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It is almost melancholy to walk along that deserted street where English Freemasons love mostly to congregate, and to note the appearance of dullness and desertion drawing over the scene. Freemasons' Tavern seems to have lost its old animation, and Bro. DAWKINS is visibly depressed. At an end for a time are Masonic sociality, and Masonic geniality. Passed away for a moment the cheeriest of hosts, and the most gratified of guests. No longer does some good old lodge unfurl its banner of unflinching and hearty hospitality. The pleasant home of the social circle, the gay gathering of friends, the jest that sets the table in a roar, the pleasant glee and the sympathetic strain all are vanished and hushed for a little space. English Freemasonry is "en sommeil," as the French say,—in their Masonic parlance, "we sleep." Yes, and so it is. The agreeable reunions which marked the progress of 1884 are put a stop to, for our brethren are scattered far and wide, and until the good Secretary issues his mystic summonses again, that good lodge which can recall so many welcome meetings, and such a prosperous career, has for a little space of time ceased Masonically to be. And perhaps it is good for us all that it should be so, perhaps it is after all but the natural law of rest and change. Even hospitality tires, and Masonic repetition might bore. We may have too much even of a good thing, unsatisfied and ungrateful mortals that we are. By the end of the season we can discount nearly and pretty well all that our brethren are likely to say and do under certain given circumstances. Hence the freshness of our social circles has departed from them, and tameness and iteration have begun to pall. A pause is, therefore, advisable; a rest is needful. Practically until October and November metropolitan English Freemasonry remains in silence and stillness. Even the good old Tyler is away disporting himself with his family at Ramsgate or Herne Bay. When next we all meet let us hope that no well-known form will be missing from our ranks, no welcome voice be stilled for aye, no warm heart have passed from our midst and the lodge's existence, and has become but a shadow of the past. May all again assemble to prove and illustrate the potency of the friendship and the sincerity of sympathy, and show that our Craft, maligned and assailed just now in many quarters, has yet succeeded in a wonderful measure in lighting up the graces of sympathy, good will, and fraternal-interest, in such a manner as to make some contented mortals here go on their way rejoicing, having found in Freemasonry a bond of Friendship, a test of sincerity, a living link of kindness, regard, attachment and affection.

We venture to repeat our humble opinion, that enough has now been said about the Roman Catholic attack on Freemasonry. After Lord CARMARVON's clear exposition of Masonic teaching and his eloquent repudiation of unfounded calumnies, we had better, we think, leave the matter where it is. It is useless and unavailable to keep up a state of excitement about it after all. An innocuous libel can really do us no harm, and there can be no possible advantage in "piling up the agony" on every occasion. In the *Freemason* we have confined ourselves as was only proper and sensible to a dignified denial of ridiculous allegations and a befitting protest against unjustifiable charges. We have regretted to see educated Roman Catholics joining in a vulgar cry, and belying their very culture, and common sense. But having said this much, and pointed out certain facts, we have said enough, our task is accomplished, our duty done "Liberavimus animam nostram," and we leave the issue to be developed or even decided by the good sense of mankind, and the honourable and straightforward testimony of the great public itself.

We rejoice to hear that the prospects of the Worcester gathering are most promising. Offers of help are coming in, and the result will be probably a very

remarkable success. We repeat, that if only all the brethren who can help will help, we shall be able to report some day a very signal triumph. It is a movement which deserves every support by the "bright Masons" of our Order.

We note that the GRAND MASTER of the Grand Lodge of Canada states that the Dutch Grand Orient has actually already taken out of the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. from its ritual, &c. We think our distinguished brother is a little premature. There is a strong movement party with tendencies in that direction in the Dutch Grand Orient, and the recent promulgation at Brussels was, to us who know what is going on, not a good omen of the future. There is also no doubt a great leaning on the part of many Dutch brethren for French ideas and Belgian proclivities. But we think the result arrived at in France and Belgium is hardly yet a "fait accompli" in Holland. We shall be glad to be set right on this important subject one way or the other by some well-informed Dutch brother on the subject. We shall certainly regret such a change in Dutch Freemasonry as most opposed to its old and honest teaching. We naturally in England, for many reasons, feel an interest in Holland and in Dutch Freemasonry, and nothing will give us greater pain than to have to announce officially that it has fallen from its high prestige and forgotten its venerable traditions, or that it has become the obsequious imitator of the proceedings in France and Belgium which have done so much harm to their national Freemasonry respectively, which are so retrograde in themselves, and so antagonistic to the genuine principles of true cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

THE Grand Lodge of Canada, from the recent address of the GRAND MASTER, seems in a very prosperous condition. A suggestion is made that the words "with jurisdiction in Ontario" should be added to its title. In our humble opinion it had far better style itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario and Canada. That would be really an unimpeachable name.

We call attention to a long letter elsewhere from Canada, in respect of the legal position of the Prov. Mark Grand Lodge and its subordinate Mark lodges. We entirely agree with our correspondent, that, as a matter of law, the position of the Prov. Mark Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges is unimpeachable. For it will be noted, that the words of the act are "a Grand Lodge," and the Mark Grand Lodge being clearly a Grand Lodge by general recognition is a legal body contemplated by the act. But this discussion seems to bring out a clearer light than ever, the very serious position of the Quebec Grand Lodge. So long as that body has no enabling act, so long as it is not exempted formally from the provisions and penalties of the Secret Societies' Act, so long do its members when they meet, do despite to the laws of the land and incur the penalties enforced by the Act. It is a very disagreeable position of affairs, but the Masonic and legal position of the English lodges in Canada is altogether, as we have said all along, unquestionable.

IN America and Canada the word "Dude" answers to "Masher," now very much in use in colloquial parlance. Under the head of a "Masonic Dude," we find the following "par" in the *Montreal Daily Witness*, of July 22nd: "Yesterday afternoon a young man who could barely have attained the age upon which a person is eligible for Masonic candidature was observed on the Notre Dame-street cars. His scarf was of a pronounced colour, while in front of it he sported a trowel which was considerably out of proportion. He was otherwise got up for effect, but as one gentlemen remarked, 'he won't pass.'" We have no such animal, happily, in England!

We have seen some curious Masonic announcements, advertisements, puffs, &c., in our time, but never any equal to what we now take from the *Canadian Craftsman* of July 15th, and which again clips it from the "Home Journal," whatever that may be. Read and perpend, "my masters all": "The 'Deputy Imperial Grand Master over all the legal sovereign lodges of both hemispheres,'—W.B. Lord High Admiral and Imperial Grand Potentate of the Oriental Harem of Mizraim, and the rest of the world, has issued a proclamation about the 'pristine purity' of the Craft." What next, we would like to ask in "bated breath?" "The Grand Potentate of the Oriental Harem of Mizraim!" Who is the favoured party?

We agree entirely with the remarks of our able Bro. BROWNRIE, P.G.C., the other day that Freemasons ought not simply to devote

themselves to Masonic Charity however good in itself. There are other humanitarian institutions of benevolence, and healing, and help, we may well support and duly sympathize with, and, therefore, as we shall call attention to all such good Samaritan associations from time to time, we beg to direct our readers to a communication elsewhere relative to Dr. Moon's Printing for the Blind. Too much praise cannot really be accorded to the persevering and philanthropic exertions of that laborious benefactor of humanity, exertions, which, under Providence, have been greatly blessed in their result. We rejoice to hear how such great success has attended his praiseworthy and unselfish efforts for nearly 40 years, and trust that the public has in store for him the best reward for himself, a still higher measure of sympathy and success. We may add that we shall be glad to receive communications in respect of similar useful and philanthropic institutions.

THE ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY.

Though the announcement has been made elsewhere somewhat prematurely, it is nevertheless a well-authenticated fact that our experienced and respected Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, has resolved on tendering at an early date the resignation of his important office. We doubt not it must have caused Bro. Buss many and many a pang ere he finally made up his mind to terminate his official relations with Freemasonry. His duties in the Secretariat of Grand Lodge, seeing that they have endured for upwards of thirty years, must have become, as it were, almost a part of his being, and there are few even of the youngest amongst us who do not know, or are incapable of appreciating, the full significance of the resolution which he has at length adopted. Time, however, is no respecter of persons, and a sharp attack of illness, which overtook him some months back, and necessitated his absence from duty for a time, has not had the effect of strengthening his ability to bear the cares and responsibilities of his office. Wisely, then, but, as we are assured, most regretfully Bro. Buss has elected to resign at an early date, while he still has health and strength left him to enjoy his retirement, and we are well content to believe that no official of Grand Lodge, past, present, or to come, ever has carried, or ever will carry away with him a stronger feeling of respect and esteem. In him his colleagues will lose not only a wise councillor to whom, in all cases of doubt and difficulty, to apply, but likewise a dear personal friend. In him the Grand Secretary, the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Officers, will be deprived of their right hand man; and when he is no longer to be seen occupying the old familiar seat in the Grand Secretary's Office, the Craft generally will miss in him the kindly official, whose advice was to be had for the asking. That, when the proper time arrives, the opportunity will be taken to give full expression to the respect so universally felt towards Bro. Buss is a matter of certainty, but of this of course we shall have occasion to speak hereafter, when the step which is now only in the stage of contemplation has been taken irrevocably. Till then we must content ourselves with expressing the hope that Bro. Buss will live many, many years to enjoy that repose to which, by reason of his long and honourable career, he is so justly entitled.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was holden at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening. Bro. John Havers, P. Grand J., occupied the chair of M.E.Z.; Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P. Assist. G. Soj., Grand Register, acted as H. and Lieut.-Col. Creaton, P. Prov. G. Soj., as J. The other companions present were:

Comps. Col. Shadwell H; Clerke, G.S.E.; H. J. P. Dumas as G.S.N.; Lord Cremorne, G.P. Soj.; John Sampson Peirce, as 1st Assist.; Rev. Thos. Robinson, as 2nd Asst.; James Lewis-Thomas, as G. Std. B.; Henry Maudslay, P.G. Sword B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. B.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.E., P.G. Std. B.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.C.; Frank Richardson, George Lambert, Magnus Ohren, J. Smith Eastes, G. Swd. B.; J. H. Matthews, G.D.C.; Edward Letchworth, 1st G. Std. B.; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Dr. Alfred Richards, 2nd G. Std. B.; E. M. Lott, G. Organist; Henry Sadler, G. Janitor; Col. Taylor, C. A. Woods, H. 1572; John Henry Leggott, H. 145, 1056; George Graveley, Z. 554, 898; J. H. Paul, P.Z. 46; William Stephens, P.Z. 862, 874; H. Massey, P.Z. 619; Nathl. Goodchild, P.G. 704; D. P. Cama, P.Z. 1503, M.E.Z. 255; Henry Slyman, M.E.Z. 704; Capt. A. Nicols, J. 890; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; P. Newbould, J. 404, and A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Col. CREATON, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

"To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

"The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 16th April, to the 15th July, 1884, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£145 8 9	By Disbursements during the Quarter	212 12 8
" " Unappropriated		" Balance	1653 16 1
" Account	205 3 4	" " Unappropriated	
" Subsequent Receipts	401 10 0	" Account	198 13 4
	<u>£2065 2 1</u>		<u>£2065 2 1</u>

"Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

"The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

"1st. From Comps. Charles Gore Ring as Z.; William Foster Rooke as H.; the Rev. Adolphus Frederick Alexander Woodford as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Greta Lodge, No. 1073, Keswick, to be called "The Greta Chapter," and to meet at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick, Cumberland.

"2nd. From Comps. Barnet Nicholls, as Z.; Carl Otto Kopp, as H.; Rodham Home Cook, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Ionic Lodge of Amoy, No. 1781, Amoy, to be called the Amoy Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Amoy, China.

"The foregoing petitions being in all respect regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

"The Committee further recommend to Grand Chapter that the following companions be appointed a committee to revise the Royal Arch Regulations and assimilate the same so far as practicable with the revised edition

of the Book of Constitutions of the Craft, viz.: E. Comps. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Thomas Fenn, Robert Grey, Edward Letchworth, and John Sampson Peirce.

(Signed)

"JOHN CREATON,
P. Prin. G. Soj., President.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th July, 1884."

Col. CREATON proposed and Comp. J. Lewis-Thomas seconded the adoption of the above recommendations.

This having been unanimously carried Grand Chapter was closed with the customary solemnities.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Autumn Moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England was held at Exeter on Wednesday last, at the Royal Public Rooms.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was opened at three o'clock under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Tanner Davy, and the other officers present were:—Bro. W. G. Rogers, 35, as D.G. Master; W. Vicary, 215, G.S. Warden; A. Latimer, 35, G.J. Warden; J. Lane, 319, G. Master Overseer; G. N. Burden, 316, G. Senior O.; W. H. R. Saunders, 216, G. Junior O.; E. Ilbert Crosse, M.A., 9, G. Chap.; W. G. Gervis, 215, G. Treas.; G. F. Gratwicke, 15, G. Secretary; W. H. Cawse, 16, G. Asst. Sec.; H. Stocker, 15, as Sen. G.D.; G. C. Searle, 215, G. Jun. D.; J. Wills, 15, G. Sup. of Works; A. Bodley, 15, as G. Dir. of Cers.; G. Huxham, 15, Asst. Dir. of Cers.; A. Tout, 23, as G. Sword Bearer; R. Lavers, 100, G. Standard Bearer; L. E. Bearne, 215, Grand Organist; James Hayward, 215, Grand Pursuivant; H. Rogers, 96, Grand Steward; and James Gidley, 169, G. Tyler. Among the other brethren present were:—

Bros. Viscount Molesworth, P.G.C.; Jas. Jerman, P.P.G.S.O.; T. Russell, P.G. Chap.; John Stocker, P.P.G. Treas.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G.C.; J. D. Barker, P.P.G.O.; J. Algar, P.P.G. Reg.; Chas. Stevens, P.P.J.S.; Charles Pope, P.P. G.S.B.; Chas. Wiltshire, P.P.G.M.O.; Hugh Elliot, P.P.G.A.D.C.; John Brewer, P.P.G.S.W.; Hy. Woodgates, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Broughton-Smith, P.P.G. J.W.; S. E. Endacott, I.G.; S. Kelly, G. N. Burden, P.G.M.O.; W. Whittley, P.P.P. Chap.; John Nemo, P.P.D.C.; Jno. Leonard, P.P.G. Purst.; John Snook, W. L. Gervis, P.G. Treas.; Geo. R. Barrett, P.P.G. Treas.; Isaiah Austin, P.P.G. S.D.; John Burns, P.P.G. S. of W.; Henry R. Langmead, P.P.G. Purst.; Walter G. Rogers, P.P.G.S.W.; H. B. Stark, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Ley, P.P.G.I.O.; T. Rogers, P.G.S.; Thomas Murray Gorman, P.G.C.; C. A. Nicholson, P.P.G.D.; S. M. Hiley, P.P.G.J.D.; Jno. Olver, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Easton, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Seymour, P.P.G. Treas.; Thos. Parkhouse, G. F. Truscott, W. F. Quicke, P.P.G.R.; D. Cross, P.P.G.S.B.; H. G. Martin, P.P.G.S.B.; Herbert Spencer, S.O.; J. Sampson, J.O.; Wm. Haymes, John Read, W. R. Lisle, J.D.; G. H. Baynes Reed, Chas. H. Fulford, R. H. Watson, J. H. Warren, Andrew Hope, W. H. Kelland, W. Bradnee, Jas. Gifford, Frank R. Thomas, Geo. Bray, S.O.; J. Benney, Tyler; F. Crouch, S.D.; Jno. Dodge, Thos. Prust, Wm. Powe, Geo. Evans, A. T. Blamey, S. Sandison, J. O. Evans, Sergt. F. W. Fardoe, R.H.A.; S. Loram, W. H. Madeley, P. Blanchard, Tyler.

