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By the agenda paper it will be seen that the question of the recognition of the "Grand Lodge of South Australia" comes up before Grand Lodge. On this occasion the petition states that *all* the lodges and *almost all the Masons* had united for the purpose of forming an independent Grand Lodge. After the very lucid exposition of the true position of the Grand Lodge of England in such matters and questions as was made by our excellent Bro. A. J. MCINTYRE, P.G.R., not so very long ago, on a somewhat similar question, it seems to us that the Grand Lodge will, alike in policy and propriety, be induced to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and that henceforth those lodges will be severed from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. We are not insensible to the arguments so ably put forward by the Select Committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts with reference to the same, as we have always felt their reality and force. "At the same time it has long been evident that the time must come when the supreme government of the Craft can no longer be carried on at a distance of 15,000 miles, and when the laudable ambition of becoming at length the Grand Master of all the lodges, according to his merit, shall be the privilege of the South Australian as well as the English, Scottish, or Irish Mason." How far the multiplication of Grand Lodges will benefit the Craft universal time alone can show. It is not for us to anticipate the future.

WE are pleased to note in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts how appreciative notice is given to the charitable work and results of our English jurisdiction. They are now seeking in that distinguished body to create a great fund of Charity, and we wish them heartily entire success in their laudable efforts and Masonic endeavours. The balance sheet of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is a very commendable one. We do not find in it those large allowances for members and travelling expenses which in some American Grand Lodges almost prevent any charitable donations. There is a small amount for the travelling expenses of the Deputy D.G. Masters, probably both needful and proper. Two thousand dollars are given in Charity, and henceforth five thousand dollars are to be so donated. The Sigourney Trust Fund is to be restored to its original idea and position, and rendered available for Masonic education in Massachusetts. We heartily congratulate the good Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on its financial prosperity, its healthy state, and its evident anxiety to evidence that its admiration of the charitable Masonic work in England is strengthening its own resolution not to be behind hand in advancing and encouraging the true and needful development of that in dispensable Masonic virtue. All success to it in its Masonic labours and efforts.

THE French Freemasons are very anxious for rehabilitation with the Grand Lodge of England, and for a renewal of the old "entente cordiale." Bro. HUBERT in the "Chaine D'Union" eloquently discourses "more suo" on this point, and expresses an opinion that the time has come when the English Grand Lodge may reconsider its determination in this respect. Far be from us any remarks which might tend to keep up a feeling of tension or separation. If, however, a "rapprochement" be possible, it can only be so on certain distinct grounds and definite principles. To cry "peace where there is no peace," to "daub the wall with untempered mortar," can only result, humanly speaking, in another divergence, and another severance. It is no, doubt, greatly to be deplored that English Masons cannot visit French lodges, and that French Masons cannot be admitted into English lodges. But on whom rests the blame for all this? We may add, certainly *not* on the Grand Lodge of England! When the French Grand Orient departed from its old landmarks and the landmarks of Cosmopolitan Masonry, and erased the belief in God from its formularies openly and avowedly, and distinctly, it made so "new a departure," that the Grand Lodge of England, faithful to its ancient and honourable traditions, and the universal principles of Freemasonry, had no

alternative left it but to take the course it did take, and propose and order a sentence of "non intercourse" until better days might arrive. As Lord CARNARVON eloquently put it, the adoption of such dubious phrases as "solidarité humaine," &c., &c., in no way removed the legitimate objections of English Masons to so sweeping and serious a change, nor altered the objection of the Grand Lodge of England to such deliberate tampering with the long standing and well considered First Principles of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. Since then another change has taken place in this very section of the Constitutional laws of the Grand Orient, and a declaration practically that Freemasonry is not religion, takes no heed of general or individual professions of faith, and is of entire toleration for all religious opinions, is now put forward as the ground for a change in English Masonic public opinion, and as perfectly sufficient itself, wide extending and all embracing enough, to justify the Grand Lodge of England in renewing intercourse, and removing the prohibition which at present undoubtedly exists, as regards the interchange of civilities and visits, except on certain assured preliminaries. In the meantime we hear such strange stories of what is going on in the lodges at Paris and in France, that, as honest journalists, we cannot profess to think either that the "pear is ripe," or the time has come for any such accommodation of matters. Our authorities may be in possession of more precise information than we are, but if theirs is anything like to ours, never at any time in its history was French Freemasonry under the Grand Orient of France in a graver position of doubt, dissolution, and danger. And yet we say all this with deep regret, though it must be said, as an act of duty and loyalty to our own and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We always sympathize with the French Freemasons. We know so well their peculiar troubles and difficulties, and how much may even be advanced by way of allowance and extenuation, as regards the perpetual warfare in which they are involved, for their more questionable utterances and vehement assertion of certain views and feelings which jar so much on the more peaceful and less combative sentiments of English Freemasons. We wish them well, we trust that they may yet emerge from their difficulties, and that morass in which they seem to be floundering to the disapproval and sorrow of *all* Anglo-Saxon Freemasons; and none will rejoice more than ourselves if, as time passes on, a safe "modus vivendi" may be found and approved of, by which that historic body, the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France may be restored to its high and pristine position in the Masonic world.

IF the independence of the Grand Lodge of South Australia be conceded by the Grand Lodge of England, another falling out of lodges must take place from our Calendar, and we think a question may fairly arise whether the time has not come when a complete renumbering should take place, and by some one of the earlier processes the register of lodges should be "closed up." There are, of course, inconveniences and drawbacks in such a course, alike general and particular, but we are inclined on the whole to think and believe that, as nothing is ever gained by unreality, the blanks had better be filled up, and our real number of lodges ascertained. The renumbering must take place sooner or later, and with the Australian movement the time seems to have arrived when our authorities may fairly apply themselves to what has become almost a needful duty.

WE are much amused with a little serio-comic tale which appears in Monday's *Times*. A distinguished Italian aristocrat, we judge by his name, had consented to allow the marriage of his fair daughter BLANCHE with a rich and worthy Israelite. A dispensation was applied for and granted, and the provision enacted that all the children of the marriage should be brought up as Roman Catholics. The POPE himself had condescended to order the despatch of the dispensation, which was duly received and duly lodged with the proper Roman Catholic authority at Paris. All "went merrily as a marriage bell, until one fine morning by telegram the dispensation was revoked. Alas! for the course of true love," for happy bride and bridegroom. Writers assure you that each tale should point its own moral, and we Freemasons, whom unjust allocutions and childish mandemens are everywhere assailing just now, may well feel that as neither concession or submission are ever of the slightest avail with that inscrutable body the Roman Curia, so our truest policy and highest wisdom are to pass by all such Ultramontane attacks in silence, and henceforth leave complaint and expostulation alone. There is an intense "naiveté" in the way the suffering father tells his story in the *Times*, which must have its due effect on all who read it, and all who think over it.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in United Grand Lodge, on Wednesday next, the third prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 29th of April for confirmation.
3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.
6. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.
7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:

The widow of a brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, London	£75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford	50 0 0
A brother of the Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich	60 0 0
A brother of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead	50 0 0
A brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool	50 0 0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May inst., shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £4818 os. 11d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £11 17s. 6d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., May 19th, 1885.

At a meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 19th May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:

The Members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) RALPH CLUTTON,
Vice-President.

9. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 15th May, 1885, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

10. Application from a Body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of South Australia," stating that all the lodges and almost all the Masons in that Colony had united in forming an Independent Grand Lodge, and praying that it may therefore be recognized as such by the Grand Lodge of England.

11. APPEALS—

(1) From the W. Master and brethren of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1831, Ashfield, New South Wales, against a ruling of their District Grand Master, forbidding the discussion in open lodge of a resolution proposed by Bro. Deakin, J.W.

(2) From a brother, against a ruling of the Provincial Grand Master, sustaining a sentence of exclusion passed by that lodge on that brother.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for inspection of the brethren during office hours.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G. Deacon:

That one thousand (£1000) be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Preparatory School Building Fund, towards defraying the cost of fittings and furniture for the new buildings now approaching completion.

(2) By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G. Deacon:

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

LIST OF BRETHREN NOMINATED FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, WITH THEIR NOMINATORS.

Bro. Edward F. Storr, P.M. 22, by Bro. F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; Bro. Fredk. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426, by Bro. Wm. Baber, W.M. 1426; Bro. Giovanni P. Festa, P.M. 1900, by Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Grand Organist; Bro. Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728, by Bro. Giovanni P. Festa, P.M. 1900; Bro. James Wentworth T. Chapman, P.M. 1922, by Bro. Edwin Storr, W.M. 1674; Bros. Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 907, and Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205, by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Bro. Richard George Barton, P.M. 771, by Bro. W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1923; Bro. Hugh Hugh Riach, P.M. 1118, by Bro. A. F. Godson, P.M. 1097; Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1216, by Bro. Wm. Poore, P.M. 1306; Bro. Tom Drew Bear, W.M. 1584, by Bro. Henry Martin, P.M. 1584; Bro. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1793, by Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745; Bros. John Laurence Mather, P.M. 1471, and Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205, by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G. Deacon; Bro. Alfred Cooper, P.M. 1591, by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Bro. Augustus William Stead, P.M. 1997, by Bro. R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Bro. Edward J. Altman, W.M. 101, by Bro. Charles Edward Soppet, P.M. 1627; Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, W.M. 778; Edward Garnet Man, W.M. 1827; Reginald St. Aubyn Roumieu, W.M. 1537; Sir Bruce Seton, W.M. 6; Frederick William Smith, W.M. 58; Frederick West, W.M. 4; Henry Truman Wood, W.M. 99; Ralph Clutton, P.M. 143; William Bristow, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; John L. Mather, P.M. 1471; Henry Bishop, P.M. 66; Samuel Hill, P.M. 21; Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 1064; and Edmond K. Bayley, P.M. 1, by Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Bros. James Willing, jun., W.M. 1987, and Charles Dairy, P.M. 141, by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P.; Bro. Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183, by Bro. G. Wm. Speth, P.M. 183; Bro. Frederic Davison, P.G.D., P.M. 10, by Bro. Robert W. Edis, P.M. 10; and William A. Dawson, P.M. 1768, by Edward M. Money, W.M. 28.

LIST OF BRETHREN NOMINATED FOR THE COLONIAL BOARD.

Bros. James Brett, P.M. 177; Lieut.-Col. George Haldane, P.M. 1615; John A. Maitland, P.M. 92; Charles Robert Rivington, P.M. 2; Leopold G. Gordon Robbins, P.M. 10; Edward M. Roe, P.M. 1593; and Thomas W. Whitmarsh, P.M. 1150; all nominated by Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D.

LIST OF BRETHREN NOMINATED FOR THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

Bros. Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728, Chas. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733, William J. Murlis, P.M. 1642, Robert Perry Tate, P.M. 860, Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140, James Willing, jun., P.M. 177, Thomas Mount Humphries, P.M. 539, James Boulton, P.M. 1056, John E. Dawson, P.M. 404, and Capt. Alfred Ducrant, P.M. 1185, by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Bros. Charles George Dilley, P.M. 147, George L. Moore, P.M. 169, and Henry Moore, P.M. 73, by Bro. Geo. Bolton, P.M. 169; Bro. Charles Dairy, P.M. 141, by Bro. James Brett, P.G. Purst.

