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WE think that the greatest credit is due to our PRO GRAND MASTER, and not the least to Bro. JOHN HAVERS, P.G.W., for the very able and successful arrangements,—made, too, on the spur of the moment,—by which that unprecedented throng of vociferous and anxious claimants for admission to Grand Lodge, on Wednesday week last, was soothed and calmed, and by which disorder was changed at once into order, and confusion into serenity. We congratulate heartily all concerned in this most peaceful and happy consummation of things. At one time the appearance of everything was most menacing.

As we read over the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and as we remember the speech of our distinguished brother the PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, the more we are at a loss to comprehend on what principle of Masonic economy or policy the report of the Building Committee was submitted in so peculiar a manner to the consideration of Grand Lodge at all. Our provincial brethren may fairly complain that at an enormous expense they have apparently been literally forced to attend to resist and reject both unwise conditions and extravagant expenditure. The London brethren were equally decided in their disapproval and condemnation of the scheme, but certainly few could have expected, except those, like ourselves, who knew the opinions of our leading brethren on the subject, so determined and unanimous a rejection of the report. It is, however, always fair and proper, and especially is it Masonic, to say "Audi alteram partem," and, therefore, we are bound to consider what has been urged in defence of the report, and the proposition of Wednesday week last. We do not advert here to the "pitiless logic" and destructive criticism of Bro. JOHN HAVERS,—they were in truth utterly irresistible and unanswerable,—but we prefer to offer our own reasonable and less lucid commentary on what took place before our eyes, the words we listened to half-wonderingly with attentive ears. Sir JOHN MONCKTON stated that he appeared only in his individual capacity as a member of Grand Lodge, leaving on one side for the nonce any position of dignity, any question of privilege. His view was that the Building Committee were ordered to enquire only, and report to Grand Lodge the result of their enquiries, and not to express an opinion of any sort. But in this we apprehend the first fatal mistake was made, which vitiated all the subsequent action of the Building Committee, and rendered their report valueless and useless. We believe, on the contrary, that Grand Lodge meant and wished the Committee to give it a distinct recommendation. As it was Sir JOHN MONCKTON stated in Grand Lodge on Wednesday week, acting on this idea of neutrality, the Building Committee mentioned three alternative proposals, though, by a happy inconsistency, they did according to their own distinct views "what they ought not to have done," and unanimously rejected any idea of change of locale. They probably were right in so doing, but according to their own defence they were absolutely wrong, and exceeded the terms of their reference. Two proposals were then left, the greater and the lesser scheme of rebuilding, either of which Grand Lodge might select. Sir JOHN MONCKTON's proposition simply enforced the carrying out of "the report of the Building Committee." But "under which King BEZONIAN?" which alternative was the favoured one? If Sir JOHN MONCKTON's resolution had been carried, the Building Committee was to decide, *not* Grand Lodge. It was this singularly chaotic and mysterious state of affairs which roused, as we foretold it would, the opposition of Grand Lodge; and the most indifferent spectator or auditor must be greatly struck by this most unprecedented fact in the annals of Grand Lodge, that the report of the Building Committee, moved by so distinguished a brother as the PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, was rejected deliberately by many hundred votes against four or five—two in the body of the hall and two or three on the dais. The whole body of Grand Officers as well as of the London brethren voted with their provincial brethren against the proposal. We may all well surely lay to heart and profit by the wonderful scene, the striking results of Wednesday night week.

We hope now that the new Building Committee will set to work *at once* to re-

build the old Hall and enable English Freemasons to find again their old home, under even better arrangements for ventilation and acoustics, and notably for the accommodation and comfort of the brethren. These two last considerations are sometimes undervalued and overlooked by those in authority. We trust that in future they will be made the main "idea" of all who are delegated by us either to restore the old or to construct new buildings for our good English Craft.

WE have received several complaints as to the arrangements for Wednesday week. Many turn on the forgetfulness of an abnormal pressure which disarranged slightly the usual machinery, and, therefore, we recommend to all such complainants moderation and consideration. But one complaint seems to us so peculiar and so serious that we must find place for it. It is this,—that the distinguished body of Past Grand Stewards could find no place to clothe in, except the passages, and that they were refused admission to the Grand Stewards' Room. As we think there is some great misapprehension in the matter, we deem it only fair to our authorities to allude to the matter to hear of a correction, or to be assured of a remedy in future for what must be a grave inconvenience, and even injustice, to so distinguished a body of our brethren as the Past Grand Stewards.

WE are truly rejoiced that the vexed question of the "Status of Past Masters" is now settled on the good old lines, and we trust we have heard the last of a singularly inconvenient proposition. We were truly glad to notice also that a large majority of provincial brethren voted for the non-confirmation of the alteration, fully endorsing all that the *Freemason* has said from the first on the subject.

WE were equally pleased to notice that respect for the "honest, old blue collars" pervaded that great assembly, and that, despite a very active agitation, it stood firm to the true and lawful condition of Grand Lodge membership and insignia. As our very worthy and distinguished Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS said so well, much confusion must inevitably ensue if the qualifying blue collar was practically done away with, as it is always most important that those entrusted with the tiling and arrangement of Grand Lodge should be able to discern at once what, and what alone, except in Present and Past Grand Officers and Grand Stewards and Provincial Grand Masters, constitutes the one true, safe guarantee of legal rights, the one safe passport for admission within the portals of Grand Lodge.

THE more we think over the Report of the Cremation in Dorsetshire, the more we regret it, and, above all, the participation of the Provincial Grand Lodge in such very abnormal proceedings. We sympathize much with many very worthy brethren in that excellent province, as, like ourselves, they must have felt somewhat humiliated in being asked to take part in a ceremonial actually unmeaning under the circumstances, and utterly, as then developed and presented, incompatible with the genuine tenets and avowed teaching of English Freemasonry. Dr. LEACH's explanatory letter in the *Times*, to our humble apprehension, is simply most distasteful and painful. We quite admit that there may be two loyal views of the question, but we are, we know, expressing the opinion of many loyal brethren on the subject.

FROM Quebec we hear that the position of the Quebec Freemasons is so doubtful legally according to the Statutes, as we feared, that a Bill is to be introduced to legalize this body. Our learned legal adviser, the GRAND REGISTRAR, will see the force at once of such an admission, and how it strengthens the position of the English lodges and chapters at Montreal.

AS regards the Circular of Excommunication published elsewhere, hastily and foolishly as we deem it, we have only this to say, that instead of settling or ending the controversy it will only add "fuel to the flame." The whole question turns on the verbiage in respect of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Abstractedly we think the Grand Chapter of Quebec has nothing really to do with the Mark grade, and that the system both of Ireland and Scotland, America and Canada, in this respect is an unsound one, as it is a most modern one. It has never been formally recognized in England, and there are a great many Masonic objections to it. The Excommunication is in itself utter absurdity and childishness in 1883. According to the laws of Quebec it is now admitted that the lodges and chapters under the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec are illegal bodies, and that the only legal bodies are those emanating "inter alios" from the Grand Lodge of England. "Pari ratione," the only legal Mark Lodges are those emanating from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, if the Mark Grand Lodge comes under the purview of the Statute. At any rate it is a very pretty little quarrel, and our Quebec brethren have been very ill advised to take the step they have taken.

## THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE MARK DEGREE.

## CONFERRING ON H.R.H. THE RANKS OF M.W. GRAND AND M.W. PAST GRAND MASTER.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having appointed last Saturday as a convenient day for receiving the rank of Grand Mark Master and Past Grand Mark Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, M.W. Grand Master, called a Special Grand Lodge for that purpose, at three o'clock. Long, however, before that hour, a large concourse of Mark Masons had assembled in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, to do honour to the Head of English Freemasons. It was nearly half-past three before the Grand Lodge was opened, and at that time there could not have been less than 500 brethren present. Lord Henniker, the Grand Master, entered the hall with his officers, who were under the direction of Bro. Robert Berridge, the Grand Director of Ceremonies. When Lord Henniker took his seat on the throne, he was supported on his right by Bro. the Earl of Kintore, Deputy Grand Mark Master, and on his left by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Past Grand Master. Bro. General Browning, C.B., acted as Grand Senior Warden, and the Hon. Major Henniker, the Grand Junior Warden of the year, took the seat of Grand Junior Warden. In addition to the distinguished brethren already mentioned, the following Present and Past Grand Officers were in attendance:

M.W. Bros. Rev. Canon Portal and W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.Ms.; R.W. Bros. T. Trollope, M.D., Prov. G.M. Sussex; Rev. W. M. Heath, Prov. G.M. Dorset; W. Kelly, F.S.A., Prov. G.M. Leicester; Major J. W. Woodall, Prov. G.M. N. and E. Yorks; W. A. F. Powell, J.P., Prov. G.M. Bristol; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Bucks.; R. C. Else, J.P., Prov. G.M. Somerset; Major A. W. O. Saunders, Past G.M. Madras; Capt. C. Hunter, Prov. G.M. North Wales; A. M. Broadley, Past G.M. of the Mediterranean; Percy Leith, P.P.G.M. Bombay; Capt. N. G. Phillips, G.J.W.; P. F. Halsey, M.P., Lord Arthur Hill, Hon. W. P. Orde Powlett, G. F. Matier, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.Ws.; V.W. Bros. H. R. Hatherly, G.M.O.; Col. C. E. Bignold, G.S.O.; S. G. Kirchoffer, G.J.O.; Capt. A. B. Cook, Magnus Ohren, J. E. Le Feuvre, W. Roebuck, R. Eve, E. C. Mather, T. Cubitt, J. T. Tweedale, O. H. Pearson, R. J. Mure, Col. J. C. Hay, and J. Stevens, P.G.Os.; Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, G. Chap.; Revs. W. Stainton Moses, W. Randall, H. J. Hatch, C. J. Martyn, and A. W. Hall, P.G. Chaps.; Frederick Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, M.A., G. Reg.; R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., A.G. Sec.; W. Bros. A. F. Dodson, Prov. D.G.M. Warwick; C. Stephens, Prov. D.G.M. Berks and Oxon; Col. J. R. Bramble, Prov. D.G.M. Bristol; T. Y. Strachan, Prov. D.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; W. Hickman, J.P., Prov. D.G.M. Hants and I. of W.; Geo. B. Brodie, M.D., and Geo. Cooper, G.S.Ds.; T. J. Rolling and R. Harwood, G.J.D.; S. Mattison, T. J. Pulley, Captain T. Hargreaves, F. W. Ramsey, M.D., C. S. Lane, G. Lambert, G. J. McKay, and A. Williams, P.G.Ds.; R. W. Edis, G.I. of Wks.; H. Lovegrove, C.H. Driver, and R. B. Wilson, P.G.I. of Wks. S. Rosenthal, P.G.D. of C.; C. Lacey, P.G.A.D. of C.; Controller S. G. Bake, G. Svd. Br.; G. W. Verry, and T. C. Walls, P.G. Svd. Brs.; W. Watkins and J. D. Murray, G. Std. Brs.; C. T. Sparks, P.G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., as G. Org.; W. Ganz and W. Belcher, P.G. Orgs.; J. H. Banks, G.I.G.; C. Pullman, P.G.I.G.; P. Wallis, W. March, G. Ker, H. Fajja, T. Taylor, J. G. Marsh, J. S. Cumberland, C. Davies, and W. C. Gilles, G. Stwds.; J. Barker, T. J. Armstrong, W. J. Meek, T. W. Murley, H. Massey, M. Mildred, J. H. Wynne, C. W. Duke, F. W. Roch, Major P. Dunbar, H. J. Lardner, R. P. Spice, C. E. Soppett, W. Stephens, J. E. Anderson, E. Gilbert, R. L. Loveland, W. H. Gimingham, J. S. Cumberland, and J. Manwaring, P.G. Stewards; and a large number of present and past Provincial Grand Officers and other brethren.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from

M.W. Bros. Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, Right Hon. Earl Percy, and Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, M.W. P.G.M.Ms.; R.W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, Prov. G.M. Devon; Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Rev. T. Robinson, Prov. G.M. Kent; Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. G.M. Gloucester; J. Watson, Prov. G.M. Notts; J. Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire; Right Hon. Earl of Beve, Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. Staffordshire; W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; Dr. Hopkins, P.G.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; V.W. Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G. Overseer; W. Bros. John Walker, Deputy Prov. G.M. Gloucester; Lieut.-Col. F. Sewell, Deputy Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; J. G. Podevin, Deputy Prov. G.M. Kent; R. N. Howard, Deputy Prov. G.M. Dorset; S. G. Homfray, Deputy Prov. G.M. Monmouth; W. Newton, Deputy Prov. G.M. Notts; Rev. J. Marsden, Deputy Prov. G.M. South Wales; T. C. Roden, Deputy Prov. G.M. North Wales; Lieut.-Col. J. Randle Ford, Deputy Prov. G.M. Somerset; J. L. Thomas, P.G.D.; and A. Cracknell, G. Stwd.

After the Grand Lodge had been opened, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were saluted, according to ancient custom, and the minutes of the previous half-yearly communication as far as they related to the conferring of the rank of Grand Master and Past Grand Master on the Prince of Wales, were read and confirmed. A deputation was then entrusted to proceed out of the Grand Lodge and conduct the Prince of Wales into the Grand Lodge. This deputation consisted of the Grand Stewards, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Deacons, the Grand Chaplains, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Wardens, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Provincial Grand Masters, and H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. On the deputation returning, Bro. Beach, M.P., and Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal bore the cushion and regalia of the Past Grand Master to be worn by the Prince of Wales, while the Prince walked between the Duke of Albany and Lord Limerick. The Grand Organist, Bro. E. M. Lott, during the procession played the National Anthem, and the entrance of the procession was the signal for a loud burst of applause. The Duke of Albany presented the Prince of Wales to the Grand Master.

Lord HENNIKER said: May it please your Royal Highness, it gives me very great pleasure to be able, as Grand Master, in the name of all the Mark Master Masons of England, to welcome you most heartily and warmly into our Grand Lodge. (Applause.) I think, sir, that the reception you met with when you entered Grand Lodge this evening justifies me in saying what I have said, that we heartily welcome you; and it would be idle, sir, for me to make a long address to you on an occasion of this kind—you who are so well versed in everything connected with Freemasonry. But perhaps, sir, I may be allowed to say a very few words before I invest you. We congratulate ourselves, sir, on the fact that you have joined our Order. We know, sir, what many illustrious members of your family have done in the past for Freemasonry, and we all know what you yourself are doing now, and another member of the Royal House of England. (Applause.) We know this also, we know the value of the fact in itself of your joining our Order; but we know more than this, we know that in everything you do for the good of your countrymen, for the good of your brethren in Freemasonry, and for the good of this country, you do not do by halves, but you do it with all your might, and we think we may safely look with confidence that we shall have your aid to promote the best interests of this Order. (Applause.) Sir, we have gladly taken this opportunity of again showing our loyalty to the Crown of England—(loud applause)—and we also gladly take this opportu-

nity of showing our high respect and great regard for your Royal Highness. (Applause.) We are very glad, sir, that you have accepted the compliment that we have ventured to offer to you, the compliment which was unanimously voted at the beginning of this week by Grand Lodge—the compliment of being Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of our Order, and that your name shall be placed at the head of the list of those who have occupied the throne on which I now sit. (Applause.) I can assure you, sir, that this compliment is no empty one; for those who have occupied this throne before myself are amongst the most distinguished and most earnest Masons of the present day. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) It has been said, sir, too, very often, that the sun never sets on the British Empire. I think we may make the same boast on our Mark Lodges; and, sir, it is not in the name of this Grand Lodge of England alone—of English Mark Masons—but it is in the name of Mark Masons throughout the world, that we have ventured to confer on your Royal Highness the highest honour that it is in our power to give. (Applause.) Before I conclude, I would say one word for myself. I will give place to no Grand Master that has gone before me in my desire to do all I can for Mark Masonry—(cheers)—and, sir, in the three happy years that have passed while I have ruled over this Order, I never thought I should be able to look back with the satisfaction I do now to this event, which is one I am most proud of during my term of office of Master Mason—the having had the honour of welcoming you to Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) Sir, we know that you have many engagements and many calls upon your time; but we hope that we may sometimes see you with us—(applause)—and you may be sure that when you do visit us you will receive always a hearty and a loyal welcome. (Cheers.)

The Prince of Wales thereupon went through the ceremony necessary before being placed on the Throne of a Ruler in the Craft, and having been clothed with the badge of his office, he was duly installed amidst loud cheers, Lord Henniker standing on his immediate left, with the Duke of Albany next. His Royal Highness having been proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, was saluted in Mark form.

The Prince of WALES then rose and said: Brethren, I beg to return my warmest thanks to our Bro. Lord Henniker, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and to you all, for the high honour and privilege you have conferred on me in making me a Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons. It is a high compliment I assure you to have received this degree; it is now, I think, almost the last that I have received since I entered the Craft, and I look upon it as by no means the least. (Loud applause.) The interest in the Craft, brethren, which I hope you will give me credit for having evinced ever since I have been a member of the Craft, will, I assure you, not diminish. I only regret that, through the manifold duties which in the course of the year it falls to my lot to perform, I have not had time, unfortunately, to devote as much as I could wish to the interests of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) But, brethren, you may be assured that I have your interests at heart, and as long as I live you may be convinced that I shall do all I can to uphold our ancient and honourable Order. (Cheers.) As long, brethren, as Freemasonry remains as it is now—an Order and an institution of charity and of usefulness—it will flourish as long as the world exists. (Hear, hear.) Let us hope that the time will never come when we may in any way be biassed by politics. (Hear, hear.) Above all, brethren, let us remember that we must as a charitable body be religious. (Cheers.) As long as religion remains engrafted in the hearts of the Craft of our country it is certain to flourish—(cheers)—and be assured of it, brethren, that when religion in it ceases the Craft will also lose its power and stability. (Applause.) I will not detain you longer, brethren, as I know many of you have travelled long distances and wish to return; but I must thank you once more for the high compliment paid to me to-day, and assure you of the pride I feel in having taken the chair of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. (Applause.) I will now call upon Bro. Lord Henniker to take the chair.

Lord HENNIKER then resumed the chair, and closed the Grand Lodge in the usual form.

The Royal party were loudly cheered as they left the hall.

A grand banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant, after which the usual Mark Masonic toasts were proposed.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual list of Mark Masonic toasts was proposed by the chairman, Bro. A. M. Broadley, Past District Grand Master of the Mediterranean, and were received with great cordiality by the company.