The P.G. Sec. (Bro. G. F. GRATWICKE), announced that in accordance with instructions given at the Provincial Grand Lodge at Newton, addresses of condolence on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., were forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany. The receipt of both addresses had been acknowledged, the letter from the Home Secretary being—

Sir,—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the members of the Society of Mark Master Masons, resident in the County of Devon, on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold the Duke of Albany, K.G., and I have the satisfaction to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the address very graciously.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
To G. F. Gratwicke, Esq. W. V. HARCOURT.

On the proposal of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. ROGERS, and supported by Bros. the Rev. W. WHITTLEY and the Rev. I. CROSSE, it was resolved, "That the P.G.M.M. and Officers and members of the P.G. Lodge of Devonshire desire to express their gratitude to the M.W. the Grand Mark Master, for the readiness with which he kindly accepted the invitation to honour this the senior Province by holding his first Moveable Grand Lodge in Devonshire, and in the Ever-Faithful City of Exeter, whose Masonic records are of such antiquity."

On the proposal of Bro. the Rev. T. RUSSELL, seconded by Bro. E. T. FULFORD, a hearty vote of thanks was given the Dean and Chapter for permitting the brethren to go over the Cathedral, and to Bro. the Rev. H. E. Reynolds for so kindly conducting them, as also to Mrs. Gard for throwing open her grounds at Rougemont Castle.

Grand Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, when the Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, was accompanied by the following officers and acting Grand Officers: The R.W. Bros. Col. Tanner Davey, G.M.M. Devon, as Dep. G.M.; Else, G.M.M. Somerset, as P.G.M.; H. H. Locke, P.P.G.M., as G.S.W.; Sir C. Palmer, G.J.W.; Henry Venn, G.O.; W. Roebuck, as G.S.O.; Thomas J. Pulley, as G.J.O.; Rev. H. G. Morse, and Rev. R. P. Bent, G. Chaps.; F. Davison, P.G.S.W., G. Treas.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.W., G. Sec.; Chas. W. Duke, G.S.W. Sussex, G.S.D.; W. C. Rodway, G.J.W. Somerset, G.J.D.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; John Lane, as G.A.D.C.; Controller S. G. Bake, G.S.B.; E. T. Fulford, P.G.S., as G. Std. Br.; W. Morris, G.I.G.; Percy Wallis, P.G.S., P.G.J.D.; W. S. Gillard, P.G.S., P.P.G.J.W. Somerset; C. F. Matier, Dep. M.G.M.; R. V. Howard, D.G.M.M.; H. Howard Hodges, P.G.S.W. Berks and Oxon.

After the Grand Lodge had been opened, apologies were announced by the Grand Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, from a number of distinguished brethren.

On the motion of Bro. F. DAVISON, Grand Treasurer, seconded by Controller BAKE, £10 10s. was voted to the Hughan Testimonial Fund.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER of DEVON then conveyed to the Grand Master, in a few well-chosen words, the vote of thanks carried at the Provincial Lodge.

The Earl of KINTORE expressed his gratitude for the kind welcome given him, and the pleasure it would give him on every occasion to do all in his power to advance the interests of the Order.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Rougemont Hotel, and an excellent spread was made by the manager, Bro. W. T. Hussey, the menu being a most liberal one. The City Professional Band played during dinner. The Earl of Kintore presided, with the Provincial Grand Masters of Devon and Somerset on his immediate right, Sir Charles Palmer and Lord Molesworth being on his left, and the various Present and Past Grand Officers in the immediate neighbourhood. Among those also present were between sixty

and seventy of the brethren who had attended the lodge. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bro. W. Vicary (the Prov. S.W.) and Bro. W. G. Rogers, (the W.M. of No. 15). Letters of apology and regret that they were unable to attend were received from Lord Egerton, the Deputy Grand Master (who was absent through ill-health) and many other officers of Grand Lodge.

After dinner various Masonic toasts were proposed, and were interspersed by some excellent musical performances. The Earl of Kintore prefaced the toasts with a warm acknowledgment of the kindness experienced by himself and all the officers of the Grand Lodge. Fired by a good dinner he was prepared to speak at length on the various toasts; but he saw the list headed with the line—

Brief! I pray you, for you see it's a busy time with me.

And he should certainly take care to conform with these words—The health of the Queen having been duly honoured, the health of the Prince of Wales was given' the Earl of Kintore mentioning that he was with his Royal Highness the previous day and was desired by the Prince to convey to the brethren present on this occasion his hearty good wishes.

The health of the Grand Master was given by the Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire and received with the utmost enthusiasm, the Grand Master acknowledged the compliment in the warmest terms, expressing his great satisfaction at the flourishing condition of Masonry, there being at this moment no less than 355 lodges. Concerning the reception given Grand Lodge and himself, he was so highly pleased that he would promise that if ever—in any Masonic position—he was again invited to Devonshire nothing over which he had any control should prevent him attending. In conclusion he expressed the opinion—which he was sure all would endorse—that Devonshire was presided over by one of the most able and popular Masters who ever ruled a Masonic province—(cheers).—The Provincial Grand Master of Somerset proposed the Past Grand Masters of the Order, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Grand Officers of England, for which Sir Charles Palmer responded.

The healths of the Provincial Master of Devon and his Officers, the W.M. and Members of St. George's Lodge, and other toasts followed, the speakers including Bros. Wallis, Vicary, A. Latimer, Rev. Viscount Molesworth, Rev. H. G. Morse, F. Binckes, &c.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday last the trains proceeding to Enfield from either King's Cross or Broad-street were observed to contain a number of gentlemen carrying cases and bags of various sizes, and after the arrival of a train about 2.30 p.m. it was evident that a goodly muster of Middlesex brethren would greet the genial and highly respected Grand Master of that province.

Ascending the slope of the hill to the left a fine view was obtained of the pretty country around, and a very short distance from the Railway Station was the place of meeting, the "Athenaeum," a newly built structure plainly indicating by its elevation and internal fittings that it was the work of a speculative builder without architectural design or supervision.

In a gallery at the end of this building under the glare of the summer sun, which streamed through a lantern light, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W. Prov. G.M., supported by Bros. Raymond Thrupp, Deputy P.G.M., P.G.A.D.C.; F. Davison, S.G.D.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; with Bro. T. B. Archer, Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. Stidwell, P.P.G.W. as Prov. G.J.W.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll of Prov. Grand Officers was called, also the roll of lodges, very few being unrepresented. The report of the Charity Committee was read and two petitioners were relieved with twenty and five guineas respectively. Bro. H. G. Buss was re-elected Prov. G. Treas., amidst the plaudits of the meeting. On the motion of Bro. Thrupp, seconded by Bro. Davison, the following brethren were appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the year, the Prov. Grand Master stating than in future if brethren did not attend to receive their collars they would be passed over:—

Bro. Sir R. Hanson (by deputy)	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. J. Adams	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Faussett	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. S. T. Saunders	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. G. Buss (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. C. Levander, M.A.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. W. Lambert	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Fidler	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Faulkner	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. Bryant	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. W. Cooper	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Tebb	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. W. Forge	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Skinner	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
" Harding	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" D. P. Camia	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. Baldwin	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Marshall	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. Lott	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Lec	...	...	Prov. G. A. Sec.
" Mayes	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Featherstone	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.
" W. Taylor, 1503	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. A. Pryer, 1549	...	...
" C. Graham, 2024	...	...
" C. J. Axford, 2048	...	...
" Pridmore, 1310	...	...
" Woodward, 1691	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Gilbert	...	...

On the motion of the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by the D. PROV. GRAND MASTER, and supported by Bros. W. STEPHENS and H. LOVEGROVE, the sum of fifteen guineas was voted to each of the Masonic Institutions.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren marched in procession to a very charming church, dedicated in the name of St. Mary Magdalene, where evensong was chorally rendered, and a capital sermon followed. The preacher, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Faussett, took as his subject Jacob's ladder, especially dilating upon "Charity," and in conclusion asking for contributions to the local charities, which produced

a result very pleasing to the vicar of the parish, and creditable to the brethren.

There were also present:

Bros. Rev. Robert Faussett, Chap.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.G.C., Sec.; German Fehrenback, S.D.; T. W. Ockenden, J.D.; C. C. Pearce, S. of W.; H. W. Mayes, Asst. Purst.; and John Gilbert, Tyler.

Among the Past Prov. Officers were—

Bros. F. Davison, S.W.; G. Inglis, S.W.; Rev. F. De Crespigny, Chap.; J. Tickle, Reg.; F. W. Levander, S.D.; C. Harding, S.D.; W. Stephens, G. Purst., S.D.; H. Lovegrove, S. of W.; T. Massa, S. of W.; J. H. Thompson, S.B.; C. S. Brown, D. of C.; J. W. George, Org.; J. W. Baldwin and J. Driscoll, Pursts. The visitors comprised Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. North and Hunts; Rev. Charles H. Roberts, Prov. G.C. Essex; E. Baber, P.M.; John Green, P.M.; T. Clark, E. Dalzell, 1549; Lawler, and others.

On returning from church nearly fifty brethren sat down to banquet, supplied by a local tradesman, Mr. Schmidt.

The usual toasts were honoured, that of "The Prov. G.M." being enthusiastically received.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Hodges, who was assisted by Bros. Lawler, Hanson, and Dalzell.

The experiment of separating the cost of dinner and wine was a great success, about double the usual number being present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at Lyme Regis, on Thursday, the 31st ult., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.M. There was a large and influential meeting of the brethren of the Province. W. Bro. R. N. Howard, P.M. 170, was the Acting D.P.G.M., and W. Bro. Gregory, P.M. 417, the Acting S.W.

The following appointments, which were considered very satisfactory, were made—

Bro. James Soppitt, P.M. 472	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Joseph Robinson, P.M. 714	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Cecil George Paget, W.M. 622	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" S. R. Baskett, P.M. 1367	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Robert Case, P.M. 417 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" William Progger, W.M. 665	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" E. T. Targett, P.M. 170	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" T. Giles, W.M. 707	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Zillwood Milledge, W.M. 170	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. O. Snell, P.M. 665	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" A. Reynolds, W.M. 1168	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. L. Rumsey, 665	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Taylor, W.M. 1266	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. L. Bartlett, 1037	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. C. Bennett, 1037	...	...
" B. A. Hogg, 417	...	...
" W. Hill, 170	...	...
" Rev. H. J. Mason, 1146	...	...
" R. Wright, 1168	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. Long, 707	...	...

Much satisfaction was expressed at the continued prosperity of Masonry in the province, the quality and number of new candidates showing a great improvement on former years. An important factor in Dorsetshire Masonry is the local Masonic Charity, which we believe has now almost reached the amount which was originally desired as an endowment fund, viz., £2000. The provincial organisations, although not intended to supersede the great Charities, are a great aid in cases of temporary distress, and the Dorset Masonic Charity is in every way worthy of the movement.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF LATHOM CHAPTER, No. 730, AT CHORLEY.

Another addition has been made to the extensive roll of chapters in the western division of the County Palatine.

For some time past the brethren of Chorley and neighbourhood who were desirous of taking the Royal Arch Degree have been compelled to journey some distance, either to Wigan, Preston, or Bolton. For the purpose of obviating this inconvenience a movement was set on foot to obtain a warrant for a chapter to be attached to the Earl of Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730, held at the Town Hall, Chorley, which, under the guidance of that indefatigable companion, Thomas Forrester, aided by Comps. Irvine and Kerr, has been successfully accomplished.

It appears that about the year 1823 a warrant was granted for a chapter to be held in the same town, but no trace can be found of it ever having been put into operation.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., a large number of Royal Arch Masons—many from long distances—assembled at the Town Hall for the purpose of consecrating this new chapter. Amongst those present being Ex. Comp. H. S. Alpass, Past Grand Standard Bearer, and Prov. G.S.E. (who was deputed by the Grand Superintendent of the province to perform the ceremony); also Comps. P. A. Bailey, P.Z. 680, P.G.J.; H. W. Johnson, P.Z. 113, P.P.G.J.; W. B. Ackerley, P.Z. 680, P.P.G.S.N.; Thos. Salter, P.Z. 241, P.G.S.N.; F. J. Murton, P.Z. 1356, P.G.P.S.; Edwd. Barber, P.Z. 113, P.G. 1st Asst. Sojr.; Thos. Armstrong, P.Z. 263, P.P. G.S.N.; R. Maplin, P.Z., Prov. Grand Treasurer; W. T. Smith, J. 680; J. D. Murray, J. 178; James P. Bryan, J. 203; Thos. Nevett, P.Z. 113, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. P. Brockbank, P.Z. 37, 221, P.P.G.S.N. East Lanc.; James Dawson, P.Z. 317, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. East Lanc.; W. Nicholl, P.Z. 317; T. Goldstone, Z. 345; Saml. L. Buckley, H. 345; Jam's Walker, P.Z. 37; Henry Nicholls, 203; Thos. Higson, P.Z. 348; Thos. Forrester, 178, Z. designate; Robert Irving, 178, H. designate; John M. Kerr, 178, J. designate; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 42, 116, 645, 1387, P.G.J. East Lanc.; John Bradshaw, 178; T. F. Jackson, 178; Thos. Sharples, 178, and W. Blackledge, P.Z. 286, the last eight named companions, with Comp. Nicholson (who was unable to be present) being the petitioners.