LIST OF LODGES FOR WHICH WARRANTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER SINCE THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

No.	COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.
2090	The Hammersmith Lodge, Hammersmith, London.
2091	The Castleberg Lodge, Settle, West Yorkshire.
2092	The Frontier Lodge, Cathcart, South Africa (E.D.)
2093	Lodge Star of Rajpootana, Nussceerabad, Bombay.
2094	The Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, Hounslow, Middlesex.
2095	The Caterham Lodge, Caterham, Surrey.
2096	The George Price Lodge, Croydon, Surrey.
2097	The Newcastle Lodge, Newcastle, Natal.
2098	The Harlesden Lodge, Harlesden, London.
2099	The Ethelbert Lodge, Herne Bay, Kent.
2100	The Cama Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
2101	The Bramston Beach Lodge, Godalming, Surrey.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION,

THE congratulatory tone which marks the annual report just issued of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is fully justified by the circumstances it records, and requires at our hands that attention which the pressure upon our space last week prevented us giving. The delay, however, is of less consequence, as most of our readers must have had the opportunity, not only of listening to it at the annual meeting on the 15th inst., but likewise of studying it at their leisure in our columns of last week. The account given by the Executive and the Sec., Bro. James Terry, of their Stewardship during the past year is one of which they have good reason to be proud. A good start was made with an aggregate balance in hand of the three Funds (Male, Widows, and Sustentation), amounting to over £7500. The Festival, under the presidency of Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucester, on the 25th February was the most successful ever held in furtherance of the objects of the Institution, the total amount announced being £17,770. The moneys received were carefully and economically administered, and at the close of the year there remained to the credit of the Institution no less a sum than £9076, with which to confront the liabilities of the current year. A more satisfactory statement could not have been published, and our only subject for regret is that notwithstanding the immense amount of support accorded to the Institution, the Executive should find itself still unequal to the task of arresting the pressure made upon the Widows' Fund by the large number of applicants for admission. It is, however, impossible for them to effect a greater diminution in this particular respect than they have done without committing themselves to an expenditure which it might be beyond their means to cope with during the present and future years. It is deeply to be regretted that the approved claims to be elected annuitants of so many worthy old ladies must be left unsatisfied for another 12 months; but the responsibilities which have already been undertaken are enormous, and we are of those who think the Committee would not have deserved well of the subscribers whose moneys they are charged to administer carefully, if they had recommended a larger increase in the number on the Widows' Fund. We have said the income of the Institution has been wisely expended. The receipts from all sources, including the balance brought forward on the three Funds, amount in round figures to £27,322, and the expenditure to £18,246. Of the latter sum, £12,997 was disbursed in annuities, and £2077 10s. in the purchase of Stock, so that the cost of management amounted to no more than £3172, which, having regard to the very heavy duties devolving on the Secretary and his staff, and the large items spent for printing, stationery, postages, repairs, &c., must be set down as very far from excessive. No one in reason can suggest that £866 10s. is over much to disburse in the way of salaries, when Bro. Terry and his staff fulfil their duties so satisfactorily. Then there are rent of office £90, and of field nearly £34; rates and taxes at Croydon, £128; salaries of Warden and Matron, and wages and pension of gardener and late gardener respectively, £165; provincial expenses, &c., of Secretary, the usual entertainments to the Old People at Croydon, repairs (over £119); stationery, printing, &c., £356; postages, &c., with expenses of Election, £172, and other smaller amounts, which a study of the accounts will make clear to those who care for diving into figures. However, what we have said is enough to show that the Committee and their officers are scrupulously careful in the matter of expenditure, and we can only express the hope that the Executives of other similar Institutions may always be in a position to show a statement of account as satisfactory as this.

CONSECRATION OF THE CATERHAM LODGE, No. 2095.

On Saturday afternoon, the 23rd inst., there was an influential gathering of Masons in one of the loveliest of Surrey's lovely valleys—that of Caterham—



to witness the ceremony of the consecration of the Caterham Lodge, which has been established through the exertions of R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past Dist. G.M. Bengal; Bros. Alfred S. Tomkins, P.M. 822; George John Eady, M.D., J.D. 21; Frederick A. Guimaraens, W.M. 416; Fred. W. Mansell, 1297; Joseph E. Street, 263; Andrew Lockie, 173; and Chas. W. C. Webb, S.W. 1397.

The Drill Hall made a commodious lodge room, and here between 40 and 50 brethren from all parts of Surrey, as well as from town, assembled shortly before four o'clock, when lodge was at once opened in ancient form. The consecration ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, assisted by the Deputy P.G.M., V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., G.

Chap.; V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., as S.W.; Bros. Capt. Nathaniel G. Philips, Past G. Deacon, as J.W.; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec., as Sec.; and John Lees, P.M. 416, P.P.G.W., as D.C.

V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, G. Chap., in an impressive manner pointed out that they were not operative Masons, as were the first brethren of the Order, who wandered about from place to place, and whose was a material work, which in the course of time would crumble away. They were speculative Masons, and as such ought to do an eternal work—they ought to erect a Temple to God Most High; yes, a spiritual temple in their own hearts, and in the hearts of others. The great temple that Solomon built and its furniture were but symbols of the spiritual temple of which he had spoken. They were told that in the building of that temple no sound was heard; and it was just so with the temple that should grow up in their hearts. The operative Masons selected some good material with which to build, and this they carefully prepared. They then cemented it closely to the courses above and below, as well as to the stones on either side. Surely this taught them the great lesson of purity of life, and to be true and righteous in all their dealings. They should be closely cemented to those in their own course, sharing their distresses, relieving their necessities, and doing to them in all things as they would they should do to us. So, too, they should be closely united to those who had preceded them; that was, the course below them, remembering that they had borne the heat and burden for many days, and had fought the battle of truth and honour. So, again, should they be closely united to those who were to succeed them; that is, the course above, and in order to do this they must carefully educate their children in the Sacred Law, and at the same time take care that they themselves were walking worthily, lest they should crumble beneath the weight of the responsibilities they had to support, and so they should be rejected as stones unfit to remain in the Temple of God. The Mighty Architect himself in the glorious work of creation had taught them the great lesson of unity of design, for everything that He had created was exactly fitted for the place it held. So they, as His creatures, should be careful to fulfil the duties for which He had designed them, so that they hereafter might come to that glorious Temple above where they hoped to see the Mighty Architect Himself, and live in the glory of His presence for evermore. Let them apply this lesson to themselves to-day. They were here to erect a fresh temple to the glory of God and of the lodge of this province. Might each and all of the members of it labour together for one common end. In the first place, within the portals of this lodge might all things be conducted in harmony and in conformity with the beautiful ritual of their Order; and, secondly, that when without the gates of the lodge they must show that they were ever mindful of the lessons they had learned within it, and prove to the world that Masonry was something which was real, something which was good, and something which could help them to live better and more useful lives. Brethren, continued the Grand Chaplain, he who is about to be placed over this lodge is a brother who has held a most distinguished position in the Craft, and I am sure all those who know him intimately must respect and revere him. I feel sure that under his auspices this lodge will ever be growing up towards that perfect character which I have endeavoured to portray.

The oration, which was of an eloquent character, was warmly applauded.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony the W.M. Designate, R.W. Bro. Hugh Sandeman, was impressively installed into his office by the V.W.D.P.G.M., and the R.W. Brother afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. S. Tomkins, P.M. 822, S.W.; Geo. J. Eady, J.D. 21, J.W.; Fred. A. Guimaraens, W.M. 416, Treas.; Fred. W. Mansell, 1297, Sec.; Joseph E. Street, 263, S.D.; A. Lockie, 173, J.D.; and Chas. W. C. Webb, S.W. 1397, I.G.

Votes of thanks were passed to the R.W.P.G.M., the V.W.D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Officers for the part they had taken in the proceedings of the day, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge, a similar compliment being paid to Bro. Lees. Several brethren were proposed as joining members and two or three candidates for initiation, and the visitors present having offered their congratulations and "Hearty good wishes," the interesting proceedings were brought to a close.

A banquet was afterwards served at the Drill Hall, the new W.M. presiding in a most genial and happy manner. After dinner the W.M. gave the first Masonic toast, "The Queen and Craft," which was loyally received; and then proposed "The M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." They owed, he said, to his Royal Highness a deep debt of gratitude for the interest he took in Masonry, the latest proof of which was that as soon as ever his son became of an age when he might be initiated into the mysteries of the Order, H.R.H. not only got him initiated but he himself was the Master who performed the ceremony of initiation. (Loud applause.)

In proposing "The Prov. Grand Master and the Grand Officers Present and Past," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he took it as a very graceful compliment to them that they should have so many purple aprons amongst them, and it was a pleasing fact that two amongst them had command of an entrance to the Albert Hall when the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master, whilst a third was at present President of the General Purposes Committee. (Applause.)

Bro. FENN responded, and alluded to the great number of aspirants to offices in Grand Lodge as a proof of the vitality of the Craft.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER responded to the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers, and mentioned that when he accepted the honourable office of

P.G.M. 14 years ago there were only nine lodges in the province, whereas in a few days there would be 29. (Applause.) He hoped soon to overcome the only difficulty he had ever experienced in his work—namely, the difficulty of rewarding merit in the province.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Visitors."

Bro. GREENWOOD responded, remarking that they were all pleased to assist at the inaugurating of their excellent lodge. (Applause.) When he first took the office of P.G. Secretary there were only four lodges in the province, and this was something like the 28th. He had attended every consecration since his appointment, with one exception, when he was debarred by illness. With its present W.M. and under its present auspices there was a certainty that the newest-born lodge would prosper. (Applause.)

Bro. GREENWOOD then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." (Loud applause.) In other climes Bro. Sandeman had held the highest office to which he could attain, and since his return he had taken a very active part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and those who attended the meetings of Grand Lodge might have often seen him take the highest office it was possible for a man to hold. It was exceedingly fortunate for this lodge to be presided over by one who was so capable, and was so highly esteemed by all men and all Masons with whom he was brought in contact. (Applause.) Amongst all the lodges at the consecration of which he had been present he had never known one that was started under better auspices than was the Caterham Lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Sandeman would make one of the best Masters in England, and no one stood higher in the Craft than their Worshipful Master.

The toast was drunk most heartily, and with all the Masonic honours.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER suitably responded, and then gave "The Masonic Press," and paid a high compliment to the *Freemason*, whose representative responded, as also did the Editor of the *Surrey Mirror* (Bro. G. RALLING, 51).

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then, in warm terms, proposed "The Health of the Musical Brethren."

Bro. STEDMAN acknowledged the toast.

"The Officers of Caterham Lodge" was acknowledged by W. Bro. TOMKINS, S.W.; and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. AUSTIN, who acted temporarily as Tyler.

Some excellent music was rendered at the banquet, as well as at the ceremony of consecration, by Bros. Street, Stedman, Hodges, Rainham, and Lawler.

Amongst those present during the day besides those already mentioned were

Bros. Dr. G. Stanley Elliot, 1426; J. A. Wilson, P.M., P.Z. 822 and 29; W. J. Ford, P.M. 5; Robert E. Grant, W.M. 21; S. J. Webb, 1397; N. Stanhope Stott, W.M. 1397; J. E. Renardson, 1491; W. A. Matthews, P.G.S.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; W. R. H. Sandeman, 822; Webster Glynes, P.M., P.Z., G. Stewards' Lodge; H. Clark, P.G.D., 1383; Ernest H. Morrison, P.M. 416, P.P.G.R. Surrey; D. G. Sandeman; Geo. E. Pym, 416, P.P.G.D.C.; D. A. Howden, P.M. 263; T. Franklin Lloyd, P.M. 416, P.P.G.S.D.; J. M. P. Montague, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Dorset; F. Flood, W.M. 1149, P.G.S. of Works; T. J. Cantrell, P.M. 1397; George C. Harvey, S.D. 1397; A. Parriet, J.D. 1397; W. Bennett, P.M. 1397; T. Lawler, P.P.G.D.; John Stedman, I.P.M. 1765; A. W. Tower, 1491; and Ernest Trower, 822.

We need offer no apology for presenting to our readers a pen-and-ink sketch of Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, first Worshipful Master of this new lodge. It will probably suffice if we state that he is among the most distinguished Masons of our day, being Past District G.M., Past D.G. Supt., P.P.G. Mark Master, and Past Prov. Prior of Bengal, and now fills the important office of Grand Secretary-General of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite.

CONSECRATION OF THE GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A new lodge for the Province of Surrey was consecrated on Wednesday evening, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. The new lodge is called the George Price Lodge, and derives its name from the Grand Treasurer of Surrey, who has held that office for a quarter of a century, and who in that character, has won the esteem and respect of all the brethren of the province. It was deemed a fitting tribute of acknowledgment of his worth that a Surrey lodge should be named after him, and the founders, who considered there was room for another lodge in the province, selected his name for its title. The Deputy G.M. of the province, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., performed the ceremony of consecration, having Bro. George Price in the S.W. chair, and Dr. Strong in the chair of J.W.