The CHAIRMAN gave first "The Health of the Queen and the success of Mark Masonry." He next proposed "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, Lord Henniker." In proposing the toast of "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters," the Chairman said he thought they must go through the toast which came next upon the list, and which was one of solemnity. The first upon the list was his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He thought the adhesion of his Royal Highness to their body was an event which was second to none which had occurred in the quarter of a century that this Grand Lodge had existed. The adhesion of his Royal Highness meant a good deal. Before his Royal Highness joined, the certificates issued exceeded 180,000; but the admission of the Grand Master would, he was sure, give an additional impetus to Mark Masonry in every part of the world. His Royal Highness had not joined them with any idea of merging Mark Masonry with Craft Masonry, which they knew must ever be a perfectly independent corporation. He could imagine what a satisfaction this day's work must be to those who had borne the burden and heat of the day. He thought Bro. Binckes, who a quarter of a century ago associated himself with Mark Grand Lodge, must experience a rare satisfaction when he looked back through the vista of those five and twenty years, and saw his brightest wishes realised in seeing the Prince of Wales take the position of Senior Past Grand Master of Mark Masons.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the fourth toast, said that it was one which was not less important than that which preceded it—it was "The Health of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." If, as he had said before, the Past Grand Masters of the Order had contributed to the well-being of Mark Masonry, he did not think they could have achieved what they had done if it had not been for the hearty co-operation of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers; and while they were congratulating themselves on the success they had had, they must not forget the services they had received from the officers of the Grand Lodge. He did not think he need say anything more, because if the Grand Officers had not aided the Grand Masters in the way they had done they would not now be as a body in the proud position in which they now found themselves. He thought it would be invidious to name any one in particular; but he should do injustice to himself if he did not say one word in respect to the exertions of their veteran Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes. They all

knew how much of their success was due to his exertions. There were also Bro. Davidson, their Grand Treasurer; Bro. Levander, their Grand Registrar; Bro. Dewar, the Assistant Grand Secretary; and Bro. Berridge, all of whom it was necessary to name, for the services they had rendered. He should associate with this toast the name of Percy Leith, Past District Grand Master Bombay, upon whom he would call to reply.

Bro. PERCY LEITH said he considered it a great compliment to have his name associated with the toast; but he was only a Past District Grand Officer of India, which was not equivalent to a Provincial Grand Mastership in this country. He went on to say that he had done his best while in India to bring native brethren into Mark Masonry.

Bro. BINCKES, the Grand Secretary, in response to a long-continued call, rose, and said that he was one of a large number whose names were associated with that toast who were quite content to trust the response to the very able hands of Bro. Percy Leith, Past District Grand Master of Bombay, and he did not think that he could add anything to what he had said in returning thanks for the very kind manner in which the company had been pleased to receive the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers. But if he dare say a word it was this—as to the allusion to his services in the past—he would say, and that without fear of contradiction, that when twenty-five years ago, or thereabouts, he took his share as a responsible officer of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and engaged to do all he could to promote the interests of the Order that he thought deserved support, he never calculated that he should live to find—as he did find that night—such a magnificent success. There were brethren there that night, some of his own fellow labourers, who had with him worked with a stern determination, but they never thought that, with the hostility that was displayed towards them, they would after twenty-five years of hard work find the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of English Freemasons accepting the Senior Past Grand Mastership of Mark Master Masons. He had ventured to say to a distinguished brother that night that Mark Masons did many extraordinary things, and he repeated it now. The word used in their Order was “advancement;” it was by progress, by advance, that they went on from strength to strength, and he would undertake to say that Mark Grand Lodge had that night received within itself the surest keystone that could by any possibility be placed upon it. They would show to the Masonic world that they were an essential part of Masonry, and the Grand Lodge should know, if a day of grief ever came to it (which was not likely), that Mark Masonry was the best friend to Craft Masonry.

Bro. DEWAR, Asst. Grand Secretary, said he could add nothing whatever to the brilliant observations that had emanated from the Mark Grand Secretary, except to say that he thanked the President and brethren for the manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received on this occasion, as he had had to do on many previous occasions, and to assure them that as he had done in the past he should serve the Order in the future to the best of his ability.

Bro. STEPHENS (of Reading) said he had been commissioned to propose the next toast, which was not the least important—that of “The Mark Benevolent Fund.” And he would call upon a brother who could give particulars of the fund to reply. He would merely say that the Mark Benevolent Fund deserved the heartiest support, and he would associate the name of Bro. Binckes, while asking the company to drink to its continued success.

Bro. BINCKES said that as he had replied to a toast a few minutes before, he had hoped that some one else would have been found to say a few words in reply to this one; however, Bro. Stephens had associated his name with this toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund probably because his name was pretty well connected with charity matters in Freemasonry. It was, however, a very hard task whenever he had an opportunity of addressing his brother Freemasons to be eternally called upon to say something in reference to practical Masonic Charity. There was no charm attaching to it; he simply had to endeavour to press upon every one he had the opportunity of addressing to do something for the support of the Masonic Charities. And what words could he use that should be conveyed in the shape of novelty? what words could he use that would have any charm whatever? It was simply the duty of asking them when they were enjoying themselves, as they were that evening, just to bear in mind that there were those who in the circumstances of life were not so happily situated as those who were then present; that there were the children also of those who had at one time been as happily situated as his hearers, and there were the old people too. He had had occasion to say in Mark Lodge over and over again that one of the most eminent members of Grand Lodge—Bro. John Havers—had, in reference to the great success of Mark Masonry said to him, “Don't you think it a great mistake to divert the money from the Charities of the Order for the purpose of fostering an ideal degree like the Mark Grand Lodge?” His (Bro. Binckes's) reply was that wherever you meet—under whatever circumstances you meet you will never find brethren who won't be disposed to do something in the shape of practical charity. What had they done in the Mark Degree? They had a certain amount of money, for their own Charities had been most successful. At two o'clock that afternoon his Royal Highness was partaking of their hospitality at a luncheon; at half-past three he was taking the proud position of Senior Past Grand Master. They would make this a red letter day. He placed his mark there, every one present placed his mark there. They had at the banquet table distinguished brethren from all parts of England. What was the result of their observation of the work of Mark Masonry? Why they knew as all present knew, that the object of Mark Masters was to do all they possibly could to cultivate and support the best interests of Freemasonry. They had nothing in the shape of hostility to the Grand Lodge of England. Would his Royal Highness have honoured them with his presence if he had thought he would violate the obligation he had taken? He (Bro. Binckes) wanted them to bear in mind that his Royal Highness laid it down as a distinct understanding that by his undertaking that position in Mark Grand Lodge it was not to be considered in any shape or way any justification for an appeal that the Mark was to be accepted as an integral portion of Freemasonry. He would tell them they did not wish for that; they were strong enough to hold their own; they had nine Past Masters, the most illustrious brethren in the Grand Lodge of England. A year ago they accepted and paid homage to the Duke of Albany as Past Grand Master, and to-night as they knew they had received, as Senior Past Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. The Craft Grand Lodge could not do that. The Mark word, however, was advancement—progress. Now, as to the Charity, his good friend, Bro. Havers, had asked him “don't you think it is a great mistake to divert the funds that are supporting Mark Masonry from supporting the Charities of the Order?” Now, what had they found by experience? why that their Mark Lodges and Mark Grand Lodges had been and were the

best supporters of all the great Charities annexed to Craft Masonry; and then they had gone outside and founded Charities of their own—a Benevolent Fund and an Educational Fund—by means of which both boys and girls were supported and educated; and he said, without fear of contradiction, that their Mark Grand Lodge was the best handmaid that the Craft Grand Lodge of England ever had in the world; and they were carrying out, on parallel lines, its great inestimable truths. Let them go on and prosper. Mark Masonry was recognised by every other in the old world and in the new; but, as he had said before, they could do without affiliation, as they were strong enough to stand alone.

Bro. MATIER said he had been honoured by the M.W. Grand Master in the chair on that occasion to propose a toast that was not in the official programme, and that toast was one that he was sure that all Mark Masters about that board would honour, and revere, and drink to with hearty and cordial enthusiasm. Although they had not been honoured that night—through circumstances over which they and those to whom he referred had no control—with the presence of the W. Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, they were honoured that night by a brother who had presided over them with the utmost ability, the most gracious cordiality, and the most perfect manner in every way in which a chairman should behave. Their R.W. Bro. Broadley, P.G.M. Mediterranean, had presided over them that night, and he (Bro. Matier) was perfectly sure that no brother about that table would like to leave the room without thanking him for the hearty manner in which he had presided over them. They all knew what a large amount of judicial intellect he had exhibited abroad. In foreign and far distant parts—from ancient Carthage and more modern Malta to still more modern London—Bro. Broadley had worked well, both in the quarries and in the forest, and he was sure that every one about the table would drink most heartily to “The Health of the Most W. Grand Master in the chair.”

Bro. BROADLEY, in acknowledging the compliment, said that while he was in Tunis and Malta he had done his best to promote Mark Masonry. While in Egypt, though engaged for sixteen hours a day on a very special business, the nature of which he need not particularly allude to, he contrived to found a lodge under the shadow of the Pyramids, and he understood that two others only awaited confirmation.

Bro. BINCKES, in rising to propose the concluding toast, said he did not know whether the company were going to break up suddenly, or whether they were going to maintain the enjoyment of the evening for a little while longer. But there was a distinguished brother present for whom he (Bro. Binckes) had a very great regard, one who had done Mark Masonry great services in many ways; and while they were pluming themselves on having achieved a very large amount of success, he thought they must not lose sight of the fact that every member of Mark Grand Lodge was a member of the Craft Grand Lodge of England. They had amongst them that evening a brother who, while discharging his duties most faithfully in reference to the Grand Lodge of England, did not ignore other Degrees outside that system which was laid down to be the one they ought to observe under the Grand Lodge of England—the Three Degrees, the Royal Arch, and no more. That brother's presence there showed that he had a great desire to support a Degree not altogether recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. He proposed to them the toast of “The Health of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.” (Applause.)

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE having said a few words in acknowledgment of the compliment, the company separated.

At the banquet table the Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. Dewar, while Bro. Berridge occupied that of the Junior Warden's.

The insignia with which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was invested was manufactured expressly by Bro. George Kenning, P.M. No. 1.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTER-SHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391. In the absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, the R.W. Past Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., occupied the chair, and was supported by W. Bro. George Toller, jun., P.G.S.B. Eng., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a large number of Prov. Grand Officers, amongst whom were

W. Bros. C. E. Stretton, P.G.S.W.; M. J. Walker, P.G.J.W.; Revs. J. Bird and A. P. Dawson, P.G. Chaps.; R. Waite, P.G. Treas.; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec.; J. Halford and J. O. Law, P.G. Dirs. of Cers.; R. Bradshaw Smith, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. Young, P.G.D.C.; E. Taylor, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Oliver and J. Hassall, P.G. Pursts.; C. Oliver, E. Jeas, B. A. Smith, R. R. Cole, and R. Michie, P.G. Stwds.; and Bros. Dunn and Tanser, P.G. Tyler; also W. Bros. Rev. H. Langley and W. B. Smith, P.P.G.S.Ws.; J. T. Thorp, P.P.G.J.W.; Revs. F. H. Richardson and C. Henton Wood, P.P.G. Chaps.; W. S. Allen and F. J. Baines, P.P.G.Ds.; S. Cleaver, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Capt. J. G. F. Richardson, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Nicholson and W. Vial, P.P.G. Orgs.; M. H. Lewin and C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.G. Pursts.; C. Gurden, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Watson, W.M. 1391; D. Challis, W.M. 523; F. Griffith, W.M. 1265; J. Wiggins, W.M. 1330; A. H. Burgess, I.P.M. 1560; R. S. Toller, W.M. 1560; and many others. Amongst the visitors were W. Bros. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks; and John Featherston, W.M. 1656.

The roll of lodges and of Prov. Grand Officers having been called and duly responded to, the minutes of the previous annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, which had been previously printed and circulated amongst the members, were taken as read, and were confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the report of the Prov. Committee of General Purposes, which presented a very satisfactory account of the condition of Masonry in the province, and alluded particularly to the great interest shown in Masonic matters in the county town, to the rapid increase in the number of members during the past few years, and to the consequent want of additional lodges, in order to satisfy the claims of the many competent, deserving brethren aspiring to take office. At the present time Leicester, having a population of somewhere about 130,000, only numbers four lodges. The report, after dealing with some other local matters, referred specially to the revision of the Book of Constitutions, and to the desirable alterations and additions which had been made in the interests of the provinces, and urged upon the brethren to support to the utmost those alterations and additions when they came before Grand Lodge at the December Quarterly Communication. An exception, however, was made in reference to the revised clause No. 186; relating to the status of joining P.Ms. of Craft lodges, the Committee so far as their knowledge and experience in this province extends failing to perceive the existence of any hardship in the present posi-

tion of such P.Ms., and it was therefore considered that failing any reasonable compromise the present amendment ought not to be confirmed.

The report was, on the motion of Bro. LANGLEY, seconded by Bro. C. E. STRETTON, duly adopted.

The following report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read by Bro. the Rev. W. LANGLEY;

The Charity Committee are again glad in presenting their Annual Report to register the fact that their candidate at the April election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Caroline Louisa Weare, was elected eighteenth on the successful list of 22. The number of votes polled by the Leicestershire province was 1275, which may be thought by some to be largely in excess of the requirements of the case, seeing that one of those elected only polled 878; but upon examining the list it will be found that the lowest of the first 21 out of 22 polled 1208, and that No. 22 must consider herself exceptionally fortunate in securing election at a figure so very much lower than those well versed in the matter predicted it safe to stand at. The large number of 1275 polled by this province was made up as follows: Votes in hand, 458; votes borrowed, 748; votes given to the Secretary by W. Bro. Captain Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, 65; and 4 polled by unknown subscribers. The debts of the province at the present time are as follows:

Boys—To Derbyshire... ..	485	Girls—To North Wales ... ..	50
Less owing to us ... ..	70	Derby ... ..	108
		Monmouth ... ..	265
	415		423

The thanks of the Committee are due to W. Bro. Capt. Homfray, D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire, and to W. Bro. Wm. Nott, of Wilts, for kindly co-operating with their Secretary in securing the election of Bro. Wearne's child. No brother having offered his services as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Girls' School the Committee propose that Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.P.G.S.W. and Prov. G. Secretary, be nominated as Steward to represent this province at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows, and the Committee have voted the sum of £21 to be placed on his list for the Widows' Fund.

The Committee have great pleasure in commending the Charity Association to the brethren of the province, and point to the large increase of voting power as the fruit of its successful working. They cannot close their report without rendering their hearty thanks to W. Bro. Captain Richardson, who so successfully represented the province at the last festival of the Boys', when the magnificent sum of £405 was given in as his list.

The accounts have been examined and duly audited, showing a sum of £23 15s. 4d. to the credit of the Committee. (Signed) G. TOLLER, jun., D.P.G.M., Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, Nov. 6th, 1883.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in moving the adoption of the report and of a vote of thanks to Bro. Langley, referred in eulogistic terms to the services of that brother as Secretary to the Charity Committee, the care and skill with which he discharged the duties of the office, and the great amount of thought and labour which he brought to bear in carrying out the arrangements for, and bringing the election of, the local candidate to a successful issue.

The motion and vote of thanks were seconded by Bro. THORP, supported by Bro. Capt. RICHARDSON, and carried unanimously, the latter brother taking the opportunity at the same time of referring to the grand results of his Stewardship for the Boys' School, and pointing out the absolute necessity for continued exertions, in face of the increasing number of applicants year by year for admission in the various Masonic Charities. Bro. Richardson hoped that the brethren would not stem the tide of their benevolence in coming years, but would cheer the efforts of future Stewards by according to them, at least, an equal measure of support to that which it had been his good fortune and privilege to receive.

It should be observed that Bro. Richardson's list for the Boys' School—which amounted to about £405—averaged as nearly as possible £1 per head on the total number of members in the province, such number being 406, as shown by the last annual returns of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., was unanimously elected to represent Provincial Grand Lodge as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The P.G. Registrar's report was submitted, showing the number of members returned as 451, but which, after making allowances for members subscribing to more than one lodge, was reduced to an actual membership of 406.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's account, an abstract of which had been printed with the summons for Prov. Grand Lodge, was submitted. The account showed a balance in hand on the General Fund of £92 4s. 3d., and on the Charity Fund of £23 15s. 4d.

It was unanimously resolved that the account be passed, and the best thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge be given to Bro. R. Waite, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, for his services.

Bro. R. Waite was then re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523 ... ..	...	Prov. G.S.W.
W. S. Allen, P.M. 779 ... ..	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. A. P. Dawson, 1560 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Robert Waite, P.M. ... ..	...	Prov. G. Treas.
A. H. Burgess, I.P.M. 1560 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Reg.
S. S. Partridge, P.M. 523 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Sec.
S. Cleaver, P.M. 279 ... ..	...	Prov. G.S.D.
E. Watson, W.M. 1391 ... ..	...	Prov. G.J.D.
F. Griffiths, W.M. 1265 ... ..	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
J. Young, P.M. 523 ... ..	...	Prov. G.D.C.
C. Gurden, W.M. 279 ... ..	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. Wiggins, W.M. 1330 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
T. B. Laxton, 1391 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Org.
B. Wood, P.M. 1007 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Purst.
R. R. Cole, 50 ... ..	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
D. Challis, W.M. 523 ... ..	...	Prov. G.S.B.
R. R. Bellamy, 779 ... ..	...	
R. S. Clifford, 1007 ... ..	...	
H. J. Goodall, 1130 ... ..	...	
L. P. Chamberlain, 1265 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
J. E. Beazley, 1391 ... ..	...	
J. B. Fowler, 1560 ... ..	...	
T. Dunn, 523 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
J. Tanser, 279 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A report of the Leicester Freemasons' Hall Committee on the subject of certain proposed additions to the Hall was then brought up, and after a long discussion was referred back to the Committee for reconsideration, with a recommendation that an alternative scheme for an entire reconstruction of the Hall premises or the erection of a new building on another site should be submitted for the approval of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The valuable services of Bro. C. E. Stretton, P.P.G.S.W., as honorary Secretary to the Leicester Freemasons' Hall Committee, were duly recog-

nised by a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks to him, which was proposed by the R.W. PAST PROV. GRAND MASTER, and seconded by Bro. M. J. WALKER, P.P.G.J.W.

Several communications were read, including letters from Bro. H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks, on the subject of resolutions passed by the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire with reference to the proposed rebuilding or reinstating of the old Masonic Temple at Grand Lodge, and from Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Prov. G.S.W. N. and E. Yorks, on the subject of the proposed testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.

On the proposition of Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, seconded by Bro. W. KELLY, it was resolved that Prov. Grand Lodge should contribute to the proposed testimonial to Bro. Hughan.

Letters of apology for absence having been read from Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; W. Nott, Sec. Wilts Charity Committee; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. W. Moore, P.P.G. Reg. Derby; and others, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in form.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

At the conclusion of the Craft Lodge proceedings at Preston, on the afternoon of the 28th ult., the annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held, R.W. Comp. the Earl of Lathom, Grand Superintendent, presiding. The routine business having been transacted, the following officers were appointed and invested for the year:—

Comps. Col. Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, G.S.N. Eng.	Prov. G. 2nd Prin.
Dr. F. J. Bailey ... ..	Prov. G. 3rd Prin.
H. S. Alpass ... ..	Prov. G.S.E.
T. Salter ... ..	Prov. G.S.N.
W. J. Thompson ... ..	Prov. G.P.S.
W. Goodacre ... ..	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
G. Barber ... ..	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
R. Martin ... ..	Prov. G. Treas.
H. Gardner ... ..	Prov. G.R.
J. Jackson ... ..	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Palmer ... ..	Prov. G. Std. Br.
John Wills ... ..	Prov. G. D. of C.
M. J. Hart ... ..	Prov. G.S.
J. Skeaf ... ..	Prov. G.O.

Fifty guineas were voted to the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and the chapter was closed.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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For these reasons it was agreed that, though the scheme for the erection of an Asylum should be delayed, it was not to be abandoned, and the resolution embodying the above expression of views and the ultimate determination of the Committee, was confirmed at a special meeting on the 13th of November, there being only ten dissentients. At the same time it was resolved that the meeting, "having complied with the directions they consider to be contained in the letter of his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master to be laid before the framers of the several resolutions, deem it respectful to place before his Royal Highness the result of two consecutive meetings, and that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Secretary requesting he will take an early opportunity of placing them before the Grand Master."