At three o'clock prompt a Royal Arch Chapter was opened by Comps. Alpass, acting Z.; H. W. Johnson, acting H.; and Bailey, acting J.; with Comps. Ackerley, as S.E.; T. Salter, S.N.; E. Barber, P.S.; and Thomas Higson, Janitor.

Comp. Alpass, assisted by the above named companions, consecrated and constituted the new chapter in ancient form, after which Comp. Ackerley installed the following as Principals, viz.: Comps. Thos. Forrester,

Z.; Robt. Irving, H.; and J. M. Kerr, J. The following were invested officers, viz.: Comps. Bradshaw, S.E.; Jackson, S.N.; Sharples, P.S.; and Thos. Higson, Janitor (pro. tem.). The musical part of the ceremony was ably rendered by Comps. Nicholls, Armstrong, and Byron, the latter companion presiding at the harmonium.

Comp. J. H. SILLITOE, with the permission of the M.E.Z., proposed "That the best thanks of the promoters of the new chapter be tendered to Comp. Alpass for the very able manner in which he had discharged his duties as Consecrating Officer; to Comp. Ackerley for his services as Installing Principal, and to the Musical Companions for their valuable assistance, as well as the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers for their attendance, and that their esteemed Prov. Grand S.E., Comp. Alpass, be elected an honorary member of the chapter."

The proposition was seconded by the M.E.Z., and carried unanimously.

After suitable acknowledgements and "hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors the chapter was closed in due form.

The whole of the companions were then invited by the newly-installed M.E.Z. to partake of refreshments at the Cattle Market Hotel, to which place they hastily retreated through the drenching rain, where they found a most substantial banquet had been prepared by mine host, and to which due justice was done; no doubt the inclemency of the weather gave a tone to the appetites of all.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, after which,

Comp. ALPASS, in a very eloquent speech, proposed "The Chief of the new Chapter." In doing so, he spoke of the long time he had been acquainted with Comp. Forrester in the Craft and the admirable manner in which he had discharged his various duties, also Comps. Irving and Kerr, whom he felt sure would ably assist Comp. Forrester in bringing the chapter to a very successful state, which, under their guidance, he had no doubt would soon be accomplished. He pointed out to them that success, however, did not rest so much upon numerical strength, as upon the character of their members. He, therefore, strongly desired them not to propose any brother for exaltation unless they felt sure that he would make a good companion.

The toast was heartily drunk and ably responded to.

"The Healths of Comp. Ackerly, Installing Master," "The Musical Companions," and other toasts followed, interspersed with songs and recitations. The proceedings having to be brought to an early close in consequence of visitors having to travel to Liverpool, Manchester, Bolton, Wigan, Southport, and elsewhere, but not one left without personally expressing their thanks to Comp. Forrester, whom it may be mentioned entertained the members of the chapter and their guests at his sole expense.

CONSECRATION OF THE ANCASTA CHAPTER, No. 1461, AT WOOLSTON.

An especial meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held last week at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, Southampton, on the occasion of the consecration of the above chapter.

The Clausentum Lodge of Craft Masons, to which the new chapter is attached, was consecrated nearly eleven years ago, but did not till November last, owing to certain unforeseen difficulties, enter a home of its own, the handsome hall which is such a credit to the Masonic spirit of the district being then set apart by solemn ceremonial for the purposes of the lodge. It was felt by many that the time had then fairly arrived when a petition might be sent in for a Royal Arch warrant, which in due course was granted by Grand Chapter. The name given is Ancasta, a Roman deity, whose name has been found inscribed on archaeological relics at Clausentum.

The founders are M.E. Comps. Bowyer, P.Z. 359, and G. J. Tilling, P.Z. 359; Comps. R. R. L. Rosoman, D. O. Hobbs, J. Methven, and A. J. Brown, of 359; C. J. Symonds, 130; and R. Bell and W. Horton, 394.

The consecration ceremony was performed by the M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent of the province, with Comp. the Rev. G. N. Palmer, P.P.G.J., acting as H; the other principal chair being filled by M.E. Comp. G. F. Lancaster, P.G.J.

The attendance also included M.E. Comps. and Comps. J. Johns, P.Z., P.G. Reg.; R. W. Beale, H. 487, P.G.D.C.; S. R. Everett, P.P.G.N., P.Z.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., acting S.E.; H. C. Stone, P.P.G.R.; Major Douglas, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; R. J. Rastrick, P.Z.; W. Walters, Z. 130; W. Dart, Z. 804; J. Corner, P.Z.; H. Coles, Z. 394; G. Cross, Z. 359; W. Henry H. 359; H. Hacker, P.Z. 723; W. Marshallsey, S.E.; H. Stone, P.Z.; J. B. Thomas, P.Z.; W. Williams; Hy. Lashmore, A.S. 130; E. O. Longland, 359; T. J. Dacombe, 130; T. Dartnall, 394; R. Tilling (London); W. Cantelo, 359; J. Stevens, 359; H. G. Yeates, Exell, Biggs, W. Vare, and Harrington, J.S.

The companions assembled at the hall at half-past two, and Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened by the Consecrating Principal, the petition and charter were read by M.E. Comp. Jellicoe, and other details of the ceremonial gone through.

In addressing the companions the GRAND SECRETARY referred to the satisfactory progress of Royal Arch Freemasonry in the province, and said he did not approve of the brethren of a newly-formed lodge making efforts to found a chapter at a too early date, because it was probable that companions of adequate knowledge would not be found to fill the chairs. The Clausentum Lodge was formed over ten years ago, and he was glad to be now present at the consecration of the Ancasta Chapter, because he believed the success which had attended the lodge would, under the guidance of experienced Masons, be extended to the chapter.

The consecration then took place, the hymns being "Behold how pleasant and how good," "Glory to God on High," and "O Lord Most High," the last named immediately following the dedication prayer offered by the acting M.E. Comp. H.

The splendid service of consecration plate which is about to be presented to Prov. Grand Chapter by M.E. Comp. Capt. Hooper, was used for the first time on this occasion.

Before closing the Grand Secretary took occasion to refer to the absence through illness of M.E. Comp. W. Hickman, H., and expressed an earnest hope that he would soon be restored to his usual condition of health.

Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the Ancasta Chapter was opened, the Grand Secretary installing as Principals M.E. Comps. W. Bowyer, P.P.G.S.B., as Z.; G. J. Tilling, P.P.G.A.S., as H.; and Comp. R. R. L. Rosoman, as J.; the other officers appointed being Comps. D. O. Hobbs, P.S.; J. Methven, S.E.; A. J. Brown, S.N.; R. Bell and C. J.

Symonds, A.S.; W. Horton, Treas.; Vare, Janitor; and Henley, Asst. Janitor. Five candidates were afterwards proposed for exaltation.

The M.E.C.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to the G.S. and other officers of Grand Chapter for their attendance, which was seconded by M.E.C.H., and carried, and the G.S. responding, said there would have been a larger attendance of Grand officers but for unavoidable causes. It would give him great pleasure to attend whenever possible, either the Clausentum Lodge or Ancasta Chapter.

At the subsequent banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Henley, M.E.C. Bowyer presiding, the usual Masonic toasts were given, the G.S. in response to the toast of his health, saying that the attacks made upon Freemasonry in certain quarters were, so far as English Masons were concerned, entirely uncalled for and unfounded, and whilst in foreign countries the Masons were not scathless, as they indulged in practices and doctrine which we in England repudiated, yet some excuse was to be made for them owing to the difficulties placed in the way of a proper performance of their Masonic ritual and duties. He was happy at all times to do what he could to forward the interest of Royal Arch Freemasonry. M.E.C. Lancaster responded for the P.G. officers, and expressed his regret that the duty devolved upon him in consequence of the absence through indisposition of M.E.C. Hickman.

"The health of the Principals of the Ancasta Chapter" was given by G.S. and M.E.C.'s Bowyer, Tilling, and Rosoman replied.

The other toasts included "the Principals of neighbouring Chapters," acknowledged by M.E.C.'s Walters, G. Cross, and H. Coles.

"The Visitors," replied to by M.E.C. Thomas; and the Officers of the newly constructed Chapter.

We may add that the ornaments, furniture and jewels, which were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, are of a very chaste and suitable character.

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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Such changes as followed the submission of Dr. Barry's report will be dealt with later on. The other events of interest which occurred during the period now under consideration claim our more immediate attention. It has been shown that the new Building was erected to accommodate a hundred boys, but when last we had occasion to refer to the number of children on the establishment, we found it was 70, or precisely the number at which it had been fixed in the first instance, so far back as 1821, and again in 1841, when the long period of depression which intervened between these two years had been overpassed. In April 1865, however, we find the number had been increased to 80. At the Quarterly Court in October, 1865, the new School having in the interim been formally opened by the Deputy Grand Master, a resolution was passed to the effect that liberty should be given "to the House Committee at their discretion to increase the number to one hundred," and exactly a year later the establishment was raised to the number prescribed in this resolution.

At the General Committee, "held in October 1868, Bro. John Udall gave notice of a motion to the effect that the number of boys on the Establishment be increased by the election of five additional boys in April, 1868, and five further additional boys in October, 1868, making the total number at the latter date one hundred and ten instead of one hundred as it is at present." The motion, however, was withdrawn, but in January, 1869, on the motion of the same brother, it was resolved that the number should be increased to 110, while in 1872 a further increase was made of two additional boys in April, and three further additional boys in October of that year, making the total in charge, when Bro. Plucknett was elected Treasurer, 115.

As regards the candidates that were to be admitted it was arranged that their ultimate acceptance should depend on their passing a slight examination in the most elementary subjects, reading being looked upon as indispensable. The wisdom of establishing such a rule will be universally admitted. Then in 1866 "speech day" was instituted, the chair being taken by Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire, in the first instance for the distribution of prizes, but the House Committee had resolved that a portion of the proceedings should partake of the character of a "Speech Day," and the Head Master, in order to carry out the wishes of the Committee more effectually, was charged with the duty of preparing those boys who were to take part in the proceedings. On this occasion is included for the first time that singular prize which the founder resolved should be awarded to the boy most popular among his schoolfellows, the latter being, indeed, the electors. This prize, as most brethren are aware, is now known as the Canonbury Gold Medal, and was instituted by the late Bro. Edward Cox, P.M. of the Canonbury Lodge, but in the year we speak of the prize consisted of books. The silver medal given by the Institution, which had been instituted many years previously, and awarded to the best writer, also figures amongst the special prizes presented by Lord de Tabley, but was awarded for good conduct. We also find prominent among the donors of prizes one who is still fortunately preserved to us—Bro. W. Winn, another Past Master of the same Canonbury Lodge, and there were other special prizes, such as the gold medal for general proficiency, given by Bro. H. J. Thompson, a P.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, and the Maybury Prize of five guineas attached to the Silver Medal, given by the Maybury Lodge, No. 969.

In respect of the changes that took place during this period in the personnel of the Executive, they are no more than must be expected in the ordinary course of things, but such as did happen stand out more conspicuously perhaps, than they would otherwise have done, owing in the first instance to their paucity, and in the next to the prominence of the brethren whose part in the Government of the Institution was thus brought to a close. Bro. B. Bond Cabbell, it will be remembered, was elected unanimously to the Treasurership in 1846, and at the Quarterly Court in January, 1869, the Secretary read a brief letter he had received from Bro. Cabbell, in which the latter announced that owing to his ill health he was unable to retain the office of Treasurer any longer. The resignation was of course accepted, a motion by Bro. John Symonds, seconded by Bro. John Udall, being adopted to the effect that the Craft was desirous of recording "their best thanks to Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell for his long service in the office of Treasurer, for a period of 23 years, and in consideration of the same, and the great interest he has always taken in this Institution, requests that he will permit his portrait to be placed in the School House as a record of their gratitude and esteem towards him."

(To be continued.)

CELEBRATION OF CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE HARMONIC LODGE, No. 252, DUDLEY.

The members of this lodge, the mother lodge of the province of Worcestershire, met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street, Dudley, on Wednesday, 23rd ult., to hold a lodge of emergency to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the constitution of the lodge, whose warrant bears date "23rd July, 1784," and was signed by "Thos. Howard, Earl of Effingham, acting Grand Master under the authority of H.R.H. Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master." The application of the members of the lodge for permission to wear the centenary jewel had proved unsuccessful, owing to an unfortunate break in the continuity of its records, and of the communications to Grand Lodge, which prevented their giving the necessary proof that the lodge had had an uninterrupted existence for 100 years; but it was felt by all the brethren that, notwithstanding the consequent feeling of disappointment and regret at their having to forego the coveted distinction and privilege they had sought to obtain, they might still meet and celebrate the hundredth recurrence of the day on which their much loved lodge was constituted, and their "ancient brethren" obtained the warrant and assembled to consecrate the new shrine to be dedicated to the service of the Craft, and to foster and send forth sons and brothers to teach its lessons and practice its grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Thus impressed, the brethren were met for that purpose, with evident heartiness and unanimity of good feeling to do honour to the occasion.

The W.M., Bro. R. G. Walker, took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Geo. Bagott, I.P.M.; G. T. Owen, S.W.; James Turner, J.W.; W. E. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Treas.; S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; R. Stevenson, S.D.; S. Bagott, J.D.; M. Smith, Stwd.; C. F. G. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; E. Turner, P.M., Prov. G. Reg.; F. Holcroft, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; T. F. Higgs, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Bagott, Henry Bagott, T. Chambers, E. J. Chambers, and James Jones. The visiting brethren present were Bros. A. F. Godson, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Geo. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. S. T. Tozer, P.P.G.C. Staffordshire; C. E. Bloomer, P.P.G.R.; G. J. Westbury, P.P.G.S.D.; C. Round, P.P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire; A. Comber, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Foley, P.P.G.S.B.; John Jordan, W.M. 498; H. Hughes, 498; S. Waring, 498; Joseph Bellingham, 498; W. M. Roden, W.M. 1874; W. J. Threlfall, 1874; G. R. Green, 1874; T. Taylor, 573; J. Finney, 573; Alfred Marsh, 573; F. M. Jackson, and E. W. Smith, 347.

