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THE Earl of LATHOM has installed Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON Provincial Grand Master of Durham, in the room of his distinguished predecessor, the Marquis of LONDONDERRY. Bro. Sir H. WILLIAMSON is a zealous Freemason of somewhere about 40 years' apprenticeship to the Craft, and the son of an old Provincial Grand Master. Durham has been very lucky in its provincial rulers. Many can still recall the genial rule of the older Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, and the able administration of Sir CUTHBERT SHARP. Our old friend, that very worthy Bro. JOHN FAWCETT, ruled the province well for many years, and the kindly sway of Lord LONDONDERRY was all too short, in the dispensation of T.G.A.O.T.U. We doubt not that Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON will emulate the fame and earnestness of older Provincial Grand Masters, and rule the important province committed to his charge fairly and well. We are glad to recall to-day the names of many who in time long gone upheld the fame of Masonry, such as Bros. GAINFORTH and MATTHEW THOMPSON, HARDY, ANTHONY WILKINSON, CUNDILL, STOKER, ALAN HUTCHINSON, WILSON, and many more, all good men and true.

WE rejoice to note that the Sussex Freemasons, under their distinguished head, were employed last week in laying the foundation-stone of a new church. We are amongst those who always are glad to see Freemasons employed in assisting, like our operative forefathers, to build up the "houses of God in our land," and to assist in all that can tend to advance enlightenment and culture, education and civilization. They cannot, we contend, be better employed. Our lodges are meant to be centres of light, good will, peace and improvement, and all that tends to help forward religion, to spread the great blessings of educational influence, or a comprehensive welding together of all ranks, and even the most contrasted classes, deserves the sympathy and support of every enlightened Freemason. To suppose that we are only meant to meet together to do work and then adjourn to the social circle, has always appeared to us the "paradox of Freemasonry." Happily we live in better days, and a more advancing age. Nothing can stand that is only ornamental not useful. Nothing can survive which has only presumptive sanction to commend it, if without vitality, reality, truth. In all that Freemasonry does to encourage the beneficial and harmonizing, and civilizing tendencies of our age, it does well, in that it attracts the doubting, and convinces the sceptical. And, therefore, we hail all such occasions, in which developing its useful side as before the world, it seeks to set forward and uphold the great conserving forces of Society and mankind.

M.E. COMP. TEW was installed, on Monday, at Huddersfield, by Comp. Colonel SHADWELL CLERKE, G.S.E., Grand Superintendent of the Province of West Yorkshire, before one of the largest gatherings of Royal Arch Masons ever held in that important province. Comp. Colonel SHADWELL CLERKE performed all the wonted ceremonial with his customary ability and lucidity, and the meeting was a remarkable success. We refer to a report elsewhere. Under M.E. Comp. TEW's able rule Royal Arch Masonry in West Yorkshire is pretty sure to progress and flourish.

Our agenda paper for next Quarterly Communication is a curiosity. Practically only one appeal. Happy Freemasons, with nothing for Grand Lodge to do. Well, just now is the Freemason's holiday. May they all enjoy it thoroughly, for many have earned it well.

It seems that Bro. Sir CHAS. WARREN is returning from Bechuanaland. That distinguished officer and member of our Order seems to have earned rightly every one's good word and opinion. We shall now soon be hearing, we fancy, of the consecration of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, of which he is the W.M. elect.

OUR Craft will read with much regret the account of the outrage recently offered to five British subjects at Frankfort-on-the-Maine by the mistaken zeal of the German police. Our distinguished Bro. Major CHARLES HARDING has received with his fellow sufferers, one his daughter, very harsh and undeserved treatment indeed. In fact, if such disgraceful proceedings in any respect are likely to become normal, English travellers will do well to give Germany a wide berth. Thanks to the seasonable appearance and active exertions of Bro. FRESHFIELD, and the English vice-consul, who energetically interfered, these innocent persons were removed from ignominious treatment and uncalled-for incarceration after nine hours of pain and suffering. Our Foreign Office will no doubt think it its duty to instruct Sir EDWARD MALET to demand immediate and effectual redress for what Bro. HARDING well terms one of the greatest outrages on record, in the right and liberty of English citizens travelling abroad. It seems the German police were in search of actual criminals connected with a Hamburg bank robbery, and so they pounced on five English citizens travelling abroad for health and amusement.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 2nd prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd June for confirmation.
2. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:—

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| The widow of a brother of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290 Huddersfield | £50 0 0 |
| A brother of the Sykes Lodge, No. 1040, Driffild | 50 0 0 |
| The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield | 75 0 0 |
| A brother of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, No. 1445, Southwark | 50 0 0 |
| A brother of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, Hornsey | 50 0 0 |
| The widow of a brother of the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, Totnes | 50 0 0 |
| A brother of the Lodge True Love and Unity, No. 248, Brixham | 50 0 0 |
| A widow of a brother of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, Southwark | 50 0 0 |
| The widow of a brother of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 938, Bir- mingham | 100 0 0 |
| A brother of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London | 60 0 0 |
| A brother of the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, Derby | 50 0 0 |
| A brother of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, London | 75 0 0 |

3. 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 14th day of August inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3734 15s. 3d., 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.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
18th August, 1885.

4. APPEAL.

By Bro. William Hilson Pigott, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1653, Sydney, New South Wales, against the ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales, that a motion proposed by the said Bro. W. H. Pigott for discussion at the District Grand Lodge was irregular, and could not be considered thereat.

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

2102. The Lodge of St. John, Mosgiel (District of Otago and Southland), New Zealand.
2103. The Bungendore Lodge of Australia, Bungendore, New South Wales.
2104. The Whitwell Lodge, Wellington-street, Stockton-on-Tees.
2105. The Cama Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
2106. The Elopura Lodge, Elopura, North Borneo.
2107. The Etheldreda Lodge, Newmarket.
2108. The Empire Lodge, Piccadilly, London.
2109. The Prince Edward Lodge, Heaton Moor, near Manchester.
2110. The Aurora Lodge, Sydney, New South Wales.
2111. The Hunters Hill Lodge, Hunters Hill, New South Wales.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held on the 21st inst., at Torquay. The business commenced at one o'clock, when the Committee of Petitions assembled at the Bath Saloon. The following representatives of lodges of the province were present:—
Bros. L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S. of Works, 70; J. T. Browning, P.G. Treas., 105; Samuel Jones, P.P.G.J.W., 112; Rev. W. Whittley, P.P.G.S.W., 156; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., 189; H. Welch, P.P.G.P., 202; R. Cawsey, Prov. G. J.D., 230; G. Merrifield, P.P.G.S. of Works, 282; W. Taylor, P.M. 328; Captain

Webb Elphinstone Stone, R.N., P.P.G.J.W., 372; Wm. Vicary, P.P.G.R., 1138; J. G. Kevern, P.M. 1550; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B., 1247; E. T. Fulford, P.P.G. Treas., 1254; C. Godtschalk, P.P.G.D., 1255; H. F. Smith, P.P.G.S. of Works, 954; T. Russell, P.M. 489; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of Works, 1099; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C., 223; W. Bickle, W.M. 1212; Samuel Loram, P.P.G.D., 1443; J. Stocker, P.P.G.T., 39; Jno. Dodge, P.M. 1402; F. Sanders, P.M. 1284; M. Emdon, P.M. 105; T. W. Atherton, I.P.M. 248; G. C. Davie, P.P.G.J.W., 251; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 159 and 1847; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; R. Hambly, P.M. 1855; H. Cole, P.P.G.S.D., 1091; H. J. Trethewey, P.M. 159; J. E. Curteis, 189, P.P.G.S.W., the London Representative; and J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G.A.D.C., the Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman, R.W. Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., was unable to be present, and Bro. the Rev. W. Whittley was called upon to preside.

The Secretary, Bro. GOVER, reported that during the past year, and for the first time during the 15 years the Committee of Petitions had existed, every lodge and every chapter had forwarded its votes to the Committee. The number of votes received was 2243, that being 158 more than the preceding year, and nearly four times the number they received in 1870. The Committee earnestly hoped that this increased confidence would be continued, and that the lodges and chapters might be able to give more largely to the great Masonic Charities, thus increasing the voting power of the province, and extending their usefulness.

Bro. J. E. CURTEIS, the London Representative, reported that since the last meeting of the Committee three elections had been held, viz., those of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For the first Institution there was no candidate from the province; but for the Boys' School there was a total of 44 candidates, out of which 25 were to be elected. Arthur Richardson, the son of a brother, was one of the candidates, and was elected last but two on the list. This candidate was not formally adopted by the Committee. The case, however, was an urgent one, the election in October being the last chance, and it was well known that on such occasions a little number of extra votes were invariably polled. The votes owing by the province were not required. Nearly 100 votes were supplied by the boy's friends, and those provinces with whom Devon had for many years worked having a large number of votes which they were willing to lend and accept payment for at convenience, formed a series of circumstances which induced him (the representative) to carry the candidate, borrowing 1300 votes for that purpose. At the election for the Benevolent Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons two brethren had been elected. In their elections personal friends had rendered important aid, and the credit of the province was pledged for 649 votes. For very many years the numerous private votes of the representative had always been at the disposal of the province, and during the period he had represented the Committee more than 1500 votes had been polled for provincial candidates over and above those received from the Secretary.

Both reports were unanimously received and adopted.

The petitions for relief were from six widows, one decayed brother, and two families of children of brethren. The TREASURER reported that there was an available balance of £258 from the receipts of the past year. Towards the relief of the widows £45 was voted, £20 to the brother, and £35 to the children. One hundred guineas were voted to the London Boys' School, and that sum was directed to be placed on the Steward's list of Bro. J. E. Curteis. It was resolved that for the future a copy of the printed list of the petitions to be considered at each meeting of the Committee should be forwarded by the printer to each representative of the lodges five days before the meeting of the Committee. This closed the business.

Thanks were voted to Bro. Whittley for his services in presiding, and the Committee separated.