Among brethren who attended and assisted were

Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, P.G.J.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; W. D. Merrion, Prov. G. Chap.; W. G. Goode, F. J. Ridpath, James S. Fraser, John G. Horsey, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Charles Greenwood, jun., Prov. G. Reg., P.G. Swd. Br.; Turle Lee, S.W. 1922; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1923; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; James Browning, C. H. Woodward, Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; George Price, P.G. Treas.; Albert Lucking, A.G.P.; R. W. Price, J. R. Hubbard, H. Saxelby, P.M. 463; Rev. H. W. Turner, Chap. 1547; B. H. Ridge, P.M. 463; F. Cambridge, 463; T. W. Eastgate, I.P.M. 1563; C. Lacey, P.G. Stwd. Herts; Rev. G. P. Merrick, P.M., P.P.G.C., P.M. 1816; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975; John Rhode, P.G. Org.; J. Newton, P.M. 174; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. T. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; J. Sargeant, W.M. 1790; E. Whitaker, P.M. 1790; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; W. Foulsham, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; H. J. Strong, P.P.G.W. Surrey; Thomas F. Harvey, W.M. 174; Crawford Wilson, 1196; Robt. Boyer, P.M. 1763; Thomas Perrin, P.M. 1297; J. H. Garland, 1987; Walter Hubert, 463; H. Sadler, G.T.; F. Kingsley, 1185; Wm. Fraser, 174; J. A. Brown, 1672; Franklin Clive, 1319; Fred. West, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.R. Surrey, Grand Stwds. Lodge; C. White, 1790; W. P. Brown, P.M. 90; R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. 263; C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; E. Henry Taylor, P.M. 586; and W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. James A. Brown, who was assisted by Bro. Henry Taylor, Bro. Franklin Clive, and Bro. Turle Lee (organ.)

The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, after the formal opening of the lodge and the singing of an introductory anthem, said the brethren had assembled that day to consecrate a new lodge for the Province of Surrey. He understood that the brother who was about to preside over it was one who was initiated in Freemasonry at a very early age, and he felt sure from studying the names of those brethren who were the founders of the lodge, that they would do their best to maintain the efficiency of the lodge and to admit only good men and true into the Craft, whereby he hoped that the lodge would become a good and useful lodge in the province.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN delivered an oration, but refrained from dilating on the principles of the Order, feeling sure that the brethren were thoroughly imbued with them.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Bro. Joseph David Langton was installed as Master, Bro. Joseph Langton was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Shepherd, Tyler. The W.M. invested as his officers Bros. Hugh Hobbs, S.W.; Francis T. Ridpath, J.W.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; James S. Fraser, Sec.; Ernest Samuel, S.D.; M. L. Levèy, J.D.; W. G. Goode, I.G.; and Bro. Shepherd, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses a long list of names of gentlemen desiring admission to the Order was proposed and seconded, together with the names of proposed joining members. Votes of thanks to the Consecrating Officers were then passed, and these brethren were elected honorary members, together with the Lord Mayor and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold acknowledged the compliment, as also did the Lord Mayor and Bro. Col. Clerke. Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B., Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey, who had acted as Secretary during the consecration, and Bro. Horsey, who had acted as Director of Ceremonies, were also elected honorary members of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," after the banquet had been enjoyed by the brethren, said that he was pleased that this toast did not depend on any words of his for its cordial reception among members of the Order, as well as among Englishmen generally.

In giving "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said that as Masons they might congratulate themselves on having the Prince of Wales at their head, who had since he was made Grand Master determined not to let a long period pass without showing by some fresh act his interest in the business of the Craft. He had lately shown his great interest in it by initiating his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, in the ranks of the Order. They might look forward with confidence to the time when Prince Albert Victor would get some high office in the Craft. The Prince of Wales had been in Ireland on a most successful tour, and the brethren were happy to find that he had returned without his visit being tarnished by any disloyalty to him.

The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said the brethren had been honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor, and they were deeply thankful to him for having amidst his thousand and one engagements found time to visit this lodge at its consecration. He (the W.M.) had the honour of belonging to No. 1 Lodge, of which the Lord Mayor was Master during the past year, and he had had the opportunity of seeing him in that post, and how he discharged his duties. This he did in a manner that enhanced the character of that famous lodge, and endeared himself to every member. The Lord Mayor was a Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and they also had the honour of having among them Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, who had consecrated George Price Lodge. There was also Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary, whom lodges were always delighted to welcome among them, together with Bros. Dumas, Rucker, Dr. Ralph Gooding, Charles Greenwood, the hard-working Secretary of the province, and Bro. Lucking, the Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

The LORD MAYOR responded, and said the toast would be replied to also by one who was a permanent Grand Officer, that was to say permanent as far as anything could be permanent, and to that officer, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, everybody in Masonry was very deeply indebted. Although the brethren owed very much to the Grand Master and to many other distinguished men in Masonry, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke was the right hand man on whom they depended for getting good advice; for instance, this lodge. He apprehended that His Royal Highness the Grand Master when he authorised the foundation of this lodge acted under the advice of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, who had done so much for Masonry. Speaking for himself, he could only thank the brethren most warmly for associating his name with the toast, and also for having him in the lodge that afternoon and making him a member. He felt that he ought to do what he could for Masonry; he knew he was a bad Mason; and yet when he accepted the invitation he knew he should receive the kindness one always experienced on such occasions; and he had had very great pleasure in visiting the lodge of which he was now a member.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., said, being a person of modest temperament, he felt entirely taken aback in having to respond to a toast which was properly assigned to the Lord Mayor. His lordship had been good enough to say very kind things of him, and coming from such a generous heart they were very acceptable. But he did not thank his lordship for having dragged him in for a reply; still, he was pleased to thank the W.M. for the toast of the Grand Officers, who were brethren who, in their various capacities, and coming from a high social position, well filled the responsible positions given to them. They were all brethren who had done good suit and service to the Order, and the Grand Master, in appointing them, had rewarded merit. It was to those brethren a pleasure to be received in the kind and hearty manner they experienced at Masonic meetings, and they appreciated it. He was sure the time would never come when they would not receive it. They always took interest in the purpose of Masonry, and were delighted to find a lodge started under such favourable auspices in the Province of Surrey Lodge as the George Price Lodge. They considered it a most graceful tribute to the worth of a very old member of the province, and they congratulated him on the honour done to him. They also congratulated the lodge on being presided over by such excellent officers. With such brethren at the head of affairs it could not but prosper, and he felt sure it would be a most successful lodge in the Province of Surrey.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.," and read a letter from the gallant general, in which he regretted his inability to be present, owing to a severe cold, and congratulated the lodge on its having taken so loved and honoured a name as that of Bro. George Price. The W.M. said he was sure all the brethren regretted deeply the absence, and the cause of the absence, of Gen. Brownrigg; but the brethren might congratulate themselves on having his Deputy, Bro. Arnold, with them. They thanked him most sincerely for coming amongst them and performing the ceremony of consecration and installation. The other Provincial Grand Officers they were also delighted to see, and they trusted that during the years the lodge existed it would never do anything which would cause the Provincial Grand Officers of Surrey for a moment to regret that the lodge came into the province. He hoped rather that they would look back with pleasure to the day when it was brought into existence.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.G.C., in responding, said that it was a source of great regret to Gen. Brownrigg that he was not able to be present at that gathering. He was with him at a consecration of a lodge at

Caterham on Saturday last, which was, unfortunately, a wet day, and he was not well at the time. Gen. Brownrigg was afraid he would not be able to attend that consecration, and he asked him to prepare for taking his place. He was pleased at having the opportunity of performing the beautiful ceremony, in which he always took a very great interest. It had given him great pleasure to install the W.M., and was certain that the lodge would become a thoroughly Surrey lodge. He trusted that the brethren of the lodge would join with the Surrey brethren in all that they did in the province, and especially in promoting the great Charities, which they all had so dearly at heart. They wanted, if they could, in that province to work most heartily for those Charities, so as to meet together and join and bring in their different candidates, because all the brethren must agree that there was nothing so trying to the candidates for the Charities as to be kept in suspense for some time. If they could at once take in the candidates so much the better. They would excuse him for saying it, but he had the Charities very much at heart, and the brethren would agree with him that it was right to bring the subject before the lodge at its first introduction. He had had great pleasure in bringing a new lodge into the province, presided over by such a Mason as Bro. Langton, who was a thorough worker, not only in the Lodge of Emulation, but in another lodge, which had done great work in Masonry. He trusted that their lodge would do the same, and make its mark in the Province of Surrey. He then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing that he might have plenty of work."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said he was deeply grateful to the founders of the George Price Lodge for having selected him as its first W.M. He was very proud of the position, and he would do everything in his power to prevent the brethren regretting that they had placed him there. He trusted that during his year of office he should have, as Bro. Arnold hoped, plenty of work, and he thought that in proposing eight initiates that evening there was a good show of work both for regular and emergency meetings.

Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, Prov. Grand Secretary, replying for the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," said he was sure the lodge would be a success. He had been for nearly 30 years associated with Bro. George Price, and he was glad the brethren had so honoured that brother by calling it after his name.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Health of Bro. George Price," and reminded the brethren of the letter of the Provincial Grand Master, which spoke of the loved name of George Price. That was echoed by every Mason in the province. Bro. George Price had consented to let his name be associated with the lodge. He trusted that Bro. Price would never look back with regret to having given his permission to the lodge to use his name, but rather that he might look with a certain amount of pride at the fact. All the brethren would strive to their utmost to make the lodge one of the first in the Province.

Bro. GEORGE PRICE, who on rising was received with loud applause, said, in reply, I thank the W.M. exceedingly for the very many kind words that he has uttered with regard to myself, and I thank you all, brethren, for the very warm manner in which you have received the toast. I consider it a very great honour indeed to have my name associated with this lodge. When the proposal was made to me I considered that it was a great compliment paid to me, and I felt certain that the lodge would be a success. In a meeting with the promoters and founders of the lodge, which was held, I found them to be brethren well skilled in Freemasonry; I found them to be energetic and determined Masons, and I felt assured that they were the men to establish a lodge and to work it and make it a success. The proceedings of to-day had fully justified my view at that moment, and I also felt that this lodge would promote and strengthen Freemasonry in this province, and more especially in this good town of Croydon. We are a large town now; we number something like 100,000 inhabitants; we are a corporate town; and I think there are only two lodges in it—the East Surrey Lodge of Concord and the Addiscombe Lodge. I thought that three lodges would be none too many for a town of such importance; I trust and hope that this lodge will be prosperous. I have no doubt of it—in fact, I am sure it will be; and I hope that you will have plenty of work to do, and that prosperity in every way may attend it. I thank you most sincerely again for the very proud position you have placed me in, and I thank the Grand Master of the province for his very kind and flattering remarks in the letter which has been read to-day.

The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officers," and said the beautiful ceremony of consecration could not have been more perfectly performed, and he, and all the brethren thanked the consecrating officers most sincerely for so kindly officiating. They were deeply indebted to the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. Merrick, for the duties he performed, and also for his oration. In fact, all the consecrating officers they desired to thank.

Dr. STRONG, in reply, said that so far as the part he was called upon to perform was concerned, it was very slight. It was a long time since he took part in a consecration, and, consequently, he was a little rusty; but should there be another consecration in Surrey he should perform his part better. It had been a very great source of pleasure to him to be present on that occasion, more especially as with Bro. Greenwood he had been associated in the Grand Lodge of Surrey 25 years, as well as with Bro. Price. It had always been a source of congratulation to him that his initiation took place in the hotel in which they were assembled. He had never regretted it, because it had enabled him to make the friendship of Bro. Greenwood and Bro. Price. He concluded by again thanking the brethren for their cordial reception.

The W.M. next gave "The Recommending Lodge," the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, and thanked the brethren of that lodge for the kindness they had shown in recommending the lodge.