The lodge having been opened in due form, W. Bro. A. F. Godson, Deputy Prov. Grand Master was announced, and the Prov. Grand Officers present retired to receive him. He afterwards entered the lodge, preceded by his officers in procession, and on taking the chair, which the W.M. resigned to him, was saluted with the customary honours. Having acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms, he expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to be with them on such an interesting occasion. It was true that pressing engagements would not admit of his taking part in the whole of the proceedings; but he was glad that by making extra efforts he was in their midst for awhile to unite with them in manifesting the pride and affection that led them there on such a memorable occasion to honour the mother lodge of his province.

After reading the circular convening the meeting, Bro. S. SMITH, P.M. and Sec., by request, read an address on the work of the lodge during the 100 years of its existence, and on the strong claims it had to their regard, as having been a home and shrine of the Brotherhood for the nurture, training, and guidance of true sons of their beloved Craft, who had been faithful and zealous in teaching the golden lessons which they had themselves been taught, and doing also the like good to others that had been faithfully and lovingly done to them.

On the motion of W. Bro. GODSON, Deputy Prov. G.M., seconded by W. Bro. Geo. TAYLOR, P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G. Secretary, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Samuel Smith, for his interesting address. It was further resolved that the address should be entered on the minutes, and also that it should be printed in pamphlet form, in conjunction with some lectures recently given by Bro. C. F. G. Clark, P.M.

W. Bro. GODSON, whilst speaking in reference to the above motion, expressed his regret that the brethren were unfortunately precluded from obtaining the centenary jewel; but he hoped that by the further efforts and research of Bros. Smith and Clark, they might even yet discover some evidence now missing that might enable them to pre-empt another claim in the future that might prove to be successful. W. Bro. Geo. Taylor, while supporting him, spoke of the feelings of regret and disappointment that he had experienced at the result of an appeal made by him to Bro. Hughan for assistance in this matter; he had felt persuaded that if the "missing link," or any shred of evidence to help them could be recovered, he, Bro. Hughan, would be the one to discover and take it up; but he could only report that the result of his careful and attentive research into copies of all returns made by lodges from 1800 to 1813, to Grand Lodge of England, went to confirm the decision of the Grand Secretary, and to bar the claim of the Harmonic Lodge. As Bro. Hughan had given him a statement of payments made to Grand Lodge, he quoted them, shewing that none were made between 1803 and 1816. After alluding to a copy of a sermon that he had seen, which was preached at the consecration of the Harmonic Lodge, he concluded by expressing his gratification at being privileged to be present with that evening, and adding his quota of "Hearty good wishes" that the lodge might have an uninterrupted career in the future, and be favoured with good fortune, and full measure of success.

W. Bro. CLARK, P.M., after stating the great pleasure it gave him to take part in the proceedings of the day, alluded at some length to the break in the records of the lodge, and to efforts made to discover the cause, and to rectify the omissions; dwelling more particularly upon the diligent search made by their late lamented Bro. Bristow, and the lengthy memoranda that was drawn up by him to be submitted to the Grand Secretary to support the claim of the lodge to have permission to wear the centenary jewel. It was a source of regret to all that their claim had not been successful; but, though the lodge records were complete up to a certain date, and down from a date later on, there

was a blank of about 13 years which could not be filled up. He (Bro. Clark) had lived in Dudley 40 years, and had used all diligence, but could not trace the books or papers they were so anxious to obtain; still, his 40 years' residence there enabled him to bear strong testimony to much good work done by the lodge and to the kindly feeling that had been fostered and exercised by its members to their own benefit and also to the general welfare of others around them; and he was pleased indeed that the brethren had assembled that day to do honour to the good and worthy Masons who had founded the lodge, worked for it, extricated it from difficulty, and raised it to the position it has long held as the true mother lodge to which other lodges in the province were accustomed to look for Masonic light, instruction, and guidance.

Many other brethren expressed goodwill and best wishes for the future success and welfare of the lodge; after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet under the presidency of the W.M.

In proposing "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he was sure it always afforded Freemasons the greatest of pleasure to render homage to the first lady in the land.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER afterwards gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," and in doing so said that amidst all his duties there were none in which his Royal Highness took a deeper interest than those of the Craft.

The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M. of England; Earl Lathom, R.W. Dep. Grand Master of England; and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was submitted by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and received in the usual way amongst Masons.

Bro. G. TAYLOR said he was pleased that he had the permission of the Worshipful Master to propose "The Health of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire," as he was in a position to speak of the pleasing manner in which Sir Edmund performed the important duties of his office. He was sure the mode of transacting the business in Worcestershire would compare favourably with any other county in England, and was certain the whole of the brethren present would drink to Sir Edmund's good health in the heartiest manner possible. Several applications for Masonic balls during the winter had been under consideration, but the Provincial Grand Master was not inclined to countenance balls being held under the auspices of Masons. As a semi-public gathering much more in the true interests of the Craft it had, however, been decided to hold a Masonic soiree at Worcester on August 27th, and he had reason to believe that it would be largely attended. Another matter which had been under the consideration of the Provincial Grand Lodge was the proposal to hold a Masonic Exhibition in Worcestershire. In the past Masonic exhibitions had been very rare in England, in fact, he only remembered two being held at York; but it had been decided to hold one at Worcester, which, he felt sure, the brethren would not be ashamed of, but, on the other hand, would be highly pleased with. A catalogue would be printed of all particulars relating to these Masonic relics, which, as a standard reference, would not fail to be of importance and interest to the Craft. The exhibition would be open for one week, and he trusted that every Mason in the province would make an effort to attend on one of the days, or it could not be said to compensate for the amount of labour it had necessitated. At Kidderminster there was a Masonic Hall, and he, Bro. Taylor, hoped to see a Masonic museum and library established in the course of a short time, which, he felt sure, would be much appreciated, not only in Kidderminster, but by the whole province.

Bro. EDWIN TURNER said it afforded him great pleasure to propose "The health of the Wor. Bro. A. F. Godson, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, and other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge Past and Present." He very much regretted that Bro. Godson was compelled to leave previous to the banquet taking place, but he knew he was compelled to leave in consequence of several pressing engagements. He thought they had reason to be proud that they had such a brother to take the place of Wor. Bro. William Masefield, who had for nearly half a century done such noble work in the cause they had at heart.

Bro. FOLEY suitably responded.

Bro. C. F. G. CLARKE said he had the permission of the Worshipful Master to propose what he might term the toast of the evening, viz., "The Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, constituted July 23rd, 1784." They had that day met to celebrate the centenary of the opening of their Lodge, and he was personally very pleased that the Worshipful Master had given him permission to propose the toast. One hundred years ago Dudley was a village, and now it was a commercial town of considerable importance, its staple trade being coal and iron. Many great changes have taken place in the good old town since the opening of their lodge, and its history was well worthy of perusal. The history of their lodge was also of a very interesting character, and he would take the opportunity of giving the particulars which he had been able to obtain. The lodge was consecrated on July 23rd, 1784, and its number was 246. It was afterwards altered to 367 and 313, and subsequently to 252, its present number. He need hardly say that it was the oldest lodge in the province of Worcestershire. From 1803 to 1816, it for some reason ceased to be in union with the Grand Lodge of England. How this was brought about he could not tell, but there was evidence to show that the lodge was in existence in 1811, as books belonging to the lodge were made in that year. It was, however, decided at the time he had referred to for Freemasons to make returns to the Registrar General, and he believed rather than do this they destroyed their books and other documents belonging to the lodge. For a considerable period the jewels belonging to the lodge were missing, and in 1827 they were found to be in possession of a Madame Lloyd. In 1816 the lodge was restored, and from that time until the present it has been in union with the Grand Lodge. In 1827 it was reinstated, with great vigour, under the efforts of Joseph Homer, B. B. Penn, Robert and John Shedden, Bunn, and Douglas, of Dudley. He was glad to say its prosperity and success had continued down from that time, and many eminent men had constituted its membership. In 1842 another supreme effort was made to increase its prosperity and welfare, when their now venerable Bro. Wm. Masefield, became a member, and from that long period to the present day he had exhibited such an amount of zeal and energy in the cause of Freemasonry that has not been equalled by any living man.

In 1851 and 1847 there was added to the lodge those two distinguished Bros. Wm. Bristow and Matthew Dennison (now dead), both of whom assisted very much in promoting the progress of the Craft in the county of Worcester. The lodge was now, he rejoiced to say, in a high degree of Masonic efficiency, and numbered 49 members. It was exercising a large amount of usefulness, charity, and benevolence, which he might say was little seen by the outer world. The question was frequently asked—and he would say properly—what became of the fees paid by Freemasons, and he thought it only right that he should publicly state what was being done with the money subscribed. He had ascertained from Masonic books that the Freemasons of the county of Worcester had given £440 5s. 3d. to National schools and building funds, and in 1873 the Masonic window erected in the north transept of Worcester Cathedral cost the Masons £570. The funds collected from the Freemasons in Worcestershire by Bros. Bristow and Taylor in 1879 and 1880 alone, for the charitable object of aiding the Masonic Charities for boys and girls in London, and granting annuities to distressed and decayed Masons and widows amounted to £1150 10s. The figures he had given showed that Freemasonry was quietly and unostentatiously doing a large amount of work in assisting deserving charities. The charities distributed by the Grand Lodge of England in 1883, amounted to the noble sum of £55,994 14s. 3d. £24,895 7s. 1d. being given to the Boys' School; £12,650 1s. 2d. to the Girls' School; and £18,449 6s. to the Benevolent Fund. 221 boys and 239 girls were annually housed, clothed, and educated. The Benevolent Institution was now granting an annuity of £40 a year to 171 decayed Masons, and £32 a year to 167 widows of Freemasons. He thought the figures he had quoted showed that the Freemasons were engaged in a good and glorious work. In conclusion Bro. Clark referred to the establishment of a chapter in the year 1844, and remarked that it now consisted of 38 members, and was one of the best in Worcestershire. The lodge had prospered in the past, and he felt sure it would in the future.

Bro. G. BAGOTT said it was with the greatest possible pleasure that he proposed "The Health of W. Bro. W. Masefield, P. Deputy Prov. G.M., Past Grand Standard Bearer—the oldest member, and the oldest Past Master of the Harmonic Lodge." The name of Masefield was a household word in the town of Dudley, and if there was one man respected more than another in the old town it was Wm. Masefield, for he had a word and a smile for the high and the low, and the rich and the poor. The speaker referred in feeling terms to the late Bros. Dennison, Bristow, and Stokes, who had been Past Masters of the lodge, and said the noble work done by them would be appreciated for many years to come.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Visitors," and Bros. COMBER, ROUND, JORDAN, and RODEN responded.

Bro. the Rev. S. T. TOZER, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Worshipful Master," and Bro. R. G. WALKER responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

THE GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The meeting of the great Priory of Canada opened on Tuesday, July 8th. There was a large gathering of the knights from all parts of the Dominion present. Col. McLeod Moore, the Great Prior, in his allocution referred to the fact that the complete independence of the National Great Priory had been fully realised. He deeply regretted that most unfair and false motives had been ascribed to the Great Priory's action, and that it was extremely ungenerous to suppose that such a step was taken with even the most distant idea of disrespect to the Prince of Wales. The kindly spirit displayed towards the Great Priory by the fraters of the order in the United States was feelingly acknowledged. After commenting on the various phases of the Order's development, the Great Prior referred to the distinguished fraters, who, since the last assembly, had passed to their eternal rest, and concluded by touching upon the encyclical letter as follows:—"No comments of mine are necessary to point out the animus and ignorance displayed as regards the aims and objects of Freemasonry, but which can have no reference to our English-speaking system. Of this be assured, as long as we confine ourselves to the pure and simple degrees of the English rite all the thunders of the Vatican or opposition of fanatical Protestants, cannot avail." The following officers were re-elected:—Col. McLeod Moore, S.G.M.; Jas. A. Henderson, Kingston, D.G.M.; Daniel Spry, Barrie, G.C.; Rev. V. Clementi, Peterboro, G.P.; A. N. Pettit, St. Thomas, G.C.; S. Lebourveau, Stanstead, G.M.; David McLellan, Hamilton, G.T.; J. McL. Stevenson, Barrie, G.R. The Provincial Priors are: London, Jas. Sutton, Clondeboy; Hamilton, E. A. Dalley, Hamilton; Toronto, P. J. Slatter; Toronto; Kingston, S. S. Lazier, Belleville; Quebec, I. H. Stearns, Montreal; New Brunswick, D. R. Munro, St. John; Manitoba, C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg. The Grand Council is: Donald Ross, Picton; H. A. Mackay, Hamilton; Ross Robertson, Toronto; A. G. Adams, Montreal; Wm. Gibson, Beamsville; H. D. Hall, Peterboro; W. H. Ponton, Belleville; J. B. Nixon, Toronto; Geo. Longlee, Maitland.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 2nd inst., Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, Past Grand Deacon, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Chas. F. Hogard, Arthur E. Gladwell, the Rev. Richard Morris, D.D., Head Master of the School, A. W. Williams, F. Adlard, G. P. Gillard, Charles Belton, C. F. Matier, E. Baxter, and F. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution.

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"Sunday Times," "Jewish Chronicle," "New Zealand Freemason," "Voice of Masonry," "New Zealand Craftsman," "New York Dispatch," "Hull Packet," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Night and Day," "Citizen," "Oddfellows' Monthly Magazine," "Fishing Gazette," "Pythagoras," "Court Circular," "Dublin Evening Mail," "El Taller," "Parkdale News," "Liberal Freemason," "Masonic Review," "Tricycling Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Keystone," "La Reforma."



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1884.

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 LEGAL POSITION OF THE PROVINCIAL MARK GRAND LODGE IN CANADA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been drawn to a paragraph in a letter of the M.E.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, dated 30th of April, 1884, addressed to the Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge in London, and which letter has been printed and circulated generally here and in the United States.

As M.E.Z. Robinson of Quebec is no legist, and shows his ignorance of the provincial law to which he is subject, he should have obtained legal advice before circulating such an erroneous statement. He plainly has been misled by his predecessor in office, who originated and continues his Masonic controversy here as well as in England, and who has used him to speak his language, circulate his views, which he has repeated in every document or pamphlet issued by Quebec on this controversy, and which statements cannot be upheld.