The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at 3.30 p.m. at the Bath Saloon. The Saloon was handsomely decorated for the occasion with plants, shrubs, and flags, and was very conveniently laid out as a Masonic lodge. There was a very large attendance of brethren. R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., presided, supported by Bros. Captain W. E. Elphinstone, as D.P.G.M. pro tem., the Rev. W. Whittley, as Prov. G.S.W. pro tem., Robert Brewin, 444, Prov. G.J.W., and the Rev. R. B. F. Elrington, P.G. Chap. In addition to the brethren on the Committee of Petitions the following brethren were also among those present:

Bros. W. J. Hughan, 131, Past G.S.D. of England; Major J. G. Shanks, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Derry, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Dr. W. Langley Pope, 1138, P.P.G. Chap.; Samuel Jew, 105, 1205, 1847, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.P.G.T.; G. R. Barrett, 189, 2025, P.P.G.S.D.; Geo. Evans, 1181, P.P.G.S.D.; S. B. Colston, P.P.G.S.D.; R. H. Rae, 189, P.P.G.D.; S. Greenfield, P.P.G.S.D.; D. Box, 156, P.P.G.R.; J. Thorne, P.P.G.S. Wks.; G. Huxham, 1254, P.P.G.S. Wks.; H. Bartlett, 710, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Philp, 1550, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Bodley, 39, P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Maye, 710, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Sleeman, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Friend, 1443, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Parkhouse, 1125, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. M. Hifley, 223, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. P. Phillips, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Murray, 1403, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Pengelley, 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Du Pre, 70, P.P.G.D.C.; R. P. Morrison, 251, P.G.D.C.; T. Goodall, 1559, P.G.O.; W. E. Warren, 1358, P.P.G.O.; F. Palk, 1358, P.P.G. Purs.; G. F. Barry, 248, P.P.G. Purs.; A. Brickwood Hutchings, 2025 (Mayor of Devonport), P.G. Stwd. Cornwall; J. Moyssey, 223, Prov. G. Stwd.; R. Hammett, 666, P.G. Purs.; H. Ford, 1181, P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Stephens, 159, 1847, P.G. Stwd.; W. Burd, 1753, P.G. Stwd.; J. A. Kingdom, 421, P.P.G. Purs.; W. H. Discombe, 1443, P.G. Stwd.; T. W. R. Chalice, W.M. 1855; N. Bray, W.M. 282; T. Andrew, W.M. 1254; R. T. Tyacke, P.M. 1181; Charles Pope, P.M. 1138; E. Roseveare, P.M. 1099; W. H. Lear, I.P.M. 1443; J. Bradford, P.M. 1358; F. C. Hallett, P.M. 303; W. O. Beazley, P.M. 172; F. C. West, W.M. 303; H. Stocker, P.M. 39; T. R. Cridland, W.M. 710; J. Grant, W.M. 328; W. Gregory, P.M. 1254; W. H. Crimp, W.M. 1255; H. Martin, P.M. 1138; J. Olver, P.M. 1138; W. R. Gay, I.P.M. 1486; Jas. Lose, P.M. 1847; W. H. Webb, P.M. 1486; P. J. Dunn, I.P.M. 1205; E. Pillar, W.M. 105; J. Giffard, I.P.M. 105; C. G. Vicary, W.M. 1138; J. Alexander, P.M. 1358; H. P. Jarman, P.M. 1358; J. P. Templeton, P.M. 1332; J. Jolliffe, W.M. 954; R. Lake, P.M. 1135; C. Stevens, P.M. 1138; W. Harris, P.M. 1138; A. H. Whidden, I.P.M. 1212; T. Hine, I.P.M. 372; R. Lavers, P.M. 1091; J. D. Cobeldick, I.P.M. 1091; W. A. Goss, P.M. 328; E. Chapple, W.M. 797; W. Sidwell, W.M. 372; J. Whitford, P.M. 230; H. Mortimore, W.M. 159; T. King, W.M. 70; F. R. Goodyear, W.M. 223; T. C. Lewarn, P.M. 223; J. J. Daw, P.M. 282; J. U. Valentine, P.M. 303; W. J. McLean, P.M. 248; C. J. Workman, P.M. 303; A. W. Palk, P.M. 1358; A. T. Blamey, P.M. 1402; T. S. May, P.M. 1099; T. May, W.M. 1099; D. Cross, P.M. 1205; J. Horsham, P.M. 1443; C. H. Price, W.M. 202; W. Ward, P.M. 847; W. Wakeham, P.M. 328; W. Locke, I.P.M. 444; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; D. D. Sutherland, P.M. 710; B. Knight, W.M. 1402; D. J. Allams, P.M. 328; J. Lane, P.M. 1402; W. R. Velvin, W.M. 1091; J. Hurrell, P.M. 797; G. C. Searle, P.M. 710, W.M. 258; H. M. Burrow, P.M. 489; H. S. Best, S.W. 954; Frank R. Thomas, J.D. 189; H. Langmead, J.W. 202; H. J. Haynes, J.W. 954; G. H. P. Westcott, J.W. 1443; W. Hannaford, J.W. 223; J. F. Burns, S.W. 202; H. Rogers, S.W. 1099; J. Cox, jun., J.W. 1099; R. Light, J.D. 1358; G. Ellery, S.W. 159; J. Parnell, S.W. 1388; M. Whittle, S.W. 797; G. Horswill, S.W. 105; G. Wilson, S.W. 1205; C. H. Fulford, J.W. 1254; S. Sloggett, S.W. 2025; W. H. Symons, J.W. 70; J. Sargent, S.W. 372; J. Hoyten, S.W. 223; I. Rosekilly, J.W. 282; J. C. Elliott, J.W. 1212; C. Hunt, D.C. 230; W. Radmore, J.W. 159; H. Elliott, J.W. 303; J. Galveston, S.W.; E. Huxtable, S.W. 1138; W. Kennedy, J.W. 1205; A. W. Oakley, J.W. 1181; C. Stevens, J.W. 1138; J. Wallis, S.D. 1255; W. H. W.

Macey, S.W. 1847; E. H. Littleton, J.W. 230; R. J. Goodyear, S.W. 1847; E. J. Watson, J.W. 1550; R. J. Steward, S.W. 710; E. Coppin, S.W. 156; W. S. Rattebury, J.W. 230; J. Shapter, J.D. 1443; R. L. Mugford, J.W. 328; J. Salter, S.W. 328; J. Elliott, S.W. 1847; G. T. Goad, J.D. 1855; T. R. E. Olver, J.W. 1247; T. Lavers, J.W. 1091; and J. T. James, S.W. 248.

The revised bye-laws of the province, and the proposed amendments adopted at the Special Provincial Grand Lodge held at Exeter on January 13th, 1885, were all confirmed. The new bye-laws adopted at that meeting were then considered, and all confirmed, with the exception of the two last. The first referred to the Charity jewels, clasps, rosettes, or ribbons to which brethren might be entitled being presented to them at the expense of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The second had reference to the publication of Masonic meetings by the Press. Both were rejected; but, in reference to the latter, discretion was forcibly urged on the Press brethren as to what they might publish. The Secretary's report had already been furnished to the brethren in print. The gist of the Treasurer's report had already been furnished to the Committee of Petitions. The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund showed capital invested £2377. The report of the Committee of Petitions detailed the recommendations for the apportionment of the available balance in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer, voted as previously stated.

Bro. John Doidge, 1402, was elected the P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bros. W. Harris, 1138, and Jas. Murray, 1402, were elected the Auditors.

The R.W.P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as the officers for the year:—

- Bro. W. G. Rogers, 112 (reappointed) ... Prov. D.G.M.
- „ W. Derry, 156 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- „ H. Ford, 1181... ... Prov. G.J.W.
- „ The Rev. R. B. F. Elrington, 248 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- „ J. Doidge, 1402 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- „ W. F. Geare, 112 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- „ J. Brewer ... Prov. G. Sec.
- „ J. J. Daw, 282 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- „ W. Burd, 1753 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- „ J. Griffin, 70 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- „ J. Moyssey, 223 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- „ A. R. Lethbridge, 159 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- „ D. J. Allams, 328 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- „ W. A. Discombe, 1443 ... Prov. G.D. D.C.
- „ J. H. Stephens, 1847 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- „ J. Olver, 1138... ... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- „ T. Hine, 372 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- „ J. Allen, 1099... ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- „ A. B. Hutchings, 2025 ... Prov. G. Org.
- „ N. R. Hammett, 666 ... Prov. G. Purs.
- „ R. Lavers, 1091 ... Prov. G.A. Purs.
- „ A. K. Hamilton, 112 ...
- „ C. J. Workman, 303 ...
- „ H. M. Burrow, 489 ...
- „ W. Ward, 847 ...
- „ R. Lake, 1135... ...
- „ W. H. Webb, 1486 ...
- „ P. L. Blanchard, 444 ... Prov. G. Tyler.

This closed the business. In the evening a party of the brethren dined together at Bro. Bolt's, Royal Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

INSTALLATION OF SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, BART., AS P.G.M.

On Friday, the 21st inst., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, duly installed Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Past Grand Warden of England, and Deputy P.G.M., as R.W. Prov. Grand Master for the Province of Durham, in a most impressive manner, in the presence of a large assemblage of distinguished brethren of Durham, North and East Yorks, West Yorks, Northumberland, and other provinces, together with the officers and members of the whole of the 30 lodges of the province. The ceremony was performed in the Lecture Hall, Palace Green, Durham, the use of which was granted by the Dean and Chapter of Durham. The Provincial Grand Lodge entered the Lecture Hall at noon, the brethren singing the Masonic hymn "Behold how pleasant and how good," as the provincial brethren entered the hall in procession. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom. Bro. Victor Williamson, Past Grand Warden of England, acted as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The distinguished guests on the right and left of the Deputy Grand Master were:

Bros. T. W. Tew, R.W. Prov. Grand Master West Yorks; R. H. Holmes, V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master Northumberland; Dr. Bell, V.W. Deputy P.G.M. North and East Yorks; Banister, Past G.S.B. England; H. Green, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorks. The other Provincial Grand Officers officiating on the occasion were: Bros. J. W. Barnes, P.G.S.W.; R. A. Luck, P.G.J.W.; the Rev. J. Lawson, P.G. Chap.; B. Boulton, P.G. Treas.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; T. M. Barron, P.G.R.; T. Bradley, P.G.A. Sec.; W. C. Blackett, P.G.S.D.; T. Walton, P.G.S.D.; J. C. Moor, P.G.J.D.; F. H. Bennett, P.G.J.D.; R. W. Thompson, P.G.S. of W.; E. Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; J. J. Clay, Deputy P.G.D. of C.; H. W. Emerson, P.G.A.D. of C.; M. Douglass, P.G.S.B.; P. M. Stonehouse, P.G.S.B.; S. Fenny, P.G. Std. B.; W. Gray, P.G. Std. B.; D. Whitehead, P.G. Org.; J. S. Wilson, P.G.P.; W. H. Turner, P.G.P.; J. Curry, P.G. Tyler; W. Gregory, W. Barlow, F. West, R. Coulson, and J. A. Rainbow, Prov. Grand Stewards. The Prov. Grand Secretary and Prov. Directors of Ceremonies were also assisted by Bros. W. Coxon, P.G.D. Durham; A. S. Fowler, P.G.D. Stockton; C. S. Lane, P.G.D. West Hartlepool; J. G. Smith, P.M. Gateshead; Stonehouse, Marley, and Olsen. Supporting the Deputy Grand Master on the dais were Bros. Addison Potter, C.B., P.P.G.W.; E. D. Davis, P.P.G.W.; G. Spain, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; Jos. Dodds, M.P., P.P.G.W.; Col. Monks, P.P.G.W.; G. F. Charlton, P.G.W.; T. Y. Strachan, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; J. W. Cameron, P.P.G.W.; J. Wood, P.P.G.W.; J. Spearman, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; B. Levy, P.P.G.W.; J. Straker Wilson, P.P.G.W.; T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.D.; W. Brignal, P.P.G.R.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Ferry, P.P.G.O.; W. M. Bell, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Northumberland; W. M. Watson, P.P.G.W.; J. Trotter, P.P.G.W.; J. Potts, P.P.G.D.; R. Kinmond, P.P.G.P.; J. Graham, P.P.G.R.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; C. Rowlandson, P.P.G.W.; W. J. Watson, P.P.G.D.; G. R. Bulman, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C.; W. C. Harris, P.P.G.C.; J. M. Meek, P.P.G.R.; G. Stillman, P.P.G.D.; F. Marriner, W.M. 107; John C. Wilson, P.P.G.P. Northumberland; and R. H. Dickenson, P.G. Stwd. Northumberland. Amongst those present of the principal officers of lodges were—Bros. A. Rhagg, W.M. 48; J. G. Smith, P.M. 48; W. Dobson, W.M. 80; J. E. Nelson, P.M. 80; W. Green, W.M. 303; J. A. Rainbow, W.M. 94, P.G. Stwd.; J. Hudson, P.M.; J. D. Todd, P.M.; T. Henderson, P.M.; J. Dixon, P.M. 94; J. R.