Bro. SAXELBY, P.M. 463, replied. He was not now Master of the lodge, he was at the time the petition came to be signed. When he found the lodge was to be named the George Price Lodge, after so highly respected a member of the province for a great number of years, there was no hesitation at all with the brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord in recommending that the petition be signed. They felt it was an honour due to him who had held such a high position for a great number of years. Personally, he knew all the founders of the lodge; he knew they had Masonry at heart, and desired to do good to Masonry. With such founders, and knowing to some extent the men who would guide it, they had very much pleasure in signing the petition. It was a great honour to have another lodge in the province. This was a summer lodge; the East Surrey was a winter lodge, and there was no reason why brethren wishing to do good to Masonry should not belong to both. The East Surrey desired to do good in the province, and they thought the establishment of the George Price Lodge was a step in the right direction.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors."
Bro. the Rev. H. W. TURNER responded.
The S.W. and the TREASURER responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.
The musical brethren gave a beautiful selection of music during the evening.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. AMBROSE CHAPTER, No. 1891.

On Friday, the 22nd inst., this new chapter was consecrated by the M.E.G.S.E., Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by Comps. Capt. N. G. Phillips, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and Frank Richardson.

The companions being assembled at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, the normal ceremonies of consecration were duly proceeded with.

The G.S.E. congratulated the companions on the fact of the St. Ambrose Lodge having petitioned for a chapter to be attached to it, and lauded the kindly and thoughtful conduct of Comp. Frances, P.Z., in suggesting that instead of himself, originally named in the warrant, Comp. Pocock, W.M. of the St. Ambrose Lodge, should be the first Z. of the new chapter.

The usual ritual was then most carefully and ably performed by the M.E.G.S.E.

Comp. Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD delivered the usual oration.

The chapter having been duly formed, dedicated, and consecrated, and certain needful business having been transacted, the chapter was closed.

We may add we never saw the ceremony more thoroughly or effectively carried out in every particular, and Comp. Frank Richardson received deserved recognition for his effective services. Comps. Pocock, M.D., Holland, and Harris, were duly installed Z., H., and J. of the new chapter respectively.

The companions then adjourned to the social circle, where an hospitable welcome awaited all.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly proposed and cordially received.

Comp. Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, in returning thanks for "The Present and Past Officers of Grand Chapter," said it was always a privilege for the Grand Officers to help the Consecrating Officer in his important duties, and a pleasure to manifest their sympathy with their companions, and their unabated interest in Royal Arch Masonry. He was one of those who deeply admired the beautiful ceremonies of the Royal Arch, and valued much its sound and goodly teaching. A most important Grade it was,—the culminating point of Craft teaching and gradation, and without it Craft Masonry itself was incomplete. He congratulated the chapter on its auspicious commencement that day, and felt sure that the impressive manner in which the ceremony had been conducted by the Consecrating Officer would make a lasting impression on the minds of the companions. He congratulated also the chapter on having so able a companion as Comp. Pocock at its head, and with him associated Comp. Holland, who had written a very interesting work; Comp. Harris, who was so well esteemed by his companions, and Comp. Frances, whose long Masonic services were well known. He was convinced that the St. Ambrose Chapter would go on and prosper.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and especially mentioned their excellent friend Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., to whom they were all so much indebted. He observed that they must all be struck with the very admirable and impressive way in which the ceremony of consecration had been performed, and trusted that ere long their respected friend would pay them a visit to discover how far they had profited by his kindly instructions, and made the St. Ambrose Chapter as good a working chapter as the St. Ambrose Lodge had become in Craft Masonry.

The G.S.E. returned thanks for the honour done the Consecrating Officers. He gave a most interesting account of the circumstances attending the formation of the St. Ambrose Chapter, and highly praised P.Z. Frances for his thoroughly unselfish and truly Masonic conduct. Through him the St. Ambrose Chapter was founded, and he was pleased to be able to say that Royal Arch Masonry was progressing. For some reason, while lodges had flourished, chapters had been comparatively few and far between; but all that was changed now, and the great impetus given to Royal Arch Masonry was most remarkable in late years, and the increase of the number of chapters was, in his opinion, most desirable. He warmly commended the St. Ambrose Lodge, and felt sure the St. Ambrose Chapter would go on and prosper. Before he sat down he begged to propose "The Health of the First Principal, Comp. Dr. Pocock." It was a most appropriate selection that the W.M. of the St. Ambrose Lodge should be first M.E.Z. of the St. Ambrose Chapter, and he felt sure the companions had made a wise selection, and under Comp. Dr. Pocock's able rule the St. Ambrose Chapter would prove alike its "raison d'être," and gain for itself a high position among Royal Arch chapters. The M.E.G.S.E. sat down amid applause.

Comp. Dr. Pocock returned thanks in eloquent and appropriate terms, and expressed his hope and confidence that after the foundation laid that day so auspiciously and so effectively, the companions would raise up a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders.

Several other toasts were given and responded to, and we had to leave a very hospitable company and a very pleasant if select gathering at comparatively an early hour, with heartiest good wishes for the progress and prosperity of the St. Ambrose Chapter.

BLUE BLANKET.—An old property of the Edinburgh Guilds, and now in the possession of the Lodge of Journeymen in that good old city. It is said to have been originally the banner of some Scottish mechanics, who followed Allan, Lord Steward of Scotland, to Palestine; and afterwards on their return deposited the banner on the altar of St. Eloi, the patron saint of the Guilds, in St. Giles's Church, at Edinburgh. This banner was called the banner of the Holy Ghost. In 1482 King James III. gave to the craftsmen their "Blue Blanket" as the rallying flag of the Edinburgh journeymen. In all Masonic processions it is carried by the Lodge of Journeymen. The "History of the Blue Blanket," by Alexander Penny-cuick, reprinted in 1832, contains a great deal of curious information. There was an edition of 1722, and another in 1780.—*Kenning's Encyclopedia.*

CONSECRATION OF THE DOVE VALLEY MARK LODGE, No. 353.

Mainly as the result of the efforts of Bro. Percy Wallis, a Mark Mason's Lodge, bearing the distinctive title of the Dove Valley Lodge, has just been consecrated in the town of Ashbourne. A great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings, brethren (many of them distinguished in Mark Masonry) attending in considerable numbers from London, Derby, Leicester, Manchester, Buxton, Nottingham, and other neighbouring towns. The important ceremony of consecration was performed by R.W. Bro. Charles F. Matier, P.G.W. England, assisted by V.W. Bro. Robert Berridge, G.D. of C. England; Bros. Roebuck, P.G.O. England; Charles Lane, P.G.O. England; and Arthur Middleton, P.G.S.B. England.

There were also present the Provincial Grand Master of the United Province of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby, R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A.; Bros. Haughton C. Okeover, P.M.; E. C. Milligan, P.M.; J. H. Lawson, W.M. 246; and the following members from the Derby Lodge:—Bros. Thomas Horsley, F. Campion, A. Woodiwiss, R. L. H. Mole, W. J. Piper, F. Sale, T. Smith, the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, E. Horne, C. Webster, A. Frazer, and J. Walker.

Apologies were received from the following brethren: R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; V.W. Bros. Hatherley, P.G.M.O.; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; W. Bros. H. George, Past G. Stwd.; J. Toplis, W.M. 344; W. L. Ball, Prov. G.M.O.; Bros. W. Whittaker, Prov. G.D.; J. Bland, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. Bro. R. Taylor, Prov. G.S.O.; Bros. G. Small, G. Fletcher, Ill. Bro. C. Fendelow, 33°; and W. Bro. C. E. Stretton, G. Stwd.

In the course of the consecration ceremony, which was performed most ably and impressively by Bros. Matier and Berridge, Bro. the Rev. C. T. BROMWICH, acting on behalf of the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. T. Orrell delivered a short but singularly happy and effective oration. Having referred to the recent remarkable development of Mark Masonry in Derbyshire, the Chaplain went on to express a fervent hope that the members of the newly formed lodge might learn a lesson from that peaceful valley after which it was named. There they saw how all Nature was subservient to the will of the Great Overseer of the Universe. Everything had been begun in order, everything was conducted in peace, and everything in that beautiful world of nature was free from strife and discord. But if these results were to be attained, the brethren must live up to the principles of their Order. If they did this, the outside world, who were curious to know the characteristics of Masonry, would be heard to say—"We do not know, we cannot tell, but we know those who are Masons are religious men, are law-abiding citizens, men who are always willing to join in any good cause, and ready to help in time of need."

The Consecrating Officer subsequently installed Bro. Percy Wallis as first W.M. of the new lodge, and Bros. John Howell and Arthur Stubbs were invested as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The other officers appointed were Bros. G. M. Bond, M.O.; Prince, S.O.; Littleton, J.O.; J. H. Cooke, Treas.; Rigby, Sec.; W. H. Tutt, S.D.; McLean, J.D.; and Brown, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was conducted at the Town Hall, the brethren dined together at the Green Man Hotel. The post prandial proceedings were of the most agreeable character, it being intimated by more than one speaker that the creation of a Derbyshire Mark Province might be looked for at no distant date, although there was no hurry to separate from the genial rule of R.W. Bro. Kelly.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

REVIEW.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. Volume IV. By Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.W. Thomas C. Jack, 45, Ludgate-hill.

The fourth volume, so long expected, is at last before us. It deals with most important matters, and contains five chapters—XVI., XVII., XVIII., XIX., and XX.—comprehending the following very interesting subjects:—Early British Freemasonry, 1688-1723; History of the Grand Lodge of England, 1723-60; Freemasonry in York; History of the Grand Lodge of England, "according to Old Institutions;" and History of the Grand Lodge of England, 1761-1813.

The illustrations are very striking and effective, and the volume is likely to be greatly appreciated by Masonic students and Masonic readers. It is impossible to attempt to do full justice to Volume IV. in one review. We propose only therefore to glance at a few of the very important conclusions which Bro. Gould's careful research has led him to adopt, leaving for other notices, a more detailed review, of his facts adduced and his positions taken up. The following seems to be a fair "precis" of the main conclusions of Volume IV.:

1. That there is a dissimilarity between the exact form of Scottish and English Freemasonry in the seventeenth century and until about 1730.
2. That there seems to be a recognition by the English Grand Lodge of 1730, or thereabout, of the English Masonry of 1691.
3. Bro. Gould seems to adopt a bi-gradal theory, in contradistinction from a mono-grade or tri-gradal one, and to doubt the alleged influence of Desaguliers on Scottish Masonry—that is, so early as 1721.
4. From the Kelso minutes, Bro. Gould would infer in 1752 there was no Third Degree practised at Kelso. It is possible that somewhere about that period a change did take place in Freemasonry, both in England and Scotland; but the fact that three of the Kelso brethren were Master Masons, exclusive of the deputation from Leith, would show that the position of the Kelso Lodge was abnormal. Still, it is a very striking fact.
5. We thus gain this important conclusion, that Bro. Gould gives up the seventeenth century theory, and whatever modification or alteration his views may yet receive, he holds that more than one Degree existed and was practised before 1717, and that the ritual Masonry of the seventeenth century is identical with that of the eighteenth.

We shall call attention in other notices to the several portions of this important volume of a very great work for Masonic history.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A Meeting of the ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER OF H.R.M. will be held at No. 33, GOLDEN-SQUARE, LONDON, W., on SATURDAY, the 4th day of July, 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over—The Inverness Charter. REPORTS:—Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035; Friendly, R.A. Chapter, No. 1513; Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED. "La Chaine D'Union de Paris," "Oswestry Advertiser," "El Taller," "Sunday Times" (London), "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Le Moniteur de la Chaine Universelle," "Court Circular," "Consumption in the Army," "Hull Packet," "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Jewish Chronicle," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Allen's Indian Mail," and "The Masonic Chronicle" (Columbus).



SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1885.

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.]

NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, In your last Saturday's issue I noticed a letter signed "A Lancashire Mason," re above, hinting that a

meeting to forward the movement would be held on Wednesday, the 24th June. Now, as the Boys' Festival is held at the Crystal Palace on that day—as is also the Handel Festival—I fear it would not be convenient for country brethren to attend. I, therefore, propose to call a meeting for the following day, Thursday, the 25th, at the Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street, W.C., at 3 p.m. prompt, then and there to take the matter into consideration and to decide what shall be done; and I cordially and fraternally invite all Northern Counties Masons (say Yorkshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmorland) who are resident in or near, or who may be in London on that day, to attend, so that their opinions and advice may be given on the subject.

I will not attempt to lay down any rule as to the qualifications of the members of the proposed new lodge, as I think all matters of that kind should be settled by the majority of the brethren who take an interest in the matter, and who may be able to attend the meeting; but I would first say that my idea is that all brethren belonging to any lodge in the counties I have named, either by initiation or joining, as well as gentlemen belonging to these counties, desirous of joining the Order, should be eligible, and I would also propose that the meetings be quarterly, say the Tuesday night before Grand Lodge, that the initiation fee be little more than the sum required by Grand Lodge, and the annual subscription be moderate. I would further suggest that a small yearly sum from each be placed to a "Special Fund" for "Masonic," or other charitable purposes. By this means every brother in the lodge would do his share, instead of the few as, I am sorry to say, often happens in some lodges. By this means there would always be a fair sum to head a Steward's list, or to dispense in other ways, as the brethren might deem fit.

In conclusion, I would ask a brother who may be able to attend the meeting to bring with him any brother Mason qualified, as I have before mentioned, who might care to further the movement.—Yours very fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks. 110, Cannon-street, E.C., May 27th.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If I could have found time before to reply to your remarks on the above subject I should have closely followed the line of comment adopted by "Lex Scripta," and I need not therefore repeat what he has put forward so clearly. I admit, of course, that it is quite possible for a blackballing faction to be formed in a lodge, and for the members of that party to preserve the secret of their identity for a time. In such a case there is nothing left apparently for the injured majority but to grin and bear it. Such a state of things occurred some years ago in a Yorkshire lodge, and for a long time every candidate was blackballed, and nothing could be discovered that would form sufficient ground for an inquiry, although it was noticed that the number of blackballs was always the same and that a certain cluster of dissatisfied brethren, tallying with the number of blackballs, were always present on occasions of balloting. At length it was arranged that on the next occasion of a ballot only the W.M. should vote, and that if these suspected brethren also voted the rest of the members should keep their seats and not exercise their rights. This revealed the identity of the black sheep, who all voted black, the Master's being the only white ball in the box. Accordingly, the mischief makers were unanimously sent to Coventry, and soon found it decidedly more agreeable to resign their membership of the lodge, after which the normal condition of happiness was resumed. Unless some such step had been taken the lodge must have been broken up.

A Masonic lodge is in point of fact only a species of club, and just as in a club it would become the absolute duty of its loyal members to discover the authors of any wholesale and ruinous system of blackballing, so, I take it, that it would be quite proper for the loyal members of a lodge under similar circumstances to unearth those who aim at the destruction of the lodge and thereby of the prosperity of the Order.

Nothing is held more inviolable than the political ballot box, but this principle by no means prevents an investigation and the punishment of the offenders when any illegal or improper use has been made of its machinery.

I did not say that threats of wholesale blackballing were "openly talked of in lodges," but I said that blackballers were as a rule, in my short experience, not given to keeping their own counsel, and that usually the secret leaked out, the very operation of forming their cabal, indeed, rendering it difficult for them to avoid letting the cat out of the bag.—Yours fraternally, T. B. WHYTEHEAD. York, May 25th.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, It is an "open secret" that at the ensuing Quarterly Communication a question of very grave importance will be submitted to Grand Lodge on an appeal against the exclusion of a member from a private lodge, and the confirmation of such exclusion by the R.W. Grand Master of the province in which such lodge is holden.

With the merits of the case, in so far as the vote of exclusion is concerned, it would be most improper to interfere until after our respected Grand Registrar shall have given his opinion to the members of Grand Lodge assembled. But the "question of grave importance" which will arise out of certain proceedings connected therewith is already known to a large number of Masons, is, so far, public information in no wise affecting a matter which is "sub judice," and can, therefore, be discussed without impropriety.

"Can any Masonic authority whatever sanction that which, in the ordinary course of legal practice, would be deemed libellous, and claim privilege?" The printing and publishing a man's name without his consent, and to his certain prejudice, is, without doubt, and notwithstanding the dictum which has been referred to, a libel or slander for which the law of the land provides a remedy. This remedy is, more or less, forcible according to the nature of

circumstances which constitute privilege, and, therefore, it is most important to ascertain in what manner any and what privilege not given by "lawfully constituted authority" to any individual "peaceable subject" can be claimed by Freemasons as a body. I cannot believe that any privilege is accorded to Freemasons to the exclusion of all other men or societies of men, nor that the protecting "regis" of the Masonic Order can be thrown over direct violation of the "laws of the country in which we reside."

In the instance which will come before "Grand Lodge" (I write advisedly), a brother's name and full Masonic rank has been printed, in connection with a motion for exclusion, in an ordinary lodge summons, which has circulated beyond the "limits" of the lodge. The W.M. had been cautioned that such publication would be considered objectionable, and if persisted in would be resented. Whether or not the brother named had committed a Masonic offence meriting exclusion or capable of explanation, has nothing to do with the present question. He may be "white as snow," or "black as soot"—that has yet to be determined; but even if proved the latter in respect of "Masonic line and rule," there is, to my mind, no justification whatever for doing that which, known to the outer world, would most emphatically injure his repute. If a justification or privilege, call it which you please, exists, then let it be known under what rule or regulation of our Constitutions, setting aside, for the present, the "ordinances of the realm," it is expressed. I can find no such thing.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

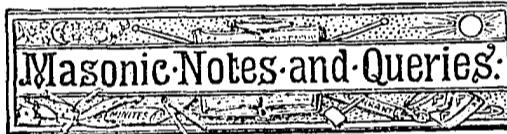
JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, Whit Monday.



MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE, FOR THE YEAR 1885. Edited by Bro. GEORGE E. LAKE, Provincial Grand Secretary, and published by authority of Provincial Grand Lodge.

We do not know that we can say more of this useful little annual than that it has evidently been compiled with the greatest care by Bro. George E. Lake, Prov. Grand Secretary, who seems to have made up his mind to secure the utmost accuracy, and at the same time to compress all necessary information within the smallest possible compass. Bro. Lake deserves great praise for his success in compilation, the result of his labours being the more valuable from the fact of there being no omissions—none at least that occur to us as worth noting—through failure, on the part of the lodges and chapters, to supply the needful details.



601] PETITION FOR INVERNESS CHARTER.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Memorial of the Old Kilwinning Lodge of Inverness.

That preceding the year 1678, it seems by tradition of our oldest members now living, that the Lodge kept their minutes from time to time in an irregular manner upon sheets or baffles of paper, most of which we now cannot collect, so as to make anything of them to purpose—they having either been cancelled or lost by accident.

But upon the 27th December, 1678 years, Ther was a book given in by The Honble. William McIntosh (Broyr. german to the then Laird of McIntosh), who was then chosen Master of the Lodge, from which date all the regular meetings & transactions of the Lodge are recorded till this date.

Inverness, 27th December, 1678, William Mack Intosh was chosen Master, Alexr. Nicholson, Senr., Andw. Ross, Junr. Wardens, and Dd. Ross, boxmr. The same persons continued in these offices till 15th November, 1681, when William Hendric was chosen boxmaster or Thesaurer, & the above members continued till 1st December, 1684, when John McBean was chosen Junr. Warden & Andw. Ross, Thesaurer; ye rest continued till

27th December, 1692, when James Barbour was chosen Master, John Reid, Senr., and John Heburn, Junr. Wardens, and Andw. Ross, Thesaurer, and continued till

27th December, 1699, when John Heburn was chosen Master, John Reid, Senr., and Robert Nicolson, Junr. Wardens, and Andw. Ross, Thesaurer, and continued till

27th December, 1701, when James Dick was chosen Master, Andw. Ross, Senr., and William Cumming, Junr. Wardens, Alexr. Tulloch, Thesaurer, and continued till

28th December, 1702, when the said James Dick was continued Master, Robert Nicolson and Alexr. Tulloch, Wardens, and John Thomson, Thesaurer, and continued till

6th August, 1716, when Andrew Scott was chosen Master, James Dick, Senr., and John Dick, Junr. Wardens, and the said John, Thesaurer, and continued till

27th December, 1718, when the said Andw. Scott was continued Master, Robt. Ross, Senr., and Thos. Tulloch, Junr. Wardens, and ye said Thos. Tulloch, Thesaurer, and continued till

25th December, 1719, when Donald McLise was chosen Master, Donald and Thomas Tulloch, Wardens, the Boxmaster continued, and ye rest till

27th December, 1722, when John Nicolson was chosen Master, Donald McLise, Senr., and John McBean, Junr. Wardens, and Alexr. Fraser, Boxmaster, and continued till

28th December, 1724, when John McBean was chosen Master, Donald McLise, Senr., and John Jackson, Junr. Wardens, and ye said John Jackson, Thesaurer, and continued till

27th December, 1733, when Bailly William McIntosh was chosen Master, John Dunbar, Senr., and Alexr. Fraser,

Junr. Wardens, and the said Alexr., Boxmaster, and continued till

27th December, 1735, when John McBean was chosen Master, John Dunbar, Senr., and Alexr. Fraser, Junr. Wardens, and the said Boxmaster, continued, &c., continued till

27th December, 1736, when George Cuthbert of Castlehill was chosen Master, John Dunbar, Senr., and Dond. McLise, Junr. Wardens, and Alexr. Fraser, Thesaurer.

On the back of the copy of the petition which we have is the following indorsation:

In a full meeting of this Lodge, Inverness, 26th September, 1737, Wee, the Master and Wardens hereto subscribing, doe attest the above to be a genuine duplicate of the minutes of this Lodge, as the same stands recorded in the said minute book, deposited in the box by the Honourable William McIntosh, Esquire, as also of the list of present members herewith sent.

MASTER.
SENR. WARDEN.
JUNR. WARDEN.

[NOTE.—It was the custom for Highlanders to sign the names of their farms, estates, and offices, in place of their Christian and surnames.—W. O.]