With us here in Canada no notice is taken of these fallacies, and my object in exposing the same through your valuable columns is to show what amount of dependence ought to be placed on the garbled statements of those who desire to be notorious and cannot succeed except by a similar procedure. Here is the paragraph referred to:—

"Your non-existence when the original Act was passed which specified the particular sort of Masons thereby legalized and your non-inclusion in the amending Act of 1865, make your legal position here the reverse of secure. In fine, neither the original Act nor the amending covers or includes English Mark Masonry."

The above statement could only emanate from such an author knowingly having a bad cause to defend, and in the hope of catching the sympathy of our American brethren. Allow me to quote the law as printed in our statutes. Proviso following, Sect. 9:

"And whereas certain societies have been long accustomed to be holden in this province under the denomination of lodges of Freemasons, the meetings whereof have been in a great measure directed to charitable purposes—nothing in this Act shall extend to the meetings of any such society or lodge holden under the said denomination and in conformity to the rules prevailing among the said society of Freemasons; providing such society or lodge has been constituted by or under the authority of warrants in that behalf granted by or derived from any Grand Master or Grand Lodge in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland."

Now remark that the terms of the Act are comprehensive as well as general, not only legalizing all existing, but all future constituted bodies of Freemasons acting here under warrants—issued by all present as well as all future Grand Masters or Grand Lodges of Freemasons in Great Britain—and that our interpretation statute provides further:

"That the law is to be considered as always speaking, and whenever any matter or thing is expressed in the present tense the same is to be applied to the circumstances as they arise, so that effect may be given to each and every part thereof, according to its spirit, true intent and meaning."

Dates are important criteria in this matter and show the original existence of the law by the Lower Canada Legislature of 1841, and which was continued in the Codified Legislation of Lower Canada in 1861.

The M.E.Z. of Quebec in his letter admits that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and the Dependencies of the Empire was established in England in 1856, consequently the above Act covers not only the present Mark Grand Lodge of England, &c., but goes further and provides for any other Masonic degree not then existing, but which might be established in England by any Grand Master or Grand Lodge not then actually in existence. No commonly intelligent person, not even M.E.Z. Robinson himself, can deny that this interpretation of the statute terms "granted," &c., covers fully the past as well as the present and future.

It might not be amiss here to state that the late lamented T. D. Harrington the first G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada and a host of others who assisted to organize that Grand Chapter as well as some of the present and past officers of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, received their Mark Degree in the St. George Mark Lodge here, then under that name, which was changed by a resolution in 1863, to Victoria Mark Lodge, now under the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, Wales and the Colonies.

The above also received the Honorary Degrees of Past, and M.E. Master in lodges, held for that purpose, and in the Mark Degree as well as the latter held office, their names appearing in the annual printed list from 1839 to 1860.

The Victoria Lodge is one of the lodges which M.E.Z. Robinson desires to declare clandestine, a lodge which first gave the founders of Canadian R.A. Masonry all the Masonic light which they ever had or acted upon, as well as some of his own present active members, who still give that Degree under the same Masonic instruction received by them.

It is a well-known fact here, that the present M.E.Z. of the G.C. of Quebec received his Mark Degree in a lodge that never had a warrant or authority from any Grand Lodge whatever, yours fraternally,

Montreal, 30th June, 1884. J. H. LIVINGSTON.

AN ANCIENT FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In Mr. W. J. Thom's reprint of "Stow's Survey of London," A.D. 1598, I read at page 80:

"On the east side of Bridge Ward Within" (from Fish-street-hill to Gracechurch-street) "ye have the fair parish church of St. Magnus, in the which church have been buried many men of good worship, whose monuments are now for the most part utterly defaced. I find Henry Yeuale, freemason to Edward III., Richard II. and Henry IV., who deceased 1400, his monument yet remaineth."

Is anything known of this Worshipful Freemason? The editor of the "Survey" in a footnote thinks that this title is a strong argument against the antiquity of "this mysterious institution;" but, he adds, that those brothers of the Craft who are sticklers for its antiquity, will, doubtless, be satisfied with the confirmation of their views, which they will find in the curious poem on Freemasonry, communicated by Mr. Halliwell to the Society of Antiquaries, and since printed in a separate form, under the title of "Early History of Freemasonry in England." I do not recollect to have seen this poem mentioned in your columns.—Yours fraternally, B. B.

PROVINCIAL CLOTHING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many discussions take place on a very simple matter, and I shall be glad if you will state the law on the subject.

Bro. A. B. is a Past Provincial Grand Officer of, say Cornwall, in both Craft and Arch, but removes to London, and there joins a lodge and chapter. My opinion is that he is still entitled to wear his purple, although he has lost his vote in the Provincial Grand Lodge by ceasing to subscribe to his lodge and chapter in Cornwall.—Yours, &c., OBSERVER.

[In our humble opinion if a brother ceases to subscribe to a lodge in the province he forfeits the right to wear the clothing, and he can only be reinstated by rejoining a lodge.—Ed. F.M.]



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The monthly magazines pour in upon us in greater volume and more intense profusion than ever. We have general magazines and special magazines, until it would almost seem as if every caste and sect, every religion and party, every amusement and occupation had a magazine of its own. This nineteenth century of ours has many distinctive marks and noted characteristics, but certainly it has one striking, imperious, and monopolizing all in the same breath, namely magazine—loving—reading—craving. Whether for good or evil, for strength or weakness, is not now the question. We seek only to establish a fact. The magazines are before us and around us on every side, let us note them and report them.

"The Contemporary" has several striking articles, written by very able men, to which we beg to refer our readers. We are amongst those who do not affect to like the throwing off the thin disguise of the editorial we. The publication of certain names does not affect us in any way. On the contrary, the very appearance of the names of the writers is to us too often both a sign of weakness, and a proof of egotism. We prefer the little humble, happy, mystery of the great unnamed. Among the articles of "The Contemporary" we mention with great pleasure Professor Mahaffy's "Untrodden Italy," and Mr. Cubitt's Wren's "Work and its Lessons."

The "Century" is remarkable in its "Mid-summer Holiday Number" for "a glance at British Wild Flowers," "Recent Architecture in America," and "On the Track of Ulysses." We can specially recommend as very clever and amusing an "Effect in Yellow" and record approvingly "General S. Houston" a "Problematic Character," Dr. Sevier, now coming to a close, a "New England Winter," and the remarkable wreck of the "Thomas Hyke."

"Harper's" contains an admirable article "Artist

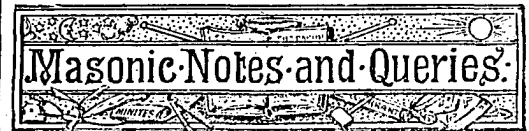
Studies in Holland," "Some Work of the Associated Artists," "The Gateway of Boston," "Salt Lake City," "The Great Hall of William Rufus," and "Natures Serial Story." It is a most striking number, though for some reason or other, a want perhaps of sympathetic harmony in the magnetic touch, we do not enter into the reality of the Prelude. Probably it is our own fault.

"The English Illustrated Magazine" presents us with, to us, not an interesting frontispiece, "Dawn," but "in revenge" gives us a most effective article, "Cutlery and Cutlers in Sheffield." We also much approve of "James Ward," and "A Master Builder," which brings back to us many "souvenirs" of bye-gone years. We can most cordially commend "Bab," and "The Armourer's Prentice" to the perusal of our readers, old and young.

"Temple Bar," not very strong this month, gives us the close of "Mrs. Forrester's Secret," we venture to think a painful story and continues "Peril," "Hyacinth O'Toole" is wild and amusing, and "The Red Manor" is very weird and startling and "creeping." See the story, "Westminster School" and "Reminiscences of Charles Reade" are most readable.

"All the Year Round" sets before us a "Dainty Dish," as well in its normal issue as in its "Summer Number." "The Norfolk Broads," are very seasonable, and a "Drawn Game," and "Gerald" nearly at the close, the latter specially and happily, "Slips of the Tongue and Pen," "Father, when I am Dead," "Tidings from Tilbury," will please all readers. We like all the stories in the summer number, "The Temple of Eros," "Jabez Gaunt's Testament," "Lucy Grey," "The Sailing of the Psamathe," "The Old Story of Harischal Chase," and "The Captain's Coxswain." We put a "Holiday Mystery" to the last, as again one of those sensuous, quasi-supernatural tales, which are just now so much in vogue, and which we think do so much harm. They cannot be true in themselves and it is useless, and mischievous, and hurtful, the attempting however amusingly and skilfully to make them appear so.

The "Antiquary" and "Bibliographer" proceed *Moribus Suis*.



SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

At p. 95, of Scott's Pocket Companion, occurs the following enigmatical passage. Can anyone explain it? "This Royal Craft suffered greatly during the inductive trials in the reign of Charles I., nor do we find it make any great advances after the Restoration, the sciences being continually interrupted by the tyrannical schemes of an effeminate Court, and a succession of wars from the Revolution to the suppression of the troubles renewed in the beginning of the reign of King George I., under whose auspicious government peace being settled, the sciences began again to flourish, and Masonry once more became the darling of the people, under their Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren, whose abilities most certainly commanded all due respect; but the want of zeal and industry in the work of the Lord made it necessary for the brethren to guard against all future decays of their ancient and honourable Craft by choosing the Right Worshipful George Payne, Esq., to be their Grand Master, by whose fervency and zeal the freedom of the Society has been fixed upon the noble and solid basis of these noblemen and Princes who have done honour to the Craft, &c." All this is said under date 1721, after the announcement of the Duke of Montague as G.M., Sir Christopher Wren being still alive.

ANTIQUITY.

HUGH WARBURTON.

Was Hugh Warburton, Prov. G.M. North Wales in 1726 any relation to the famous Bishop Warburton?

M.S.

THE DEFENCE OF MASONRY IN 1730.

Bro. Gould has raised in the *Philadelphia Keystone* a very interesting question as to the pamphlet of alleged date 1730, and published in 1738 by Anderson. Never having seen a copy of the pamphlet, though Kloss mentions it as a separate publication in 1738 by Anderson, I confess it has always seemed to me that both Bro. Euclid's letter and the Defence itself were a little piece of "bye play," and that Anderson himself wrote the Defence and so covered up his authorship. There was published also in 1730, by T. Warner, at the Black Bay, in Paternoster-row, a curious pamphlet, the "Perjured Freemason Detected," which is apparently unknown to Kloss, but which is a reply to Pritchard, and is a very curious production. If Bishop Warburton, the well-known author of the "Divine Legation" be the real author of the Defence, a careful collation of the two works might show a coincidence of style and a use of parallel passages which would be decisive. If we are to assume the words of Euclid to be not *not* intended to mislead, then the writer of the Defence was not a Freemason. But as I said before, I have always thought that the words were a piece of mystification for some reason not apparent to us to-day. But it is a very important and curious question, and very ably raised by Bro. Gould. It deserves the attention of Masonic students.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE MASONIC CONTROVERSY IN CANADA.

We take the following from a Montreal paper: "It is understood that an important communication was sent by mail to-day to the English Masonic authorities *apropos* to the existing controversy. It is said by those who know that so far from matters giving promise of a satisfactory solution, they are every day becoming more complicated in face of the relations between the three ordinary degrees and those of a higher order. Misrepresentations are also said to have been made to the Grand Lodge of England by a prominent official with respect to the object and the promoters of the bill which last session failed to pass the Federal Parliament."

The authorities of the English Grand Lodge, and we may add the English Grand Mark Lodge, are too well "posted up" in authentic facts, to take heed of any "ex post facto" representations or insinuations.



Craft Masonry.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, 9th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, when there were present Bros. Robert Austin Smith, W.M.; George Hy. Masters, S.W.; William J. Akers, J.W.; Wm. J. Bidgwood, Chap.; Thomas Hutton, P.M., Treas.; Nicholson Brown, P.M., Sec.; Arthur Cleall, S.D.; John G. Millbourne, J.D.; Harry Grice, D.C.; Wm. Tailby, I.G.; Joseph F. Bell, Stwd.; John Lackland, Tyler; also Bros. W. P. Applebee, G. B. Davies, Thomas Hoogood, I.P.M.; Harry S. Syer, C. F. Hills, G. W. Reed, W. J. Crowdy, Thomas Appleby, Brooks, Frost, Westlake, Cullen, Anson, Peaker, Wagg, Oates, W. Hill, George Smith, George J. Smith, William Matthey, John Matthey, P. D. Horne, Doddrell, Andrew, Purvis, Landford, Martin, Foss, Collins, Clement, H. DeGrey, F. Archer, Chasteaneuf, Schultz and Staples. Visitors: Bros. Ramsden, P.M. 1424; W. Harris, P.M. 871; J. J. Gould, W.M. 199; G. Kennedy, W.M. 1536; F. W. Pulsford, W.M. 893; Benj. Atkinson, P.M. Oriental, 687; Sidney Clarke, P.M. 706 Roberts, W.M. 700; Faulkner, P.M. 1423; Ross, J.W. 700; Swanson, 700; Wood, 381; Keeble, J.G. 913; Palmer, G.W. 913; G. H. Setton, J.W. 913; Randall, 913; C. Jolly, J.W. 1472; Moulds, J.W. 1536; Richards, 79; D. Belinfante, 35; Sherwin and others. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. A. Smith, when the ceremony of installation took place, and Mr. Arthur Collins was duly initiated, &c. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Brooks, Cullen, Anson and Peaker candidates for the Third Degree were examined and entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and Bros. Brooks, Cullen, Anson and Peaker readmitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bros. R. A. Smith, the Installing Officer, proceeded with the ceremony of installing Bro. S. W. Masters in the chair of K.S., which ceremony he performed in a most excellent manner, the charges being most impressive. The W.M., Bro. George H. Masters, then presented Bro. Smith with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel.

The lodge was then closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and partook of an excellent banquet, and a most agreeable evening was spent in perfect harmony.

TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE

(No. 898).—The above flourishing lodge met on Wednesday, the 30th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Francis W. Pulsford, W.M., at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar, E. Among the brethren present were Bros. G. Sidders, S.W.; W. J. C. Butcher, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas.; Dr. C. W. Smith, P.M., Sec.; J. Byford, S.D.; M. Sherwin, Org.; C. Scrutton, P.M., and Bridges, Stewards; S. T. Finch, P.M.; G. Graveley, and others. Among the visitors were the following: Bros. J. James, 1571; T. Tildesley, 1382; B. Williams, 1382; J. G. Millbourne, J.D. 13; J. S. Abramson, 1033; C. Vellenoweth, 169; W. Watson, 1623; G. H. Stephens, S.W., and W.M. elect, 1623, and others.

There was a capital list of business upon the agenda paper, and Bro. Pulsford performed the ceremonies in a truly able and effective style. Mr. C. M. Cadman was after a successful ballot initiated into the mysteries of the order, Bro. Duck was tested and subsequently passed, and Bro. Healey was tested and was entrusted with the privileges of the M.M.

A long time was devoted to the consideration of a very long list of applications for relief, assistance, &c., and these having been duly adjudged and satisfied, it was unanimously carried that owing the loss by Bro. G. Graveley, I.P.M., of the P.M.'s jewel recently presented by the lodge, another jewel, to replace that lost through the burglary, should be presented to him. Great sympathy was felt with Bro. Graveley, he having lost, besides other property, all his Masonic jewels.

After lodge light refreshments were served, and very well too, by Bro. Youens; Bros. C. Scrutton, P.M., and W. Bridges, Stwds., very efficiently attending to the creature comforts of brethren and visitors.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. G. Graveley, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," alluded to the excellent work that Bro. Pulsford had done.

"The Past Masters" were duly honoured, also "The Visiting Brethren," who came in for, as is usual at this hospitable lodge, a hearty reception. Bro. Pulsford coupled the names of our esteemed and welcomed visitors, Bros. G. H. Stephens, W.M. elect 1623, and Bro. Millbourne, J.D. 13, who, although not yet arrived at the chair, were doing a deal of good in Freemasonry by the support of lodges of instruction.

Both these brethren having suitably replied, "The Officers" were heartily honoured and those brethren severally replied.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).

—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Royal Alfred Institution for Aged Seamen, at Belvedere, on Monday afternoon last, and never perhaps has the "Gold Room" of the above noble mansion held a worthier or more select Masonic assembly than upon the occasion under notice. The lodge was opened soon after 4 p.m., by Bro. F. Wood, W.M., and then it was announced that Bro. Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. of Kent, and Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent, were without the door, and sought admission. The Prov. Grand Officers present, of whom a list is given below, at once formed a procession, and headed by Bros. James Giesman Chillingworth, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Kent, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, ushered the distinguished visitors to their seats, at the right of the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been passed, his lordship was saluted with honours, and in return greeted the brethren. Bro. Eastes was also saluted and returned thanks. Bro. A. H. Bateman, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. for the benefits of installation, and Bro. Wood

installed his successor in ample form. The new W.M. having been saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. J. Elliot, S.W.; E. B. Bright, P.M., J.W.; F. Wood, I.P.M., Treas.; J. G. Chillingworth, P.M., Sec.; H. A. Erith de Pinna, S.D.; W. O. Robinson, J.D.; W. G. Coleman, I.G.; R. Youngman, O.G. Bro. Chillingworth was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and notice of motion was given, and also an emergency meeting proposed for the purpose of considering the removal of the lodge from Essenden House, Belvedere, to the Royal Alfred Institute.

Bro. Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, was then presented with a costly album containing the photographs of the members, as some slight recognition of his many and valuable services to the lodge, and he feelingly returned thanks. A handsome and valuable past master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Wood, for services rendered the lodge, and to mark the esteem of the brethren, and he briefly returned thanks.

Bro. Sir C. Bright, P.M. 773 and 1693, and P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex, and Bro. H. T. Crump, 765, were admitted by ballot as joining members.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, admirably served by the hostess of the Belvedere Arms Hotel. Among the other brethren present, besides those above enumerated, were Bros. A. Spencer, P.M. 1063, P.G. Sec. Kent; T. S. Warne, P.M. 20, P.P.G.J.D. Kent; R. Stone, P.M. 613, P.P.G.J.D. Kent; W. T. Birts, P.M. 829, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; R. Edmonds, P.M. 913; W. H. Thomas, P.M. 1669; R. D. Poppleton, P.M. 433, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; T. Heaps, H. E. Russell, F. C. Blyth, E. H. Joynson, Dr. J. C. Maynard, P.M.; F. E. Houghton, W. G. Lemon, C. A. Streeten, T. Jenkins, 299; G. Tedder, 1137; F. Fletcher, 33; W. Cummings, 1196; C. Jolly, 913, J.W. 1472 (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Lord Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Master of Kent," and in so doing said they were honoured when the lodge was consecrated two years ago by the presence of their G.M., and it was above even their most sanguine hopes that in so short a time they should be again so honoured. It was an exceeding great honour, especially when they considered the many claims upon the time of his lordship, not only by the lodges and chapters under his jurisdiction, but by the political, domestic, and social circle of which their distinguished leader was the moving spirit. The presence of their Grand Master lent a dignity to the proceedings, not only in the lodge, but at that table, that was deeply appreciated by the brethren. Lord Holmesdale was a most sincere and hard working Mason, and after 24 years of Masonic life, devoted to the good of the Craft, and its development in the province of Kent, it was with feelings of gratitude that they hailed his presence among them once again. Gratitude had been described as "a lively sense of favours to come," and which they certainly wished, and hoped, to see his Lordship again and again; yet they could not, nor ought they to expect too much. He sincerely hoped his Lordship's health might for many years allow him to come among them, and that he might also long be spared to rule over them as Grand Master of the province of Kent.

His Lordship, who on rising was received with several rounds of cheers, said there was and always must be a great pleasure to anyone to have his health so gracefully and eloquently proposed, and so cordially received as his had been by them that evening. The W.M. had spoken of his attendance in a most kindly manner, but he felt that unless he attended the lodges under his jurisdiction, they were in danger of depreciating the value of good working, so that he was only doing the duties of his office by visiting the lodges in the province as often as he could. There were, however, other duties to attend to, duties of position; duties to society; and political duties; all of which had their claims, and if the brethren took into consideration the nature and pressure of those claims upon his time, they would easily see that he had none too many opportunities left for visiting the lodges and chapters of the province; but he had a most excellent deputy, who worked hard, reported to him the progress of the lodges, and assisted him in selecting fit and proper members for Provincial Grand Lodge. He referred to Bro. Eastes, and was sorry that he had left or he felt sure they would have drunk his health with a great deal of pleasure and enthusiasm, especially as that brother had just received the distinguished honour of a collar in the Grand Lodge of England. Now as to the lodge itself; when it was consecrated two years ago, he expressed his opinion that it would be a good and successful lodge, and one worthy of the province; and while he regretted that it was found necessary to remove it from the house of their old friend Bro. Spurrell, where they were so comfortable, yet, when it had gone through the regular and proper form of removal, he had no doubt that it would continue to prosper in its new home, and flourish as it deserved. He noticed with a great deal of pleasure that the outgoing master installed his successor, a practice that he should like to see more generally followed in the province; it was one of the obligations imposed upon a W.M. when installed into the chair, and while it was admitted that the ceremony was more impressive when rendered fluently and eloquently, and the office was often given to some brother who possessed those qualifications, yet it was better for an outgoing master to install his successor, even if he had not the ability of the more favoured brother, because, in the first place, it was his duty; and in the next, set a good example to those who followed him; and above all, it taught him one of the most beautiful and impressive ceremonies of Craft Masonry. The ceremony that day had been carried out by the I.P.M. in a most creditable manner, and it would afford him much pleasure were he sure that every I.P.M. in the province could do it as well. The W.M. had said that he hoped to see him at that lodge again, and soon; well, if they considered that there were 50 lodges and 17 chapters in the province, and that if he visited one lodge, or chapter, once a year, he would be 67 years older before he visited that lodge again. He of course could not tell who might be in the chair then, but trusted, whoever might be in the chair when he did visit them again, that he should see as good a master and as good a lodge as the present one, which he had no hesitation in saying was a credit to the province of Kent.

The toast of "The D.P.G.M.," and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bros. Spencer and Spurrell.

Bro. Wood then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing paid Bro. Bateman a high compliment for his energy and ability in the foundation and ultimate success of the lodge. He was the right man in the right place, and in fact a better Mason now than he was 10 years ago.

Bro. Bateman, in response, claimed that as "the proudest moment of his life," and one that he had looked forward to with mingled feelings of anxiety and pleasure. When he joined his mother lodge he looked upon the chair as a position far beyond his reach, but when a few years ago a friend broached the subject of a lodge in that neighbourhood he thought it an excellent idea, and felt it a noble ambition to aspire to be the Master of that lodge. He assured them that he should do all he could to further the interests of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren.

Bros. Sir C. Bright and Cummings responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Wood to a special toast of his name.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the committee of the Royal Alfred Institution for their kindness in granting the room for the lodge and banquet, and Dr. Spurrell, whose health was drunk in bumpers, responded for "The Past Masters."

"The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Elliott, who responded admirably, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the evening.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W., under the able guidance of Bro. Stroud, W.M., assisted by Bros. Dutton, S.W.; Wray, J.W.; Mount, S.D.; Forscutt, J.D.; May, I.G.; Cottebrune, Preceptor; Cross, Sec.; Cobham, Hunt, and Balchin. Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Balchin being candidate. Bro. Forscutt offered himself as a candidate for the Second Degree, and was duly examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened on the square, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. at the next meeting, and he appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed in perfect harmony. Afterwards at the meeting of the Masonic Charities' Association, the ballots were gained by Bros. C. Dairy and G. Coop.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Adam and Eve Tavern, York-street, Westminster, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Forscutt, W.M.; Brindley, W.M., S.W.; H. White, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Bowen, S.D.; Hayes, J.D.; Cross, P.M., I.G.; R. Taylor, P.M. 144; C. White, P.M. 299; C. Taylor, W.M. 1624; Nicholls, Balchin, Fraser, Leslie. The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. Taylor being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wray, and Bro. Nicholls having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, the lodge was opened up and Bro. Nicholls duly passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Fraser answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and retired. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Wray, Preceptor, worked the Second Section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. resumed the chair, and Bro. W. Brindley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).

—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 31st ult., when there were present:—Bros. Stroud, W.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; Ford, J.W.; Williams, S.D.; Vaughan J.D.; Brindley, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; S. Williams, Holland, Cross, P.M.; and Frank Gulliford.

The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the Second Section of this lecture. Bro. Kirk offering himself as a candidate for raising he was duly questioned, entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the Third Section of this lecture. Lodge closed in the Third and then to the Second Degree. Bro. Cross, P.M., was unanimously elected a Joining Member of this Lodge of Instruction, being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Brindley. Bro. G. H. Reynolds, J.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stroud, to be recorded on the minutes, for the very able and efficient manner he had carried out the duties of the Chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form with peace and harmony, and adjourned to Thursday evening, the 7th of August, at the hour of eight.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).

—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 30th ult., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. R. La Feuillade, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; G. Evans, S.W.; Bean, J.W.; Thomson, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; Blaxland, I.G.; Paton, Sec.; S. Wood Sims, Gardner, Forster, and Marshall.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson worked the Second Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Wood acting as candidate. Bro. Bean was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week and was pleased to appoint officers in rotation. The W.M. received the congratulations of the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes, was accorded the W.M. for his able working, this being the first time he had been called upon to occupy the proud position of W.M. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, Bro. Johnson giving the long address.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, 1st inst., at the Guardsman Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, when there were present Bros. Wads, W.M.; Brindley, S.W.; Forscutt, J.W.; Boulton, Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Green, sen., S.D.; Hayes, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; also Bros. Rev. C. A. Solbé, Bunce, Hiel, Ardiwino, McCullagh, Power, Purnell, and C. White.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation and passing was then rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual manner, Bro. Bunce being candidate in the First, and Bro. Power answered the questions leading to the Second being entrusted, and afterwards acting as candidate in that degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Purnell, 1791, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried by a show of hands, that the lodge change its meeting place. Bro. Brindley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

NEWPORT, I. of W.—Albany Chapter (No. 151).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 30th ult. The M.E. Grand Superintendent of the province, Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., accompanied by Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, P. Grand Scribe E. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, was present, and installed Comps. Major J. Walsh, P.Z., P.D.G.S.B. Bengal, as Z.; and F. Newman, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., as H. The following companions were invested: Comps. S. Wheeler, W.M. 151, Scribe E.; R. B. Cheverton, P.M. 151, Scribe N.; C. T. Allee, P.M. 151, P.S.; D. S. Pring, P.M. 151, 1st Asst. S.; J. Golden, P.M. 151, 2nd Asst. S.; Rev. E. W. Watts, P.M. 151, Treasurer.

South Africa.

INSTALLATION AND BANQUET OF THE "CHARLES WARREN" LODGE.

The ceremony of installing the Worshipful Masters and Officers of the "Charles Warren" Lodge, No. 1832, was held in the "Peace and Harmony" Lodge, Dutoitspan, recently, in the presence of a large assembly of members of the Masonic fraternity, the Installing Master being Bro. H. E. Pistorius, P.M. of the "Richard Giddy" Lodge, Kimberley. The following is a list of the brethren of the Charles Warren who hold office during the current year:—Bro. Chas. Aburrow, W.M.; Robt. H. Blackbeard, I.P.M.; A. S. Woolley, S.W. Henry W. Hull, J.W.; Edward T. Somerset, Treasurer; Edward Withycombe, Sec.; Canon Gaul, Chap.; Wm. Keysell Bradford, S.D.; George Gordon McKay, J.D.; Edward Masterson, I.G.; Richard Harbord, D.C.; A. F. C. Alport, W. Short, and Fritz Illig, Stwds.; and T. P. Stow, Tyler. After the installation the brethren adjourned to the Dutoitspan Club, where about 40 members of the Craft sat down to a banquet, excellently catered for by Bro. S. Solomon. The Charles Warren is the only lodge on the Diamond Fields that has this year attempted anything in that direction, and we have much pleasure in mentioning that, thanks to an able Committee of Management, the banquet was a complete success, the proceedings having a most harmonious termination at about 11 o'clock.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE.