Pattison, W.M. 97; R. Singleton, S.W. 97; E. Potts, W.M. 1676; D. Murray, W.M. 1712; W. B. Ferguson, J.W. 97; W. Brandt, P.M. 1389; J. G. Kirtley, I.P.M.; R. Shadforth, P.M. 949; D. G. Smith, W.M. 661; G. Robson, W.M.; T. Potter, P.M. 240; J. Todd, W.M. 1274; W. Ross, W.M. 1970; W. Davidson, I.P.M. 1970; W. Logan, W.M. 124; A. Carr, I.P.M.; S. Wilson, P.M.; J. Sewell, P.M. 124; J. Sedcole, W.M.; A. McDougall, P.M. 1119; J. F. Hillier, I.P.M.; W. Donkin, P.M. 1334; W. Dodd, W.M. 531; W. T. Tate, P.M. 764; E. D. Brown, P.M. 509; G. Lazonby, W.M. 940; T. Bowman, W.M. 1418; D. B. Tod, W.M. 1121; A. Allan, P.M. 1121; John Heslop, W.M. 1932; T. Coates, W.M. 1650; W. Swales, P.M. 1650; W. Love, W.M.; S. Holdsworth, I.P.M. 2019; J. Egglestone, jun., P.M. 1494; Sir Farrer Herschell, M.P., P.M. Lambton Lodge; R. W. Cummins, P.P.G.P. Northumberland; J. C. Moor, I.P.M. 97, S.W. 2039, P.G.J.D. (Freemason); and others.

The ceremony was commenced with the offering of prayer and the reading of a portion of Scripture by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. LAWSON.

The Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, together with the other distinguished visitors of other provinces, were then saluted according to ancient custom.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER then addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and stated the business of the meeting. He congratulated the brethren on the choice H.R.H. the Grand Master had made of Sir Hedworth Williamson for the Provincial Grand Master of that province; and he felt perfectly certain that choice was fully in accord with their feelings—(applause)—and he congratulated them that they would have a Grand Master, not only one who was a good Mason, but one who would fulfil the duties of the office most perfectly. (Loud applause.)

A deputation of distinguished brethren then retired, accompanied by the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. E. Hudson, to introduce the Prov. G.M. designate. The deputation consisted of Bros. Jos. Dodds, M.P.; James Laidler, Mayor of Durham; E. D. Davis, Newcastle; T. G. Mabane, Mayor of South Shields; B. Levy, Sunderland; Dr. S. Gourley, Hartlepool; C. S. Love, West Hartlepool; and A. S. Fowler, Stockton.

The deputation then introduced Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.M. designate, the brethren standing to order as Freemasons. As the procession moved to the dais, the brethren sang, "Hail! Masonry Sublime!" led by Bros. Whitehead, P.G.O., Thos. Walker, Leatham, and Nutton, of Durham Cathedral choir. Cushions, upon which were the collar and jewel of the P.G.M., and the apron and gauntlets were borne by Bro. W. Logan, W.M. Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124; and Bro. Dr. Lionel Booth, S.W. Norman Lodge, No. 1334.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. HUDSON, then read the patent of the P.G.M. designate, after which the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, duly obligated, invested the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, whom he then placed in the chair as the head of the province, amid the loud plaudits of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. E. HUDSON, then proclaimed the newly-initiated P.G.M., who was saluted according to ancient form.

Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., P.G.M., who was loudly applauded, said it was rather difficult for him to address that meeting, and he would do it under feelings of the most deep gratitude for the very kind way in which Lord Lathom addressed them, and the way in which they had received his address. It was difficult for him to acknowledge the manner in which they had received his lordship's remarks. He had had most kind letters from his noble brother Grand Masters of the North Riding and of Northumberland, both of whom were unable to be present. It was, however, very gratifying to see close to him a very distinguished brother, namely, the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, and so many other distinguished Masons. He hoped and trusted he might be able to so rule that province that the Craft, already so prosperous, should at all events not deteriorate. He would spare no pains to do what he could to carry it on even more prosperously. (Applause.) There were two ways, it seemed to him, in which this could be effected. First, that he should try impartially to discharge his duties, and, secondly, that he should be assisted and supported by the loyalty and zeal of the brethren. (Applause.) He felt sure he could succeed in his part, and he felt equally confident that the brethren would give him their loyal zeal and assistance. It seemed to him that the simplest course he could pursue was to imitate his two predecessors. (Applause.) He would endeavour, as far as possible, to faithfully imitate the kindness of his noble friend who had so lately gone from them, and he would also try to imitate as much as he could the unswerving though courteous rule of his late friend, John Fawcett. (Applause.) Lord Londonderry was too short a time with them for many of the brethren present to discover his numerous good qualities, but he possessed one of the greatest recommendations any one could possess, namely, those who knew him best loved him most. (Loud applause.) The noble lady who mourned his loss had shown her interest in the Craft by presenting the Masonic clothing of the late marquess, which he (Sir Hedworth) now wore, to the province. (Applause.) That, of course, was a special Grand Lodge, and therefore no formal acknowledgment to the noble marchioness could there be given; but at the annual meeting he would make it his duty to see that a vote of thanks was tendered to her. (Applause.) He had also been presented with the Masonic clothing of the late Bro. John Fawcett. His intention was to present the collar of his friend, the late Bro. John Fawcett, to the Grand Lodge, and he would wish it to be framed and hung up in a conspicuous place in the Grand Lodge, so that every brother might see the memento of one who was certainly the best Mason he ever saw, and who was his oldest and dearest friend. (Applause.) He thanked them all very sincerely, and Lord Lathom particularly, for the kind way in which they had received him. He would do his duty as well as he possibly could, and he hoped to have the help of every Mason in the province, however humble his position might be. (Loud applause.)

Bro. W. LOGAN, W.M. 124, then presented the following address to the Provincial Grand Master on behalf of the Durham Lodges Nos. 124 and 1334.

To the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Past Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham.

We, the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, and of the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holden in the ancient city of Durham, do most heartily congratulate you on your appointment by the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to the distinguished rank of Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham.

We sincerely welcome you to our ancient city. We are sensible of the honour you confer on the Fraternity, and we feel sure, from your long and continued services to Freemasonry in this province, and your public and private devotion to the Craft, that your new duties will be performed with fervency and zeal.

We earnestly pray the G.A.O.T.U. to spare you for many years to be the ruler of the province, and that when summoned from this sublunary abode, you may ascend to

the Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

Signed on behalf of
Lodge 124—WILL LOGAN, W.M.; JOSEPH LAWSON, S.W.; W. CRAWFORD, J.W.; W. H. OLIVER, Secretary.
Lodge 1334—WM. CLARKE ROBINSON, W.M.; LIONEL BOOTH, S.W.; ROBERT HAUKWELL, J.W.; GEO. S. SHAW, Secretary.

This twenty-first day of August, A.D. 1885; A.L. 5885.

The Provincial Grand Master, Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, in accepting the address, said he augured from the date of the appointment of the two lodges, one very old and the other comparatively new, that he would be supported by the Masons at large. (Applause.)

Canon Tristram's appointment as Dep. Provincial Grand Master having been announced, amid loud applause,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER stated that he had selected the Canon on account, first, of his intimate knowledge of Masonry; secondly, his social position; and, thirdly, his continued residence in the province. He referred in eulogistic terms to the ability of Canon Tristram, and the fame he had achieved as an author and traveller.

At the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Master's remarks, Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S., presented Bro. Canon Tristram, who was formally installed, and invested the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, after which the latter thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had conferred upon him, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received the appointment. He remarked that he had been connected with the Masonic Order for about 40 years. (Applause.)

At the conclusion of the ceremony in the Lecture Hall, the brethren formed in procession and marched into the Cathedral, where a special service was held. Prayers were read by Bro. Canon Cooper, the first lesson by Canon Smith Dorian, and the second by Archdeacon Hamilton, Sub-Dean. Mr. Liddle, in the absence of Dr. Armes, officiated at the organ. The service was Turle in D, the anthem being "Zadok the Priest" (Handel).

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, L.S.D., F.R.S., who took for his text Ecclesiastes, chapter 9, verse 10: "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest."

They were not there, he said, to discuss and weigh the principle and worth of Masonry. There were other times and other places where such disquisitions would be in season. They were there in practical recognition of the great fundamental teaching of a society built up by God-fearing men, and that teaching which was sung in the words of their founder, King Solomon, was "My son, fear thou the Lord of the King, and meddle not with them that are given to change." Not many months had passed since he was called upon to set forth from that place the three foundation principles of Masonry—godliness, loyalty, and charity, or brotherly love. These three principles formed the basis of all civilised society, which without the recognition of individual responsibility to God, all social order, all obedience to the common weal, all humane sympathy and fellow-feeling with all our kind was impossible. These were their aims, but the work of Masonry was for time. The work of Christianity was for time and eternity. Work in time prepared and fitted for work through eternity. To such work the wise man referred when he wrote the words of the text. Two who were with them at their last gathering were now gone, and their places were empty—places which this generation would never see supplied. With them was that day their Royal brother, exalted in the Craft, and not less exalted in the love and esteem of every loyal Englishman. A kingly son of their Royal mother, with right kingly virtues illustrated in every act of daily life: a perfect type of Masonic brotherhood. The last great public pageant in which that prince took part before his sudden removal was held in the cathedral, when at the head of their Order he worshipped there. He had left his mark behind him. In his short career, whatever his hand found to do he did it with all his might. Life was not measured by years. Their assemblage that day told of another bereavement. They were gathered to instal a worthy successor to that most noble Provincial Grand Master who for but four years was permitted to rule over that province—the heir of a name and a race which was interwoven with the history not of their county alone, but of their country. He proved during his short career as Grand Master how worthy he was to rule. His exalted rank illustrated Masonic virtues. A sufferer for years, rarely free from pain, he spared no effort, however severe, in the performance of his Masonic functions, for unless, when absent on service for the State or the public cause, he left to his Deputy none of those duties for the personal performance of which good reason would not have been lacking. Time was short. Soon it would be too late to add or subtract. "Life was real, Life was earnest, And the grave was not its goal; Dust thou art, to dust returnest, Was not spoken of the soul."

Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sand of time.

Their footprints would soon be forgotten, but not the result of their work. For weal or woe that would remain. Work done for God, work done for man, would never die, but would be laid up in the store-house of eternity. The time was coming, nay was now upon them, when the principles upon which the Masonry of thousands of years would be put to the test. It would be tried and sifted, as would all the principles of organised society. Then would it be seen that Masonry was not a visionary scheme of Utopian dreamers and idlers, but the federation of men who knew that without order there could be no progress, that without the recognition of every other man's rights there would be no security for their own; that without the submission of the human will to the Supreme Law of God there could be no foundation of morality or truth or justice; that there would be no natural right save that of the strongest; that without a firm faith in the life beyond the grave, whither they were all going, there was no curb on the passions, no restraining influence of the selfishness of men other than brute force. It was for Masons to show—whilst schemes were being dangled by designing and unscrupulous men before the eyes of the needy and desperate—that they had at heart the welfare of all; that none were too humble, too ignorant, or too degraded to be beyond their efforts to raise, to guide, and to save them. Masonry, true Masonry, was a movement of chivalry which would succour the helpless, rescue the fallen, and protect the weak. They were members one with another. Masons ought to be—and should they not be—the leaders of the federation of humanity, not in a blind equalisation, but in a symphony of many different notes, combining all in one mighty harmony, each exactly fitting into his own place. The rev. Canon then added a few words in support of the county hospital, on behalf of which a collection was made at the end of the service.