To all and sundry to whom these presents shall come, greeting, know yee, that wee, George, Earle of Cromarty, Lord Viscount of Tarbat, present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Massons for the Kingdome of Scotland: Whereas, upon application to the Grand Lodge, in name of the Right Worshipful George Cuthbert, of Castlehill, Esq., present Master; John Mack Bean, Sheriff-Clerk of Inverness, Deputy-Master; John Dunbar, wryter in Inverness, Senr. Warden; and William Robertson, younger of Inshes, Worshipful Brethren Free and Accepted Massons of the Lodge intituled Old Inverness Kilwinning, for themselves, and in name and behalf of the other Brethren belonging to the said Lodge, it was evidently made appear to us and our Brethren of the Grand Lodge, by proper documents, that from the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight, they have been constituted and erected in a regular Masson Lodge by the name and designation of Old Inverness Kilwinning, aforesaid, since which time they have been in use to keep regular meetings in which they have received and entered apprentices, past ifellow crafts, and raised Master wherein and for that purpose have kept regular books, Massons, they entred their proceedings in the way and manner practised in other well govern'd Masson's Lodges, and, as such, stand recorded in the books of Grand Lodge; and wherein, by their representatives, they have been in use to vote at all the proceedings of the same since the twelfth of October last bypast, as appears by the books and minutes of the Grand Lodge of that date, and the Brethren aforesaid being now desirous to have their fairsaid erection and constitution ratified and confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and for that end to have a Charter thereof in these termes made out in their favours; Therefore, witt ye us, with the advyce and consent of our Brethren of the Grand Lodge to have ratified, approven, and confirmed, and by the tenor hereof, with consent fairsaid, ratify, approve, and perpetually confirm the aforesaid erection and constitution in favours of the saids Worshipfull Brethren of Old Inverness Kilwinning, and their successors, and of new to have constituted, erected, and appointed, and hereby erect, constitute and appoint them and their successors a true and regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Massons under the title and designation as mentioned, in all time coming, and ordain all the regular Masson Lodges in Scotland to hold and respect them as such for the future, hereby giving, granting, and committing to them and their successors full and ample power to meet as a regular Lodge, receive and enter apprentices, pass fellow crafts, and raise Master Massons, upon payment of regular and reasonable compositions for supporting their poor decayed brethren, widows, and orphans, agreeable to their stations, and to elect and make choice of Masters, Wardens, Thesaurers, and other office-bearers annually, or other ways as they shall have occasion; and wee hereby, with consent fairsaid, enjoine and recomend the said brethren to reverence and obey their superiours in all things lawful and honest, as becomes the honour and harmony of Masonry in generall; and shall faithfully become bound and engaged not to desert their Lodge, and that none of them presume, upon any pretence whatsoever, to make any separate or schismaticall meetings among themselves without the consent, approbation, and presence of their Master and Wardens for the time, nor shall they collect money or other separate fund from the common stock of their lodge, to the hurt and detriment of their poor thereof, the said Worshipfull Brethren being always bound and obliged, as by their acceptance hereof, they faithfully bind and oblige them and their successors in all time coming, to obtemper faithfully and obey the whole acts, statutes, and regulations of the Grand Lodge, their superiours, as well as those already made, as those hereafter to be made for the utility and prosperity of Masonry in generall, and to pay and performe whatever is or shall be stipulated and demanded from them for support of the Grand Lodge, and shall record in their books this present Charter, with the regulations hereafter to be made by them from time to time, to the effect the same may be more readily seen and observed by their Brethren, subject, nevertheless, to the review, and under correction of the Grand Lodge; and in like manner the aforesaid Brethren are hereby appointed and required punctually to attend the whole general meetings and quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge, as they shall be advised thereof by their representatives, being their Master and Senior and Junior Wardens for the time, or by proxies in their places, duly authorized by commission from their Lodge: Providing the said proxies be to Master Massons or fellow crafts belonging to some establishd Lodge, to the end the Brethren aforesaid may then act and vote in the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and may be duely certiorate and apprysed of the whole proceedings thereof, and to whom they may represent yr. grievances from time to time, as they shall see cause: Declaring the aforesaid Brethren their precedencey in the Grand Lodge to be, and commence from the aforesaid twenty-seventh of December, one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight years, in respect ane extract of their erection was of that date produced and openly read in the Grand Lodge; and to the effect these presents may be the more effectually kept and preserved, wee, with consent fairsaid, appoint the same to be recorded in the books of the said Grand Lodge, in termes of the regulations made thereannent. In witness whereof these

presents are written by Archibald Kennedy, writer in Edinburgh, Depute Clerk of the said Grand Lodge, and given under our hand in the Grand Lodge held in Mary's Chappell in Edinburgh this thirtieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven years, being the date of our election, in presence of William Congaltoun, your. of that ilk, Esq., Charles Alston, Esq., Doctor of Medicine, our Senior and Junior Grand Wardens; John McDougal, Grand Secretary; Major John Robertson of Carnock, present Master of the Lodge of Hamilton; Archibald Gowan, writer in Edinburgh, present Master of the Lodge of Greenock Kilwinning; and Archibald Kennedy, as designed, present Master of the Lodge of Maybole; and George Fraser, Esq., Deputy-Auditor of Excise, late Right Worshipfull Master of the Lodge of Cannongate Kilwinning. So signed, Cromartie, G.M.; Will. Congalton, S.G.W.; Charles Alston, J.G.W.; J. McDougal, G. Secretary; J. Robertson, Hamilton Kilwinning, wittes; Archd. Govane, Greenock Kilwinning, wittes; Geo. Frazer, wittes; Archd. Kennedy, Maybole, wittes.

Subscribed by the Grand Clerk on the back of the fairsaid Charter, bearing its having been registered in the books of the Grand Lodge,

"Grand Lodge, 30th November, 1737.

"Then the within Patent was recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge in terms of the Regulations thereannent by me, Clerk to, and Keeper of, the said Record, so signed,

"R. ALISON, Gr. Clerk."



Craft Masonry.

SIR HUGH MYDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury (by dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master), the usual rooms at the Agricultural Hall not being available on this occasion. Present: Bros. J. Greenfield, W.M.; Poulton, I.P.M.; Allison, S.W.; Payne, J.W.; Weston, P.M., Treas.; Osborn, P.M., Sec.; Larter, S.D.; Wright, Org.; Heyse, I.G.; Homan, W.S.; Thomas, Tyler; Everrett, Dearing, Hiscock, Dresden, Garner, Brown, Warner, Field, Keogh, Southwell, W. H. Lee, Hon. P.M., and others. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. Bird, P.M. 1897, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Woodman, W.M. 1950, J.W. 1897; Cave, 127; Thomas, 179; Snook, S.D. 1693; Weedon, S.W. 813; Wigley, W.M. 1348; Martin, 382; Brett, 1471; Kew, P.M. 179; Lee, 1897; James, I.G. 1441; Forge, P.M. 1950, S.W. 1693; Hammond, 1471; Wetenhall, 201; Hughes, 1897; Spiller, P.M. 49; Potter, 1693; Rennie, 1891; Western, W.M. 1693; Collings, Org. 1693; Bayne, Org. 1897; and Probert, 340.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Everett and Banks, of 1897, were passed to the Second Degree, after which the chair was taken by Bro. Weston, P.M., who in a very efficient manner installed Bro. Edwin Payne, the W.M. elect. The newly appointed were as follows: Bro. J. Greenfield, I.P.M.; Larter, S.W.; Heyse, J.W.; Weston, P.M., Treas.; Osborn, P.M., Sec.; Homan, S.D.; Dearing, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Warner, D.C.; Wright, Org.; Garner, Stwd.; and Thomas, Tyler.

The usual addresses were then delivered in a very impressive manner by Bros. Weston, P.M., and Osborn, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then commenced his tenure of office by initiating Messrs. Keogh and Southwell, the ceremony being rendered in a style that convinced the brethren that Bro. Payne would prove himself a very able and efficient occupant of the chair. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M., Bro. John Greenfield, in recognition of his services during the past year.

Several propositions were then received for the next meeting, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquet. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, Bro. Greenfield, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him on the excellent and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening. He was glad to see five candidates and one joining brother proposed for the next meeting, and predicted a flourishing year of office for him. Bro. Payne was initiated in that lodge the same evening as himself and he was pleased to see him attain the honourable position he now held, and earnestly wished him health and prosperity during his tenure of office.

Bro. Payne, W.M., in reply, heartily thanked Bro. Greenfield for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him, and also the brethren for the cordial reception they had accorded the toast of his health. He would use his earnest endeavours to promote the welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Greenfield," alluded to the efficient manner in which he had conducted the lodge during the past year, and hoped he might long be spared to assist them with his counsel and advice.

Bro. Greenfield, I.P.M., in response, after thanking the brethren for the jewel that had been presented to him and for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, said that he considered it was the duty of every Mason to practice the precepts that were inculcated in the lodge.

"The Health of the Initiates" was proposed by the W.M., who said he was proud of having initiated the two brethren that evening, and trusted they would be Masons in heart as well as in name. He was glad to see such a large number of initiates coming into the lodge.

Bro. Keogh, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception the initiates had received. He had had the pleasure of being acquainted with the W.M. for the last 25 years, and was pleased to have been initiated by so old and valued a friend.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and said that he was delighted to see such a large number of visitors present. In the name of the lodge he gave them a hearty welcome, and trusted they had spent a pleasant evening.

In response, Bro. Woodman, W.M. 1950, said he appreciated the honour done him by coupling his name with the toast. He had had the privilege of visiting the lodge frequently during the last few years, and was glad to see the

Committee of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association. One candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, which was served up in excellent style. Several Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

INSTRUCTION.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—At a meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., the Fifteen Sections were most ably worked by Bro. James Hemming, J.D. 1287, as W.M.; Bro. J. C. Smith, J.W. 1744, as S.W.; and Bro. J. Thom, 957, as J.W.; assisted by the following brethren: Bro. Kirk, 1681; Hunter, W.M. 1321; Greenway, W.S. 1260; Farwig, P.M. 150; Davies, 72; Kirkaldy, S.W. 1321; Treasurer; Corby, J.W. 957; D. Davies, 72; Paul, D.C. 1287; W. C. Smith, J.W. 1503; Preceptor; W. H. Holroyd, W.M. 9; Brindley, P.M. 1064; and Swan, P.M., Secretary 1321.

Frequent warm discussions of approval greeted everyone of the above named, who with the W.M. worked their respective sections in the most praiseworthy manner, and afforded great gratification to those who attended to listen, or receive instruction. Amongst whom we noticed Bros. Wetherill, W.M. 1681; Fendick, I.P.M. 1321; S. Holroyd, J.W. 9; Price, Treasurer 1321; Gammell, 2012; Fort, 25; Barrow, D.C. 1321; Taylor, 1791; Holmes, 1608; Ashenden, 1677; Ludwig, 179; Pfeifer, 1507; Woolstein, 1604; Rayner, 1681; Brand, 25; Hoiland, 1681; and Arduino, 1259.

A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. James Hemming, also that he become an honorary member, for the correct and ready way he worked the whole of the questions without a single mistake. Another vote of thanks was also accorded to those brethren who had assisted. The whole working being such as cannot be too warmly eulogized, and reflects great credit on the indefatigable Preceptor, and others who so regularly attend this lodge of instruction; praise is due also to the worthy and genial host, Bro. J. Holmes, not forgetting Mrs. Holmes, who always strive their utmost to contribute to the comfort of the brethren.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—Another enjoyable and thoroughly instructive evening was spent at the usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the Railway Hotel, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Bro. Eidman, W.M.; and Bros. Luckhurst, S.W.; Brook, J.W.; Harry Price, S.D.; E. Lister, J.D.; Rulle, I.G.; and a large number of brethren were present.

The ceremony of initiation was excellently worked by the W.M., and was a really good example for all young Masons to follow. Bro. J. R. Stacey, the respected Preceptor of the lodge, then put the questions in the 2nd Section of the lecture; Bro. Westley, the 3rd; Bro. Harry Price, the 4th; and Bro. C. A. Woods, P.M., the 5th; all of which were well done, and well answered. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rose for the first time, and three brethren were proposed and duly seconded as joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. R. Stacey proposed, and Bro. Brooks, J.W., seconded that Bro. Luckhurst be W.M. for the ensuing week, which was carried. After the third time of rising, no Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and adjourned till Saturday, the 30th inst. We should strongly advise all young Masons who wish to thoroughly perfect themselves in the various Degrees of Freemasonry to pay a visit to this lodge.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. J. W. Ford, W.M.; P. Kedge, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; G. Marsden, S.D.; W. Fowles, J.D.; J. B. Cumming, I.G.; E. Farwig, P.M., acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary, and Treasurer; Frank Gulliford, T. A. Dickson, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. E. Farwig worked the 1st Section of this lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Frank Gulliford offering himself as candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put and well answered, and the brother retired. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. Fowles worked the first and second sections of this lecture. Bro. F. Kedge, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. E. Farwig, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J.W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Chilcott, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Albert Hayes, J.W.; George Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; J. Gibson, Treas.; S. D.; F. Green, snr., J.D.; James Wade, P.M., I.G.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; Gilbert, and Mason.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor being the candidate. Bro. Gilbert a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gilbert being the candidate. Bro. Coughlan gave the explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was opened in the Third, and closed down to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time, and he certainly had worked the initiation and passing ceremonies in a most creditable manner. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Chapter (No. 240).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this chapter took place on Thursday evening, the 21st inst. Among those present were Comps. G. S. Willings, M.E.Z.; A. Cotter, P.Z., Treas., P.P.G.S.B.; P. B. Gee, P.Z.; P.P.G.S.S.; C. Fothergill, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. C. Robinson, J. (Freemason); G. Crute, S.N.; E. Carter, S.E.; E. J. Bailey, P.S. Visitors: Comps. J. Hilton, P.Z. 203; Bryan, P.G.O.; T. Hatton, M.E.Z. 203; W. Brackenbury, P.Z. 673; H. Marshall, 673; F. Barnett, P.Z. 594; and others.

the chapter, was then considered, when the companions adjourned to a sumptuous dinner, most satisfactorily catered for by Comp. Casey, the House Steward, and presided over by the M.E.Z., Comp. Fothergill. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Comp. Willings, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the Chiefs of the Mariners' Chapter." Speaking of Comp. Fothergill he said that from the way in which he had always carried out the duties of the other offices in the chapter, the companions might depend that Comp. Fothergill would, as First Principal, reflect lustre upon the Order together with Comps. Robinson and Crute.