It will be seen from a careful study of the various letters and resolutions we have laid before our readers that the difference of opinion which existed between the Grand Master and the promoters of the Asylum, though involving the all-important principle as to the character the proposed Institution should assume, was one that might easily have arisen from a very slight misconception on either or both sides. An illustration of our meaning will be found in connection with the Grand Master's declaration made to Grand Lodge on the 6th December, 1837, to the effect that he was "not unfriendly" to the matter proposed, that is, the establishment of an Asylum. The transition from "not unfriendly" to "friendly," and thence to a frame of mind still more favourable, is easily to be accounted for, especially in the case of men who were feverishly anxious to enlist in the cause they had so much at heart the sympathy of the illustrious ruler of the Craft. It is not necessary to suppose that such a misconception was other than unintentional, and the Grand Master himself must have felt this when, in his desire that the Craft should not be misled into the belief he had given a silent consent to the plan, he studiously refrained from "imputing motives to any one." On the other, hand there is a deliberate—in the case of a less distinguished Mason we should be almost justified in saying a perverse—obstinacy exhibited by his Royal Highness in the concluding paragraph of his communication of the 26th August, 1839, in which, having promised he will take no further steps in the matter until the following April, he goes on to say: "but should the brethren at that time have made no advance in the matter"—which mode of expression we take to be a euphuism for "should they not by that time have unconditionally surrendered their long-cherished opinions and adopted my views"—"I shall think myself at liberty to state my own plan." The Committee were quick to perceive this. In framing their counter-resolution they remark that, while the fears expressed by his Royal Highness in his letter of the 6th December, 1837, that "a third Charity and Board of Stewards would probably interfere with the prosperity of the two (then) existing Charities" had not been fulfilled, "a fourth Charity for granting annuities, being a part of the objects of this Institution as now in operation, would not only embarrass but in all probability peril the Charitable Institutions already existing." Many of course will urge that it was presumptuous on the part of the Committee of the Asylum for Aged and Decayed Masons to speak of it as an established Masonic Charity, seeing that it had never been

recognised as such by the Grand Master. But it must not be forgotten that Grand Lodge had passed a resolution recommending the Asylum to the favourable consideration of the Craft, a step that august body would presumably not have taken had it been of the opinion that, in the first place, there was no need for any such Charity, and, in the next, that, the question of need having been accepted, there were not fair grounds for supposing it would receive the requisite measure of support from the Craft. There is this also to be said in respect of the new position taken up by the Grand Master with reference to the said Asylum. Hitherto, though firmly holding by his opinions in favour of the Annuity principle, he had not shown himself annoyed by, or actively opposed to, the views expressed by Grand Lodge when it commended the new Charity to the favourable consideration of the Craft. But, in announcing that from and after a certain date he will bring forward a plan of his own for relieving the necessities of aged and distressed brethren, unless in the meantime the Committee of the already existing Charity for the purpose of affording such relief express their readiness to demolish the structure they had been at such pains to erect, his Royal Highness must be looked upon as placing himself in opposition not only to the said Committee, but likewise to the Grand Lodge, which had formally taken upon itself to recommend to the Craft the objects which the promoters and subscribers of the Asylum had in view. It is deeply to be regretted that the differences of opinion which existed between the Grand Master and the Asylum Committee should have culminated in a state of open hostility, the more especially as the end which each was desirous of attaining was a charitable one; but we must not shut our eyes to the fact that if the Committee was a little too presuming for a sensitive Prince, the sensitive Prince was slightly too imperious for an enthusiastic Committee. The first effect of this state of hostilities was that Bro. Farnfield, who had acted from the very beginning as Secretary, in the first instance conjointly with a Bro. E. Pitt, and then solely, tendered his resignation of that office on the ground that, from his position in the Grand Secretary's office, it might injuriously affect his interests if he continued to act in that capacity. The resignation was accepted; but in doing so the Committee passed the following resolution, namely, "That this Committee accept the resignation of Bro. Farnfield with great regret, and lament, in common with the subscribers, the necessity under which he feels himself placed of resigning the situation of Secretary to this Institution; and beg to add their cordial testimony to Bro. Farnfield's zeal, ability, and exertions, and the services he has rendered to the Charity thereby; and to assure him that in retiring from the office he carries with him the well-earned and cordial good wishes of the Committee and the well-wishers of the Institution." Bro. Farnfield retired after gracefully acknowledging the foregoing compliment, and a successor, at first temporarily, but afterwards permanently, was found in the person of Bro. Robert Field, who had taken an active part in the proceedings from the outset.

Another, a more serious consequence, if not of this state of hostility, at all events of the somewhat resolute expressions of feeling which had marked the latter conduct of the Asylum Committee, was the suspension of Bro. Crucefix from all his Masonic rights and privileges for a period of six months, such sentence having been passed upon him—as described in the Asylum minutes at the Committee meeting of the 18th March, 1840—by the Board of General Purposes "in consequence of what had been stated in a certain printed paper to have occurred at the Special General Meeting" of the Charity on the 13th November, 1839, when the resolutions respecting the Grand Master's letter of the 26th August preceding were confirmed. In making this announcement, Bro. Crucefix stated he had appealed against the sentence, but the appeal had not been heard, but under the circumstances he felt it incumbent upon him to resign the Treasurership into the hands of the Committee. On this a special meeting was called for the 25th March, when it was unanimously agreed that Bro. Crucefix should be re-elected to the office, nor was the meeting allowed to close without a vote being accorded to him for his very valuable services in the capacity of Treasurer, as well as generally in aiding the scheme for establishing the Asylum. It would appear also that similar sentences had been passed by the Board of General Purposes upon Bros. Alderman T. Wood and John Lee Stevens, with both of whom the Committee expressed their warmest sympathy in the position in which they were placed, while both expressed themselves as fully determined to support the Asylum to the utmost of their power. It should be noted in connection with these circumstances that, at the meeting of the 13th November, 1839, already referred to, an anonymous printed paper was circulated among the brethren and, when enquiries were on the point of being raised as to its authorship, a Bro. Wm. Jackson, of the Caveac Lodge, No. 204, now No. 176, rose and acknowledged it as his handiwork and that it was he who had requested one of the waiters to distribute it; whereupon it was moved, seconded, and carried with only two dissentients "That Bro. William Jackson having circulated in this meeting an anonymous paper relative to the Aged Masons' Asylum, this meeting is of opinion that such paper is false and scurrilous and deserving the severe censure of the meeting." But even this strong expression of feeling does not seem to have prevented Bro. Jackson from pursuing his dishonourable conduct. In the minutes of the 11th December, reference is made to a paper that had been circulated at the Grand Lodge on the 4th of that month, and after many remarks and some discussion it was unanimously resolved "that the statement in the former part of this paper, distributed at the last general meeting of this Institution, has been already resolved to be false and scurrilous, in which this Committee fully concurs; and that the pretended report of the proceedings at that meeting is a wickedly-distorted, false, illiberal, and scurrilous statement." And yet again, at the Quarterly General Meeting on the 8th January, 1840, this same Bro. Jackson being found taking notes of the proceedings,

and attention having been called to the fact, it was unanimously resolved "that no person be allowed to take notes of the proceedings of this meeting except the Secretary in the discharge of the duties of his office." Bro. Jackson would seem to have remonstrated, but ineffectually, and the resolution was enforced. Now it would seem as though, without imputing motives to Bro. Jackson or any one else, the sentence passed on Bro. Crucefix must have been due to certain scurrilous and anonymous statements which had reached the ears of some persons in authority and been brought under the notice of the Board of General Purposes with the result already described. It is impossible to suppose the Grand Master would have adopted a disingenuous course to rid himself of so determined an opponent to his scheme as Bro. Crucefix, and the conclusion we are forced to adopt is that some unscrupulous meddling busy body must have stepped in and wilfully misrepresented or distorted remarks originally harmless. Before dismissing this unpleasant subject, we may as well note, as a further evidence of the soreness that must have existed between the executive of Grand Lodge and the Asylum Committee, that it is noted in the minutes of the 11th June, 1840, that Bro. Tomblason, a member of the Committee, had personally applied at the Grand Secretary's office for information in connection with the petition of a candidate and been refused, on which it was resolved that the Secretary should write to the Grand Secretary for the requisite information, and in the event of no answer being received within one week from the application, that he should prefer his request to the Secretary of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge.

Turning to more genial subjects, we find that the ball held at Freemasons' Tavern in January in aid of the funds of the Asylum yielded over £53, while the Anniversary Festival held on the 24th of June under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Henry Fitzroy, M.P., G.S. Warden the following year, produced over £700, among the contributors being the Queen Dowager £20, the Chairman £15 and five guineas annually, the Hon. Mrs. Fitzroy two guineas annually, the Earl of Southampton five guineas annually, the Earl of Mansfield £10, the Marquis of Kildare two guineas annually, Bro. MacKenzie, M.P., £5, Viscountess Anson two guineas annually, Bro. Alderman Thomas Wood ten guineas (second donation), the Prov. G. Lodge of Dorsetshire twenty guineas, Alderman Harmer five guineas, Bro. John Udall, G.J. Deacon 1849 twenty guineas (third donation), and Bro. Newcomb twenty guineas. At the Quarterly General Meeting on the 8th of July, at which this eminently satisfactory result was reported, cordial votes of thanks to all who had assisted in bringing it about were passed, after which was submitted a most gratifying report by the Treasurer, in which we are informed that "the high moral evidence of the ability of this Institution stands so clear and distinct that we are much mistaken if before another year is past this Charity does not stand in the proud station of parentage to others. For it is already in agitation to commence similar Institutions in India and elsewhere. These happy circumstances may affect us a little in point of finance, but they abundantly prove the high character of this Institution." Mention is also made of a "drawback on this otherwise successful statement," which, however, it is said, "is only to be discovered in that misunderstanding which has arisen out of falsehood, the effects of which no exertion could prevent, but which effects your Committee have left no means unattempted to remove." The Auditors' report was equally satisfactory, the balance in hand to the credit of the Asylum being over £369, while its invested property consisted of £2030 Three per cent. Consols, £300 Exchequer Bills, and £100 in Savings Bank. In addition there were outstanding amounts uncollected for the current and previous years, making up together close on £306. In these circumstances it was unanimously resolved that the Treasurer should invest a further £300 in the purchase of Exchequer Bills. It was also arranged that, as Bros. Percival, Cabbell, and Grote, being a majority of the Permanent Trustees elected in July of the previous year, had declined to accept the trust, a special general meeting should be convened for the purpose of taking such steps as might be expedient in respect of the appointment of Trustees. It was also resolved that on the same occasion the question whether there should be two elections in the year instead of one should be taken into consideration. The election of officers and the Committee then took place, after which a Bro. Thomas Horth was elected an annuitant by a very considerable majority, the number of candidates for the vacancy being four.

At the Special General Meeting on the 12th August, it was determined that the whole subject of the Trusteeship should be referred to the General Committee, while, as regards the election of annuitants, it was agreed there should be a meeting on the second Wednesday in January, as well as in July, for the purpose. At the Special Committee Meeting in October, the Secretary presented a draft of the preliminary regulations of the Institution, together with an amended list of subscribers and abstract of the Treasurer's account from the commencement in 1835, after which it was agreed that so much of the manuscript proceedings of the Institution as the Treasurer and Provisional Trustees might deem expedient should be published, and 500 copies be printed, provided the entire expense did not exceed £25. At the Quarterly General Meeting in the same month, it was agreed to increase the number of annuitants by one, and that the election should take place in the following January. At the General Committee in November, the Chairman announced, with reference to the publication of a portrait of the Earl of Durham, then recently deceased, and the appropriation of a portion of the profits among the Masonic Charities, that it was distinctly understood by the publisher that the Asylum was included among the said Masonic Charities, an announcement, trivial in itself no doubt as regards the sum that was likely to be received, but important as showing the position which the Institution was recognised as already holding by, at least, a portion of the Craft.

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- Craft Lodges—Nos. 37, 40, 41, 94, 141, 240, 336, 422, 495, 673, 709, 1002, 1353, 1420, 1812, 1928.
- Instruction—No. 1300.
- Royal Arch Chapters—Nos. 360, 1209, 1502.
- Mark Lodge—No. 8.
- Consecrations—Methuen Lodge, Marlboro', Wiltshire; Urania Lodge, Louth.
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**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

- "Die Baitutte," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Victorian Freemason," "Orient," "Hull Packet," "Freemasons' Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "European Mail," "Voice of Masonry," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Court Circular," "Fishing Gazette," "Citizen," "Daily Witness," "Liberal Freemason," "Post," "Masonic World," "Winged with Light," "Bristol Mercury," "Freemasons' Chronicle" (Sidney), "New York Commercial Advertiser," "Bristol Western Daily Press," "La Revista Masónica," "Centenario del Libertador Bolívar."



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1883.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**THE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The unsigned circular in your issue of the 1st inst. seems, by the letters which occupy nearly a whole page of your last number, to have produced no small consternation amongst the advocates of the principle of annual transference of the honour, but in the warmth of their advocacy they have unwittingly "let the cat out of the bag."

Bro. Headon tells us that the present Grand Treasurer was chosen "the willing champion of the principle." "He was entrusted with the office 12 months and no longer." Again, "Tenax Propositi" says that there was an "understanding, implied or actual, between him and his supporters in March."

So it would appear that the Grand Treasurer is to be made the puppet of a particular clique who intend to set up a fresh one each succeeding year to be again knocked down, and a new one substituted at their own sweet will and pleasure, until such time as Grand Lodge, weary of continual changes, shall grow careless in the matter, and allow them to wriggle themselves into the coveted office, being justly afraid that their own qualifications and status will otherwise never obtain for them an honour which should be reserved for our very best and most distinguished brethren only.

It is the duties and responsibilities of an office that give it dignity in the first instance, and as these have been reduced to a minimum in the case of the Grand Treasurer, it becomes merely the mark of the high approval of the Craft, and the more frequently it is bestowed the less valuable it will be considered, and gradually fall lower and lower in estimation. When that time arrives we shall hear the same arguments adduced in support of an annual change in the office of M.W.G.M. "Absit omen."—Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
AN OBSERVER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to some remarks in your last by "Tenax Propositi" on a recent Circular published in your columns, I beg respectfully to suggest the following considerations to the thoughtful attention of your readers. It seems to be a most unprecedented and undesirable course of action, by the compulsory retirement of the Grand Treasurer, and a fresh election annually as a normal procedure, to introduce a yearly element of agitation amongst us, most prejudicial assuredly to the peace of the Craft and the harmony of Grand Lodge. It is surely most derogatory to the dignity of our governing body, that the resolutions of private meetings nominating a particular brother as Grand Treasurer should be ostentatiously published as an appeal to the Craft, thus rendering in turn a corresponding system of circulars and canvassing and meetings absolutely unnecessary, unless unwise selections and unfitting nominations are to prevail.

The enforcement and requirement of pledges to retire after 12 months seems to be a most alarming innovation, and even an unconstitutional interference with the choice and independence of Grand Lodge itself. Such annual change and canvass and pledges can have but one result, consequences greatly to be deprecated, in the best interests of the Craft and Grand Lodge. The emission of the circular complained of arose necessarily from this one fact,—namely, the announcement publicly made of a private nomination of a particular brother to the high office of Grand Treasurer, and of an active canvass strenuously proceeding in our very midst. Objecting as I do altogether to the movements of underground associations and the development of a partizan spirit amongst us, reminding some of us forcibly of very regrettable and discreditable days of bitterest personal hostility and antagonism in olden time, I trust this movement for a yearly change in the Grand Treasurer's office may be put a stop to by the good sense of Grand Lodge; and beg to sign myself  
OBSTA PRINCIPIIS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As one of your most constant readers I am deeply struck by the characteristic letter which emanates professedly from Bro. Headon in your last impression. We must all be affected by the tone of innate modesty and Masonic forbearance combined, which are worth a

good deal, believe me, in this "material age" of "brass" and "hunkum." There is all through the letter such a courteous wish to do justice to other brethren's motives and feelings, that it is quite refreshing to realise such dominating principles of correspondence and action in our very worthy brother.

Bro. Headon, twelve months ago, penned some very eloquent and moving appeals in favour of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, and now is very indignant that that esteemed brother should be renominated to the office of Grand Treasurer. It would not be right to ask Bro. Headon to reveal the secrets of those who are so intent on changing the Grand Treasurer every year, but, like others, I can only express the fervent hope that such chivalry, such enthusiasm, such zeal, and such self-retiringness on his part may not go altogether unrewarded.

A LOOKER ON.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

As one of the signatories of the Circular which has so greatly displeased Bro. Headon, I can at once I trust relieve that worthy brother's mind, evidently "mixed up" as to the whole question, by stating, and your readers will, I have no doubt, accept my assurance, that the circular is signed by some of the best known and most hard working members of our fraternity, whether in the metropolis or the provinces and whether wearing the "old blue" or the "honourable purple." At a proper time, no doubt, if it be considered advisable to do so, the list of names will be published in the *Freemason* or elsewhere.—Fraternally yours,  
A. F. A. WOODFORD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am much surprised to find it stated in your last impression, that Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall has been nominated for the dignified office of Grand Treasurer, for I am informed by several of his friends and admirers, that he is a Mason of five years standing only, and has had the honour of being a Royal Arch Mason only five months.

We all appreciate Bro. Marshall as a Philanthropist, but I am confident that at the next Quarterly Communication in March a large majority of brethren, sinking all personal considerations and carrying out only for the interests of the Craft, will feel themselves unable to support him for so high and important a position as that of Grand Treasurer of England; and will beg him and his friends to postpone his claim to such an office until he has seen a little more service in our ranks, and thus ripened in experience he will be able to maintain the dignity and prestige of "Grand Office," and when called upon will express a reliable opinion upon all Masonic matters, such being always expected from those brethren who have been honoured with the broad purple of England.—Faithfully, and fraternally yours,  
A WELL WISHER OF THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will any of the opponents of an annual change of the office of Grand Treasurer inform me in what respect that office differs from those appointments annually made by the Grand Master?

I understand that according to recent regulations the duties of Grand Treasurer are irrisponsible, and in no way differ from those of Grand Wardens, Deacons, &c., except that the latter have something to do, and the former absolutely nothing. Why then should active officers be changed yearly, and Grand Treasurer, who has nothing to learn except to sit on the proper seat allotted to him on the dais, be a permanent office?—Yours fraternally,  
JUNIOR WARDEN.

**REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The almost unanimous decision of Grand Lodge to abandon the project of an enlarged Temple was probably, under all circumstances, the most prudent that could be arrived at. In connection with this much vexed question, which happily, for a time at least, is shelved, if not settled, nothing has astonished me more than the confused and, to my mind, erroneous views entertained by many in regard to the difficult and thankless task imposed by Grand Lodge on the Committee specially selected by it to ascertain, and report, as to the best means of giving effect to the strongly-expressed wish for greatly increased accommodation.

No one conversant with such matters will venture to dispute the fact that the Building Committee comprised brethren possessing the highest professional qualifications for dealing with the difficult and complicated arrangements which any attempt to carry out the expressed wishes of Grand Lodge would involve. The acquisition of the requisite space necessitated the purchase of valuable rights, and who, let me ask, were better qualified to deal with such a matter than those members of the Committee, whose opinions, though ridiculed by some in Grand Lodge, would not fail to receive the utmost consideration and respect in any Arbitration Court in the kingdom?