After the service the brethren returned to the Lecture Hall, where Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, after the PROV. GRAND MASTER had expressed the thanks of the lodge for the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, and the very admirable services of the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Provincial Directors of Ceremonies, and the other officers for their excellent arrangements. Subsequently the brethren met in the Castle Hall, where luncheon was partaken of. Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.M., presided, and was supported right and left by Bros. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Canon Tristram, T. W. Tew, Dr. Bell, Sir Farrer Herschell, V. Williamson, J. Dodds, M.P., R. H. Holmes, Col. Dalgetti, H. Green, Col. Potter, C.B., Rev. J. Lawson, J. W. Barnes, R. A. Luck, E. D. Davis, and G. Spain.

The loyal toasts having been given and heartily responded to, and that of "The G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the R.W. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the Officers of Grand Lodge. He referred to the fact of brethren high in the Craft being appointed to fulfil important positions in Her Majesty's Government, a

matter which was satisfactory to them all apart altogether from politics. (Applause.)

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, who was loudly applauded, responded, and said it was a matter of satisfaction to him to have installed his friend, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, as Prov. Grand Master, although they would all have a feeling of sorrow at the death of the Marquess of Londonderry so soon after he was installed. Apart from the ceremony, he was pleased to be again enabled to visit their city and the fine cathedral. (Applause.)

"The Health of the R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Provincial Grand Master," having been given and acknowledged, and also those of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram," and "The Visitors," the proceedings terminated.

During the luncheon vocal music was supplied by Bros. Welsh, Walker, Whitehead, Leatham, Nutton, and Goodhead.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF E. COMP. TEW AS PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT.

On Monday afternoon last one of the largest gatherings of Royal Arch Masons held in this province took place at Huddersfield, on the occasion of the installation of Ex. Comp. T. W. Tew as Provincial Grand Superintendent, consequent on the resignation of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. About 200 companions assembled, representing every chapter in the province.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., officiated as First Principal, assisted by E. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

After the opening of the chapter, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE briefly referred to the occasion of their meeting, and was sure all would share his regret that the meeting was consequent on the retirement from the post of Provincial Grand Superintendent of their worthy and earnest friend and companion, Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards. (Hear, hear.) So good a Mason as he, and one who had done so much for Freemasonry, could not fail to be regretted.

The patent of the Grand Superintendent having been handed in, E. Comp. Tew was admitted and installed in an impressive manner by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and after the investing of the newly-obligated Grand Superintendent, the companions testified their approval by loud and prolonged applause.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in addressing Comp. Tew, paid a high tribute to his great worth to Freemasonry generally. He had already been selected to fill the high and honourable position of Grand Master of a province numbering 69 lodges, and the third largest on the roll of their Constitution. It was clear that a brother so well recommended could not fail to find favour with his Royal Highness to fill the other exalted position of Grand Superintendent of a province of Royal Arch Freemasons numbering, as this did, 32 chapters, and again the third largest on the roll. Most heartily did Col. Clerke congratulate Comp. Tew and the province on the appointment, and wished Royal Arch Freemasonry in that province a long and prosperous reign.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Superintendent as follows:—

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| Comps. W. H. Brittain, P.Z. 139 | ... | ... | Prov. G.H. |
| " Wm. Gaukroger, P.Z. 61 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J. |
| " Henry Smith, P.Z. 302 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.A. |
| " Joseph Mitchell, P.Z. 1513 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.N. |
| " William Frederick Tomlinson, P.Z. 304 | ... | ... | Prov. G.P. Soj. |
| " Alfred Austin, P.Z. 306 | ... | ... | Prov. G. 1st A.S. |
| " Wilson Macvay, P.Z. 495 | ... | ... | Prov. G. 2nd A.S. |
| " George Marshall, 521 (elected) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " John E. Craven, P.Z. 308 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " Thomas Denby, P.Z. 387 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " Richard Jessop, P.Z. 448 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " Edward Poppleton, P.Z. 827 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " William Ash, 1019 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " Henry William Pawson, P.Z. 296 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " William T. Beanland, P.Z. 1462 | ... | ... | |
| " C. T. Rhodes, P.Z. 448 | ... | ... | |
| " William Delanoy, P.Z. 242 | ... | ... | |
| " Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions at some length. To each and all he offered the aspirations of health, peace, and goodwill—health to enjoy length of days; peace, that contentment which passes all understanding; and for goodwill towards all men, especially to the members of Prov. Grand Chapter. Such, in brief, was the epitome of the interpretation of the patent which had just been read to the companions, signed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Superintendent, and to whom we look up with feelings of unbounded loyalty, veneration, and respect, and whom may God preserve. (Hear, hear.) He stood in that hall in Huddersfield, on ground memorable by having been trodden by the feet of most eminent Grand Superintendents of this province, whose footsteps we can hear no more on earth, and to whose wise counsels we can no longer listen. But the remembrance of these our former rulers is preserved with veneration in our hearts, and their wisdom still actuates our policy by the loftiness of their views and the generosity of their hearts. Lee, Fearnley, and Shaw have exchanged this mortal life for immortality; and whilst a noble marquess with sorrow left us for conscience sake, a noble baronet suffers on a bed of sickness, which has compelled him to resign this distinguished office also, and we miss their genial familiar faces from our midst. May God give the noble marquess health to devote himself to his country's service, and carry out those philanthropic aims so warmly espoused by him and worthy of his connection with the Craft, and to the noble baronet renewed strength to lift himself up from his prostration were the prayers of every companion in West Yorkshire. (Applause.) Under the guidance of Sir Henry Edwards peace and goodwill have prevailed throughout our chapters, which have increased from 26 to 32 in number, and which are eminent in Supreme Grand Chapter for loyalty, fidelity, and obedience to the statutes of the Order. (Hear, hear.) His retirement has been a subject of deep regret to all. The question of his successor was one of vital interest to this province, and it was his (Comp. Tew's) desire that the new occupant of the chair of that Prov. Grand Chapter should be some other more competent and erudite companion than himself, and he had urged some reasons to Supreme Grand Chapter against the concentration of the highest offices in one individual. He felt

bound, however, to bend to the exigencies of circumstances, and to try to fulfil the duties of this other high office in this province. (Cheers.) He would throw himself on the indulgence of the chapters, and ask their forbearance and support in the discharge of the duties. (Hear, hear.) He had written no history of Freemasonry like Bro. Gould; of the antiquities, symbols, Constitutions, and customs of the Craft; no papers like Canon Tristram, of Durham, on the theology and philosophy of the Craft; but if diligence and industry to govern the Craft be not unworthy aspirations in the place, these efforts are at the service of the province, and his ample reward would be the satisfaction of the companions. They would find him a faithful man and Mason, for his leading thought was service for the Craft. Masonic government was a blending of autocracy and democracy in a unique system which insures the maximum of order, while it preserves in the highest degree all personal rights of the brethren. He confessed with this sentiment that he never reflected upon the regularity of the chapters without feeling that it reacts upon the lodges, its beauty and its calm making this ancient institution a potent teacher of conservative citizenship and a substantial bulwark of free institutions. Evil powers felt the antagonism of its spirit, and he prayed that it might survive to benefit mankind when superstitious sentiments and maledictions against its principles and organisation had passed away into the oblivion of forgetfulness. He appealed to all to aid him in promoting the prominent characteristics—mystery without mischief, subjection without servitude, establishment without display, and aspiration without pretension—so that a wholesome control might be exercised in the development of the excellence and grandeur of the Masonic spirit of this most beautiful Degree. In concluding his remarks, he felt bound to acknowledge the obligation the province was under to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke for his presence on that occasion, and also that of the learned Recorder of Colchester, whose genial influence was like the silver and softening light of the moon at full upon us. West Yorkshire desired most loyally ever to be in perfect harmony and friendly relations with the Grand Officers. The difficult duties of his office commenced with the appointment of officers for the current year. He wished it were in his power to number more on that list. He concluded an earnest and eloquent address by expressing the great gratification and pleasure he felt at that reunion of the chapters, and his gratitude for the warm welcome and salutation to their new Grand Superintendent, as well as for the many kindnesses he had ever received at the hands of his companions. He accepted that new office as a sacred trust, and would do his best never to permit it to be used for any other purpose than was implied in his patent, and safely transmit it to his successor in prosperity and harmony. (Loud applause.)

After the chapter was closed the companions were entertained to a sumptuous tea by their newly-installed Provincial Grand Superintendent, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

A meeting of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport Pagnell, on Monday, the 17th inst. The chair was taken by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., who was supported by V.W. Bro. C. F. Matier acting as D.P. G.M., and representatives from the various lodges of the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER reminded the brethren present that the three years for which he had been entrusted with the care of the province had now come to an end, and that it would devolve upon the Provincial Grand Lodge to elect a Provincial Grand Master for the three years next ensuing. Before relinquishing his office, he desired to congratulate the Mark Masons of the province on the fact that every lodge in the province was prospering. The three years now past had seen most distinct and satisfactory progress in each of the three lodges. What they wanted was that the Southern Division of the province should copy the good example set by the Northern Division, and start three or, at least, two Mark lodges. He had every reason to hope that the matter was under consideration, and that, at no very distant date, he would be called upon to consecrate a new Mark lodge. He then proceeded to review the important events which had occurred during the past three years in Mark Masonry at large, and remarked that a period which had witnessed the installation of the Prince of Wales as a Past Grand Master, and the advancement of his eldest son was one which would ever be remembered by Mark Masons with special interest. The Provincial Grand Master, in conclusion, thanked all the brethren of the province for the cordial support and assistance they had given him.

Bro. FOUNTAIN, P. Prov. G.S.W., of the St. Barnabas Lodge, then proposed, and Bro. REEVE, of the Watling Street Lodge, seconded, the re-election of the Provincial Grand Master.

The motion was put to the Provincial Grand Lodge by V.W. Bro. TAYLOR, P. Prov. G.S.W., P.G.S. of the SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge, and unanimously carried.

Having been duly saluted, the Provincial Grand Master appointed his officers as follows:

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| " Rev. F. W. Harnett | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
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| " W. H. Pike | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
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| " B. Wilford | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " E. Revill | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
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The donation of two guineas from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds to the Mark Benevolent Fund was allowed and cordially approved.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Swan Hotel.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE HUDDERSFIELD LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 521.

The annual picnic of the members of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., the places selected being Chester and Eaton Hall. The party left Huddersfield at 8.20 a.m., arriving in Chester at 11.10. After partaking of luncheon they took steamer to Eccleston and proceeded through the park to Eaton Hall. Having looked through the beautiful gardens and stately mansion they returned to Chester in time to see a few places of interest, and at 5.30 sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Mr. Stevenson, at the Blossoms Hotel, returning from Chester at 7.20, and arriving at Huddersfield at 10.30 p.m., having enjoyed a pleasant and interesting outing.

The following composed the party—Bro. W. E. J. Jowett and Mrs. J. Jowett; Bro. S. Crossley and Mrs. Crossley; Bro. A. Armitage and Mrs. Armitage; Bro. Allen Jackson and Mrs. Jackson; Bro. J. W. Turner; Bro. Hy. Shaw; Bro. J. Brierley and daughters; Bro. H. Wood; Bro. J. Firth and Mrs. Firth; Bro. J. Swallow and Mrs. Swallow; Bro. J. T. Sheard; Mrs. Marshall; Bro. Joshua Lee and Mrs. Lee; Bro. Abm. Graham and Mrs. Graham; Bro. E. A. Beaumont; Bro. James Eccles; Bro. J. B. Matthewman and Mrs. Matthewman; Bro. Jno. Dawson; Bro. Thomas Johnson and Mrs. Johnson; Bro. J. H. Stenny, Mrs. Stenny, and two friends.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. A. G. HAYMAN, P.M. 973, P.P.G.J.W. SOMERSET.