Comp. Fothergill, in response, said that in following in the footsteps of such a predecessor as Comp. Willings a task of no small difficulty had been assigned to him, and if he approached within measurable distance of what Comp. Willings had done he would be quite satisfied with himself. In conclusion, he proposed "The Health of Comp. Willings, I.P.Z.," and asked him, on behalf of the members, to accept a P.Z. jewel and a work of art in the shape of an illuminated address, which reflected great credit upon the artist, Comp. E. B. Ironside; he would leave the address to speak for itself: "To Geo. S. Willings, P.Z. Mariners' Chapter, 249, of Royal Arch Freemasons. Dear Sir,—Companions: We, the members of the above chapter, on your retirement from the office of M.E.Z. (you having filled the various positions and for the last two years that of First Principal), feel that we cannot allow the occasion to pass without marking our sense of your genuine worth and sterling ability, and beg to ask your acceptance of this address and accompanying jewel as an expression of our appreciation of your past services to this chapter, and esteem for you as a companion of the Order.—We are, dear sir, yours truly and fraternally, Charles Fothergill, M.E.Z.; J. C. Robinson, H.; George Crute, J.; P. B. Gee, P.Z.; P.P.G.P.S.; A. Cotter, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Carter, S.E.; J. Bailey, S.N.; A. Bucknall, P.S.; J. S. Warden, A.S.; J. Tickle, A.S.; Samuel Fraser, E. J. Woodburn, Thomas Mason, James Lees, E. B. Ironsides, Richard Edwards, William Fish, James Cramer, James Ashworth, J. H. Linaker, J. Bowyer, J. J. Harley, and J. Francis. Liverpool, May 21st, 1885."

The toast was received in a most enthusiastic manner. Comp. Willings responded, and acknowledged the kindness and fraternal regard with which he had always been received by the members; but the last token had come upon him as a complete surprise. Outside Masonry it was supposed that they had a secret to keep. If that was so, they had proved themselves Masons indeed, for until that moment he did not know of the address, and they had kept the secret well. He was proud to say that his sons were Masons, and that the companions might depend that the address was going into a family where it would be appreciated and handed down as an heirloom. The toast of "The Visitors" was then given, and suitably responded to by Comps. Brackenbury, Hatton, and Barnett.

Comps. Bryant, Hatton, Ironside, Willings, and Green contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by the musical ability for which they are distinguished. The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the officers for the year. Comp. F. R. Sewell, P.P.G.S.N., was installed Z.; James Gardner, P.P.G. Reg., H.; G. W. Thompson, J.; H. Peacock, S.E.; W. Bradley, S.N.; J. Abbott, P.S.; P.E. de Collin, P.Z., P.G.H., Treas.; J. Smith, Org.; and J. Messenger, Janitor. The Installing Principals were Comps. J. Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H.; and Ed. Tyson, P.Z. 119, P.G.S.N.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to these companions for their services, and they were elected Hon. Members of the chapter. The following companions were also present: Comps. J. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Thomas Mandall, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. R. Banks, P.Z.; A. Walters, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Dodd, Robert Brown, J. H. Raven, A. B. Penrice, J. Kendall, J. Dickinson, and F. Hodgson, Z. 119, P.G. Swd. Br.

were balloted for and accepted, and were duly received, obligated, and exalted as Royal Arch Masons, the impressive ceremony being ably conducted by Comp. T. Keene. The installation of the Three Principals was ably performed by Comp. T. Keene, assisted by Comps. Taylor and Dodd. Comp. A. J. Altman, the M.E.Z. elect, was then presented by the Prov. Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. The officers for the ensuing year were duly invested. The M.E.Z. presented a most beautiful P.Z. jewel to Comp. T. Keene on behalf of the chapter on the conclusion of a most successful year of office. The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

The chapter was duly closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet, and the usual pleasant evening was spent, and the visitors cordially welcomed.

BARKENSLEY.—Friendly Chapter (No. 1513).—The installation convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, 14th inst., at the King's Head Hotel. There were present E. Comp. J. H. Gration, P.P.G. Treas., as Z.; W. R. Massie, H.; S. C. Alderson, J.; C. F. Seaward, S.E.; J. N. Millar, as S.N.; R. Carter, P.S.; E. Billington, 1st. A.S.; A. W. Gration, as 2nd A.S.; E. J. Massie, Treas.; B. Smith, Stwd.; E. Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; T. Braithwaite, P.Z.; W. Senior, T. W. Embleton, T. Rogers, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. G. Brooke, P.Z. 242; and Thos. Harrison, H. 295.

The minutes of the last regular convocation having been read and confirmed, the chair of Z. was taken by E. Comp. Ensor Drury and Comps. W. R. Massie was installed Z.; S. E. Alderson, H.; and R. Carter, J.; and the following companions were then invested: Comps. C. F. Seaward, E.; T. W. Embleton, N.; B. Smith, P.S.; W. H. Tallents, 1st. A.S.; A. W. Gration, 2nd. A.S.; E. J. Massie, Treas.; C. W. Fincken, Org.; W. Senior and J. Sutton, Stwds.; and T. Rogers, Janitor.

The Treasurer then presented his report, showing a good balance in hand, which was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Three Master Masons were proposed as candidates for exaltation at the next convocation, and the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

BIRKENHEAD.—Egerton Lodge (No. 165).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Friday, the 15th inst., in the Masonic-chambers, Hamilton-street, when the esteemed S.V. of the lodge and W.M. elect, Bro. William Roberts was presented by Bros. C. S. Dean, I.P.M., and Henry Jones, P.M., and was duly installed by the Prov. Grand Treas., Bro. F. K. Stevenson. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. S. Dean, I.P.M.; Dr. W. C. Cornwall, S.W.; Dr. P. Percy Young, J.W.; Lilley Ellis, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Ross, P.M., Sec.; Jollif Dean, M.O.; W. G. Cronan, S.O.; F. K. Stevenson, P.G.T., J.O.; M. P. Elsy, S.D.; J. B. Clarkson, J.D.; Chas. Dean, I.G.; Bro. F. Holtaway was re-elected Tyler.

The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, and in the course of the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the entire proceedings proved of a highly enjoyable character.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

FOUR KINGS COUNCIL (No. 7).—A meeting of this council was held on Saturday last at the Masonic Hall, Sa, Red Lion-square. There were present Bros. Jas. Moon, G. Treas., W.M.; Alfred Williams, Dep. G.M.; Ramsay, S.W.; Stephen Barton Wilson, J.W.; C. F. Matier, Treas.; J. L. Mather, P.M.; Scurah, F. W. Driver, Hoare, Briant, Frederick Binckes, George Kenning, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and two brethren were admitted into the Order. A ballot was taken for the election of Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year, the result being unanimously in favour of Bro. Ramsay for W.M., and Bro. C. F. Matier for Treas.

The brethren adjourned to dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, under the gavel of Bro. James Moon. The usual toasts were given and heartily responded to. Bros. Alfred Williams, Bennett, Matier, Hoare, and Wilson contributed to the pleasure of the evening by singing some capital songs, accompanied by Bro. Hoare, Grand Organist.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BURY.—On the 22nd inst., at Cheniston-gardens, Kensington, the wife of F. G. Bury, of a son.

EDWARD-KENRICK.—On the 13th inst., at Farington Hall, Dundee, the wife of R. W. Edward-Kenrick, of a daughter.

MORGAN.—On the 20th inst., at Craig-y-Mor, Mumbles, Glamorganshire, the wife of Nicholl Morgan, of a daughter.

REEVES.—On the 25th inst., at Woodley, West Enfield, the wife of C. W. Reeves of a son.

SCHIFF.—On the 25th inst., at Pembridge-gardens, W., the wife of H. M. Schiff, of a daughter.

SEYMOUR.—On the 23rd inst., at Northwoods, Winterbourne, the wife of T. G. Seymour, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BINGHAM—SIMON.—On the 22nd inst., at the parish church, Crewkerne, Edmund A. H. Bingham, son of the late J. Bingham, to Amy Kate, daughter of the late Col. R. G. Simeon, 15th Bengal Cavalry.

PITTS—FULLER.—On the 23rd inst., at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, William Harry, son of the late R. T. Pitts, of Ipswich, to Bertha Ann, daughter of the late G. Fuller, of Forest-hill.

DEATHS.

SPEIGHT.—On the 18th inst., at 9, Mona-road, Peckham, Mary A., the wife of Bro. C. F. Speight, aged 67.

WALMSLEY.—On the 15th inst., at 3, Loughborough-park, Brixton, John Walmsley, Esq., aged 51 years. Deeply lamented by all who knew him.

The Craft Abroad.

CARGILL KINWINNING LODGE, No. 632 (S.C.)
 The annual meeting of this lodge took place recently at the Foresters' Hall, Port Chambers. The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the R.W.M., Bro. A. Perry, and there was a very large number of the members and visiting brethren present. The lodges represented were the Otago Kilwinning, Lodge St. Andrew, Celtic Lodge, and St. John's Kilwinning (S.C.) The English lodges present were the Otago, 844; Dunedin, 931; Port Chalmers Marine, 942; and Hiram, 2008, with the St. Patrick's Lodge (I.C.) The R.W. Bro. H. Neill, D.G.S. (S.C.), tendered apologies from the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harvey, and the R.W. Substitute, D.G.M., Bro. L. Court, for their inability to be present. The choir sang the anthem, "Hail! the Eternal, by Whose aid," at the opening of the lodge, and the routine business having been gone through, the R.W. Bro. Caldwell, G. Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was announced and received in due form. He then assumed the chair, and the R.W. Bro. J. Baxter, D.G.J.W., acting D. of C., presented Bro. J. A. Finley, R.W.M. elect, for installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the R.W. Bro. Caldwell, in a masterly and impressive manner duly installed Bro. Finley in the Eastern Chair for the ensuing year, and the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and received the salutes of the brethren present, the choir singing the anthem, "Lead, kindly light." Afterwards the R.W. Installing Master obligated and invested the following officers: Bros. R. Mitchell, D.M.; James Baird, S.M.; J. Mackay, S.V.; A. Robertson, J.W.; J. Hay, Treas.; R. G. Anderson, Sec.; J. Forrest, S.D.; J. H. Henderson, J.D.; S. Warburton, I.G.; and Arnott, Tyler. The R.W.M. then invested Bro. A. Perry as I.P.M., and the Installing Officer very impressively addressed the Master, the Wardens, and members of the lodge. The R.W.M. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and expressed his gratitude to the R.W. Bro. Caldwell, who had so kindly performed the duties of Installing Officer. He also tendered his thanks to the R.W. Bro. Baxter, and to Bro. Fergusson and the choir. The W.M.'s for the various visiting lodges having tendered their congratulations the acting D.G. Chaplain offered prayer, and the choir chanted "Glory be to God on High." The lodge was then closed in due form at 9.30 p.m. Afterwards the members of the lodge and a large number of visitors were entertained at a ball, given by the Master and officers. Dancing was kept up with very great spirit until an early hour next morning, the Dunedin brethren returning to town by a special train at 4 a.m.—*Otago Daily Times*, March 30th.

Obituary.

BRO. WATKINSON MOXHAY, P.M. 414, P.P.G.S.W. BERKS AND BUCKS.

