menu was excellent. Dancing to the music provided by Mr. Woods' band was kept up till two o'clock. The proceeds of the meeting will be added to the club decoration fund. Bro. J. W. Miller's services as the Secretary materially contributed to the success of the evening.

THE LAST number of the *Old Masonians' Gazette* contains the following interesting reference to the death of the President of the Old Masonians' Association: "As we go to press we learn with great sorrow that our President, W. Bro. George Kenning, died suddenly on Saturday, the 26th October. Apparently in the best of health, he was playing billiards at his house with, curiously enough, a medical friend, when he fell back dead; the cause being the breakage of a blood vessel in the brain. Bro. Kenning held many high Masonic offices; was a Patron of the Boys' School, and a liberal subscriber to the other Institutions. For many years he was a Vice-President of the Old Masonians' Association, and in May last became President. He was also the founder of the firm G. Kenning and Son, and proprietor of the *Freemason*."

CHRISTMAS PARCELS TRAFFIC.—In connection with the Christmas and New Year traffic, the Midland Railway Company has made the most complete arrangements for the collection, quick transit, and prompt delivery of Christmas parcels in all the chief towns on their system. Frequent collections of parcels will be made from the receiving offices in London and other large centres, and the traffic will be despatched by first train after receipt. Special trains will be run and through vans attached to the principal express and mail trains to accommodate the parcels traffic, which, in view of the low rates now prevailing to both English and Scotch towns (in some cases less, and in no instances higher, than the parcel post rates), it is anticipated will be much heavier than before. As a timely reminder to those sending parcels at the "owner's risk" rates, such as game, poultry, tobacco, cakes, cheese, &c., it may be stated that the minimum as to weight has been abolished, and the charges are now computed at actual weight. It is requested that all parcels should be fully and legibly addressed, and the address labels firmly attached. As an extra precaution, a duplicate should be enclosed in each package, so that the name of the consignee may be ascertained in the event of the outside address becoming detached or defaced.

THE COSMOPOLITANISM of London, no less than the universality of Freemasonry, was illustrated on the 2nd inst. at the installation of the new W.M. (Bro. Jules Oppenheim) of the Lodge L'Entente Cordiale, one of the two entirely French lodges in the metropolis—the other being La France—which work under a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. The very name of this body is of happy omen, and its friendly strength was illustrated by the presence at this function of many distinguished English members of the Craft, including the Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire (Bro. Colonel Caldwell); the Grand Secretary of England (Bro. Edward Leitchworth); the Bishop of Barking, Past G. Chap.; Bro. Major Woodall, Past G. Treas.; Bro. James Fernandez and Bro. Imre Kiraly (both Past A.G. Dir. of Cers.); and Bro. H. C. Richards, C.C., M.P., Immediate Past Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, Brighton. More than one of the visiting brethren expressed the keenest interest in and admiration for the "working" of L'Entente Cordiale, which, of course, was entirely in French; and while both that language and English were employed in the speeches during the subsequent proceedings, the toast of "The King" could not have been received more enthusiastically in an entirely British assembly, while the cordial strains of "For he's a jolly good fellow," with which the English visitors hailed "The Health of the W.M.," were obviously enjoyed by everyone present, of whatever nationality.



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