At the last meeting of the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, a very interesting ceremony took place, being none other than the presentation to Bro. A. G. Hayman, P.M. 973, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset, of Hapsford House, Frome, and 1, Pembroke-road, Clifton, of a handsome oil painting of himself in full Masonic costume, and which he afterwards presented to the lodge. The portrait is a very striking one, and has been painted by Mr. A. Durant, of Clifton, the artist who has made such a successful painting of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Bristol. The presentation was made by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Wiltshire, who was followed by addresses by Bros. Wilson, P.M., and Mason, P.M. All these speakers dwelt on the many kindnesses which Bro. Hayman had shown to the lodge, and of the great interest he took in their charities. Bro. Hayman feelingly responded, and stated that for the portrait to hang on the walls of the Royal Somerset Lodge would be to himself a great honour. The brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CHURCH AT PRESTON, SUSSEX.

Wednesday, the 19th inst., was a red letter day in the annals of Sussex Freemasonry, the event of the day being the laying, with full Masonic ceremonial, of the foundation stone of a new church, that of St. Saviour's, in the parish of Preston, in immediate contiguity to the overgrown and populous northern part of Brighton. But a few years ago and the spot on which the new building is destined to rise was really an urban district, corn fields and cattle pasturage alone occupying the locality where now hundreds of houses and streets innumerable have sprung up. Many of our readers are familiar with the erstwhile quiet retreat of Preston through which the Brighton coaches from the metropolis ran daily; the pretty little village with its ancient parish church, the Prince's Dairy Farm, "founded" by "the first gentleman in Europe," and the Stanford Estate. All this neighbourhood has now been built upon, and now we find from Preston proper, running for more than a mile into Brighton, villas detached and semi-detached a row of substantial houses on the one side, and on the other the now cultivated and attractive Preston Park, recently acquired by the Corporation of Brighton and laid out as a public recreation ground. But not only along the old coach road have houses sprung up, on climbing the hills on either side we find blocks of buildings, and whole streets inhabited by the industrial classes, and in many instances by employes of the Brighton Railway Company, whose locomotive works are in close contiguity. With all this, the quaint little parish church of Preston has been left to supply the spiritual wants of a population which may now be estimated at six or seven thousand souls. On the eastern hill there has, indeed, been a small temporary iron church, where the Rev. Mr. Farnall has carried on his ministrations biding the time for better things. This time it is to be hoped is now approaching, and Wednesday's ceremonial is looked to as its harbinger. Foremost in the good work of endeavouring to provide special church accommodation has been our good Bro. Cheal, one of the churchwardens of the new district, and he being an active member of the lodge at Shoreham, named after our esteemed Bro. the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, the Burrell Lodge, succeeded in enlisting the high support of Sir Walter, and hence followed the somewhat unprecedented ceremonial to this province of a public Masonic stone laying. May we enlist the support of Masons generally for the good work. The district is far from being a rich one, there is no endowments, funds are urgently needed, and assistance from the well-disposed will be most cheerfully and thankfully received.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday morning, in the School-room at the rear of the site of the new church, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for Sussex presiding, supported by his officers, including Bros. John Henderson Scott, Prov. D.G.M.; General Randolph, Prov. G.S.W.; Major D'Albiac, Prov. G.J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. W. A. Tooth, Prov. G. Chap.; Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; W. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; B. Burfield, Prov. G. Assistant Secretary; C. W. Hudson, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; B. Bennett, Prov. G. Asst. D. of Cers.; Skindle and Rudge, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; Ardley, Prov. G. Org.; James Curtis, acting Prov. G. Svd. Br.; T. Wilkinson, Prov. G. Purst.; and others. The attendance of brethren from the various lodges in the province was exceptionally good.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, a procession was formed to the site of the new building, and the ancient rites and ceremonies were well and duly carried out, the

Prov. Grand Master assenting to the plans presented him by Bro. E. E. Scott, the Architect, and laying the stone in due form.

There was a large attendance of visitors, especially of ladies, the Mayor of Brighton being present, as well as many leading inhabitants.

Purses were laid on the stone and about £60 was thus realised.

Returning to the School-room, Provincial Grand Lodge was re-formed and closed, and the brethren then repaired to the Royal Pavilion at Brighton, accompanied by numerous friends, and a splendid gathering of ladies. Here a luncheon of the most recherché description was provided by those prominent caterers, Bros. Sayers and Marks, of the Western-road, Brighton, whose identity with Freemasonry is so well known and appreciated not only in Brighton and the Province of Sussex, but in Metropolitan circles, in connection with which their aid is very generally invoked. But one expression—that of universal satisfaction—was expressed by the influential assemblage.

The Rev. A. D. Freeman, Vicar of Preston, presided at the luncheon, supported by Sir W. W. Burrell, the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton, Bro. Alderman David Smith, D.L. and J.P., Bro. Alderman Davey, J.P., the Provincial Grand Officers, and others.

An earnest appeal was made on behalf of the object of the day's gathering, and

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Health of the Mayor of Brighton," expressed great regret that he (the Chairman), like his Worship, was not yet a Mason; but, reflecting upon the proceedings of the day, which had given to all such great pleasure, he expressed a hope that this was a defect which might even yet be remedied.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master" was received with enthusiasm, and Sir W. W. BURRELL, in responding, expressed his great pleasure that he, as an earnest member of the Church of England, had been enabled that day to assist in so good a work.

The proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a most satisfactory termination.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. F. Adlard, J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Peter de Lande Long, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the reading of the minutes of the House Committee for information,

The CHAIRMAN said that 57 girls of the School were examined at the Science and Arts Department at Kensington in physiography, and out of these 9 were in the advanced stage, and they all passed. In the first stage 14 passed in the first class, 26 in the second, and 8 failed. In geology 32 were presented and 30 passed—Class I., 10; Class II., 20; failed, 2. The brethren must remember that this education did not cost the School anything; the study was all extra in the evening.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for wages and office expenses.

A West Yorkshire petitioner was placed on the list of candidates for the next April election.

Bro. C. H. WEBB, before the business was closed, said he thought after the announcement of the success of the children at the Science and Arts examination, the Institution was to be congratulated on the fact, and that it ought to be widely made known, as it would show that what was believed to be an expensive education was not so costly as was supposed.

The Chairman said that electricity and galvanism were going to be the next subjects tried, and after that a very pretty and interesting subject indeed—botany. It must be remembered that the study of those subjects was in addition to the regular school routine, and out of school hours.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.



Mr. Mat Robson, late of Sadler's Wells, has taken the Holborn Theatre of Mr. Purkiss, who is the proprietor of the Royal Music Hall opposite. Mr. Hallows is to manage the front of the house. Drama is to be the chief bill of fare, and cheap prices everywhere. If the seats are made reasonable in price, we do not see why the Holborn should not answer, as it is a most comfortable theatre.

Mrs. Langtry commences on Monday a week's engagement at the Standard, Shoreditch. She is to play "Peril." Doubtless many West-enders who are in town will pay a visit to this theatre to see Mrs. Langtry in one of the finest of her many achievements.

Bro. Augustus Harris will next month bring out the much talked of new drama, the work of himself and Mr. Pettitt. It is called "Human Nature," and deals with matters of domestic interest, and some present events, the Soudan campaign, for instance. We may therefore expect a high old time. Bro. Harry Nicholls, Mr. Clynds, Bro. J. H. Neville, Miss Emmeline Ormsby, Miss Isabel Bateman, and Miss Illington are amongst the players.

The Strand Theatre is well worth a visit just now to see Mr. John S. Clarke in "Cousin Johnny," a new piece written specially for this excellent comedian. There is nothing very original about the play, its plot being the often used one of a low born person suddenly coming into property, and, finding himself like a fish out of water, is only too glad to get back to his old life; but to see Mr. J. S. Clarke is a thing to be remembered. He is the drollest of the droll, and his facial contortions are wonderful. He is supported by a good company, although "Cousin Johnny" is what is known as a star-piece.

The Novelty opens about September 10th with a new burlesque, under the lesseeship of Mr. Willie Edouin. Bro. Lionel Brough joins the former in the management. The burlesque is to be played at Bristol and a few other provincial towns during the next two weeks to get into shape for London. Mr. Wm. Greet is again to be acting manager to Messrs. Edouin and Brough, and will, we are sure, with his courtesy, win the esteem of every one who has dealings with him.

Mr. Edgar Bruce, it is said, is going to play Mr. Garden's part in "The Great Pink Pearl" at the Prince's. He will be welcomed back on his own stage. It is a long time since he has shown himself to the public. We think this change of cast will add to the already attractiveness of "The Great Pink Pearl."

"The Silver Shield," which we foretold on its production would be a success, has passed its sixtieth night. If only this clever though satirical comedy surmounts the dead months, it will have a long run before it. Mr. Arthur Roberts having migrated to the Gaiety, Mr. J. F. Young now plays the part of the Theatrical Manager. His representation is much more subdued, and, we think, more suitable. The author—Mr. Grundy—has given him such good lines that there is no lack of laughter when Mr. Young is on the stage. All the members of the cast seem now to play into one another's hands, and so the piece goes merrily along. Pretty Miss Kate Rorke, by her excellent acting, still wins her due share of the applause, and we think on our second visit we enjoyed her earnest and sincere playing even more than on the first night—if that were possible.

The Avenue will reopen shortly with comic opera, under the management of Bro. Alexander Henderson. "Falka" is to be reproduced for a time, with Miss Violet Cameron in her old and self-created part. After this favourite opera has had a run a new work of M. Andrea will be brought out. The theatre will be under the acting management of Bro. D'Albertson, who, we know, will, as he always does, make every one comfortable.

The theatrical event of last week was the production of Mr. Wilson Barrett and Mr. Jones' drama, "Hoodman Blind," at the Princess's. Mr. Wilson Barrett is now not only lessee, but author, manager, and actor. We consider the new play a success. It is not so striking nor so pretty as "The Silver King." It is a powerful play. Its plot is clearly conceived and artistically developed. It may be termed the story of a rural Othello. Sensational as "Hoodman Blind" is, the new play has still the air of probability which is characteristic of the melodramas at the Princess's, and the excitement is real and earnest. Through some error regarding a seat we were unable to see the first act, but we gathered from those which followed that the story opens with the murder of a Mr. Leadon, who has come from Canada, and is lying ill at the house of Mark Leggard, a land agent, who, with his equally wicked partner, Kridge, makes the old man's will, and the two witness it. Leadon leaves his money to his two daughters, but Leggard burns the will, and when the old man resists, kills him. Nance Yeulett, one of the daughters, is the wife of a young farmer, who is about to have his farm taken from him by Kridge, who holds a mortgage on it. Leggard, who pretends to be Jack Yeulett's friend, is in love with his wife, but she rejects his overtures, and strikes him full in the face. The villain then sets to work to make Jack believe she is unfaithful to him. A gipsy girl happening to pass, whom he notices is exactly like Nance—and who turns out in the end to be her half sister—he offers her and her male companion a large sum of money to carry out his designs. Nance having left her cloak on a door, he wraps it round the gipsy girl, and tells her companion to put his arm round her and call her Nance, and swear he will never leave her. At the same time he gets Jack to witness his treachery. Jack, overhearing the gipsy's words, and seeing the cloak, believes his own eyes, goes home, accuses Nance of her conduct, and, without waiting or giving her an opportunity for explanation that she is perfectly innocent of the foul charge, goes away from home. He betakes himself to London, where he passes a miserable existence, earning his living as best he can. Nance also goes to London with her child, and barely exists. On a certain night Jack is standing on the Thames Embankment, under Cleopatra's Needle, contemplating suicide, when a wretched woman throws herself into the river under his very eyes. His manliness is awakened, he jumps in and saves her and claims her as his wife. She cannot understand what he means, she says her name is Jess, the gipsy, and before she dies in Jack's arms he sees his folly and understands that this woman is his wife's half sister, and learns from her dying lips the deceit which was practised on him, and which she says she only did for a "lark," and who the briber is. Henceforth there is nothing else to be done but to reunite the couple by the expedients in which the dramatist is not wanting, and to bring to justice the scoundrels of the play, who have added murder to their other crimes. The means employed is that of a good-hearted blacksmith who has stood all along by Jack and Nance Yeulett, and never allowed them to be defamed in his presence by the villagers. The play is splendidly acted in every part. Mr. Wilson Barrett is the Jack Yeulett, and adds another laurel to his already heavy crown for his display of elocution and touching sympathy. Miss Eastlake doubles the parts of Nance and Jess, thus making it easy for the deception which is practised upon Jack Yeulett. In all but her coarse jests and sordid appearance, Jess, is identical with the farmer's wife. Mr. Willard is once again the villain. The storm of hisses he receives from the audience is enough proof of his splendid acting. Mr. Clifford Cooper is his partner in guilt—Kridge—and also merits applause. Mr. George Barrett has a monopoly of what one may term the "fat." All the funny and touching sentiments are evoked by him. The milk of human kindness is lavishly bestowed in his part, and Mr. George Barrett shows how to make every point tell. Of the other thirty characters we must not omit to mention Miss Clitheroe and Miss Phoebe Carlo, who play the children's sad characters very efficiently. The mounting is, as all Princess's dramas are, superb. The Thames Embankment and the London localities are marvels of scenic realism. When Mr. Wilson Barrett asks the audience "Shall we say a success," we for one join in the "Yes," though we don't think it will have such a run as "The Silver King."