On the 13th inst., at Reading, died Bro. W. Moxhay, P.M. 414, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Moxhay, who entered the Lodge of Union, 414, February 13th, 1854, was well known and highly esteemed in the Craft. For many years he installed the Masters of the Reading lodges, his correct ritual and impressive manner in so doing being always much admired. The respect and esteem in which he was held by the Craft was testified by the large attendance at his funeral, which took place in Reading Cemetery on the 16th inst. The Prov. Grand Secretary, with the Masters and Secretaries of the three Reading lodges and S.W. of the Union Lodge, acted as pall bearers.

BRO. C. W. THOMPSON.

It is with sincere regret we announce that Bro. C. W. Thompson, City Lands Officer, and a most active and energetic Mason, died at his residence, Clock House, Catford Bridge, on Monday, the 25th inst. Bro. Thompson was in the very prime of life, though for the last two or three years the state of his health had caused extreme anxiety to his family and friends, and now that he has gone from us, there will be general sorrow among all who knew him. The funeral was arranged for Thursday, the 28th inst., so that we reserve further particulars of our deceased brother's career till next week.

PROPOSED LEVANDER MEMORIAL.

We very gladly announce that the lodges and brethren of the Province of Middlesex have resolved or doing their utmost towards perpetuating the memory of Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G.D. of England, who for many years was officially connected with the province, and during that connection exerted himself so heartily and successfully to promote its interests. Our late Bro. Levander was not only a sterling Mason in the usual sense of the term; that is to say, he was not only a regular upholder of our lodges, a most able exponent of our ritual, and a most devoted adherent, both in theory and practice, of our cherished principles; but he was likewise an intellectual Mason of the first rank, one who more readily and with far less mental effort than the majority of his brethren, was able to recognise the interior beauties of our system. It is well that the memory of such a man should be preserved, and it is better still that the task, which naturally devolves upon them of handing down that memory should be undertaken by the lodges and members of what during the later years of his career may be described as the more immediate sphere of his labours.

It is proposed that the memorial shall take the form of a tombstone over the spot which marks his last resting place. A committee, which includes Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.; Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; and Sir Chas. Bright, Past D.P.G.M. of Middx.; Bro. the Rev. E. Brette, D.D.; and Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G.S. Middx. (pro tem.), has been formed for the purpose of giving effect to this intention, and we have no doubt that the requisite funds will be forthcoming from the province and the numerous friends outside its limits, who cherish and respect his memory.

The proposal will so readily commend itself to the goodwill of our readers that, any words of ours in its behalf will be, no doubt, supererogatory, but we are most anxious the opportunity, which the announcement affords us, should not be allowed to pass in silence, that is, without stating that the plan has our warmest approval, and will receive from us every possible encouragement.



To-night (Saturday) the Comedy programme undergoes a change in the revival of the charming opera "Boccaccio;" but this is only for a limited period, pending the production of "The Silver Shield," by Mr. Sydney Grundy, in which Mr. Arthur Dacre and his wife (Miss Amy Roselle) will play. We reserve until then a notice of it. "The Silver Shield" has been played already at a matinée.

Bro. Edward Terry, with some of the late Gaiety company have been at the Standard this week, and remove next week to the Grand. Bro. Terry is appearing in "The Rocket" and "Robbing Roy." No less than three contemporaries have copied a paragraph which appeared in our paper a few weeks ago to the effect that Bro. Terry will open a house of his own, probably the Strand. We should have said in the Strand; and we have good authority for stating that London is to have another theatre added to it; this Bro. Terry will manage. We believe it will be within a stone's throw of Exeter Hall.

Miss Fortescue, supported by Mr. and Mrs. Macklin and Mrs. Billington, will play in "Pygmalion and Galatea" at the Alexandra Palace theatre soon. As her provincial tour has been such a decided success in every way, there will be a desire in London to see this charming and well-known young lady as Galatea; but we hope she will not make us go all the way to the North of London, but will perform in town, where she is so much appreciated.

Miss Farren has been appearing at Sadler's Wells Theatre this week in "The Ticket of Leave Man" and "The Forty Thieves," with Bros. Arthur Williams, R. Soutar, and some others of the Gaiety troupe.

On Whit Monday the Swan ballet at the Alhambra reached its 150th representation. A number of novelties have been provided for its patrons.

Mr. David James has again brought out "Our Boys" at the Opera Comique. Mr. Savile Clarke is writing a sketch, called "The Inventories," for Mr. James, in which he will sing a song.

Mr. Edgar Bruce will probably produce Mr. Carton's and Mr. Raleigh's successful play, "The Great Pink Pearl," at the Prince's in July, when he rejoins his theatre. Everyone speaks most highly of the comedy.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has been on a visit to Ireland during the present week, one of the principal events being the banquet at Ulster Hall, in honour of the opening by his lordship of the Ulster Reform Club.

Honour to whom honour is due. We are sure no true Craftsman will grudge our respected Bro. D. P. Cama, who has been exerting himself so laudably and to such excellent purpose on behalf of our Institutions, the compliment about to be paid him by the constitution of a new lodge, that shall perpetuate his name and fame as a worthy member of our Society. The Cama Lodge, No. 2100, will be consecrated on Monday, the 15th proximo, by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by other prominent brethren, and we trust it may have before it a long career of prosperity.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts will be held on Thursday, the 11th prox., under the banner of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, Northampton, and it is almost needless to say that the Master, officers, and members generally are sparing no efforts to give all possible *éclat* to the occasion. The order and character of the arrangements have already been announced, and from this we learn that there will not only be the usual banquet after the Prov. Grand Lodge, but that the banquet will be followed by a conversation at the Town Hall, when a musical and artistic entertainment and dancing will be provided for the brethren and their friends. We wish the lodge all success in its laudable desires.

PREHISTORIC MAN.—The man of the Old Stone Period lived for the most part in caves, where we still can light on his blackened hearths, and the bones which he had split in order to extract the marrow. But the probability is that these were simply his winter abodes, and that, like so many other people situated as he must have been, the Palaeolithic hunters wandered about in the summer, camping in booths of boughs, or in skin tents, as the convenience of fishing, or hunting, or root and berry gathering, dictated. It is also all but certain that they sometimes roamed far a-field, otherwise it is difficult to understand how the cave-men of the Pyrenees were sufficiently familiar with seals and whales to portray them on the bones where we now find them, or how sea shells from the Mediterranean and Atlantic have travelled so far from their native shores. As for the people themselves, we cannot say very much about them, since few skulls or skeletons have been found. The famous Neanderthal skull, which M. Mortillet claimed as proof positive of early man being little better than an ape, was found in a cave near Düsseldorf. But it is now admitted that it is well developed and capacious, and was most probably that of an old man afflicted with rickets, so that it cannot be accepted as a racial type, or—in brief—as of any special moment over the others which have been discovered in similar situations in Germany, France, and other parts of the Continent. The Cannstadt and Cromagnon skulls, so named from the spots in which they were found, are believed, from the juxtaposition of the remains, to have been contemporary with the reindeer, the rhinoceros, the mammoth, and the cave bear with which they warred. From the broken condition of some of the bones, and the marks of injury upon them, it may be inferred that the men of that period, like the more civilised ones who have inherited their hunting-ground, fought with even less cause for fighting.—*From Cassell's 'The Peoples of the World.'*

THE BROCKBANK TESTIMONIAL FUND.

The recent appointment of our worthy and respected Bro. George Parker Brockbank, of Bolton, as one of the Grand Standard Bearers of United Grand Lodge, has been rightly interpreted not only as an honour to the brother himself, but also as a compliment to the Province of East Lancashire, of which Bro. Brockbank has been for so many, many years one of the brightest ornaments. In these circumstances, it has been resolved to make his appointment to the honours of the much coveted purple the occasion for presenting him with some "slight but suitable testimonial," in the shape of a personal gift, such as will be to him an enduring evidence both of the promotion he has received at the hands of the Grand Master and the kindly feelings entertained for him by his East Lancashire brethren, and at the same time of purchasing as many "perpetual votes" for our Institutions as the funds will permit, so that the memory of his many great qualities may be preserved through all future generations of brethren. Towards these objects the sum of £100 has been already subscribed and paid, and as the proposal is being circulated far and wide, through the medium of our columns and in other ways, we have no doubt that a further considerable sum will be raised. The scheme has our heartiest good wishes. We have long known Bro. Brockbank, and to know is to respect him.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The whole of the insignia, consisting of aprons, collars, and jewels of the 39 Officers of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, are now on view at Bro. George Kenning's show-rooms, Little Britain and Aldersgate-street. The designs embody an arrangement of ears of corn with the Sturt pea, indigenous to the Australian soil, which, although a departure from the usual foliage depicted on Masonic paraphernalia, are pleasing and effective, and as such are sure to meet with the approval and commendation of our Australian brethren.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey will meet to-day (Saturday) at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. General Brownrigg, C.B. The usual banquet will follow.

Next week will be a tolerably busy week in and around London. Not only will there be the usual Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, but on Tuesday the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will hold its Summer Half-yearly Communication at Freemasons' Tavern, when the Grand Master will be installed, and the Grand Officers for the year appointed and invested. On Monday the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey will assemble, under its chief, R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., in the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road; and on Saturday next the Craft Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex will meet in the Town Hall, Uxbridge, under the presidency of Sir Francis Burdett. In the case of the Mark Grand Lodge and the two Provincial Grand Lodge (Mark and Craft respectively) meetings, the usual banquet will take place at the close of the proceedings.

It will doubtless be in the recollection of our readers that several excellent photographs of the Great Hall, Freemasons' Hall, as it appeared after the fire in May, 1883, were taken by Bro. Bedford Lemere, of the firm of Bedford Lemere and Co., 147, Strand, W.C., Architectural Photographers to the Queen and H.M.'s Board of Works. These as memorials of the destruction caused by the fire, will always possess considerable interest, especially for members of the Craft. Bro. Lemere has now published other photographs showing the Hall as re-constructed and re-decorated. These, if we regard them as further evidences of his ability as an architectural photographer, are equally interesting with the earlier photographs; but associated as they are with the restoration of a building so dear to Freemasonry, they must possess a higher value still, and we are glad of this opportunity of congratulating Bro. Bedford Lemere on the successful views he has taken of our restored Hall.

SUMMER TOURS IN SCOTLAND.

The official guide to the Summer Tours in Scotland by what is known as the Royal Route—that is, via the Crinan and Caledonian Canals, has been issued for the current year. The starting point is Glasgow, whence access is easily obtainable by means of Mr. David Macbrayne's Royal Mail steamers "Columba," "Iona," "Grenadier," &c., to pretty well every district in the Highlands that is worth visiting. For full particulars of the particular routes that may be followed, we must refer our readers to the guide itself, which contains not only all the requisite information as to fares, accommodation, times of departure and arrival, and the land carriage in connection with the steamers, but also a very fair description of the country that is traversed, and the various places of historical or scenic interest with which it is studded. We may, however, be permitted to point out that Mr. Macbrayne, whose headquarters are at 119, Hope-street, Glasgow, has spared no pains in order to secure the comfort and efficiency of his steamers. The Columba and Iona have been so long on the road that, in all probability, those of our friends who make the Highlands of Scotland their holiday resort have already made experience of their many points of recommendation to the patronage of the tourist; but the Grenadier, built and engined by Messrs. J. and G. Thomson, of Clydebank, has been placed quite recently on the line, having only made its trial trip on the 15th inst., when a number of gentlemen were invited to partake of Mr. Macbrayne's hospitality on the occasion of his first venture. The vessel, which is a most commodious one, attained and kept up a mean speed of 13½ miles per hour under easy steam, is intended for the "outside" traffic between Oban and the outer islands during the summer; but for the present she will take the place of the Columba on the Glasgow, Greenock, and Ardrishaig route. In any circumstances, the Grenadier will be found a great acquisition by the Royal Route line, notwithstanding the many and exceptional advantages which, owing to the energy of its proprietor, Mr. Macbrayne, it has heretofore enjoyed. We think the Grenadier, like its sister steamers, the Columba and Iona, may have before it a long career of success, and that Mr. Macbrayne's spirit of enterprise will have its reward in the liberal patronage of the public.

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