If Mr. Bacon and Messrs. Spiers and Pond set too high a value on their respective rights—which, it must be remembered, nothing short of an Act of Parliament could compel them to surrender—or insisted on excessive compensation for the temporary or permanent injury they might sustain, why, in the name of common sense, should the discredit rest on those who, with all their professional knowledge and experience, were unable to induce Mr. Bacon and Messrs. Spiers and Pond to consent to any arrangement less favourable to themselves?

Looking, however, to the facts that the acquisition of Mr. Bacon's lease would involve the premature extinction of his business and livelihood, and that the carrying out of the contemplated alterations would, for a time at least, paralyse the business of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, I am by no means sure that their demands, large as they appear, were under the circumstances exorbitant or unreasonable. Those gentlemen, it may fairly be assumed, know their own business best; and while Grand Lodge has a most perfect right to form and, if it sees fit, to express its opinions in regard to their demands, let us at the same time do justice to those who, at infinite pains and at the sacrifice of most valuable time, put in shape and submitted to Grand Lodge for approval or rejection the very best arrangement which, after the fullest, the most patient, and the most exhaustive enquiry and consideration, they were able to offer.

It must be borne in mind that the ordinary market value of property is no guide whatever in estimating the

sum a purchaser may be compelled to pay for the acquisition of that which is known to be of importance to him. To those unexperienced in such matters the sums often demanded and paid under these circumstances would appear absolutely fabulous.

One thing admits of no question, that whatever may have been the individual views of the Committee as to the reasonableness of the lessee's demands and the merits of the best arrangement they could make, it was clearly their duty formally to submit them for the opinion of Grand Lodge.

What, let me ask, would Grand Lodge have said if the Committee had simply reported that the demands of the lessees were such as they could not entertain? Might not Grand Lodge fairly have said "tell us what arrangements they will consent to, and leave it to us to approve or reject it." This the Committee did, and I think the thanks of the Craft are due to them, and more especially to their Chairman and mouthpiece, Sir John Monckton, for the frank, candid, and clear manner in which he discharged what, under the circumstances, proved a most thankless task.

Apologising for the length of this letter.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Craft seem entirely to have misunderstood the feeling of the Committee in connection with their report on the rebuilding the Temple. In the first place let me assure you that the Committee had no feeling one way or the other, and certainly objected as much as any of the Craft could to the very large sum of money required to be expended in buying up the interest of Mr. Bacon and providing the extra accommodation for Messrs. Spiers and Pond; but believing the feeling of the Craft to be in favour of enlarging the building they were compelled to make the best terms they could with Mr. Bacon and with Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and it was only after much negotiation the preliminary agreement was entered into, based as it was upon the ultimatum of both Mr. Bacon, and Messrs. Spiers and Co., and I will do the latter gentlemen the credit of saying they stated in the first instance, and adhered to it throughout, they would prefer being left alone, and the reasons they gave convinced us that they were right, and we felt as far as they were concerned they would require some considerable inducement to give up their present holding.

The mistake that has been made throughout the business by Grand Lodge is not having given an intimation as to what it wanted; and Sir John Monckton's motion last night was simply to put the matter in a business form before Grand Lodge, and get an expression of its opinion on the subject.

As a member of Grand Lodge I personally regret the decision that was come to, viz., simply to rebuild the old Temple, because I am convinced that on a calm reflection it will be seen the room for holding Grand Lodge is wholly inadequate to contain the members who assemble when any question arises in which the Craft feel great interest, and it is on such occasions utterly impossible to conduct business properly, and I feel sure that Grand Lodge will sooner or later, and without waiting the expiration of Mr. Bacon's lease, require enlarged space, and then the £6000 authorised to be expended in rebuilding will be utterly thrown away.

I may add that I think the statement made by Sir John Monckton last evening as to the persons constituting the Committee was correct, and that (leaving myself out of the question, although I have had very considerable experience in negotiations of a similar character to those with Mr. Bacon and Messrs. Spiers and Pond) I believe it to have been impossible to have nominated a better Committee than that appointed in the first instance—five being architects, or in some other way connected with building operations and valuing land. Nevertheless we shall cordially welcome the brethren Grand Lodge has appointed to act with us, and I know it will be the great desire of the Committee to carry out to the very best of their ability the wishes of the Craft.

I would only further say that the reason why neither myself nor any other member of the Building Committee spoke last evening was that we desired simply to get an expression of opinion from Grand Lodge as to what was wished to be done.

If anything was wanted to show the necessity for a larger room for Grand Lodge to hold its meetings in, the overcrowding on Wednesday last surely proved the fact beyond dispute.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
WILLIAM BRISTOW,

P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge and No. 14 Greenwich, Dec. 6th.

**GRAND OFFICERS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having seen a report of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, I find the following remarks made by Bro. Buss, the Asst. Grand Secretary: "Might he say that in a numerous lodge like this it was a regrettable fact that he was the only member of it who was a Grand Officer." Now, looking at the large number of lodges in the London district, how is it possible for the M.W.G.M., with so few appointments at his disposal, to do justice to so large a body of Masons under present circumstances?

I would most respectfully suggest to the powers that be the following remedy: that London should be divided into two District Grand Lodges, say East and West, the same as East and West Lancashire is divided, the District Grand Masters to have the same privilege of conferring honours as Prov. Grand Masters have in the provinces. The same laws in the Book of Constitutions would govern the District Grand Lodges in London as the provinces. This would put the London lodges on the same footing as the provincial brethren—to enjoy the honour of wearing the purple clothing, and I venture to say would have the effect of giving better support to our Masonic Charities.

It has been reported in the *Freemason* on several occasions that many lodges in London contribute very largely to the Masonic Charities, and there are many old London lodges who contribute little or nothing to those Charities. If London could be so divided and put in charge of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany for the West District, and the Lord Mayor of London for the East District, such a step would confer about 30 collars annually upon the London brethren. Then those lodges who lack energy for the Charities would have to do something in order to be brought under the

notice of the District Grand Master for purple honours. With these few remarks I leave the matter to some brother with more ability, more power, and a little more flowery eloquence than I possess, to obtain the rest.—I subscribe myself,

A PROV. GRAND OFFICER OF NEARLY THIRTY YEARS.

#### THE CREMATION OF BRO. CAPT. HANHAM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The paragraph you quoted from the *Times* last week, reporting the funeral and cremation of the late Capt. Hanham, is utterly untrustworthy, and could only have been communicated by some wretched inventor of fables, or some erratic scribbler of the most morbid imagination. Short as the report is, it abounds in inaccuracies and positive untruths.

(1.) The *Times* says: "The remains of Captain T. B. Hanham, a prominent Freemason in Dorsetshire, were cremated with Masonic rites"!!! It would be just as true to say, "cremated with special rites prepared for the occasion by the Pope of Rome, the Patriarch of Constantinople, and the Archbishop of Canterbury."

(2.) The *Times* says: "The funeral ceremony was entirely a Masonic one, no clergy or ministers officiating." Four clergymen were present (one in canonicals), and the prayer was offered by the Rev. W. M. Heath, rector of Lytchett, and P. Prov. G. Chap.

(3.) The *Times* says "The ritual was very ancient, and has not been employed in England for the past century." The ritual used is the well-known ritual of Preston, to be found in his *Book on Masonry*, which may be obtained of every bookstall in the country. And further, it was used in the churchyard of Blandford in the spring of 1882, at the funeral of a deceased brother of 1266. About 40 or 50 brethren attended this funeral. The service was read partly by the W.M. and partly by the Chaplain, the Rector of Child Okeford, who offered the prayer.

(4.) The *Times* mixes up the funeral and the cremation as if both were parts of one ceremony. The funeral had no more to do with the cremation than it had to do with the Fisheries Exhibition, or the formation of the Suez Canal. As one present at both funeral and cremation, I am, yours fraternally,

E. T. BUDDEN,

Wimborne, 12th Dec., 1883.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I enclose a cutting from a local paper relative to "the Masonic funeral" and subsequent cremation of our W. Bro. Hanham deceased. Your leaderette in to-day's issue of the *Freemason* appears to me to be a judgment on the conduct of our province without you being in possession of any of the facts of the case. The great care with which all Masonic matters in this province are supervised and arranged by "the Provincial Grand Master," a brother well known at Grand Lodge, of which he is a Past Grand Officer, should have been sufficient guarantee that nothing which could in any way be construed as a contravention of the Constitutions would be allowed. No province in England is more jealous of Masonic exactness in ritual than Dorset, and no member of the province more so than yours truly and fraternally,

ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE,

The Fernery, Weymouth, S.W. 170.  
November 5th.

#### THE FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

I trust you will (with your usual kindness) allow me to appeal through your valuable paper for contributions in support of our work at this season of the year. During the past year we have been enabled to give 14,629 night's lodgings to the deserving homeless poor in the Refuge; to maintain and train for domestic service 113 friendless or poor girls in our Servants' Home and Girls' School; to maintain and industrially train 100 boys in the Boys' School; to give 26,000 breakfasts on Sabbath mornings to the outcasts at the Ragged Church; to provide a dinner for 750 of the destitute and 480 poor families on Christmas Day; to benefit (in short) a total of over 2000 people weekly by our various operations.

My committee are striving to continue these benefits, but in order to do so, at least £3000 must be raised by voluntary contributions before the 31st March, and for this they earnestly appeal. Treasurer, Wilfrid A. Bevan, Esq., 54, Lombard-st., E.C., by whom donations or subscriptions will be thankfully received, or by—Your obedient servant,

PEREGRINE PLATT, Secretary.

Vine-st., Clerkenwell-rd., E.C.,  
December 11th, 1883.



CHEAP DINNER DISHES. By the Author of "Supper Dishes for People of Small Means." Simpson and Marshall, London; Pawsey and Hayes, Ipswich.

This tractate, eightpence in price, contains a great deal of valuable advice, whether for young folks beginning housekeeping or for the ordinary run of cooks, and deserves to be noted and studied. Just now, when happily schools for cookery are on the increase, we think such little manuals of cookery are both needful and useful. We are among those who have always advocated instruction in cookery in our elementary and other schools. No one who has lived in agricultural, mining, or manufacturing districts for any time but must be painfully sensible not only how good food is wasted from ignorance of cookery, but how much more comfortable our working classes, nay, all classes, might be, if those who go forth as cooks in families, helps in the kitchen, and mothers and daughters of families, were provided with one such useful little work as this, and were able to understand it and put it in practice. The outcome would assuredly be better health, more family comfort, and a more saving use of much that is now thrown away. Many sicknesses in our thickly-populated districts would certainly be lessened materially, if our cooks, old and young, were fitly

acquainted with the best use to be made of the materials placed in their hands, if, whether old or young, they were so instructed in the simple, and yet important first principles of cookery, that they were able to make the food they prepare more digestible, more varied, and more appetizing. This little work offers us 118 recipes, which are all simple, easy, and practicable. We remember reviewing "Supper Dishes" in our columns, and thinking what a useful and unpretending little work it was, and all we said of it, we can say still more strongly of the present work, which we should be glad to see introduced into some of our elementary schools as needful and important for our future cooks to master and realize. We wish the work all success and support.

#### DIARIES AND DIARY BLOTTING PADS FOR 1884.

For professional and general use, are issued by Messrs. Hudson and Kearns, manufacturing stationers, of 83, Southwark-street, S.E., as usual this year, and for their excellence and comprehensiveness we have no hesitation in saying are unequalled. The diaries are neatly bound in cloth, and made of a paper far superior to that generally supplied in this class of goods. The size is 8½ by 5. The No. 9 is a diary for universal use, two days on a page, price 2s. 6d; the No. 10 the same, with cash book and ledger attached, 3s. 6d. No. 11 is "The Builder and Contractor's Diary," which also contains, in addition to the diary as above, a bill register, note book, rent, insurance, and mortgage register, cash book, and ledger, also 130 pages of cleverly compiled tables, and other information invaluable to all connected with the building trades, price 4s. 6d. Nos. 12 and 13 are specially adapted for architects, surveyors, and engineers, &c., the former having one page to a day, also containing an index, rent, and insurance register, cash book, and ledger, also recent decisions in the Courts of Justice, specially interesting to architects, surveyors, &c., with list of metropolitan surveyors and districts, with their addresses, also much special matter connected with the various architectural, surveying, and engineering associations, Index to the Practical Statutes, Practice of Architects, Stamp Duties, &c., &c. Price 4s. 6d. The volume No. 13 contains the same, with the addition of an extra page to each day devoted to cash items. To all business men we can thoroughly recommend these books as being the most useful, and, taking into account the superior quality, by far the cheapest we have seen. The Patent Date Indicating Blotting Pad and Book Diaries, manufactured by this eminent firm for so many years past, are so well known, that a lengthy review of their usefulness is unnecessary. Suffice it to say, that no business man's desk is complete without one. They publish them at prices from two to six shillings each. The No. 4 Portfolio Diary Pad is bound in cloth, folds up to 11 inches by 9 inches, and is specially adapted for private use, or for travelling purposes, comprises blotting block, pocket, pen slide, diary, &c., with elastic band, price 4s. 6d. Messrs. H. and K. invite an inspection of these goods (when their acquisition is readily seen) at their extensive establishment, 83, Southwark-street, S.E., or samples will be submitted on application to their London Representative, Bro. H. Baldwin (Sec. 1777, &c.), or may be seen and supplied through Bro. G. Kenning, of 16, Great Queen-st., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode are again to the fore in that department of Christmas literature and art (for the modern Christmas card can with truth be dignified by those names), which seem each year to reach the zenith of possible improvement and perfection. Finality is a word not known to producers of these charming reminders, and Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode have this year outdone any previous efforts of theirs, both in variety and quality. Their designs are so numerous that it is impossible to select a twentieth part for particular notice, and we can only sum up our remarks by saying that they evidence a determination on the part of this well known firm to retain their position in the front rank of fine art printers.

We have received specimens of Christmas Cards from Mr. W. G. Wallis, 112, Fleet-st., which the producers, Messrs. Weissner and Buch, of Leipzig, call "Fac Simile Water Colour Cards." The name is by no means misapplied. They are exquisite in colour and drawing, especially the flower subjects, of which there is a large variety. Both artists and printers have combined to produce the most perfect effects in chromo printing we have yet seen.

HOW WE DEFENDED ARABI AND HIS FRIENDS: A story of Egypt and the Egyptians. By A. M. BROADLEY, Barrister-at-Law. Author of "Tunis Past and Present." Illustrated by Frederick Villiers, Special Correspondent of the *Graphic* in Egypt. London: Chapman and Hall, Limited, 1884.

Those who had the good fortune to read Bro. Broadley's work on Tunis, will no doubt call to mind the skill with which he treated a subject which, in the hands of the average writer, was almost certain to prove unattractive to the general reader. Tunis, to begin with, was a country of which comparatively little was known in England. The circumstances which brought her prominently under notice were but little understood, one thing alone appearing to be clear, namely, that France had set her mind on being aggrieved and wiping out the grievance by establishing a protectorate over Tunis or, in other words, by virtually converting it into a French dependency. Yet, in spite of these and other drawbacks, Bro. Broadley succeeded in investing his description of the country and its people as well as the military events which resulted in the establishment of France as the protectress of Tunis, with a very considerable amount of interest. In the case of the book before us he is seen to even greater advantage. The campaign in Egypt last year is still fresh in our memories. English troops still garrison the capital of the country and its principal seaport. The honour of England stands pledged to the extent of securing to the Egyptian people a fair start on the road to reformation and ultimate prosperity. Moreover, as is the case with every phase of the interminable Eastern question or any branch of it, there are not a few who are in doubt as to whether we have adopted that particular line of policy which is best calculated to strengthen our interests in the East. And last, but not least, the ostensible leaders of the movement which led to the bombardment of Alexandria and the battle of Tel-el-Kebir have succeeded in attracting to themselves a large amount of interest, if not of sympathy, among the British public. All these were advantages, which, in telling the story of "How we defended Arabi and his Friends," it is certain so capable a writer as Bro. Broad-

ley would make the most of, and he has so made the most of them. More than this, he has so narrated his story that no one need fight shy of reading it through fear of finding himself involved in the consideration of abstruse legal technicalities. He states his case clearly, his views, which the reader may or may not agree with, are set forth frankly and without reservation; and in addition, there is a charm about the author's style of writing, which stamps his book as being one of the most readable that has come under our notice.

In the earlier chapters the author tells his readers how and through whose influence he received his retainer to defend the "rebel" Arabi. At first not a few Englishmen were for leaving Arabi to the tender mercies of the Khedive's ministers, but in time a healthier spirit prevailed, and, notwithstanding the difficulties interposed by the Egyptian authorities, it was at length conceded that Arabi should have the benefit of English counsel to defend him before the court, that was to enquire into and pronounce sentence upon his conduct. Yet even with this concession the circumstances looked anything but hopeful, and we are told in Chapter VI. that one military officer—a German—on the English staff, went so far as to bet the solicitor, Bro. Eve, a sovereign, that he would never see his client. At length Bro. Broadley had an interview with a M. Octave Borelli, legal adviser at the Ministry of the Interior, who called on him at Sheppard's with a card of introduction from Sir Edward Malet, the result being, to use his own words, that he "very soon realised two most important facts; the first was, that the Egyptian Government had agreed to allow one or more of the political prisoners to give us their retainers; the other, that our Egyptian colleague cared very little what terms he agreed to if a public washing of political dirty linen could be either entirely avoided or perceptibly curtailed." The two at once set about drawing up a kind of code of procedure, and in the end, Bro. Broadley found he had obtained even better terms than our Foreign Office had stipulated for, namely, "admission to the preliminary enquiry or instruction, which is forbidden by the French law, a right to address the court, and what was more important, to argue from a political point of view." It was by no means, however, all plain sailing. The code of procedure was, after all, not so easily arranged; access to Arabi was delayed; and the references to first one minister and then another were frequent. But at length the firmness of the English counsel prevailed, and M. Borelli on the one hand, and Bros. Broadley and Hon. Mark Napier on the other, signed the agreement as to the mode of procedure which was to be followed, while shortly afterwards the order, signed by the Minister of the Interior, to admit the latter with their solicitor, Bro. Eve, and their interpreter to see Arabi in his prison, was received, and the party at once set out for the Daira Saniya, where the prisoner was confined.

The interview which followed is described very circumstantially. Bro. Eve obtained from the prisoner his written authority to retain the author and the Hon. Mark Napier as the counsel for his defence, after which Arabi, in response to an invitation from Bro. Broadley to give them his full confidence and speak unreservedly of his defence, entered into an account of the position he had held during the war and the circumstances attending his surrender to General Lowe, and promised, as soon as he could see his son, to give them the papers necessary to make good his case. The following picture of Arabi, which precedes the account of the interview, will no doubt be read with interest:—"In repose, an almost fixed frown and knitting of the brows can hardly fail to excite an impression of forbidding sullenness; but I soon found out that this was the effect of deep and constant thought rather than moroseness or bad temper. Arabi's habit of perpetually thinking has gained him many enemies amongst those who judge by first appearances. When his countenance lights up with animation, the change wrought in his expression is so wonderful that you would hardly recognize him as the same man. His eyes are full of intelligence, and his smile is peculiarly attractive. His complexion is lighter than that of his son, but his nose is too flat and his lips too thick to allow one to describe him as a handsome man. He is considerably over six feet in height, and broad in proportion. During his imprisonment his appearance was materially changed by the growth of a grey beard. After the manner of a Felaheen, a blue band was tattooed round his wrist, and he rarely, if ever, loosened his grasp on a small black rosary he perpetually ran through his fingers when talking. The cloud of anxiety which seemed to overshadow him at first gradually lifted, and before his imprisonment was ended he became almost cheerful."