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "English Illustrated Magazine," "Saint John Globe," "Light," "The Child's Pictorial," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Forbes' Directory and Bulletin," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Charters Towers Herald," "Masonic Chronicle," "Freemason" (Sydney), "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine," "La Chaine D'Union de Paris," "Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Newcastle Daily Journal," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Hull Packet," "Sunday Times" (London).



SATURDAY, AUG. 29, 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.]

MASONIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Stevens will find some interesting particulars of the Masonic Benefit Society of 1800 given in my History of 387 (1880 edition), pp. 13 and 14, also on pp. 287 and 532 of Vol. XV. of the *Freemason*.

If Bro. Stevens would like to see the Rules and Regulations, &c., of said Society, I shall be pleased to send them for his perusal. I should esteem it a favour if he would send me the 570 Certificate he refers to for inspection. Jacobs Lodge became 589 at the Union, and was erased 5th December, 1827.—Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, Yorkshire, 22nd August.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of Bro. Stevens, P.M., in your issue of the 22nd inst., called my attention to a certificate in my possession of the "Suffolk Masonic Society," established in Ipswich 1806, as follows:

"This is to certify that Brother William Johnson was duly admitted a member of, and registered this 16 day of September, A.L. 5840, A.D. 1836. Signed by the Chairman, John Pitcher, and Secretary, William Catchpole."

I have to-day seen one dated two years later, so that Society existed in our town over 30 years. I am making enquiries to ascertain, if possible, further particulars, and

I shall be very pleased to send them to you, should you deem them of interest.

I enclose the following extract from Clarke's History of Ipswich, 1830, page 116, referring to the election of C. A. Crickett, and Sir John D'Oyley, June 18th, 1790.—"A great deal of money was spent at this election. Sir John D'Oyley had just returned from India with a handsome fortune; and he, in the most honourable manner, paid off the debts of his deceased father, who had but a very small estate. This praiseworthy conduct added much to his popularity, and a stratagem was resorted to that tended greatly to secure the freemen in his favour. A person of the name of Noah Sibley, a man of some parts and oratory, established a club or society, at a house in St. Clements, purporting to be a particular branch of Freemasonry, called the Good Samaritans, or the Arch Masons. The oath of introduction was binding on every member to unite together in brotherly love and friendship, and to assist each other as much as possible on every occasion. The young freemen in particular were artfully seduced and wheeled to enter as members into this Fraternity, and, as Sir John D'Oyley was a brother Samaritan, they became bound by their oath to support him. Their public exhibitions were attended with much ceremony in their various processions through the town, when a model of Noah's Ark and a variety of insignia and banners were displayed, and bands of music played before them; and every evening, for a considerable length of time, this Society celebrated the midnight orgies with great spirit and festivity, and, doubtless, it was the means of placing Sir John at the head of the poll."

I remain, yours fraternally,

August 24th. N. TRACY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

No doubt the documents referred to in Bro. James Stevens's letter of last week have some value, as a kind of benefit society was established in connection with Freemasonry under the auspices of the "Moderns." There is a pretty long account given of it in Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," in which it is described as having been instituted "for the relief of sick, aged, and imprisoned brethren, and for the protection of their widows, children, and orphans." It enjoyed the patronage of the "Prince of Wales, the Earl of Moira, and all the other acting officers of the Grand Lodge, who, in order to render its advantages more generally known, particularly recommended it to all the Provincial Grand Masters in their several districts." Great care was taken in the selection of members, and in the course of the year 1800 it must have been, financially, in a very prosperous state, as Preston says, "Above 3000 names are enrolled, and the subscriptions already received amount to several thousand pounds. The funds have also considerably increased, not only by many voluntary donations from a number of eminent brethren who have patronised the Charity, but by the addition of one guinea to the first annual subscription having been paid by every member admitted since the 25th of June, 1800." What subsequently became of the Society I do not know, but as other of your readers may be in the same position of ignorance as to its existence as Bro. Stevens, I append in full from Preston his "abstract of the Rules and Orders of the Society."

"Any brother of fair character being a subscribing member of a regular lodge under the Constitution of England, and recommended by a member of this Society who is Master of a lodge, is capable of admission.

"No person above forty-five years of age is admitted a member of this Society, unless he give proper security that he will not become chargeable in his own person to the fund; which, though under this restriction, shall always be liable to the provisions for his widow and children after his decease.

"The subscription is one guinea per annum; and at the end of twenty-four months the subscriber becomes a free member, and is entitled to all the benefits of the Society.

"Members when sick, lame, or blind, are to be entitled to fourteen shillings per week.

"Members in reduced circumstances, and imprisoned for debt, are to be allowed a sum not exceeding four shillings per week, if found not unworthy of aid.

"Members who, through old age, become incapable of earning their living, are to be allowed six shillings per week till the first General Court; and afterwards such a pension for life as their situation may require and the funds of the Society will admit.

"The widows of members, if their circumstances require it, are to be allowed the sum of four shillings per week for their support, and two shillings per week for every lawful child under twelve years of age.

"The orphans of members, not otherwise provided for, are to be entitled to the sum of four shillings per week for their maintenance, and a further sum at a proper age as an apprentice fee.

"A General Court of all the Subscribers is to be held once a year, to fill up any vacancy which may have happened among the trustees, choose committee men, make by-laws, &c. The other affairs of the Society are to be managed by a quarterly and monthly Committee, a Committee of Auditors, and an Actuary."

Fraternally yours,

O. E. D.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In answer to a letter in your last issue, headed "Masonic Benefit Society," by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., I herewith beg to tender the information he requires. In the year 1798 a society called "The Freemasons' Sick and Benefit Club" (not Masonic Benefit Society) was established in London under the distinguished patronage of his Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, the Earl of Moira, and all the other acting officers of the Grand Lodge. It was sanctioned by an Act of Parliament in the year after, i.e., 1799, and whose object was "the relief of the sick, aged, and imprisoned brethren, and the protection of their widows, children, and orphans." The payment of one guinea per annum entitled every member, when sick or destitute, or his widow and orphans, in case of his death, to a fixed contribution. No member was received after forty-five years of age, or who was not a contributing member of a lodge; the allowance to sick members was three shillings a day; ten pounds were appropriated to pay the funeral expenses of a deceased member, and five pounds those of a member's wife; on the death of a member a gratuity was given to his family; ten per cent. of all fees

and dues was appropriated to an orphan fund; and it was contemplated, if the funds would justify, to pension the widows of deceased members, if their circumstances required it. The Earl of Moira was for some time Chairman of the Committee, and W. Harmany, Actuary, which stood for Honorary or Acting Secretary, I premise. The Institution had by-laws framed, held regular meetings, there were fines levied, change of officers, &c.; their meetings were fortnightly, and held at the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard. The society existed as late as 1827.

Further reflection and a more careful investigation of the principles of our Order have convinced me that the establishment in lodges of such benefit funds as are described in the last paragraph, are in opposition to the pure system of Masonic Charity. They have, therefore, been very properly discouraged by several Grand Lodges. Benefit funds of this kind have, until very lately, been unknown to the Masons of America; the Continental Masons never had them. But in America several lodges have established since 1860 a fund for the purpose—for instance, the Lodge of Strict Observance in the City of New York, and others in Troy, Ballston, Schenectady, &c., have adopted benefit funds. In 1844 and 1873 several members of the lodges in Louisville, Kentucky, &c., organised a society with branch lodges under the title of "The Friendly Sons of St. John." The society was constructed after the model of the English society already mentioned.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

LOUIS HESPIRADOUN, P.M. 244.

St. Aubin's, Jersey, 23rd August.

* Speaking of the Certificate, there was a distinct certificate for the membership of "The Freemasons' Sick and Benefit Club," and a M.M. only was entitled to partake of its privileges, similar to the present "Foresters' Society," in which a member must be a member of a Court of Foresters before he can become a member of a Sanctuary of Ancient Shepherds. The Masonic certificates of those days, 1717 to 1799, even to 1813, differ much from those now issued. They bore the heading "Masonry Universal," sanctioned by Parliament, with the date of the Act (for Acts of Parliament were passed at different dates in favour of Freemasonry), and were issued by W.M. and his Wardens and Secretary of private lodges; but had in general the countersignature and seal of Grand Lodge attached to them, and, I believe, the certificates were originally obtained from G.L., as it is still now the same with lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Hamburg and Brunswick.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me to correct "A Freemason" saying in his letter to you in last week's number of the *Freemason*, that the Order of St. John of Jerusalem is not a Masonic Order. I will, therefore, first call his attention to this historical fact: According to a tradition of the Rose Croix, 27,000 of the descendants of the Masons, who, at the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, had fled to Scotland, being desirous of uniting in the war of the Crusaders, obtained permission of the Scotch monarch, and, on their arrival in Palestine, performed so many deeds of valour as to attract the admiration of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who, as a token of their esteem, requested to be initiated into the Masonic Order, whence arose the first connection of that body with the Freemasons, and since that event of their amalgamation have ever remained a (strictly speaking) Masonic Order of Knighthood. Originally, I willingly admit, they were but Knights of a Military and Religious Order, and wherefrom I may be allowed to give the proof by stating who and what the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem were. The founder of this Order was St. John the Almoner, and it is, by-the-by, to this saint to whom Encampments of Knights Templars are dedicated. He was the son of the King of Cyprus, and was born in that island in the sixth century. He was elected patriarch of Alexandria, and has been canonized by both the Greek and Roman churches—his festival among the former occurring on the 11th of November, and among the latter on the 23rd of January. A short time ago I read in Bazot a manual of Freemasonry, published in 1811, at Paris, some ten pages about this remarkable institution of Masonic Chivalry.† Bazot thinks even, that it is this saint, and not St. John the Evangelist, or St. John the Baptist, who is meant as the true patron of our Order. "He quitted his country and the hope of a throne," says this author, "to go to Jerusalem, that he might generously aid and assist the Knights and Pilgrims." "He founded a hospital and organized a fraternity to attend upon sick and wounded Christians, and to bestow pecuniary aid upon the pilgrims who visited the Holy Sepulchre. St. John, who was worthy to become the patron of a society whose only object is charity, exposed his life a thousand times in the cause of virtue. Neither war, nor pestilence, nor the fury of the infidels could deter him from pursuits of benevolence. But death at length arrested him in the midst of his labours. Yet he left the example of his virtues to the brethren, who have made it their duty to endeavour to imitate him. Rome canonized him under the name of St. John the Almoner, or St. John of Jerusalem; and the Masons, whose temples, overthrown by the barbarians, he had caused to be rebuilt, selected him with one accord as their patron," so say the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, c. ii., sect. 1. I may here safely assert that it is an Order of Knighthood, and the only genuine one in connection with Masonry, as in it there is an intimate connection between the Sword and the Trowel, which is indeed wanting in the others. Here we have the true Knight Templars and their offsprings, such as the Rose Croix, or, which is the same, Rose Croix de Herodotus, (not to be confounded with the Rosicrucians or Brothers of the Rosy Cross), the Kadoshes, Knights of Malta—mark here that the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, better known as the Hospitallers of St. John, who were afterwards called Knights of Rhodes, and finally Knights of Malta, were founded about the commencement of the Crusades, and, I positively allow, then as a merely Military and Religious Order. In 1048 some pious merchants, being Freemasons, from Amalfi, in the Kingdom of Naples, built a church and monastery at Jerusalem, which they dedicated to St. John the Almoner. The monks were initiated into the mysteries, and hence called Brothers of St. John, or Hospitallers. They meet in Priors, and Knights of Malta in Encampments, but not in Chapters as "A Freemason" states. There is a Priory held at Beyrouth and another at Lattakia, and there are others in Syria. It has made a good spread in Europe and particularly in England, and is called The Great Priory of the United, Religious, and