The ceremony of the installation and investiture of officers for the year took place at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, June 24th (St. John's Day), in the lodge rooms at Dutoitspan. Following is the list of officers: Bros. Harry N. Campbell, W.M.; A. Yockmonitz, I.P.M.; J. Z. Sombeck, D.M.; Joseph Mylchrest, S.W.; David Gill, J.W.; John De Kock, Orator; James Stanley, Hon. Sec.; Woolf Joel, Treas.; R. C. Partridge, D.C.; D. Avis, A.M.B.; J. Sharp, I.G.; and J. Smeaton, Tyler.

RICHARD GIDBY LODGE, 1574.

Officers for the year: Bros. J. D. Forster, W.M.; M. S. Runchman, I.P.M.; G. Richards, S.W.; S. H. George, J.W.; S. Neels, Treas.; J. D. Norden, Sec.; Morgan, S.D.; C. Cator, J.D.; E. Bull, Org.; Forbes, Inner Guard; and Humphries, Tyler.

DR. MOON'S PRINTING FOR THE BLIND.

In 1847 a society was formed in aid of printing books for the blind of all countries through the medium of Dr. Moon's alphabet and embossed characters. Success has crowned the effort, for 150,000 volumes have already been published, and the result is that thousands of the blind who are now enjoying the inestimable boon of reading for themselves could not, in all probability, have done so unless this or similar type had been provided for their use. The Lord Mayor of London, as a very ardent patron of this movement, presided, on Friday, the 27th ult., at a meeting held in the Mansion House, and eloquently pleaded the cause of the blind. Dr. Moon explained in detail the origin and adaptability of his invention. The Right Hon. James Lowther, M.P., as one of the Trustees of the Institution, spoke in high terms of Dr. Moon and his self-sacrifice. Mr. Brown, of Edinburgh, narrated instances of usefulness in Scotland, and Mr. G. Martin Tait, in an exhaustive address, riveted the attention of his hearers. The Rev. J. McCarthy, M.A., and Professor D'Orsey, B.D., with Sir Charles Lowther, Bart., supported the several resolutions.

It has been remarked, and remarked truly, that it is obvious that people who cannot see are unable to read printing of the ordinary type. Hence raised characters are used so as to be decipherable by the touch. The system now universally adopted is the invention of Dr. William Moon, who is himself blind. This philanthropic gentleman has devoted time, skill and money, to the perfecting of his process. His residence at 104, Queen's Road, Brighton, resembles a large printing establishment, and the machinery employed is unique. It is stated that funds only are needed to increase the multiplication of bibles and other standard works. The boon conferred upon the blind

is incalculable, for the characters adopted are applicable to all the languages of the world. From Chicago Dr. Moon has received very encouraging accounts in reference to the Home teaching there, which he also instituted during his visit to America. More than 100 of the blind have been sought out, and many are now enjoying the books from the Free Lending Library formed for their use. From Australia and other countries the same efforts are crowned with similar success.

It seems that there are at least 100,000 English-speaking blind in the world, and not less than 3,000,000 who speak other languages.

The blind spend much of their time alone, and to them the embossed books afford much pleasure and comfort in their lonely hours. More than half the readers of Moon's books are over 50 years of age, many are 70 and so, and some are even 90 years of age.

The publications in Dr. Moon's type now comprise the entire Bible in English, and a large number of single chapters; 53 vols. of religious works; 61 biographical; 55 of tales and anecdotes; 44 books of poetry; besides 18 vols. of history of England; 1 of the Ancient Britons; 2 of geography; 8 of Biblical dictionary; 1 of astronomy; 1 Saxon heptarchy; 2 of history of Scotland; 8 of natural history; 2 spelling books; a grammar; 2 primers; 19 vols. of reading lessons for schools; 13 of scientific and general works; many volumes in foreign languages, some music, and various astronomical and geographical maps.

The Trustees of Moon's Charity are anxious to raise increased funds in order to emboss a still greater variety of books in this type, which has already proved so beneficial, to many thousands of persons deprived of sight in this and other countries.

Collecting cards and money boxes may be had of Dr. Wm. Moon, treasurer and managing trustee, 104, Queen's-road, Brighton, Sussex, from whom further particulars in reference to the work may be obtained.

As sight is one of the greatest blessings which God has given His creatures to enjoy, there are few things for which man should more readily present a thank-offering than for this precious gift. If only a small subscription were annually given as a thank-offering for the gift of sight, by all who can afford it, the library for the blind would soon be largely increased, and they would have the privilege of reading for themselves many books which, for the want of funds, cannot now be embossed.

We think it right to commend to the notice of our readers this most useful and beneficent work. There may be some of our readers who may feel a special interest in the matter, and we will add that many of the productions of Dr. Moon's remarkable printing establishment are most beautiful and striking artistically. We feel sure that he will welcome all persons interested in the subject, and any communication will be gladly received. Our distinguished Bro. the Lord Mayor having taken a warm interest in this most valuable movement, and it is hoped that the meeting not long ago at the Mansion House may help to speed on Dr. Moon's invaluable work.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, the 31st ult., at Freemasons' Hall. After the transaction of some formal business, the petition for placing one candidate (Mary A. G. Smith) on the list for election, in April was read and approved. The Secretary afterwards reported the receipt of a legacy of £50, less legacy duty, from the late Bro. A. W. Hardcastle.

Obituary.

BRO. F. MANSLEY, 1086.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., a large number of members of the Craft assembled at Kirkdale Cemetery, Longmoor-lane, near Liverpool, to pay a last tribute of respect to the late Bro. F. Mansley, a member of the Walton Lodge, 1086. Among the brethren present were Bros. W. Wilkinson, W.M. 1086; J. D. Reader, I.P.M. 1086; W. Roberts, S.W.; F. Ewart, Sec.; Unsworth, S.S.; Isaac Evans, J.D.; Maxwell, Timothy, Rogers, J. Casey, all of 1086; Lewis Peake, I.P.M. 1035; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; R. T. Britten, 1756; J. Clarke, Org. 1756; J. Kellie, 1756; C. Birch, P.M. 203; W. Wilson, 203; J. Taylor, 203; and others. The funeral service was read by the Rev. W. Warburton, M.A., and Bro. Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap. 1086.

BRO. W. STAPLETON, W.M. 1382.

On Friday, the 1st inst., the funeral ceremonies, consequent upon the sadly sudden death of Bro. Wm. Stapleton, on the previous Sunday, were performed at Nunhead cemetery. The brethren of the lodge and others assembled at Bro. W. C. Clark's hostelry, George Hotel, Millwall Dock, and thence proceeded to the residence of the deceased. Here all was in readiness and the cortège was marshalled by Bro. Smith, undertaker, and wended its way to the cemetery where the beautiful ceremony was impressively rendered by the reverend gentleman in attendance. The brethren present next proceeded to deposit sprigs of acacia, thoughtfully distributed by Bro. Delves, P.M., and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, in true Masonic manner, and all fitting honors paid. The procession reformed, and the brethren returned deeply impressed by the mournful occasion. Our late brother was joining member of the Corinthian and had by great perseverance filled every office in the lodge, and recently attained the position of W.M., the duties of which high office he had so far performed in a very satisfactory manner. Among the brethren present were, Past Masters Bro. W. Carnaly, J. Delves, G. T. Linn, G. Smith, Fisher, Schofield and Bros. H. Doring, S.W.; J. Morrison, J.W.; Hill, I.G.; W. Clarke, Penistone, S. G. Bonner, Saunders, and others.

By the death of Bro. George F. Parson, which occurred suddenly at Canterbury on Monday, the ranks of Freemasonry have lost a most worthy member, and the sections of the Craft to whom he was known will long remember him as a genial, kind-hearted brother, who combined with literary tastes a rare facility for imparting the enjoyment of such tastes to others, and a free Masonic spirit, which showed him to be a genuine brother.

RAILWAY TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

Few grievances are more mercilessly denounced than those which are occasionally inflicted by Railway Companies, yet we venture to say there are no executive bodies in the country charged with such numerous and weighty responsibilities which are more constant in their endeavours to meet the comfort and convenience of the British public. On every public holiday, and during each successive holiday season, the directorates of these companies make adequate provision for every kind of traveller, be they merely excursionists in search of a few hours' recreation in the country, or the more fortunate tourists who can appropriate a few weeks or months to visiting some well-known inland or sea side holiday resort, or making the tour of some well-known and particularly attractive district. But while the grievances are made the most of, the facilities which are offered for travelling are passed over comparatively unnoticed. This is hardly fair play. No one in reason objects to blame being meted out to whom blame is due, but credit, whenever it is due, should be portioned out in similar fashion. However, let us take some of our principal Railway Companies and note, in part at all events, the arrangements they have made for the current tourist season. We shall find it difficult to equal, and certainly well-nigh impossible to surpass them.

THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

for instance, in spite of its enormous regular passenger and goods traffic, has issued a special programme of arrangements for tourists of the most attractive character. It is hardly necessary to point out that this particular railway system traverses or is in communication with some of the most interesting parts of the United Kingdom. From its main terminus at Euston we may make our way into Wales, to the Lake District, to Scotland, and to Ireland, not to mention the many other localities which are less remote from the metropolis. In all these cases intending visitors will find the Directors have spared no pains in order to meet their comfort and convenience, and the length of their several purses. Thus, in the first place, as a general regulation applicable to all classes of tourists, the tickets issued by this company are not only available for two calendar months, but at the option of the holders, and on payment of a reasonable addition to the sum originally charged, they may be extended for any further period of time that may be desired, provided the limit of the 31st December, 1884, is not exceeded. As regards Wales, circular tourist tickets are issued for different parts of the country, travellers in each case being at liberty to break the journey at certain points specified in the time tables. Thus in the case of the Snowden Circular Tour, passengers may travel *via* Welshpool, Machynlleth, Dolgelly, Barmouth, and Afon Wen to Carnarvon, returning from the last named place *via* Bangor and Chester; or, they may work the tour in the reverse direction, all that is required of them being that they shall state at the time of booking the direction in which they propose travelling. They are further permitted to break the journey at Chester, Flint, Holywell, Mostyn, Prestatyn, Rhyl, and any intermediate station on the main line between Rhyl and Menai Bridge, as well as any on the Cambrian line between Welshpool and Afon Wen. The charges for tickets for this tour, Euston or any other Metropolitan Railway Station being the starting point, are 1st class, 84s.; 2nd, class 60s. The arrangements in the case of the Lake District Circular Tour are of a similar character, the facilities for making and breaking the journey being as great, while the prices are, 1st class, 86s.; 2nd class, 67s.; and 3rd class, 47s. The arrangements for visiting Scotland are in all respects as satisfactory, and the charges as moderate, the tickets in nearly every case being 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class. In the case of the Oban Circular Tour, passengers have the option of journeying by rail to Glasgow or Greenock, and thence by steamer to Ardrishaig and the Crinan Canal to Oban, returning by rail *via* Loch Awe, Callander, Stirling, and Beatlock; or they may make the tour the reverse direction, only as in the instance already mentioned, they must state when booking which direction they purpose taking. It should be added that sleeping accommodation is provided by certain specified trains at an extra charge of five shillings per berth over and above the ordinary first-class fare. Intending visitors to Ireland are offered similar advantages, the charge for a ticket, say for the Lakes of Killarney, being *via* Dublin (North Wall), 1st class and saloon, 105s.; 2nd class and saloon, 80s.; 3rd class and deck, 47s. 6d.; or by Irish Mail, 1st class and saloon, 115s.; 2nd class and fore-cabin, 95s. Those, however, who may require other or further information will do well to consult the company's time tables, or make application to the General Manager, Mr. G. Findlay, at the Euston Terminus, by whom they will be received with every courtesy, and from whom they cannot fail to obtain the information they require; or at Messrs. Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 42, Strand.

Another of our principal railway companies which rightly enjoys a high character for the excellence, cheapness, and punctuality of its tourist arrangements, is

THE GREAT WESTERN COMPANY.

and those of our readers who may desire fuller particulars than the limited space at our disposal will permit, are referred to Mr. Grierson, the General Manager, at the chief terminus at Paddington, or if it be more convenient, to the officials at the principal stations on the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railways, or at Cook's Tourist and Excursion Offices, Ludgate-circus, E.C. The country traversed by this company's main line offers as many attractions to the tourist as any district in England, the scenery in parts, but especially in Devonshire and Cornwall, being unsurpassed for beauty, while there are probably more favourite sea-side resorts accessible by this than by any other such line in the kingdom. The mere enumeration of such pleasure resorts as Weymouth, Weston-Super-Mare, Ilfracombe, Dawlish, Torquay, Dartmouth, Falmouth, St. Ives, and Penzance is enough to justify this statement, and in respect of inland resorts they are equally numerous and attractive. One of the most recent places of interest which this Company has made easily accessible for travelling is St. Ives, situated some 20 miles from Land's End, on the North Coast of Cornwall. The country around is most picturesque, the air pure and bracing, and what is of more importance to the visitors, the best possible accommodation can be had at Tregenna Castle, which has been opened as an hotel by the Company, the object being to induce travellers to visit a locality hitherto comparatively unknown, and as a consequence the tariff of charges is extremely moderate.

In respect of Weymouth, it should be mentioned that there is a service of steamers run in connection with this Railway between this port on the one hand, and the Channel Islands and the Western Railway of France via Cherbourg on the other. The sea passage to the Channel Islands is shorter by three hours than any other route, while the time occupied between Weymouth and Cherbourg is only six hours. These are points of very great consideration in the case of travellers who cannot bear a sea-voyage lasting even a few hours and made under the most favourable conditions as regards the weather, and it is not surprising that numbers of visitors to Paris, or who are desirous of exploring the beauties of Brittany and Normandy, should avail themselves of the facilities offered by our Great Western.