At a second interview the day following, the great Moslem festival of the Kourban Bairam, his counsel again impressed on Arabi the necessity of placing implicit confidence in them, dwelling at length on the relations between legal adviser and client as understood in England, and pointing out the imminent danger of any reservations on his part. Arabi explained that, to give them what they wanted, he must see his son or servant, but the chief gaoler refused to admit either to his cell, and it was not until an appeal had been made to Sir Edward Malet and Sir Charles Wilson that the required permission for them to be admitted was accorded. The papers which Arabi required were at length obtained and deposited for the sake of security at the British Consulate, where a student-interpreter, doing duty with Sir Charles Wilson, was permitted to translate them. Arabi set about preparing his instructions, and in the meantime, Bro. Broadley and his coadjutor, though not formally retained, had interviews with Ali Fehmy, Abd-el-Ai, and Sheikh Abdu, three of the prisoners, who, with others, shortly afterwards became their clients.

Chapter XII is occupied with the statement furnished by Arabi in support of his case, a statement which is described clearly and at considerable length. As regards the character of the defence, even the impartial reader who inclines neither towards the Khedive nor Arabi must admit that the pleas in justification of his conduct which the latter sets forth are exceedingly strong. According to his version—and it is supported by what is described as "an authentic copy of the Khedive's resolution to declare war against England," which is given in a foot note as having been furnished by one of Bro. Broadley's clients.—Arabi acted in accordance with the order of his chief. Thus in one place we are told that "the Khedive now showed apparently great energy and courage, and repeatedly said that should the war take place he would himself carry a rifle and be to the front with his troops." Again, "during the bombardment, messages were continually sent to us by the Khedive and Dervesh Pasha, through Muheddin Effendi, encouraging us to de-



send the place, offering us many congratulations, and exhorting the gunners at the forts to do their best, which they did, with guns which were, as it turned out, no match for those of the English." Further on, we read that, after Arabi had asked the Khedive for instructions relating to the forts which were still standing, "a Council was held, attended by His Highness, Dervesh Pacha, Toulba Pacha, some of the other Ministers, and Ismail Hakki Pacha, to decide what course to take after all the forts were destroyed, and whether the war should be carried on or not. It was agreed that should the English again fire, a flag of truce should be hoisted to prevent further damage, and to open communications for peace." The importance of the sentence in italics will be understood, when the reader learns that the first of the charges on which Arabi and others were arraigned was that "of having hoisted the white flag at Alexandria on the morning of the 12th July, in violation of the laws of war and *ius gentium*, and at the same time of having withdrawn his troops, and caused the burning and pillage of the said town." If Arabi's version is correct, the hoisting of the white flag was in consequence of an order issued by a Council which was attended by the Khedive and Dervesh Pacha, the special envoy of the Sultan. Then at another Council held on the 12th July, at half-past two p.m. "under the presidency of the Khedive and Dervesh Pacha" with Ragheb, Toulba, and Arabi Pachas and others being present, "the Khedive gave orders for our troops to occupy Fort Adgemi, and resist the landing of British troops," but Arabi explained "that the infantry could not go, as the place was too exposed to the fire of the ships, and besides that it was liable to be cut off from Alexandria." We shall continue this notice in our next issue.

**Masonic Notes and Queries:**

273.] **SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.**  
Many thanks to Bro. Whythead for his reply. The fact that "Cipriani" is connected with this print of Sir Christopher Wren suggests many reflections. I should esteem it a great favour if any readers of "Notes" can put me in the way of any similar prints. In the Parentalia the print of Wren has no name of engraver, but is said to be taken from a bust by S. Coignaud. Sir Christopher Wren, in the Parentalia, in the portion of the MS. preserved in the appendix on "Architecture," &c., talks of the "Freemasons" more than once, as if he believed them to be a real body of men,—in much earlier times. His words cannot I think, however, affect the controversy one way or the other. Who first alludes to the Dugdale-Wren theory? **ANTIQUITY.**

274.] **ROBERT BOYLE.**  
This distinguished person seems to have been connected with Sir Christopher Wren, Dr. Wallis, Peter Shael, and others at Oxford in 1659-60. Is there any evidence of his being a Rosicrucian? **ROSA CRUCIS.**

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

On Thursday, the 6th inst., the following brethren from the Provinces of Yorkshire and Lancashire, in company with Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, visited the Girls' School. Bros. T. W. Tew, G.S.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorks.; H. T. Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorks.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.D. East Lanc.; W. Brierley, 444; Charles Brierley, W.M. 42; Capt. E. T. Clark, W. Crankshaw, 348; Richard Duxbury, 348; Wm. Gankroger, 61; H. Gundry, P.P.G.P. East Lanc., P.M. 42; John Halliwell, P.P.G. S.B. East Lanc.; Joseph Hartley, 495; Thos. Heaton, 265; J. D. Kay, James W. Kenyon, Prov. G. Supt. Wks. East Lanc.; Robt. Lathard, 1723; D. Marshall, Nathaniel Nicholson, 1723; H. T. Oxley, 495; John Shaw, 139; Edwin Shee, 408; Edmund Simpkin, P.M. 42, 128; Alfred Templer, W.M. 344; Wm. Templer, W.M. 344; W. B. Alderson, 495; and Cornelius Wheawill.

It had not been the first visit by many, of the brethren, but the charm of the place is ever new, and all were it is needless to say delighted with what they saw. Every part of the large building was explained including Buncombe House, and the new swimming baths; and the opinions expressed must have been very flattering and encouraging to those who are responsible for maintaining this Institution in its present state of perfect efficiency and order.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Charles John Perceval, William Hilton, Edgar Bowyer, C. H. Webb, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Brett, Henry Moore, C. G. Dille, John Bulmer, W. H. Goodall, George Jones, Charles Lacey, Horace B. Marshall, Thomas Cubitt, G. L. Moore, J. Newton, W. J. Murlis, W. F. Nettleship, R. Turtle Pigott, and J. Terry, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the November meeting, the SECRETARY reported three deaths—two of annuitants and one of an accepted candidate for next election. The Warden's report was read, which stated that Dr. Strong obtained tickets for such of the old people in the Asylum at Croydon as were strong enough to see the procession when the Duke of Edinburgh attended at Croydon; and that Dr. Strong had stands erected at Whitgift's Hospital for their accommodation. The report also stated that Bro. Layton had sent some turtle soup from the Lord Mayor's banquet for the inmates of the Asylum who were sick.

A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Strong and Bro. Layton for their kindness.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign certain cheques, and it was announced that the usual New Year's entertainment at Croydon would be given to the annuitants. Bro. C. H. WEBB, V.P., P.M. 1607, brought on his notice of motion for giving candidates for election voting power according to what they had done for the Institutions. He said he did not mean to make the Institution a benefit society, and the motion would not have that effect; but the

great majority of candidates for election and those who became annuitants had done nothing at all for any of the Institutions. He concluded by moving that the Board take into consideration what measure (if any) could be adopted to assist accepted candidates for election, according to the amount of money and length of time they had contributed to the funds of the Institution.

Bro. CHARLES LACEY seconded the motion. It was a matter which had often pressed itself on his mind. The number of candidates was very large, and something should be done to enquire what services they had rendered.

Bro. R. TURTLE PIGOTT did not know what was meant by the motion. Did Bro Webb mean to create bogus votes? The most deserving cases he thought were those who were not able to give anything. The great mischief at present was that people came into Masonry who from their position in life ought never to have been admitted.

Bros. MURLIS, GOODALL, and NEWTON, also spoke on the subject.

Bro. JAMES BRETT moved the adjournment of the discussion. It was a subject which deserved thought, and the brethren would have an opportunity of considering it in the meantime.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL seconded the amendment, and thought there ought to be a law of the Institution passed on the matter.

Dr. HOGG agreed that it would be much better that the most deserving cases should be successful. In the Royal Medical Benevolent College they had some years ago a similar state of things as was now in this Institution—a great majority of the candidates never having assisted it at all. And what was more it was found that the fathers of the candidates although they had been in prosperous circumstances had not subscribed. The Council of the Institution passed a rule establishing a Committee of Examiners who carefully examined every case, and according to their report the votes were given.

Bro. C. H. WEBB in reply said he did not understand what Bro. Pigot meant by bogus votes. In the Builders' Benevolent Institution they gave a candidate to votes for every guinea he had subscribed. This was all he asked for this Institution. He agreed to the adjournment.

The question was then adjourned. Thirteen petitioners were placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next, and the Committee adjourned.

**PRESENTATION OF CENTENARY WARRANTS TO THE ROYAL LANCASHIRE LODGE & CANA CHAPTER, COLNE.**

Thursday, the 29th ult., was a red-letter day amongst the Province of East Lancashire. Some months since Companion J. H. Sillitoe, P.J.G., paid a visit to Colne for the purpose of installing the Principals in the Chapter, when he was asked also to inspect some old papers and books which had lain undisturbed in an old chest for many years. This led to further research, and our worthy fraternity of Freemasons in the vicinity of this portion of Companion, after closer inspection of the old documents, felt satisfied that not only had this chapter a very interesting and early history, but that it ranked amongst the first chapters constituted under the first Royal Charter of Compact. Correspondence with Com. W. J. Hughan, the well known historian, confirmed this fact, and under the advice and guidance of Comp. Sillitoe, the members of the chapter applied for and obtained a centenary warrant. Stimulated by this success, Bros. Jas. Townsend, P.M., Thos. Varley, P.M., and H. B. Carey, P.M., at once set to work to search into the archives of the lodge, and after diligent and unremitting exertions these brethren compiled a complete history of the lodge, showing its unbroken existence from the consecration in 1763 to the present time, and by such means obtained a centenary warrant for the lodge also. Such an unusual occurrence as the presentation of a centenary warrant for both lodge and chapter naturally created in the minds of the brethren and companions a desire to give *éclat* to the proceedings; and in order to do so, they invited their respected R.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, to present both warrants, which invitation he accepted with that heartiness and desire to promote the interests of the Craft in his province which is so characteristic of him, and which has gained for him that deserved popularity and esteem which he enjoys amongst those over whom he presides as Provincial Grand Master.

As might be expected this unique proceeding brought together a strong muster of brethren of the mystic tie, and the Swan Hotel wore a more animated aspect than is customary in this usually quiet town. At four o'clock prompt the chapter was opened by Comps. Thos. Mason, M.E.Z.; John Bollard, H.; and H. Brooker-Carey, J.; there were also present Bros. James Townsend, Treas., and S.E.; George Townsend, P.S.; Ed. Bird, 1st A.S.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.J. Visitors, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.W.P.G. Supt.; W. O. Walker, P.Z. 42, P.P.S.N.; E. Halliwell, P.Z. 345, P.P.G. Org.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.E., P.Z. 152; R. Nelson, P.Z. 126; S. Goldstone, H. 345; R. W. Waterson, P.Z. 126; Franklin Thomas, P.Z. 345, P.P.G. 3rd Principal; T. W. Turner, J. 265; Tom Bradshaw, P.Z. 126; and R. R. Lisenden, S.E. 317 (*Freemason*).

After the chapter was opened the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, accompanied by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J.; Franklin Thomas, P.P.G.J.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.E.; W. O. Walker, P.G.S.N.; and J. H. Halliwell, P.P.G. Org., entered the chapter. The Grand Superintendent having assumed the First Principal's chair, was properly saluted, and on rising said that his first duty was to ask Comp. J. H. Sillitoe to read a paper which would explain fully the object of their meeting.

Comp. SILLITOE read a long and exceedingly interesting paper dealing with the Royal Arch Degree from its introduction into this country, and to its having been worked for some time in connection with various lodges. He referred also to a petition presented by a number of Royal Arch Masons, meeting together at the Turk's Head Tavern, Soho, London, in 1767, to the then Grand Master of England, Lord Blaney, praying for a warrant of constitution to enable them to form a Supreme Grand Chapter, which warrant was granted in July, 1767. Under this Grand Chapter of compact the fourth and fifth warrants granted were for Burnley and Colne, which were both constituted on the same day, viz., 12th May, 1769, the warrants being signed by the same Grand Officers. Comp. Sillitoe traced the history of Royal Arch Masonry step by step up to the constitution of the present Grand Chapter of England,

and showed that as no trace could be found of the three first warranted chapters, the twin chapters of Burnley and Colne were undoubtedly entitled to rank as the two oldest chapters in England, having both of them continued an unbroken line of working from their constitution up to the present time. Comp. Sillitoe gave a short history of the Cana Chapter, quoting extracts from the old minute books, &c., which created great amusement.

On the completion of the reading of the paper the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT said "that he thought the best thanks, not only of himself, or even the members of the Cana Chapter, but also of the province at large, were due to Comp. Sillitoe for the very able and interesting paper which he had just read, as well as for his energy and tact in bringing to light the long existence of this and other chapters in the province. (Applause). He (Col. Starkie) then delivered a most eloquent address to the companions. He referred to the interesting ceremonies which he had to perform that day, and stated that he believed there was not another Grand Superintendent who had been placed in a similarly happy position. He admonished the companions to be regular and punctual in their attendance at the meetings, and pointed out to them that many flourishing chapters would give a great deal to possess what they did, viz., a centenary warrant; and he strongly urged upon them to rally round it, like soldiers round their regimental colours, and not only protect it from injury, but also by attention to their Masonic duties raise the chapter to the highest state of efficiency so that their children's children might look upon that warrant with all honour and reverence. (Applause).

Comp. Starkie then presented the centenary warrant to Comp. T. Mason, M.E.Z., who having received it, proposed a vote of thanks to Col. Starkie for his kindness in attending their meeting, and the deep interest he evinced in the events of that auspicious occasion.

The proposition was seconded by Comp. JOHN BOLLARD, H., and carried with acclamation, after which the chapter was duly closed.

On the retirement of the companions, and after a short interval, the brethren of the Royal Lancashire Lodge assembled to hold a lodge of emergency for the purpose of receiving a centenary warrant from the hands of the R.W.P.G.M. Amongst those present were Hezekiah Fletcher, W.M.; E. Bird, S.W.; J. Smallpage, J.W.; Jas. Townsend, Treas.; Thomas Varley, Sec.; J. W. Smith, S.D.; J. W. Hartley, I.G.; H. B. Carey, P.M.; Geo. Townsend, P.M.; Thos. Mason, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Saml. Catlow, P.M.; J. C. Morris, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. C. Elliott, A. P. Millar, T. A. Hirst, Jno. Sutcliffe, and E. Parker.

Visitors: Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M.; John Chadwick, P.M. 44, P.G. Sec.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 645, P.P.G.D.C.; Franklin Thomas, P.M. 345, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon; W. O. Walker, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Halliwell, P.M. 345, P.P. G. Org.; John Bollard, P.M. 126; R. W. Waterson, P.M. 126; F. N. Turner, P.M. and Sec. 408; Benjamin Whittaker, W.M. 408; Richard Nelson, P.M. 126; Tom Bradshaw, P.M. 126; J. Hacking, Org. 1504; W. C. Bean, 1504; M. Ingham, 261; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

When the lodge had been duly opened, the R.W.P.G.M. was announced, and immediately afterwards entered the room, attended by Present and Past P.G. officers, and was handed into the chair of K.S., and duly saluted according to his rank.

Upon the centenary warrant being handed to him, the R.W.P.G.M. rose, and said a very pleasing duty devolved upon him, to present to the brethren a centenary warrant, certifying the lodge had been established over a century. The R.W.P.G.M. in the course of his remarks dwelt upon the beauties and principles of Freemasonry, and which he said contrasted favourably with other societies, inasmuch that the money voluntarily given by members of the Craft did not benefit the givers but others. He pressed upon them the necessity of guarding the ancient landmarks of the Order, and expressed himself pleased to find that in the old town of Colne, which he had often visited, the brethren were gradually moving onward. In conclusion the R.W.P.G.M. said the possession of such an honourable proof of the lengthened existence of the lodge was something for the members to be proud of, and he had no doubt they thoroughly appreciated and would highly value it.

After the applause which greeted the concluding remarks of the R.W.P.G.M. had subsided, it was suggested to him that he should present to the lodge, in the name of Bro. Catlow, P.M., a box of working tools, and thereupon Col. Starkie rose again, and said that it gave him very great pleasure to do so, and it was certainly very kind of Bro. Catlow to mark his appreciation of the old lodge in such a generous manner. The R.W.P.G.M. went on to say that as no workman could do without his tools, neither could any lodge do without such emblems as he had before him, which were beautiful in design and exquisite in workmanship, and he felt sure they would be an ornament to the lodge, and that the members would highly value them.

The working tools were all made of the best electroplate, beautifully engraved and highly polished, the gavel particularly having a solid electroplated top, coffin shaped, with a black ebony handle, the whole were fitted into a handsome walnut case with plated hinges and lock. The tools and box were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, who also furnished the menu cards.

Bro. H. B. CAREY, P.M., proposed and Bro. G. TOWNSEND seconded "That a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. Catlow, P.M., for his handsome gift, and that the same be entered upon the minutes of the lodge." The proposition was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Catlow returned thanks, and expressed himself amply rewarded by the appreciation the brethren had shown of his gift.

Bro. THOMAS MASON, P.G.S.W., proposed and Bro. H. FLETCHER, W.M., seconded "A hearty vote of thanks to the R.W.P.G.M. for coming amongst them that day and conferring an honour on the lodge." The vote of thanks was carried unanimously, and the R.W.P.G.M. having replied in a few appropriate sentences, shortly afterwards retired, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the auspicious occasion with a banquet, at which the W.M. presided, having on his right the Prov. Grand Master, and supported by the Prov. Grand Officers. The banquet was admirable in every respect and gave great satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to and a pleasant evening was spent.



### Craft Masonry.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. Bro. C. Lorkin, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. C. W. Smyth, S.W.; J. S. Payne, J.W.; Brand, P.M.; Treas.; Lec, P.M.; Sec.; A. Ferrar, S.D.; R. Polak, J.D.; G. Ferrar, I.G.; Olley, Stwd.; Brasted, P.M.; Dignam, P.M.; a large number of members, and the following visitors: Bros. E. Clayton, 1604; Mercer, 1421; Weston, 1278; Catling, 1679; Hoyt, 856; Poole, 917; Woodman, J.W. 1950; Burch, 511; and Galer, 1366.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Dunn, O'Donnell, and Bannister were raised to the degree of Master Mason, and Bros. Dodd and Stokes passed to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. Caproce and East were regularly initiated into Freemasonry, the whole of these ceremonies being ably rendered by the W.M., assisted by his officers. This being the period for the annual elections, ballot was then taken for W.M., which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. C. W. Smyth, S.W., to fill that chair for the year ensuing. Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. J. Marsh, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Lorkin, in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during the present year. An Audit Committee was appointed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master in brief, but appropriate, speeches and were duly honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Dignam, I.P.M., who complimented Bro. Lorkin on the able manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. during his year of office.

The remaining toasts were disposed of, and the brethren separated, having spent a very pleasant evening. Bro. Dr. Haskins, Org. 1364, officiated at the pianoforte, and Miss Lorkin also delighted the brethren with some admirable selections ably rendered on that instrument. Some excellent vocal music was given by Bros. A. Ferrar, Woodman, Dunn, and others.

**FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This prosperous lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, on the 26th ult., when there were present among others Bros. Goodenough, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., acting S.W.; Young, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; T. Simpson, S.D.; Lister, I.G.; L. Lardner, W.S.; Herbert, A.W.S.; and J. Strugnell, P.M. Bro. Kendall, P.M. Tredegar Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the notice of motion "as to the removal of the lodge" was discussed at considerable length, and the proposition, upon being put to the lodge, was lost.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

During the evening Bros. Lott, P.M., and Hoare contributed some excellent music.

**BOLTON.**—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Swan Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Grand Steward of Scotland, W.M.; J. Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacy, J.W.; James Newton, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; J. W. Poyntz, S.D.; John Bentley, Org.; James Naylor, Stwd.; Robert Nightingale, Stwd.; E. M. Garstang, James Walker, R. K. Freeman, Johnson Mills, and Edward Barber, P.Ms.; Walter M. Musgrave, M. Robinson, and W. Gillibrand. Visitors: Bros. Richard Duxbury, W.M. 146; George Taylor, P.M. 140; John Isherwood, W.M. 221; Nathaniel Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723; Jas. Heywood, P.M. 1723; J. D. Murray, W.M. 1335; and John McAdam, 381.

The lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, a candidate for initiation was balloted for and approved. Proceeded to the Second and Third Degrees when Bros. Robinson and Gillibrand were raised to the Degree of a M.M. Lodge was closed to the First Degree. Bro. John Booth, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. The annual festival was appointed to be held on Monday, 7th January. On the proposition of Bro. Newton, seconded by the W.M., a grant of £1 1s., was made from the lodge funds to the "Hughan Testimonial Fund," special reference being made to the numerous occasions which this lodge has benefited by Bro. Hughan's kind researches and information supplied by him. It was agreed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented at the next meeting to Bro. G. P. Brockbank, the retiring W.M. The W.M. announced his intention of attending Grand Lodge on the 5th inst. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

**YORK.**—York Lodge (No. 236).—At the regular lodge on the 3rd inst. the election of W.M. and officers took place. Bro. G. Kirby, W.M., was in his place, and there were present the following officers: Bros. Garbutt, S.W.; Dr. Draper, J.W.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; W. Smith, Sec.; W. Thompson, S.D.; T. G. Hodgson, J.D.; T. Sanderson, Org.; S. Border, I.G.; and the following Past Masters: Bros. W. Lawton, T. B. Whythead, M. Rooke, J. Sykes Rymmer, Major McGachen, and Capt. R. Giffard. There was a large gathering of visitors, including Bro. John Blenkin, W.M. elect 1611.

The minutes having been confirmed, the Secretary read a copy of the letter of condolence which had been forwarded by order of the lodge to the widow of the late Bro. J. J. Leeman, M.P., and the acknowledgment of Mrs. Leeman, the widow. The next business was the raising of Bro. J. Holiday-Smith, the W.M. performing the ceremony, and the tools being given by Bro. Geo. Garbutt, S.W. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. Geo. Garbutt, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro.

W. G. Calvert, Tyler. The installation banquet was fixed for the 17th inst., and a large number of brethren promised to support the W.M. on that occasion.

**CHORLEY.**—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—An emergency meeting of this lodge, to which the brethren of the Townley-Parker Lodge, No. 1032, were also invited, and attended in strong force, was held at the Masonic Rooms, in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. R. Irving, P.M. 1032, W.M.; P. Yates, I.P.M.; J. M. Kerr, 1032, P.M., Treas. 730; J. B. Withnell, P.M.; Wm. Blackledge, P.M.; H. Tattersall, P.M.; John Heald, P.M. 730 and 1032; A. Hall, P.M. 1032; James Corbitt, P.M. 1032; John Atherton, P.M. 1032; Jos. Barnes, S.W.; John Bradshaw, Sec.; James Brindle, S.D.; L. Eccles, J.D.; Geo. Tootell, I.G.; A. G. Leigh, S.W. 1032; James A. Atherton, J.W. 1032; A. G. Bird, S.D. 1032; Joseph Hindle, John Monks, and Chas. A. Richmond. Apologies for being unable to attend were received from Bros. James Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032, P.G.S.W. M.M.; Thomas Forrester, P.M. 730, P.P.G.J.D.; and James B. Cardwell, W.M. 1032.

The business was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. M. Kerr, which had been subscribed for by the W.Ms., P.Ms., officers, and brethren of the two sister lodges, 730 and 1032, to mark the brethren's appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of Master of his lodge, No. 730, four years ago, and the interest he still takes as P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, and as a zealous member of 1032, and to testify the satisfaction which both lodges feel in the promotion of Bro. Kerr to Provincial Grand honours in West Lancashire. The presentation was made by the W.M. in a few appropriate remarks, and he was supported in turn by each of the brethren, who expressed in very fraternal and kindly terms the esteem in which they all held Bro. Kerr for his untiring interest in Freemasonry in the town and district, and they wished he might live long in prosperity to wear the jewel with which he had been that evening invested.

Bro. Kerr, P.M., who had, previous to entering the lodge room been quite unaware of the purpose for which the meeting had been called, was so overwhelmed as much by the hearty expressions of goodwill and congratulations by the brethren as by the jewel with which he had just been so unexpectedly presented, that he was unable to say more than to briefly thank the members of both lodges for the very handsome way in which they had thus in words and deeds so kindly acknowledged the services it had been his privilege and pleasure to render, in conjunction with them all, in placing the finances of the lodge on a sound footing. He was much pleased with the improved financial position of the lodges, and the greatly increasing interest which was being manifested by the brethren in Freemasonry in general, and in the Masonic Charities of this province in particular.

A large number of the brethren signified their intention to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge the following day at Preston.

The lodge was then closed in due form and in good harmony, and the brethren adjourned to Stansfield's Hotel, where a seasonable spread awaited them. After doing justice to the good things provided the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to, and a most agreeable and pleasant evening was spent.

The jewel is a very handsome one, 18-carat gold, suitably inscribed, and is the fourth which has been presented to Past Masters of this lodge within little more than a year.

**TORQUAY.**—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the following were present: Bros. G. J. Pepprell, W.M.; B. Knight, S.W.; S. Garcia, J.W.; J. Dodge, P.M., Treas.; F. Hex, Sec.; M. T. Wicks, I.S.D.; T. Brooks Org.; R. Letheren, I.G.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England; J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bradnee, P.M.; A. F. Blamey, P.M.; J. Lane, I.P.M.; and others.

The minutes of last regular lodge were read and confirmed, and the lodge opened in the Second Degree, whereupon the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Lane, I.P.M., who examined Bro. W. Sadler as to his proficiency as a Fellow Craft, and he was entrusted and retired. Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Sadler readmitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the I.P.M. and Bro. J. Lane with considerable ability and impressiveness, he also explaining the working tools and tracing board of that Degree.

The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, and the chair resumed by the W.M., W. Bro. G. J. Pepprell, when W. Bro. J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., proposed in a eulogistic speech, "That a sum of £10 10s. be voted from the lodge funds for the purpose of presenting a Life Governorship of one of the Masonic Charities to W. Bro. T. Perry, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., on his leaving Torquay, in recognition of the zeal, energy, and ability manifested by him for so many years in all Masonic matters, more especially in relation to the Jordan Lodge, of which he was one of the founders and its first W.M." This was seconded by W. Bro. W. Bradnee, P.M., and heartily supported by W. Bros. J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Lane, I.P.M.; Bros. S. Knight, S.W.; M. T. Wicks, S.D.; and the W.M., all bearing testimony to the Masonic zeal and ability of W. Bro. T. Perry, and their sincere regret at his removal from Torquay to a distant town. The proposition was unanimously adopted.

W. Bro. A. T. Blamey, P.M., proposed—"That the 'History of Freemasonry' in 6 volumes, by W. Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D. of England, be purchased for the use of the lodge," and dwelt on the desirability of carefully studying Masonic History. The proposition having been duly seconded, was warmly supported by W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, and agreed to.

W. Bro. Hughan having retired, W. Bro. J. Lane, I.P.M., brought before the lodge the subject of subscribing "towards the testimonial now being raised by the Craft to W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England," and subsequently proposed "That a sum of £5 5s. be voted from the lodge funds towards that object."

This having been seconded by W. Bro. W. Bradnee, P.M., and cordially supported by several brethren was unanimously and heartily carried.

Bro. Lane, I.P.M., having expressed a desire to become the medium of transmitting the money for the purpose of adding thereto the private subscription of himself and other brethren it was so agreed.

Bros. Tapper and Crossman being in attendance were

then examined by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. G. J. Pepprell, and entrusted. Lodge was then re-opened in the Second Degree and the candidates satisfactorily passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. The evening being far advanced, labour was suspended, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

**WOOLSTON.**—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—The first installation of W.M. in the recently opened new hall of this lodge took place last week, when Bro. D. O. Hobbs, the S.W. for the past year, was duly placed in the chair by Bro. Walter Bowyer, P.M., the Secretary of the lodge. There was a good attendance, including the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. Blount Thomas, P.P.G.D., P.M. 130; J. Robertson, W.M. 130; Henry Lashmore, W.M. 394; J. Methven, I.P.M., R. R. L. Rosoman, W. H. Chapman, and Capt. R. W. Evans, P.Ms. of 1461.

The officers invested were as follows: Bros. Methven, I.P.M.; A. J. Brown, S.W.; Richard Bell, J.W.; Rev. W. S. French, Chap.; G. J. Tilling, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Walter Bowyer, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); M. F. Curtis, S.D.; J. W. Danells, J.D.; E. Waters, D.C.; E. T. Wise, I.G.; J. T. Wells, Org.; W. J. Miller and W. H. Mitchell, Stwds.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Bowyer for having, not for the first time in the lodge, so well fulfilled the duties of Installing Master; to Bros. Admiral Martin, Tilling, Capt. Evans, Morten, J. Methven, and R. Davis, for presents to the new lodge room or in connection with the recent dedication festival; and to the retiring W.M., the latter of whom, in response, said it would always be gratifying to him to remember that during his year of office he laid the foundation stone of their new Masonic Hall, and that he still occupied the chair when it was dedicated by the Prov. Grand Master.

A letter from R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M., who was summoned from the banquet held after the recent inauguration of the hall by a telegram announcing an accident to his daughter in the hunting field, acknowledged a vote of sympathy forwarded on behalf of the Clausentum Lodge, and stated that though the accident was serious, the young lady was better.

At the subsequent banquet various toasts of a Masonic and personal character were honoured, the newly-installed W.M., who presided, being on all hands congratulated on his accession to the chair, and receiving many hearty good wishes for a successful year of office.

**TEDDINGTON.**—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This highly successful lodge met on the 28th ult., at the Clarence Hotel. Among those in attendance we noticed Bros. T. Goodchild, W.M.; C. Stevens, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.G.S. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Finch, acting S.D.; W. G. Collier, J.D.; B. Müller, I.G.; W. Hickinbotham, W.S.; J. Piller, I.P.M.; Handel, Warner, Hill, Blanchard, Barns, Simmonds, Bonella, Porter, jun., and others. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Beard, W.M. 946; Cousins, P.M. 209; Spearing, S.D. 1512; Chandler, I.G. 1656; Leonard, 25; Lockett, 1638; and Hardy, 1728.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Messrs. H. Windcott and E. F. Bennett for initiation, and for Bro. Chandler, 1656, for joining, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate the two aforesaid gentlemen, the ceremony being well performed, and afterwards passed Bro. Dines and raised Bro. Southwell. The bye-laws having been read and the Audit Committee appointed, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the year ensuing resulted as follows: Bros. Stevens, W.M.; T. Beauchamp, Treas.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Previously to the lodge being closed a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Goodchild. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bros. Walls and Forge responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was warmly given by the I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master having replied, then gave "The Initiates," and Bros. Windcott and Bennett made excellent replies.

"The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Elsam, Beard, Spearing, and others.

The toasts of "The W.M. Elect," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and the proceedings then terminated.

### INSTRUCTION.

**UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).**—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, Woolwich, on Thursday, the 29th ult. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, Preceptor of the Excelsior and Temperance lodges, presided, supported by Bro. Gooding as S.W. and Bro. Carter as J.W., and a very large gathering of the brethren of the mystic art from Woolwich and surrounding districts. The various Sections were most excellently rendered by the brethren assisting the W.M., and a large addition of members secured to the lodge. After a cordial vote of thanks had been passed to the W.M. for the admirable manner in which the business of the evening had been carried out, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, sitting down to a most excellent repast provided by the host, after which singing and recitations brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

The Sections were worked as follows: First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. Strickland; 2nd, Bro. Davis; 3rd, Bro. Masters; 4th, Bro. Carter; 5th, Bro. Akers; 6th, Bro. Jones; 7th, Bro. Gooding. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. Carter; 2nd, Bro. McQuinn; 3rd, Bro. Akers; 4th, Bro. Gooding; 5th, Bro. Brown. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. Smith; 2nd, Bro. Grice; 3rd, Bro. Jones.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered his interesting lecture "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree, to a large assembly of brethren, members, and visitors, in this lodge of instruction on Tuesday, the 20th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. G. J. Jones, W.M.; F. Knipier, S.W.; H. Lee, J.W.;

J. Carter, P.M., Preceptor; Higerty, Sec.; Harman, S.D.; Ellis, J.D.; Cowley, I.G.; Foot, Cleaver, Black, Joyce, P.M., Bain, Hardman, Shearman, W. Carter, P.M., Marshall, Hurn, G. R. Smith, Bate, R. Bell, W. H. Jones, C. Terry, 1790; F. J. Cuthbert 1815; H. Ackermann, 1815; Montague Shearman, 1146; H. Kendrick, 1044; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens, whose able lecture gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. For upwards of two hours the brethren gave earnest attention to the remarks of the lecturer, frequently expressing their cordial agreement therewith, and at its conclusion Bro. Stevens resumed his seat amidst loud applause. Bro. Carter, P.M., Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks and honorary membership should be accorded to the worthy lecturer, at the same time expressing his decided opinion that the lecture should be heard by all those who desired a clearer insight into Masonic working than they already enjoyed. Bro. Knipfer, S.W., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Stevens in returning thanks stated his readiness to repeat the lecture whenever and wherever invited to do so. Bros. Montague Shearman, 1146, and Bendrich, 1044, were elected members, and the lodge was closed in due form.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., at which were present Bros. J. Lawrence, W.M.; W. H. Chalfort, W.M. 1425, S.W.; F. Swain, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; S. J. Humfress, S.D.; C. S. Mote, J.D.; F. Chandler, I.G.; J. C. Rhind, Stwd.; Past Masters: Bros. James Stevens, 720, 1216, 1426; M. S. Spiegel, 188; W. Craig, 1425; J. T. Michelburgh, 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1074, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; C. Andrews, 77; H. Povey, 22; also Bros. M. J. Green, W. B. Hatton, C. R. Wickens, T. Artand, R. Masefield, H. P. Fowler, A. Hardy, J. French, J. T. Thomas, G. F. Ferris, D. Shand, J. Collinson, W. G. Mason, C. J. Morse, R. E. Cursons, W. Death, M. S. Rodet, M. J. Daniel, H. Perdue, C. E. Botley, G. Dickenson, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Dehane, 1052, 002; W. T. Tomkin, 1328; Capt. F. Wilson, 1356; S. Vandyck, 1328; and H. Wilkinson, 733.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes having been read, the lodge was passed to the F.C. Degree. In accordance with a long-standing promise, Bro. Jas Stevens was called upon to deliver, for the first time, his lecture explanatory of the ceremonial of the Second Degree, and this he proceeded to do. Although not by any means so lengthy as that he gives in the First Degree, the lecture is quite as interesting, and the same close attention which the first lecture receives was given to this. We hope Bro. Stevens will be encouraged by the reception given him to hasten the preparation of the M.M. lecture, and thereby complete a series of addresses which cannot fail to be of great service to the Craft generally. We can strongly recommend other lodges of instruction to hear them, and believe the worthy lecturer is open to invitations for that purpose. At the conclusion of his lecture, Bro. Stevens most satisfactorily answered questions relating to disputed points in working; and a cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the instruction afforded. Bro. Capt. T. Wilson, 1536, was elected a member. A presentation of Masonic regalia was made by Bros. Lawrence, Mason, and Green, to whom hearty acknowledgment was given. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. Subsequently ballots were taken for the Masonic Charities, and soon after the brethren separated.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Cranbourne Hotel, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C. (next door to Aldridge's), when the following were present: Bros. Ruyssecaers, W.M.; G. Coleman, S.W.; Fowles, J.W.; Ralph, S.D.; Foord, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary; Delarue, J. Skinner, W.M. 538; Mordecai, T. Wilson, Thorpe, W. C. Smith, Corby, H. Hewett, A. Dickson, E. W. Smith, and Mogford.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fowles worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bro. H. Hewett offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th Section of the Lecture. Bro. G. Coleman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded on the minutes of the lodge of instruction for the very able manner in which the W.M. had performed his duties. The following brethren were unanimously elected as joining members of the lodge of instruction: Bros. J. Skinner, W.M. 538; H. Hewett, 834; E. Mordecai, 1348; and C. Corby, 957. The W.M. having received their "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Moon, W.M.; Davies, Preceptor; Bolt, S.W.; Oldis, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Morris, S.D.; Haynes, J.D.; Frampton, I.G.; and Bros. Fenner, Grisle, Gribell, Eldridge, Cox, Fetch, Scott, Tremere, Knights, Hoare, Dixie, and Gregory.

The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gribell having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dixie being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Bolt was elected as W.M. for the next meeting; and all business being ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

**Royal Arch.**

**ALDRSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).**—A meeting of this young chapter was held on Monday last, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. There were present Comps. John Derby Allcroft, Grand Treas., M.E.Z.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, H.; Alfred Brookman, J.; Fredk. Crockford, S.E.; Samuel White,

S.N.; E. V. Jolliffe, P.S.; John Larkin, 2nd Asst. S.; George Kenning, Treas.; Joseph Parkinson, Janitor; Wm. Henry Froom, Arthur B. Hudson, Geo. Rawlinson, Philip Saillard, George Vickery, Horace Brooks Marshall. Visitors: Comps. Dr. Greatrex, and J. L. Mather.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. Geo. Vickery and Philip Saillard, 1657, were exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Comp. Kenning proposed and Comp. the Rev. Dr. Brette seconded that £5 5s. be contributed to the "Hughan Testimonial Fund," the motion being carried with acclamation.

The chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

**SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.**—Adams Chapter (No. 158).—The installation meeting of this old and much respected chapter took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Bethel New Schoolroom, Hope-street, Mile Town, which was kindly lent for this occasion. The chapter was opened at three o'clock, by Comps. J. Woodley, M.E.Z.; M. J. Sullivan, H.; and A. Spears, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., as J.; the other companions present being Comps. W. Pannell, P.Z., S.E.; G. T. Green, S.N.; R. J. E. Brown, P.S.; R. H. Plattin, 1st A.S.; J. Tower, 2nd A.S.; and J. Akhurst, Janitor; J. Bagshaw, P.Z.; and W. Pitts. The visitors included the following companions, viz., Comps. J. M. Goldfinch, M.E.Z. 1273; G. H. Chexfield, M.E.Z. 427; H. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G.N. 1174; W. J. Blakey, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. 20; C. Burley, H. 1273; H. Black, J. 1273; and Barron, A.S. of 1273.