† Manual du Franc-Maçon, pp. 144-145.

Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta. Their certificates are dated "A.L. 5878, A.D. 1874, A.O. 756-1874." It is a Degree appendant to Knights Templars. Perhaps "A Freemason" is not within the pale of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and not *au fait* in its origin, history, and connection with Masonry. I am sure Bro. Dr. J. A. Campbell, Surgeon-Major, at Bermuda, committed an error in what he said.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, your very fraternally,

LOUIS HESPIRADOUX, P.M. 244.
St. Aubin's, Jersey, 23rd August.

ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In my letter to Bro. Kupferschmidt, in last week's issue of the *Freemason*, I ought to have said in the last paragraph thereof that lodges in Spain only celebrate St. John the Evangelist's Festival on 27th December; that the French Masons have four great Calendar Days, viz., St. John the Baptist's, 24th June, St. Andrew's, 30th November, St. John the Evangelist's, 27th December, and G. Lodge Day, which, however, differs as to date, being fixed upon at every last G.L. meeting. What is now understood by the Dominion of Canada has probably above 600 lodges at the very least. St. Andrew's lodges in Sweden and elsewhere meet on or near St. Andrew's Festival, Nov. 30.—Yours fraternally,

LOUIS HESPIRADOUX, P.M. 244.
St. Aubin's, Jersey, 23rd August.

A KNOTTY POINT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Would you or any of your numerous Masonic readers solve the following queries?

1. What is the position of a D.G. Master in his District Grand Lodge when he fails to contribute for more than a year to the only lodge in his district of which he is returned as a member? It is clear by Sec. 9, Book of Constitutions, he loses his seat in Grand Lodge, but is his position in the District Grand Lodge the same?
2. Is a District Grand Lodge Committee in order when it takes cognizance of District Grand Lodge Officers being in arrears with private lodges, and is it Masonic to revile such members of the Committee for discharging their duty in accordance with sections 106, 107, and 266 of the Book of Constitutions?
3. Is it competent for a District Grand Lodge to expunge any portion of the proceedings of its Committee that are consistent with the laws and regulations of the Craft?
4. Has a District Grand Master more power than a Provincial Grand Master in regard to revised bye-laws of a private lodge? Can the former officer give sanction to revised bye-laws being enforced, pending final approval from the Grand Lodge, and in case of installation occurring before final approval is received, should the old or revised bye-laws be presented to the new Master as required by section 162, Book of Constitutions?
5. Does the confirmation of District Grand Lodge minutes legalize an irregular or unconstitutional proceeding that may be recorded in the confirmed minutes?—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

Calcutta, 31st July. A PAST MASTER.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the event of the W.M. of a lodge not being able to attend to his duties during his year of office, and at the next installation there is no prospect of his attending again, who should be invested as I.P.M.—the present I.P.M. or the Senior Past Master?—Your obedient servant,

A SENIOR WARDEN.

[The outgoing W.M. on vacating the chair, becomes necessarily the I.P.M., nor can his position be affected by any appointment the newly-installed W.M. may make. In his absence the duties of I.P.M. are performed by the senior P.M. present.—Ed. P.M.]



Craft Masonry.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., the lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. G. H. Stephens, there being also present Bros. J. J. Howes, S.W.; R. B. Greenwood, J.W.; J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; E. Mallett, P.M., Secretary; R. F. Brickdale, J.D.; W. C. Brasher, I.G.; E. Roberts, Organist; J. F. Rumball, Steward; G. C. Chatwin, F. Goering, F. G. Stevens, H. Lennett, S. C. H. Rumball, A. W. Price, J. L. Jackson, E. R. Bradwell, and P. A. Bolander. Bro. W. E. Caulfield, 1269, was a visitor. The W.M. desired the Secretary to read the circular convening the meeting, afterwards initiating Mr. Friederich Otto Damm previously balloted for, also raising Bros. J. L. Jackson, F. G. Stevens, and F. Goering.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the W.M. proceeded with the brethren to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent and well served banquet was partaken of and enjoyed. After which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. J. Howes, Treas., proposed toast of "The W.M.," complimenting Bro. Stephens on his successful year of office and commending him for his excellent working, and after expatiating on the great success the lodge had attained, and the gratification all the Past Masters felt at seeing the continued efforts of the brethren to keep the lodge up to its old standard of working, called on them to give the W.M. a good fraternal fire, which the brethren effectually did.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to reply, received a warm reception, and, after relating the many happy events he had experienced during his year of office, concluded a well-delivered address by exhorting them to support their newly-elected Master as they had himself. This being the last time he would preside over them, he wished

once more to thank them one and all for the unanimous support they had given him.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters," paid all of them a high compliment, more especially their veteran Treasurer, Bro. Howes, P.M., who somehow always managed to be with them to give them the assistance of his great experience.

Bro. Howes, P.M., in returning thanks for the Past Masters, informed the brethren that time precluded him from saying all he would like to say; but would just say that he thanked very much for the hearty manner the Past Master's toast had been received at their hands, and they might rest assured that while the West Smithfield Lodge stood true to itself and the landmarks of the Craft, they would always have the Past Masters at their side to render any aid in their power. Their only hope was that the lodge would go on and prosper. He thanked the W.M. for his kindly remarks to himself, and would ever try to merit the same. He must now say good-night; but hoped to be with them again in September.

"The Visitors" toast being next in rotation, owing to the absence of the Initiate, the brethren offered cordial greeting to the only one they had that night with them, namely, Bro. Caulfield, who had recently returned from Port Elizabeth, Africa, and to that brother they bid fraternal welcome.

Bro. Caulfield, on rising to respond, observed first of all he had to thank the W.M. for asking him to stay to the banquet, and, secondly, the brethren for their kind reception. He came among them as a stranger; but being a brother he soon felt himself at home as one of them. The worthy brother then entered into a lengthy detail of his experience in Africa among Masonic brethren, mentioning the hearty reception accorded to brethren coming from the mother country when visiting their lodges or individually. He could assure them it afforded great satisfaction to the Masonic brethren in Africa to see recorded, and to hear how well the old country welcomed back brethren after a long sojourn from among them. If any of the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge should ever visit Africa, he could promise a true Masonic reception. He thanked them, and should ever remember the happy evening he had spent with them.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by those brethren.

The Worshipful Master, as an extraordinary toast, proposed "The Lay Members of the Lodge," several of whom returned thanks.

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasurable evening to a close.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The brethren of this old established lodge met at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Plowman, W.M.; Councillor W. H. Russell, I.P.M.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., P.M., Sec., as S.W.; T. W. Markwick, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas.; Henry Gloyne, S.D.; S. Chandler, J.D.; J. B. Foord, Stwd.; Councillor C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1184, P.M.; C. M. Norris, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184, P.M.; R. J. Reed, John Bray, A. Gush, W. S. Allen, J. Stace, G. J. Hilliard, R. Walmesley, &c. Visitors: Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.G. Chap., W.M. 1184; R. F. Langley, 1223; W. Robertson, 261, 442, D.C.; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the W.M., Bro. Plowman, in his usual able manner duly initiated Mr. C. Reinmann into the mysteries of Masonry. The candidate for passing not being in attendance, and other business having been despatched, the lodge was closed in due form.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry

(No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Monday, the 24th inst. The lodge was opened soon after 7 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Adamson Rhagg, supported by Bros. J. G. Smith, P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; S. W. F. Carmon, W.M. 481; John Duckett, P.M. 481, as S.W.; E. Shewbrooks, J.W.; W. Dalrymple, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; W. F. Raeburn, J.D.; T. Thompson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler; W. Stafford, W. Whitfield, Edmund Carr, John Hedley, Thomas L. Hall, C. Case, J. W. Porter, M. R. Wright, W. L. Russell, R. Brason, J. T. Harrison, A. Simpson, T. E. Brigham, G. Craighill, J. D. Thompson, W. J. Jobson, T. R. Jobson, 1664; E. Potts, W.M. 1676; J. Taylor, S.S. 1342; F. W. Sykes, 1342; W. M. Lyon, S.W. 406; R. Shaylor, 406; G. Greives, 413; H. Chrisp, J.D. 949; L. R. Simpson, 949; H. Usher, P.M. 541; J. Boazman, 481; W. Mathison, 481; and others.

After the ordinary routine business, the lodge was duly opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Edmund Carr, John Hedley, George Craighill, and J. D. Thompson were raised as M.M.'s, by the W.M., who explained the working tools to each candidate. A proposition for initiation was made, and after receiving the good wishes of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

DUDLEY.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street. Present: Bros. R. G. Walker, I.P.M., as W.M.; James Turner, S.W.; R. Stevenson, J.W.; W. E. Walker, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Smith, Secretary; M. Smith, D.C.; E. Pewtress, I.G.; F. Garner, Tyler; Edwin Turner, P.M.; W. Smith, P.M.; W. Waring, P.M.; George Bagott, P.M.; Henry Bagott, J. Russell, E. J. Chambers, James Jones, R. Preece, and F. White.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On the motion of Bro. W. E. Walker, P.M., the sum of £10 was voted for the further aid of a widow of a deceased brother; and on the motion of Bro. Samuel Smith, P.M., a vote of sympathy and condolence with members of the family of the late Bro. Henry Johnson was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The brethren expressed their sympathy and regret that Bro. G. T. Owen, W.M., was unable to be present, owing to indisposition, and also added their hope that he might be speedily restored to health; and on the motion of Bro. E. J. Chambers, the thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. Owen for his kindness in providing a weekly copy of the *Freemason* for the use of the brethren. After receiving the proposition of a brother, as a joining member, the ordinary business was disposed of, and the lodge was closed.