One other Railway Company deserves to be mentioned in this category,

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, partly because its system embraces a part of England which is entirely outside, though not inaccessible from, the Great Western and London and North Western systems, but chiefly on account of the very admirable service it offers to tourists who may be desirous of visiting the Continent, but particularly the States situated to the North. The Railway and Packet Service between the Liverpool-street terminus and Rotterdam or Antwerp, *via* Harwich, is admirably conducted while, the scale of charges leave nothing to be desired. It is probably our easiest and most direct mode of communication with Northern Europe, and the sea passage between Harwich and the aforesaid Dutch and Belgian ports occupies only a few hours. Moreover it provides access to countries which are most interesting, whether we have regard to the character of their scenery or their historical associations with this country. A twelve hours' journey from Liverpool-street will suffice to land an Englishman in the midst of scenery as unlike as possible to anything he has seen at home. Indeed, we have often wondered why it is that Holland in particular, though so close to our shores, does not prove more generally attractive to the English tourist. There is a strong commercial intercourse between the two countries, but somehow people fancy they will learn more of continental Europe by a hurried visit to Paris, or, at the furthest, to Switzerland. But there are strange sights to be seen in the principal Dutch cities and towns that can hardly be dreamt of in our philosophy. Even the Hague, which, from being the seat of Government, if not the capital, of the Netherlands, approaches more nearly to our idea of a modern European city than any other place in Holland, has many strange attractions of its own, while, in Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Leyden, Haarlem, Alkmaar, Utrecht, &c., the contrast they offer with our own historical, commercial, and industrial centres is such that the visitor may easily imagine himself in some remote country at the other end of the world, or more likely still, perhaps that this is not the nineteenth, but the sixteenth or seventeenth century, so strange is everything he meets about him.

OVER THE SUNSHINE OF EXISTENCE HANGS A BLACK CLOUD.

WITH the uncertainty of Life is mingled the dark mystery of Death! While, on the one hand, we catch the welcome sound of a new breath of life that tells of an addition to our species, on the other we shudder as we hear the rushing wings of the Destroying Angel! The mighty voice of the Great Influence which rules the Universe has pronounced our fate; the dread fiat has gone forth, and every mortal man is doomed to die! But though we cannot prevent, can we postpone Death? The question is momentous, even if it concern the prolongation of Life but by a single hour, inasmuch as every instinct prompts us to fight the boldest battle we can for this glorious boon of Existence. The promptings of Instinct are but the spontaneous voice of Nature, and it is our duty to obey. But there still remains the question, can Death be postponed by a single hour? Yes, for the world works in obedience to certain laws, and a study of these proves that those who have the judgment and the will to buckle on the shield, which Nature places ready to their grasp, may ward off the insidious attacks of the implacable enemy to Life, until, in a ripe old age, the vital faculties gradually decay, and the Angel of Peace glides softly into our presence, leading us, as it were, in a gentle slumber to the regions beyond the shadow of the Tomb.

The Fell Destroyer makes his first approaches in many forms, but none are more favoured by him than that of a deadly foe now preying upon the very vitals of Modern Society. What is this foe? There are few among us who have not been, or are not now to some extent, its victims. Would the reader know if he, too, is under the ban of this frightful scourge? Let him ask himself whether he experiences any of the following symptoms:

There are pains about the chest and sides, and sometimes in the back. The mouth has a bad taste, especially in the morning; and there are feelings of dullness and drowsiness. The appetite is poor, a sort of sticky slime collects about the teeth, there is a feeling as of a heavy load on the stomach, and sometimes a faint all-gone sensation at the pit of the stomach, which food does not satisfy. The eyes are sunken, the hands and feet become cold and feel clammy. After a while a cough sets in, at first dry, but attended in the course of a few months with expectoration of a greenish colour. The sufferer feels constantly tired, and sleep seems to afford him no rest. Nervousness, irritability, and evil forebodings follow. When rising suddenly there is a giddiness, a sort of whirling sensation in the head. The bowels become costive; the skin is dry and hot at times; the blood becomes thick and stagnant; the whites of the eyes are tinged with yellow; the urine is scanty and high coloured, depositing a sediment after standing. There is frequently a spitting up of the food—at times with a sour taste, and at others with a sweetish taste. This is often attended with palpitation of the heart, or impaired vision with spots before the eyes, accompanied by great prostration and weakness. All of these symptoms are in turn present. It is thought that nearly one-third of our population has this disease in some of its varied forms. Medical men have mistaken the nature of the malady. Its true name is Dyspepsia or Indigestion; for which a certain remedy is to be found in Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, a medicine which has won in both hemispheres a confidence founded only on its great virtues. The Syrup can be obtained from any chemist or medicine vendor, or from the proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 17, Farringdon Road, London, E.C.



A portrait of Bro. Alderman Evans appears in the current number of *Society*.

Bro. Horace Jones, the City Architect, has an article in the *Building and Engineering Times* on suggestions respecting doors and fire-resisting construction.

Bro. H. H. Crawford, who has been appointed by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Whitehead to act as his Under-Sheriff, has returned to town after an absence of a month on professional business.

The annual festival of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex will be held at the Public Hall, Maldon, on Wednesday next, at two o'clock. A banquet will afterwards take place at the Blue Boar Hotel.

We stated in our last that Bro. Gen. Reilly, C.B., would be installed as first W.M. of the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1071, at Aldershot, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. It should have been Wednesday, the 20th.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will be held at Penzance on Monday next. There is a large agenda paper, including the voting for annuitants and making grants from the funds of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund.

The sale of Sir Michael Costa's library takes place at Messrs. Sotheby's rooms next Monday. It contains, besides some MS. music in the autograph of Sir Michael Costa, not a few works, in the choicer and rarer states, by the great masters of the Euterpean muse.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Sir Thomas Chambers, M.P., and Bro. Jabez Hogg, are amongst others who are promoting a testimonial to Dr. S. Kinns. They hope thus "to enable him to give a series of free lectures in the chief towns of England, Wales, and Scotland, upon 'The Harmony of the Bible with Science and History.'"

The "Canada," Captain Durrant, with Prince George of Wales on board, has arrived at Cowes. She was commissioned at Portsmouth on May 1st, last year, and left England on the 13th of the following month. Prince George will be granted two months' leave of absence, in order to accompany the Prince and Princess of Wales to Scotland.

Captain Markham, of the "Vernon," who commanded the party who, in 1876, got nearer to the North Pole than any other Englishmen have yet been, telegraphed to Lieutenant Greely, on the arrival of that officer in America a few days since, congratulating him on his success in having reached a latitude beyond any which had been previously attained.

Bro. William Stephens, Grand Pursuivant, is about to make a voyage to Australia for the benefit of his health. During the last two years Bro. Stephens has been suffering from a troublesome illness, and a voyage to Australia by sailing vessel has been recommended for his improvement. He has the warm sympathy and best wishes of the Craft, and we trust Bro. Stephens will return to his Masonic and other duties with renewed health and vigour.

Our attention has been called to some inaccuracies in a report of the installation meeting of the High Cross Mark Lodge last week. The officers should have been as follows: Bros. Major Penrose J. Dunbar, W.M.; J. D. Burkin, S.W.; A. G. Fidler, J.W.; Percy Gilling, M.O.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, B.A., S.O.; F. W. S. Wheelhouse, J.O.; H. Dance, Reg. Mks.; E. Holt, Sec.; A. H. Little, Treas.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, B.A., Chap.; J. Webb, S.D. and Org.; C. Handley, J.D.; J. Handley, D.C.; J. Black, I.G.; and J. Verry, Tyler.

Bro. Capt. Sylvanus Hatch, of Port Lavacca, Texas, celebrated the ninety-sixth anniversary of his birth on June 1, 1884. He has a certificate of membership in Solomon Lodge, No. 1, Savannah, Georgia, issued June 6, 1809, thus making him a Mason of seventy-five years standing. He is in fine health, never having been confined to his bed for one day from sickness since he was a man; talks fluently of scenes transpiring in those early days; also of the war of 1812; and was an adjutant under General Jackson at the battle of New Orleans. He went to Texas in 1828, where he has resided since. He speaks in glowing terms of the Texas war for independence, and the many lively incidents connected therewith. Though his hearing is a little defective, and his sight rather dim, yet he talks well and enjoys a joke as well as his juniors.—*Masonic Token*.

The Great Priory of Canada at its meeting of the 8th July, and at the proposal of the Great Prior, Colonel McLeod Moore, decided to confer the rank of Provincial Prior on Prince Rhodocanakis, Grand Master of Greece, and Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. of Malta. In moving these appointments the Grand Prior made the following observations:—Although fully impressed how necessary it is that honorary rank and membership in Great Priory should be restricted and judiciously conferred, to make the honor appreciated by Frateres of foreign jurisdictions, who stand prominent in the Order, I would now ask Great Priory to confer the Honorary rank of Provincial Priors, and membership, upon two distinguished Templars, viz.:—His Imperial Highness, the Prince Rhodocanakis of Scio, Athens, Greece, Grand Master Mason of that kingdom, and a Grand Cross of the Scottish Templar Order, whose friendship I have long possessed. His Imperial Highness is a naturalized British subject, and was initiated into all the degrees and rites of Freemasonry in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was principally educated. The honor will also be most gratifying to Frater Alex. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-law, of Lincoln's-inn, London, one of the preceptors of the "Melita" Preceptory of the Island of Malta, who a quarter of a century after I had established the first Preceptory (Encampment) there, succeeded as Presiding Preceptor (or Commander). Our Frater is the author of the history of Masonry in Malta, and the well-known legal adviser of "Arabi Pasha," of Egypt, on his recent trial.

Wednesday being the 40th anniversary of the birth of his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, it was celebrated at Windsor with the usual honours.

At the meeting of the North Metropolitan Tramways Company on Wednesday the Chairman stated that since the opening of the line in May, 1870, the Company had carried 351,975,833 passengers.

FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.—According to Drummond's statistics for 1884 there are 55 Grand Lodges in America with a total membership of 587,321. Last year the membership was 579,826, showing an increase of 7495, or 10½ per cent.

Messrs. Cassell and Company intend to offer during the coming winter season, books to the amount of £100 as prizes for the encouragement of classes organised for the higher education of working men and women.

The committee of the Church of England Young Men's Society have received a letter from Sir H. F. Ponsonby, stating that "Her Majesty will be happy to give the name of 'the Leopold Church of England Young Men's Rooms' to the institution about to be formed as a centre for the society."

A copy of Messrs. Field and Tuer's bibliographical curiosity, *Quads Within Quads*, has been accepted by the Prince of Wales. The book is a collection of printers' jokes, and it is printed and bound at "Ye Leaden-halle Presse." Inside the book is a tiny volume of "quads," printed in "midget folio," and not much larger than a postage stamp.

The centenary of Dr. Johnson, as well as the quin-centenary of Wyclif, fall within December of the present year, Johnson having died on December 13th, 1784, and Wyclif on December, 31st 1384. The occasion is to be commemorated by a new volume in Mr. T. Fisher Unwin's "Centenary Series," written by Dr. Macaulay, editor of the *Leisure Hour*. It will be called "Dr. Johnson: His Life, Works, and Table Talk."

Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany (Princess Royal of England), with the Royal Princesses, Victoria, Margaret, and Sophie, accompanied by Count and Countess Marie Münster, have paid a visit to Mr. William Bull's Orchid Exhibition at 536, King's-road, Chelsea. The Crown Princess was presented with a handsome bouquet of orchids by Mr. Bull, and three of his young daughters had the honour of presenting each of the Royal Princesses with a bouquet of choice orchids.

Bro. Lieut. A. W. Greely, recently rescued, with five companions, in the Arctic region, is a Freemason and Knight Templar. In September, 1883, the party abandoned their boats, and were adrift for thirty days on an ice floe in Smith's Sound. When their provisions were consumed they were forced to live upon boiled sealskin strips cut from their sealskin clothing, lichens, and shrimps. Bro. Lieut. Greely had the satisfaction of penetrating farther North than any Englishman or American in three centuries past. He was rescued when thought to be dying, with his companions, on June 23, 1884, near the mouth of Smith's Sound. They were starving, and Bro. Greely had just been reading prayers for the dying when the rescuers arrived. His experience has been a most eventful one, and he barely escaped with his life. Queen Victoria has congratulated President Arthur upon the happy rescue. Who is the next candidate for Polar honours?—*Keystone*.

Hieroglyphics were used before the discovery of the art of writing, and through paintings of natural or scientific objects, were represented invisible things and ideas, which could not otherwise have been delineated. On account of its importance, and the difficulty of reading it, it was considered sacred. The real meaning of the hieroglyphics was a mystery of the ancient Egyptian priests, and could only be explained in the greater mysteries. The key to the most of these hieroglyphics has been lost, especially because that in the third and fourth centuries of the Christian era they were applied to theurgic, magic, alchemy and astrology. Ever since the discovery of the alphabet, new hieroglyphics and symbols have been invented. The picture of a lamb represents patience; a dog, fidelity, &c. Hieroglyphics must always be understood to be pictorial representations, and a symbol can be both a pictorial representation and an action; for example—the chain which unites us as Masons and of which every Mason is a link, the journey, &c. From what is here said, the Freemason will be able to perceive which of the Masonic objects he has to consider as hieroglyphics and which as symbols.—*Hebrew Leader*.

It is hard enough that, as we approach our own railway stations, our eyes should be annoyed by the reiterated yellow and blue advertisements of mustard and laundry-blue manufacturers, but mercifully we are not yet given over to the hands of barbarians who paint their own horrible names in gigantic characters on the face of crags, which we would fain have deemed inaccessible, but which to these indomitable advertisers of the States offer only a desirable field for obtaining cheap notoriety. If only these Goths would abstain from desecrating beautiful nature, we could better forgive them for elaborating their really ingenious devices on the railway fences and such-like tempting spots. For instance, we could scarcely withhold some admiration from a draper near San Francisco, who attracted our attention by a long disjointed sentence which compelled us to read it while slowly moving across the great sea-bridge—"If you should meet with a railway accident and be killed you could not then, on reaching the City of [San Francisco, visit the store of the world-famed Elijah Thompson, and buy the best linen shirts at twelve dollars the dozen."—*C. F. Gordon, Cumming, in "Cassell's Family Magazine" for August.*

£50 to £500.—Tobacconists commencing.—A pamphlet, How to open a shop respectably for £50; post free. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Wholesale only.—[Advr.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Dysentery, Diarrhœa and Disordered Bowels.—These maladies are ever present, and if left unattended frequently terminate fatally. It should be everywhere known that all these complaints originate in the presence of some irritating substance in the stomach or bowels, or of some deleterious matter in the blood, and that Holloway's Pills can eliminate either with ease and expedition. They combine in a surprising degree, purifying, alterative, regulating, and strengthening qualities, and thus exert over every internal organ the wholesomely controlling influence so necessary for subduing excessive action in the human frame. Holloway's medicine may be advantageously taken as a means of keeping the blood pure and the body cool—the only practical plan of maintaining health in youth, in manhood, and in old age.