The chapter was opened by a dispensation granted by the Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale, for holding a convocation at the above mentioned place. The minutes were then read and confirmed, after which Comps. W. Pannell, P.Z., and A. Spears, P.Z., proceeded to install Comps. M. J. Sullivan, as Z.; T. M. Rigg, as H.; and G. T. Green, as J. The rest of the officers appointed and invested were Comps. J. Bagshaw, P.Z., S.E.; R. J. E. Brown, S.N.; R. H. Plattin, P.S.; J. Tower, 1st A.S.; W. Pitts, 2nd A.S.; A. Spears, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Akhurst (re-elected), Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the chapter to E. Comps. A. Spears and W. Pannell for the able and impressive manner in which they had performed the beautiful ceremony. After the "Hearty good wishes" had been given from the various companions of the several chapters present, this old chapter, whose warrant dates from 1821, but is well known to have exalted candidates into the R.A. Degree before the year 1813, was closed in due and ancient form.

The companions then proceeded to the Britannia Hotel, opposite the Crescent, Mile Town, and sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by the worthy hostess, assisted by her son, E. Comp. G. T. Green. After the good things provided had been disposed of, "The Healths of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Royal Family" were drunk with great enthusiasm, the toast to "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z.," being highly honoured also. "The Healths of the Earl of Carnarvon, and the remainder of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed; and "The Health of the Grand Superintendent of Kent, Lord Holmesdale," came next, coupled with the names of Comps. H. Penfold, W. Blakey, and A. Spears, who returned thanks.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was next proposed, who returned his hearty thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and regretted he was not able to toast the healths of the 2nd and 3rd Principals, on account of the absence of E. Comp. T. M. Rigg, H., through illness.

He then gave "The Health of E. Comp. G. T. Green, J.," who readily responded, and kindly thanked the companions for placing him in the position they had that day, an office his father had held, also his grandfather and uncle, and he hoped he would be as successful as they had been. "The Health of the Officers" and other toasts were then given.

In replying for "The Visitors," E. Comp. J. M. Goldsmith and others thanked the companions of Adams Chapter for the kind, hearty, and cordial manner in which they had been received.

After spending a very enjoyable evening together, and passing a vote of thanks to the worthy hostess, the companions retired at an early hour, heartily pleased, and with good wishes to each other.

**TEIGNMOUTH.**—Benevolent Chapter (No. 303).—The annual meeting for the installation of principals and officers was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 29th ult. The duties of installation were most efficiently carried out by Comp. F. C. Hallett P.Z., S.E.; and the following Comps. were invested: C. J. Workman, Z.; J. J. O. Evans, H.; H. L. Friend, J.; J. U. Valentine, P.G.O., P.Z.; G. W. Ormerod, P.Z., Treas.; F. C. Hallett, S.E.; W. H. Discombe, S.N.; W. H. R. Saunders, P.S.; J. Horsham, 1st A.S.; G. H. Croydon, 2nd A.S.; G. B. Avant, Registrar; G. H. P. Westcott, D.C.; P. Haggarty, Janitor.

At the close of the chapter a hearty vote of thanks was given to Comp. Hallett for the most able manner in which the duties of the installation had been conducted.

**MANCHESTER.**—Blair Chapter (No. 815).—The bi-monthly meeting of the members of this chapter took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Hulme Town Hall, when there were present Comps. H. L. Rocca, Z.; W. R. Sowter, H.; W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C., J.; Rowley, S.E.; Blair, S.N.; Sheldrick, P.S.; E. Davies, 1st Asst. Soj.; Hart, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Perry, acting Janitor; W. Towle, and others.

The chapter was opened at six o'clock, and when the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Foulkes, 815, was balloted for, and being elected to become a member of the chapter, was forthwith exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z. The historical lecture was delivered by Comp. Rocca; the symbolical by Comp. Sowter; and the mystical by Comp. Hopkins. The whole of the work was well done and went very smooth, reflecting great credit on all concerned. The chapter was afterwards closed in due form.

**MADAME TUSSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.**—Portrait Models of H.R.H. the Duke of EDINBURGH, M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, President Grevy, Martin Luther, The Orleans Princes, Captain Webb (taken from life). Costly Court Dresses. Also Marwood (taken from sittings).—Admission 1s. Extra rooms, 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]

**Mark Masonry.**

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 63).—The festival of St. Andrew in connection with this lodge was observed at the Masonic Hall, W. Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe presiding. Four brethren having received advancement at the hands of W. Bro. Tilling, P.M., W. Bro. Horton, P.M., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Shepard, P.M. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: W. Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe, I.P.M.; Bro. D. O. Hobbs, S.W.; W. Bro. M. Emanuel, P.M., J.W.; Bros. Rev. A. L'Argent Bell, M.O.; Rev. H. J. Mason, S.O.; J. Parkinson, P.M., J.O.; Rev. W. C. Browne, Chap.; G. J. Tilling, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Bemister, Sec.; J. Slater, R.M.; A. J. Blackman, S.D.; S. Clarke, J.D.; J. R. Weston, P.M., D.C.; W. O'Neill, I.G.; Biggs and Vane, Tylers.

At a meeting the same afternoon of the Solent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, W. Bro. George Cross was re-elected C.N. for the year.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**LANCASTER.**—Philips Chapter (No. 52).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The chapter was opened, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Cottam, M.W.S., by Ill. Bro. Henry Longman, 30°, assisted by the officers. After the business was concluded, the acting M.W.S., Ill. Bro. H. Longman, said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform. He wished that either Ill. Bro. C. H. Garnet, 31°, or the M.W.S., Bro. W. W. Cottam, had been present, as they would have done more justice to the office than himself, and if it had been known that their illustrious friend, Bro. Banister, would have been with them that night all the brethren of the chapter would have been present to do honour to their worthy brother, who for ten years and more had constantly been with them at their meetings. One thing he would say, that if not as fluent in speech, no one could be more sincere than he was in presenting in the name of the members of the chapter the illuminated address to their dear friend, hoping that he would be able to come amongst them for many years, whenever he could make it convenient to do so, and in as excellent health as he was then.

Bro. Thos. Atkinson, P.M.W.S., also kindly expressed his good wishes to their late illustrious chief, in seconding the presentation, which was also supported by Ill. Bro. G. J. McKay, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Bro. Major F. C. Turner, and the M.W.S. elect, Bro. A. B. Beavan.

Ill. Bro. Banister, S.G.I.G. and I.G. of the North-Eastern District, thanked the acting M.W.S., the Ill. Brethren, and Excellent and Perfect Princes for their very kind and cordial expressions of regard for his health and happiness. It was most kind of the members of the chapter to present him with so beautifully illuminated an address, which he should prize greatly, and he begged to assure Ill. Bro. Longman that there was no one in the chapter from whom he would have been more pleased to receive that mark of kindness from the members of the chapter than his old and valued friend. He thanked them one and all, and trusted that they might enjoy every blessing in their domestic circles, and every enjoyment and success in the chapter, which had been one of the best worked in his district. The Supreme Council had been most considerate and thoughtful to relieve him of a portion of his work; but he was very sorry to leave his old Lancashire brethren, amongst whom he had spent so many happy evenings at their chapters. He would not say good-bye to them, as it was his earnest hope to be spared to often come amongst them. Being made an honorary member of all the Northern District, he should receive circulars of the meetings, and whenever he could, they might count on his presence amongst them.

The address was passed round to the brethren, who greatly admired the very beautiful design as a whole, and the emblems of the Order so artistically illuminated. The following is a copy of the words:—"Philips Rose Croix Chapter, Lancaster. To Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Northern District.—Send greeting, and at a meeting of the chapter, held at the Masonic Rooms, Lancaster, on Wednesday, the 30th May, 1883, it was proposed by Ill. Bro. C. H. Garnet, 31°, seconded by Bro. W. W. Cottam, M.W.S. of the chapter, supported by Ill. Bro. Henry Longman, 30°, and unanimously resolved, that the Recorder be instructed to write to Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, expressing the sincere regret of the members of the chapter at the severance of the long and pleasant connection that has existed between him and them, and to assure him that should circumstances enable him to come amongst them again, he will meet with the same cordial and hearty welcome as in time past.—(Signed) THOS. ATKINSON, 18°, P.M.W.S., Recorder."

After the chapter was closed the brethren spent a happy evening together.

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—This distinguished conclave met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Sir Knights E. H. Thiellay, M.P.S., G.A.T., &c.; Shirley, V.E.; T. C. Walls, G.S.A., &c., Senior General; Dr. Micklely, Junior General; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Treas.; J. Mason, G.H.C., &c., Recorder; H. J. Lardner, S.B.; Dr. Pridmore Marsh, P.M.P.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.M.P.S., &c.; and the Rev. P. Holden, P.M.P.S., &c. Sir Knights Dr. Woodman, P.M.P.S., Grand Recorder, &c.; and Dr. Harrison, P.M.P.S., &c., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Bros. Hardy and W. P. Payne were impressively installed as knights of the Order by Sir Knight the Rev. P. Holden, who also delivered most ably the beautiful oration appertaining to the Degree. The report of the Committee appointed to consider the advisability of removing the conclave was then considered and unanimously agreed upon, viz., "That in future the conclave shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, and that the banquet shall take place at the Holborn Restaurant.

The members of the Premier Conclave and the Grand Conclave subsequently dined together under the genial presidency of Sir Knight E. H. Thiellay. The long routine of toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC  
AND THE GRAND MARK LODGE  
OF ENGLAND.

The former body has published an excommunication of the latter, and which we publish below for information, taken from the *Montreal Daily Witness* of November 13th, 1883:

To all companions in obedience to the Grand Chapter of Quebec and to all regular Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges of Mark Master Masons throughout the World—

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., has granted warrants to form two lodges of Mark Master Masons at Montreal within the territory and jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, named respectively Victoria, No. 301, and Henniker, No. 314, under which warrant said lodges have been erected and constituted, and also formed and constituted from and by the members of said Mark lodges, a Provincial Grand Lodge, styled Provincial Grand Lodge for Quebec Province, under R.W. Bro. William Badgley, as Provincial Grand Master. And, whereas, the granting of such warrants has thus been done since the formation of said Grand Chapter of Quebec, and its unconditional recognition by said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., and the interchange of fraternal relations from time to time between said two Grand Bodies. And, whereas, said Grand Chapter of Quebec has, since its formation, sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the territory of the Province of Quebec, so far as relates to capitular Masonry, or the degrees of Mark Master and intermediate degrees to, and inclusive of the Royal Arch degree, by reason whereof such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., was, and is unjustifiable and unlawful invasion of the territory and jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in violation of well established principles of Masonic jurisdiction, and an attack upon sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. And, whereas, on the 13th day of August last past, I did on behalf and in the name of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, solemnly protest against the establishment of said named Mark Lodges, by letter addressed to the Right Honourable Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Master of said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., and demanded the withdrawal of the warrants of said two Mark Master Lodges, notifying him that failure to comply with such demand on or before the twenty-fourth day of September then next, and now last past would necessitate the severance of fraternal relations between the said two Grand Bodies. And, whereas, the said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., has ignored the said notification, protest and demand, and has failed to withdraw the said warrants of said lodges, and discontinue its illegal usurpation of rights and invasion of territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. Therefore, be it known unto you all, that in vindication of the sovereignty and in defence of the rights and prerogatives of the Order, and in justice to those Grand Chapters, whose recognition has been extended to it, I declare, in virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, that the action of the said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., in granting said warrants, and erecting and constituting said lodges, was and is illegal and unfraternal, and said lodges irregular and illegal lodges, according to Masonic law and tradition, and the members of said lodges made or to be made therein, irregular Mark Master Masons. In consequence whereof, I declare and proclaim all Masonic intercourse to be suspended, and to cease between the said Grand Chapter, its subordinate chapters, and all members thereof, and in obedience thereto on the one hand, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., and all lodges and members in obedience thereto on the other; and all companions and members of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and of its Subordinate Chapters are hereby commanded to hold no intercourse with any brother in obedience to the said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c. This edict to be and remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Grand Z., or the Grand Chapter of Quebec. It is further ordered that due proclamation of this edict be made to all companions and members in obedience to this Grand Chapter, of which they, and each and all of them, are to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly, and that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges of Mark Masons throughout the world. Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, at Waterloo in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 13th day of October, A.D. 1883.

The circular is duly signed and sealed by the Grand Z., and Grand Scribe E.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES HAYTER.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Hayter, Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, at the age of 65. Bro. Hayter had for some time past been in declining health, and his death occurred at his residence, on Monday, the 3rd inst. He had been associated with the Masonic body for some twenty-five years, having been initiated in the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, April, 1858. He was only just recently elected as an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The funeral took place at the cemetery, Ore, near Hastings, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when Bros. Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, 1184; John Pearce, W.M. 40; John Howell, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., P.M. 40; C. D. Jones, P.M. 1184; and others were present to pay their last tribute of fraternal respect. The service was very impressively rendered by Bro. Alfred Hodges.

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FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. HANHAM,  
P. PROV. G.S.W. DORSET, &c.

The late Thomas B. Hanham, Commander R.N.; J.P. for the county; Chairman of the Bench of Magistrates for the Petty Sessional Division of Sturminster Newton; Chairman of the Board of Guardians for the same district; P. Prov. G.S. Warden Dorset; P.M. of 472, Shaftesbury (two years in the chair); P.M. of 1266, Blandford (three years W.M.); member of 622, Wimborne; also member of the R.A. Chap. 622; of the St. Leonard's Chapter Rose Croix, Blandford; and of the Weymouth Chapter Rose Croix, in both which he passed the chair; also a member of the 32°, was entombed with all the interesting and impressive ceremonies of a Masonic funeral, at Manston House, the residence of the deceased, situated most pleasantly on the banks of the river Stour, in the beautiful Vale of Blackmore. Bro. Hanham had frequently expressed his wish to have a Masonic service at his funeral; and only a few weeks before his fatal illness, repeated his wish to the writer of this narrative, saying, "I've lived a Mason; I shall die a Mason; and I hope to be buried as a Mason; and I enjoin you, as a brother Mason, to use every effort to carry out my wishes."

The constitutional formalities having been observed, and the dispensation of the Prov. Grand Master obtained, invitations to attend and take part in the ceremony were issued to all the members of the three lodges with which he was immediately connected, to the W. Masters, Wardens, or other officers of the other lodges in the province; and by the Prov. Grand Secretary to all the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers. On Tuesday, 5th December, 1883, about 100 brethren assembled, each province with "the form of service" and the "order of the ceremony" arranged for the occasion by W. Bro. E. T. Budden, P.M. 622, P.M. 386, and P.P.G.S.W. Dorset. The service and order of the ceremony was submitted to and approved by the P.G. Master, whilst in proof, and was carried out by the brethren with the utmost reverence in every detail. The coffin was placed in the centre of the hall and the brethren took their places around in due order; the relatives, domestics, and other non-Masonic friends and neighbours occupying a suitable position. The coffin was covered with a Union Jack, and on it were placed two swords crossed, the regalia and jewels of the deceased, and a beautiful wreath, laid thereon by W. Bro. G. Burt (ex-Sheriff of London).

Precisely at 1.30 p.m., the P.G.M. and his officers took their places, the former at the head of the coffin. In a clear solemn tone the P.G.M. then commenced the following service:—

*Master:* What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave.—*Response:* Man walketh in a vain shadow, he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

*M.:* When he dieth he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him.—*R.:* Naked he came into the world, and naked he must return; the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

*M.:* Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.—*R.:* God is our God for ever; He will be our guide even unto death.

*M.:* Almighty Father! into Thy hands we commend the soul of our beloved brother.—*R.:* The will of God is accomplished. So mote it be!

The Rev. W. M. Heath, P.P.G. Chap., then offered up the prayer: Most glorious God! author of all good, and giver of all mercy! Pour down thy blessings upon us, and strengthen our solemn engagements with the ties of sincere affection. May the present instance of mortality remind us of our approaching fate, and draw our attention towards Thee, the only refuge in time of need, that when the awful moment shall arrive that we are about to quit this transitory scene, the enlivening prospect of Thy mercy may dispel the gloom of death; and after our departure hence in peace, and in Thy favour we may be received into Thy everlasting kingdom, to enjoy in union with the souls of our departed friends, the just reward of a pious and virtuous life. Amen.

At the conclusion of this prayer, a choir of picked and trained voices sang with exquisite pathos the well-known anthem of Dr. Calcott:

Forgive, blest shade, the tributary tear,  
That mourns thy exit from a world like this;  
Forgive the wish that would have kept thee here,  
And stayed thy progress to a world of bliss.  
No more confined to grovelling scenes of night,  
No more a tenant pent in mortal clay;  
Now should we rather hail thy glorious flight,  
And trace thy journey to the realms of day.

As the anthem closed the brethren quietly filed off in procession, viz.:

Two Tylers, with swords.  
Brethren not belonging to the province.  
Lodges No. 1367, 1168, 1145, 1037, 707, 665, 417, 386,  
170, 137.

The Present Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Lodges 622, 472, 1266

(To which deceased belonged at death).

A Past Officer of Grand Lodge (Ex-Sheriff Burt).

The Holy Writings

(Carried by the oldest member of 1266).

The Provincial Grand Master.

The choir.

The coffin

(Borne by six brethren of 1266).

The Chief Mourner

(Supported on each side by relatives).

The domestics and other servants, two by two.

Gentlemen friends and neighbours, two by two.

The Provincial Grand Tyler.

As the procession moved off they sang the following processional anthem (Redhead's), and continued singing until the coffin was placed at the entrance to the mausoleum:

Here another guest we bring!  
Seraphs of celestial wing  
To our fun'ral altar come,  
Waft a friend and brother home.  
There, enlarged, his soul will see  
What was veiled in mystery;  
Heavenly glories of the place,  
Show his Maker face to face.  
God of life's eternal day  
Guide us, lest from Thee we stray;  
Lead us by Thy love and might  
To the realms of endless light.

Lord of all—below, above—  
Fill our souls with truth and love;  
As dissolves the earthly tie,  
Take us to Thy Lodge on High.

When the head of the procession reached the mausoleum the brethren opened out right and left, and the P.G.M., choir, and brethren bearing coffin (and mourners) passed through the ranks, and deposited the body at the foot of the steps, on the top of which stood the P.G.M., who continued the service by giving the following address:

Brethren, here we view a striking instance of the uncertainty of life; and the vanity of all earthly pursuits. The last offices paid to the dead are useful only as warnings to the living. From them we are to derive instruction, and consider every solemnity of this kind as a summons to prepare for our own approaching dissolution. Notwithstanding the various signs of mortality which daily confront us; notwithstanding death has established his empire over the whole of nature; yet, through some unaccountable infatuation, we are apt to forget that we are mortal; that we also are born to die. What are the pomp and pride of station; the power of wealth; the charms of beauty, when nature has paid her just debt? In the grave life is stripped of its ornaments; all ranks are levelled; and all distinctions—save those of goodness and virtue—cease. Whilst we drop the tear of sympathy over the tomb of our deceased brother, let our charity throw a veil over his faults (for none from faults are free), and treasure up in our memories those virtues which adorned his life, and made him so useful a brother amongst us. Let the present example excite our most serious thoughts, and strengthen our resolutions to amend. Life is short and uncertain; let us no longer delay the preparation for eternity; but embrace the opportunity which the present time affords to provide against that great change\* when all the pleasures of the world shall cease to delight, and the reflections of a virtuous life yield the only comfort and consolation. Our expectations will not then be disappointed; nor shall we be hurried unprepared before the Grand Judge, to whom the secrets of all hearts are known, and from whose dread tribunal none can escape.

The body was now carried into the mausoleum and carefully laid in its resting place, into which the Prov. Grand Master entered, and laid on the coffin a sprig of acacia and passed out. All the brethren followed and deposited a like token, returning to their places in due order. The Prov. Grand Master then pronounced the following invocations, all the brethren joining in the responses:

*Master:* May we be true and faithful; and may we live and die in charity.—*Response:* So mote it be.

*M.:* May we follow that only which is good, and always act agreeably to our profession.—*R.:* So mote it be.

*M.:* May the Lord bless and prosper us, and may all our good intentions be successfully fulfilled.—*R.:* So mote it be.

*M.:* Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill amongst men.—*R.:* So mote it be; now, from henceforth, and for evermore.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER: Brethren, from time immemorial it has been a custom amongst the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother before his death, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities. In conformity with this usage, and at the special request of our deceased brother, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we deplore, we are here assembled in the character of Masons, to resign his body to the earth, whence it came, and to offer up to his memory before the world this last tribute of fraternal affection."

At the conclusion of this address, the Provincial Grand Master led the brethren in due order back to the house, the choir and brethren singing the following processional anthem:—

What is life? 'Tis but a vapour,  
Soon it vanishes away.  
Life is like a dying taper,  
Oh, my soul, why wish to stay?  
Why not spread thy wings and fly,  
Straight to yonder world of joy.

On arriving at the hall door the ranks again opened out right and left; the relatives, domestics, and friends passed into the house, and the brethren closing inwards, followed, and again took up their position in the hall. Mendelssohn's Solo—"Oh rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him; and He shall give thee thy heart's desire" was charmingly sung, and the choir followed with Chorale No. 9, from St. Paul—

To Thee, O Lord, I yield my spirit,  
Who break'st in love this mortal chain.  
My life I but from Thee inherit,  
And death becomes my chiefest gain.  
In Thee I live, in Thee I die,  
Content—for Thou art ever nigh.

When the choir finished, the Prov. Grand Master addressed a few words of sympathy and condolence to the relatives, and of regret for the loss the Craft had sustained, and expressed the great loss to himself as Provincial Grand Master occasioned by the removal of so earnest and loyal a supporter, and so generous a contributor to all our Masonic Charities.

Thus concluded one of the most interesting, impressive, and faultless ceremonies the writer has ever witnessed. The commanding figure and grave and sonorous voice of the Provincial Grand Master, the skilful execution of solemn music at intervals whilst the brethren were assembling, the great efficiency of the Director of Ceremonies and his Assistant, all directions given and obeyed in almost absolute silence, the finished singing of the choir, the reverence of the spectators, the calm, glorious weather, all combined to lend an indescribable charm of solemnity and fitness to the unusual—too unusual—and unique celebration. 'Twas a thing to remember the rest of one's life. No lodge was opened, as the Prov. G.M., using his Masonic discretion, considered it more prudent to omit the few rites which could only be used in lodge, and to have the ceremony open to all present from beginning to end. W. Bro. Whitehead-Smith, P.M. 622, P.P.G.D.C., P.P.G.O., and Organist of Wimborne Minster, presided at the organ, and the choir consisted of a quartette of men's voices and two boy choristers from Wimborne Minster. The anthems were selected from the greatest favourites of the deceased.

\* When the silver cord shall be loosed, the golden bowl be broken, the pitcher broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern; when the dust must return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.



The Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, has voted £5 ss. to the Hughs Testimonial.

Bro. Alfred A. Clement was installed W.M. of St. Leonards Lodge, No. 1766, at the Town Hall, Shore-ditch, on Wednesday last.

Bro. W. H. Russell, S.W. 40, was unanimously elected W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, on Monday last, and Bro. F. Rensiter, P.M., elected Treasurer.

The speech delivered in Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, respecting the status of Past Masters, was not by Bro. Frank Green, but by Bro. Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D. of C.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, held on Monday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. George Bean, of Clapham, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The installation meeting of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland, will take place on Thursday evening next, the 13th inst., when the installation of Bro. John C. Moor, W.M. elect, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The ceremony is to be performed by the W.M., Bro. C. McNamara. There is likely to be a large gathering on the occasion.

At the dinner of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, on January 9th, it is intended, as a mark of regard and esteem, to present Mr. Wynne E. Baxter with a full-length portrait of himself in his official robes as first Mayor of Lewes. The portrait has been painted by Mr. W. Cave Thomas. Bro. George Kenning is the present Master, the Master-elect being Major Joseph, C.C.

The following banquets have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 15th December, 1883:—Monday, 10th—City Ramblers' Cricket Club Ball, St. George's and Cornerstone Lodge, Leigh Lodge, University Chapter, Finsbury Conservative Association. Tuesday, 11th—Urban Lodge, St. James's Union Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter, Court's Cricket Club. Wednesday, 12th—New Holborn Quadrilles, Amersham Hall Club, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday, 13th—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, Polish National Lodge, Caledonian Society, Creation Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge. Friday, 14th—London Wrayshire Club Ball, Bees Cricket Club, Bedford Lodge, Electric Lodge. Saturday, 15th.—Tottenham House Ball.

At a meeting of the Guelph Lodge of Instruction, No. 1685, at the Leyton Town Hall, Leyton, Essex, to be held on the 20th inst., an announcement of which will be found in another column, the sections will be worked as follows:—First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. John Dorton, P.M. and Treas. 1076; 2nd, E. Skelt, P.M. 1685, and W.M. 1593; 3rd, R. F. E. Hopkins, 749; 4th, T. Clark, S.W. 1178; 5th, M. Christian, J.W. 860; 6th, A. Calver, J.D. 933; 7th, B. Cundick, P.M. 1421. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. W. G. Durrant, P.M. 1056; 2nd, J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; 3rd, W. Musto, P.M. 1349; 4th, F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056; 5th, G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 829 and 1445; 2nd, F. King, P.M. 1056; 3rd, G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554, W.M. 1580, &c.

We gather from the *Court Circular* that when the Prince of Wales was last in Prussia, he visited, with the Crown Prince, his brother-in-law, the military barracks in the Carlstrasse. They were surprised, on entering the first room, to see the Crown Princess Victoria's likeness hanging the guard table. In wandering through the several quarters they found a similar portrait similarly placed in each room. At last, as they stepped into another room, the Crown Prince remarked to his brother-in-law: "There she is again! I feel half inclined to be jealous, she seems to be such a favourite here." But the soldiers, in their desire to create a pleasant surprise, had practised a little piece of deception à la Potemkin. As the whole regiment possessed only one portrait of the Princess, they contrived to make it do duty in each of the rooms in turn. As soon as the Prince's back was turned, while speaking with one of the soldiers, the picture was taken down, carried into the next room, and hung over the table of the corporal.

There was a large gathering of members and friends of the charitable institution known as "Ye Antient Fraternite of Ye Rahere Almoners (amongst whom are numbered several well-known Freemasons) at the first of a series of smoking concerts, held at the Manchester Hotel, E.C., on Monday last. Amongst the general company were Bros. A. C. Morton, C.C., in the chair, J. Stevens, Joseph Young, A. E. Emdin, J. Deverall, C.C., and many others. Amongst the vocalists were Bros. Theodore Distin, Chaplin Henry, Wakefield Ree, Seymour Smith, G. S. Graham, Egbert Roberts, and others. The whole of the officers of the Grand Council of the fraternity were present, and their friends completely occupied all the available space, there being nearly 200 persons present. The entertainment was excellent and the result very successful, the alms' chest being largely contributed to, and a large number of annual subscribers being enrolled. The Chairman, Bro. Stevens, and Mr. Sangster, the worthy Recorder (or Secretary), respectively addressed the company during a necessary interval, recounting the past good work, present position, and future expectations of the institution, and their remarks met with much appreciation. We are informed that the second of the series of these concerts will be given on the 14th January next, and we hope it may meet with a like success.

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Comp. W. Lake was on Saturday last elected M.E.Z. of the West Kent Chapter, No. 1297, Anerley.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford and Lady Beresford have joined the party visiting the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Eastwell Park.

Bro. Lord Waveney, R.W. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, has been appointed Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Antrim, in room of the late Marquis of Donegall, deceased.

Bro. Walter Wood, Secretary of the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, has been unanimously elected W.M. of his mother lodge, Confidence, No. 193. The installation will take place on January 14th.

Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, President of the Royal Academy (with Mr. Fred A. Eaton, the Secretary), were honoured with an audience of Her Majesty, at Windsor, on the 5th inst.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday 20th inst., at Leyton Town Hall, Leyton, Essex, by Bro. J. Boulton, P.M. 1056, &c. Full particulars will be found in our advertisement columns. Brethren are cordially invited.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. W. H. Gulliford, W.M. 1614 and P.M. 1017, at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at The Cranbourne, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., (next door to Aldridge's Horse Repository), on Thursday, the 6th prox., at 8 p.m.

The Rev. I. I. Keily, a Mohawk chieftain, in an address he recently gave, said he was of opinion with reference to the origin of the aborigines of the Continent of America, that they were descended from the crews of the nine ships which Solomon sent to Ophir after gold, and which never returned; proof of this he considered was in the fact that Masonry had been known among the Indians long before the arrival of the whites, and that there were over 700 Hebrew words in the Indian language.

At the dedication of the Clausentum Lodge Masonic Hall at Woolston, which we reported last week, Bro. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Secretary, in his address to the Prov. Grand Master, mentioned, as worthy of note, that both the architect (Bro. W. Mitchell) and the builder (Bro. W. H. Chapman, I.P.M.) were initiated in the Clausentum Lodge, and said their knowledge of practical Masonry must have been of the greatest service in carrying out the work. At the subsequent festivities the health of the W.M. Bro. Methven, was proposed by Bro. Chapman, congratulations being at the same time tendered the W.M. upon an interesting coincidence which had that day occurred in his social circle in the birth of a son.

Practical steps have at last been taken to remedy the unsightliness of the bare pedestals at the ends of Blackfriars' Bridge. During the present week there has been placed on the north-west pedestal the plaster cast of the equestrian statue by the French artist M. Clesinger, at the Crystal Palace, taken by permission of the company. In placing this model on the bridge, the Bridge House Committee wish it clearly to be understood that it is not intended to execute the work for the purpose of being permanently placed on the bridge, neither is it intended to be any indication of the proposed treatment of any subject for a statue, but only to give some idea of the size and general dimensions of the statutory hereafter to be placed on the four pedestals of the bridge.

A largely attended meeting of the General Committee charged with the preliminary arrangements for the Annual Masonic Ball at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 5th proximo, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held at headquarters in Hope-st., on Friday evening, the 7th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Whitehead, P.M., 241. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks should be given to Bros T. Sheen, C.C., P.M., 241, and G. Pect, C.C., P.M., 241, for the manner in which they successfully advocated the claims of the Masonic body to the use of the Town-hall in connection with the ball. A letter from Bro. Councillor J. Poole, P.G.S.W., was read by the Secretary (Bro. J. C. Robinson), promising to give his most cordial support to the festive gathering. The committee fixed the price of tickets at 15s., and Bro. H. M. Molyneux was again chosen master of ceremonies, an office which he has held with much success and acceptance for many years.

London and North Western Railway and Christmas.—It is a matter of course that, as one season succeeds another, our railway companies should make a point of offering every kind of facility within their power for the traveller, be he merely an occasional holiday maker or one who has made up his mind to spend a month or two in visiting our most attractive pleasure resorts. The London and North Western Railway Company, which is always to the fore in its consideration of the public convenience, has lost no time in issuing its programme for the approaching Christmas holidays, and we say, unhesitatingly, that it would be difficult to make better arrangements. All next week, and up to Monday, the 24th inst., inclusive, the ticket offices will be open throughout the day, so that at the Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction stations, intending travellers will have every opportunity for procuring their tickets before the day on which they purpose travelling, so that they will be able to avoid the terrible crush which invariably takes place at principal termini on high days and holidays. Tickets may also be obtained at the principal receiving offices of the company in the City and the West End. Special Trains will be run on Saturday night and the day before Christmas, and similarly convenient arrangements will be made during the whole of what are known as the Christmas holidays. Everything has also been done in order to secure the quick transit and prompt delivery of Christmas parcels, while great stress is laid on the service of family omnibuses, which convey passengers and their luggage between the principal stations of the Company and their destination. In short, as at other seasons, so now, the programme of this Company is in all respects satisfactory.

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The *New York Commercial Advertiser* says a gentleman in Philadelphia has offered his large mansion and lot of ground, 100 by 175 feet, for a home for indigent Masons, their widows and orphans, of Pennsylvania, and to endow it with his whole estate after his death.

From the same source we learn that Monseigneur Henri Smuclders, Councillor of the Sacred College, has been appointed by the Pope Apostolic Delegate to Canada to inquire relative to the prevalence of Freemasonry among the professors and students in Lavater University.

The Installation Meeting of the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, took place on the 7th inst. at Ashford, Kent, when Bro. H. Green was installed into the chair of K.S., in the presence of W. Bro. Jas. S. Fasto, Dep. Prov. G.M., and a number of Prov. Grand officers. We shall give a full report next week.

At the usual meeting of the De Grey and Ripon Chapter, No. 1356, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., Comps. C. Arden was elected Z.; W. W. Sandbrook, II.; and T. O. Dutton, J. Bros. T. Burnside and J. Casey, were also exalted to the Royal Arch Degree at this meeting.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jelly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 15th inst., Bros. D. Moss, S.W. 1275, W.M.; T. Cull, P.M. 1446, S.W.; H. G. Gush, W.M. 1541, J.W.; R. Pearcey, P.M. 228, I.P.M. Lodge will open punctually at 7 p.m.

On the 11th inst., at Winchester, Bro. J. T. Burckett, for many years a member of the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, was installed W.M. of the William of Wykeham Lodge, No. 1883, by P.M., Bro. W. Gamon, I.P.M. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. Hickman; and several P.G. Officers and visiting brethren from other lodges attended.

We notice that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire, has honoured the newly constituted Methuen Chapter, No. 1533, Marlborough, Wilts, by becoming an honorary member, a circumstance which must be not only gratifying to the companions of the chapter in question, but which shows H.R.H.'s continued fraternal regard for the Masons of Wilts, amongst whom he for some time resided.

The *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book*.—This handy and compact little annual once more makes its appearance in anticipation of the 1st January next, this being the fourteenth year of its publication. For its size it contains an immense amount of information on Masonic matters, and gives a list of all the lodges and chapters in England, Scotland, and Ireland, together with full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the world. Not only is the date of foundation of all the lodges in Great Britain and Ireland given, but the days on which they hold their ordinary regular meetings are to be found within the pages of this wonderful little book, whilst a complete list of the chief rulers of the Craft all over the Universe is given. No Mason, in fact, should be without the calendar.—*Liverpool Daily Post*.

A meeting of the committee entrusted with the arrangements for a memorial to the late Bro. William Simpson, an esteemed member of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, was held on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., at Davidson's Hotel, Liverpool. The Rev. T. Mayor Lester occupied the chair. Several designs of ornamental drinking-fountains were laid before the committee for consideration, and it was finally decided to adopt one supplied by Mr. Thomas Cox, of Cook-street. The design is in the Gothic style of architecture, and is of chaste and unpretentious proportions. It is intended to place it at the Pier-head, Liverpool, in some suitable spot, which no doubt the City Council will generously grant for the purpose; and the idea sought to be carried out is that it shall serve the three-fold object of a useful drinking-fountain, an ornament to the Pier-head, and a grateful memorial to a man so full of kindness and good works as was the late Bro. Wm. Simpson. Sketches of the design are to be prepared, so that the public may see what it is proposed to erect, when it is hoped that those who have held back their subscriptions till this was decided upon will at once send in their contributions.

Illegality of the Quebec Lodges.—In April and July last we had occasion to call attention to the existence of a number of so-called Freemason lodges in this province, whose primary object was to further the interests of Orangeism and not to advance those of Freemasonry as recognised by our law. We showed plainly at the time that these institutions were illegal. Of course, our exposition of the illegality of these Quebec lodges did not please the "men who never break the law" (?); and efforts were made by certain of our contemporaries to contradict our statements. A certain member of parliament, who is also the editor of a Montreal newspaper, especially endeavoured to make out a case for the illegal lodges at a Masonic gathering held at Highgate Springs, last July. He did on the platform in the backwoods what he apparently was afraid to touch upon in the columns of his paper. The contentions which we made at the beginning of the discussion are now more than fully justified by the fact that we have it stated from the lips of the Gd. Sec. of the G.L. of Quebec, that the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott has been instructed to prepare a bill for the next session of Parliament for the purpose of legalising the Freemasons (so-called) of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in this province. And the better to secure the influence and support of the members of the maritime provinces it is intended to add one of their Grand Lodges to the proposed bill. The Quebec Grand Secretary made a further admission, in fact boasted that Sir Hector Langevin had promised his assistance to push the bill through. It will be patent from these confessions, that in their own opinions, the Quebec lodges were and are still illegal. There is no necessity to introduce a bill to legalise any lodge of Freemasons in the maritime provinces, as they are already all recognised by law. This tactic is only another proof that the Quebec Lodge is afraid to stand on its own merits, and we believe it will have considerable difficulty in proving itself to be in any wise a "benevolent institution." Unless it can disprove all association with Orangeism, the duty of Parliament will be to reject the proposed bill and to refuse to legalise an institution which serves as a cloak for an illegal one.—*Montreal Post*.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS,**  
For the Week ending Saturday, December 22, 1883.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.**  
Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tav.  
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1537, St. Peter Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 1910, Shadwell Clerke, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.  
Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds., Putney, 8 till 10.  
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
" Long Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
" Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, at 7.45.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.**  
Board of General Purposes, at 4.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg  
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender-hill.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 11, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.  
Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.  
Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.**  
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1624, Eccleston, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W.  
" 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
" 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88 Gracechurch-st., 8.  
United Mariners, Luard Hot., Luard-rd., Peckham.  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.  
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
Burgoyne, Victoria Hot., 35, Charterhouse-st., E.C., at 7.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.  
Merchant Navy, Silver T., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30 (alt.)  
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-rd., Notting hill, 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30  
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.**

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan Hot., Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.  
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Ha., South Norwood.  
" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1681, Londesborough, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
" 1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.  
" 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.  
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
Mark Bon Accord, SA, Red Lion-sq.  
" 7, Café Royal, Regent-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.  
Great Northern, Berwick, Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.  
Covent Garden, The Cranbourne, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.  
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.  
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)  
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.**  
House Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge G, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.  
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
" Ross Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.  
K.T. Precept. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.) F.M.H., at 7.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's T., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.

Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich  
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.  
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.**  
(No meetings.)  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, 7.  
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,**  
For the Week ending Saturday, December 22, 1883.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.**  
Lodge 703, Clifton, Royal Hotel, Blackpool.  
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.  
" 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.  
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.**  
Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Hot., Nantwich.  
" 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Cholmondeley L. of I., Commercial Hot., Frodsham.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.**  
Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.  
" 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., North Hill-st., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.**  
Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
William de la More Preceptory, M.H., St. Helen's.  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.**  
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.  
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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