PONTEFRAC.—St. Oswald Lodge (No. 910).

—At a meeting of this lodge held at the Rooms in Roper-gate, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the W.M., Bro. Martin, presiding, after the business of an initiation and other matters, the W.M. addressing Bro. the Rev. C. E. Storrs, vicar of Snaith, Chaplain of the lodge, said he had a very agreeable duty to perform, namely, to present to him an illuminated address from the brethren, very handsomely bound, on the occasion of his leaving the vicarage of Snaith to take charge of the parish of Bedminster, near Bristol. Bro. Martin expressed the regret that they all felt at the loss they would experience, and trusted that the future of Bro. Storrs and his family would be happy and prosperous.

Bro. the Rev. J. J. Needham, Immediate Past Master, followed with a few remarks expressive of the sorrow he personally felt at Bro. Storrs' departure, and then the Secretary read the address.

In replying, Bro. Storrs spoke most feelingly on the subject of his association with the brethren of Pontefract and West Yorkshire, expressing his regret that the distance of his abode had prevented his closer union with them at their meetings. He referred to the value of Freemasonry, and trusted that the link thereby forged might ever connect him with them. He experienced unusual pleasure in the fact that there were present that night so many old friends and especially perhaps the oldest friend of his life, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, who had also been present in that room some years ago on the occasion of his initiation into the Craft.

There was a very full attendance of members, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Col. J. Monks, Durham; J. M. Meek, Middlesbrough; Dr. Mills, York; Major McGachen, York; and others.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).

—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. the Very Rev. E. B. Currie, M.A., Dean of Battle, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., acting S.W.; Henry Kimm, 40, J.W.; Robert Hughes, Secretary; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; J. B. Foord, Stwd. 40, S.D.; T. J. Walder, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, P.M., D.C.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. T. Jordan, I.G.; Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, acting Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., I.P.M.; J. B. Sargent, P.M.; Charles Martin, R. T. Davison, M.D.; David White, Leary, and others. Visitor: Bro. C. G. Barnes, 40.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thorpe, P.M., having expressed a desire to initiate Mr. William Pepper, the W.M., Bro. E. R. Currie, then vacated the chair, Bro. Thorpe ably performing the ceremony of initiation. The W.M. having resumed the command, Bro. Cornelius Leary was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. David White was passed to the Sublime Degree of M.M., both ceremonies, together with the charges and working tools, being performed in a manner which elicited warm approval from the brethren. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

WALTHAM CROSS.—King Harold Lodge

(No. 1327).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Four Swans Hotel on Thursday, the 20th inst. Bro. W. A. Rogers, P.P.G.J.D. Herts, the W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W. Lewis, S.W., P.P.G.S., W.M. elect; W. A. Sprout, J.W., P.P.G.S.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; T. Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; C. Lacey, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Tydemann, P.M., P.P.G.P. Essex; J. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; S. Jacobs, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Noyes, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; J. Robinson, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; G. Holdsworth, S.D.; F. M. Bilby, J.D.; T. Brewster, I.G.; Young, Tyler; W. O. Ball, C. Diamond, G. Eversfield Imrie; W. Milam, W. J. Newman, H. C. Osman, W.S.; H. Peacock, A. Robin, C. Shepherd, J. Shuter, R. Stables, C. W. Wiggs, W. H. Bickel, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Childs, P.M.; Hughes, W.M. 869; W. E. Gompertz, P.M. and Sec. 869; Brayshaw, P.M. 1076; Wise, 1158; Valentine, W.M. 1017; Gaskell, P.M. 1676; Dicks, 1437; Dorman, 404; Long, 1445; Searle, 1604; Bewlay, 1571; Durant, 34; Nicholson, 1604; C. H. Cox, 188; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Robinson, P.M., the Installing Officer, when Bro. West, P.M., presented Bro. W. Lewis, the W.M. elect. Bro. Robinson, in a most impressive and eloquent manner, performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Bro. West as D.C. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. Rogers, I.P.M.; W. A. Sprout, S.W.; G. Holdsworth, J.W.; F. M. Bilby, S.D.; T. Brewster, J.D.; W. Gilbert, P.M., D.C.; H. C. Osman, I.G.; Blackmore and Edwards, Stwds. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, coupled with that of Bro. West, who had assisted. The case of a widow of a deceased brother was brought before the lodge, and a sum of three guineas was voted to her from the Charity Fund, as a temporary relief. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. W. A. Rogers, on retiring from the chair, for the able and zealous manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the past year. Bro. Rogers returned thanks in feeling terms.

Business being ended, the lodge was closed and the brethren retired to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; P. W. Rogers, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; D. Stroud, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; J. Laurence, Stwd.; C. S. Mote, J. C. Conway, C. Coleman, W. Death, W. H. Tronson, and H. Robinson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Conway as candidate. The 3rd Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. gave the charge to Master Masons. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Mulvey was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A letter was read from Bro. Tatham thanking the brethren for their sympathy and condolence in his sad affliction. Lodge was then closed.



The Provincial G. Lodge of Worcestershire will hold its annual meeting under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., at Kidderminster on Wednesday, the 16th September prox.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., will lay one of the memorial stones of the new church at West Croydon, on Monday, the 7th prox.

R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., took part in a Conservative demonstration at Madresfield, near Malvern, on Monday.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, will resume their regular weekly meetings to-morrow (Saturday), at the Hampshire Hog, King-street West, Hammersmith.

M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, granted six dispensations for the formation of new lodges during the past year, and continued three previously issued.

The Lord Mayor for next year will be one of the Commissioners nominated by the Queen in respect of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition of Arts and Manufactures, which will be holden in London, in 1886.

Bro. Horace Jones, G.S. of Wks., City Architect, has completed his plans for the new City of London Court, and they will be submitted to the Law and City Courts Committee of the Corporation at their next meeting.

The Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., with his nephew, the Hereditary Grand Duke of Hesse, visited Parkhurst on Saturday last, and afterwards inspected the 2nd Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Bro. Major Charles Harding, G.A.D.C., and Miss Harding were members of a party of five English tourists arrested at Homburg by the Frankfort police, on Saturday last, for no assigned reason. After a seven hours' detention the party was released.

The Chapter Coffee House, St. Paul's, which is one of the oldest and most noted houses of its kind in the City, will be offered for sale by public auction, at one o'clock p.m., on Monday next, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue.

At the installation meeting on the 17th inst., of the All Saints Chapter, No. 422, Gainsborough, the following were among the officers installed or invested for the new year, namely, Comps. A. Kirk, M.E.Z.; W. Wheeldon, H.; J. Loughton, J.; C. Shipham, S.E.; T. Johnson, S.N.; S. Beaumont, Treas.; C. Liversidge, P. Soj.; and B. Box, Janitor.

It is expected that Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, will commence his tour in the North of Ireland in about a fortnight's time, intimation to that effect, from Dublin Castle, having been received by the Mayor of Derry. His lordship, it is anticipated, will visit all the large towns in Ulster, and some of the poorer districts in Donegal.

The Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his recent visit to Aldershot, formally entrusted, on behalf of the Queen, the statue of the great Duke of Wellington, which till lately stood at Hyde Park Corner, facing Apsley House, to the guardianship of the Aldershot division of the Army. The statue has been re-erected on Round Hill, and has been placed under the care of the Colonel commanding the Royal Engineers.

It appears from the financial statement submitted at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada that the total receipts for the year ending 31st May, 1885, was 16,743 dollars, while the expenditure reached 16,041 dollars, namely, for General Purposes, 5416 dollars, and in Benevolence, 10,625 dollars. The cash capital of Grand Lodge amounts to 68,395 dollars (£13,679), and notwithstanding the increase in respect of the payments on the account of benevolence, is greater than the previous year.

Bro. G. Master Hugh Murray, in his recently delivered annual address before the Grand Lodge of Canada, referred in terms of sympathy to the deaths during the past year of several distinguished brethren, particularising, among others, Bro. W. H. Tuller, Representative of Canada at the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and W. H. Kennedy, P.G. Master of Manitoba and Past D.D.G.M. of Canada, who died in London early in May last on his way home from Egypt, where he had been serving with the British Army.

The *London Gazette* of the 21st inst. publishes that "Major Charles Mercier, 3rd Battalion Manchester Regiment, is granted the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel." This announcement will not be without interest, for Col. Mercier's name will be remembered in connection with many useful, notably perhaps as the Hon. Secretary of the Association of which the Prince of Wales was Honorary President that so successfully promoted the volunteer visits to Belgium, and as the founder, and for three years the Chairman of the Hospital Saturday Fund.

The brethren of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, have forwarded the following address to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, honorary member of that lodge, on his return from India:—"To H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. May it please your Royal Highness: We, the Officers and Members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, beg to tender you our sincere and respectful congratulations upon the safe return of your Royal Highness and the Duchess of Connaught from India. We avail ourselves of this opportunity to assure your Royal Highness that we bear in faithful remembrance the great service which you rendered to this lodge, of which we have the honour to claim you as an honorary member, by being present at its constitution. We venture to express our fervent hope that it may please the G.A.O. T.U. to spare you for many years to discharge the duties of your high position, and to promote the interests of our ancient Craft. Signed—H. J. Long, W.M.; J. Knowles, S.W.; Wm. Royston Pike, J.W.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M., Secretary."

Bro. the Earl of Dunraven is among the latest English arrivals at Kissingen.

Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P., will be one of the Conservative candidates at the General Election for the City of York.

The Royal yacht Osborne left Aberdeen on Saturday morning, with the Prince of Wales on board, for a cruise off the Norwegian coast.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., with Lady Hart-Dyke and Miss Margaret Cadogan left London for the Chief Secretary's Lodge, Dublin, on Monday evening.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.S.W., has this week taken leave of his tenants, in the vicinity of Spalding, previous to his departure for New South Wales.

Bro. the Grand Duke of Hesse, accompanied by Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg, left London for Dover on Saturday evening, and embarked for Calais on their return to the continent.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., were among the principal speakers at a numerous Conservative gathering near Plymouth on Monday.

The late R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop, has been succeeded as President of the Cambrian Archaeological Society by Lord Tredegar.

Recent statistics, compiled by M.W. Bro. Drummond, Past G. Master of Maine, show that in the United States and Canada there are 55 Grand Lodges and 587,321 Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont at its recent communication endorsed the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in publishing an edict of non-intercourse with the English lodges in Montreal which insist on retaining their connection with the Grand Lodge of England.

On Wednesday evening, the 19th instant, the Princess of Wales, accompanied by her three daughters, left Charing Cross for the Continent, on a visit to her brother-in-law, the Duke of Cumberland, at his seat of Gmunden in Upper Austria.

Bro. Thomas Duckham, M.P., has recently spoken in terms of praise of the conduct of the Corporation of London, which, by their regulations at the ports of debarkation of foreign cattle, have contributed largely to maintain the health of our flocks and herds.

NEW CITY JUSTICES FOR LIVERPOOL.—We understand that the following brethren have been appointed on the Commission of Peace for the city of Liverpool:—Bros. Councillors James Pool, T. W. Oakshott, and Dr. D. D. Costine.

It has been decided by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that, when a lodge attends the funeral of a member it must take precedence of all other associations and societies, perform its ceremonies immediately after the religious rites, and then quit the cemetery.

Rehoboam Lodge, of Toronto, No. 65 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Canada, made its annual excursion of the Falls of Niagara on Thursday, the 16th July. The party numbered about 500, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased Masons.

Bros. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., and Colonel G. B. Wolseley are among the officers of Her Majesty's Naval and Military forces, upon whom the Queen has been pleased to confer the Companionship of the Bath (Military Division), in recognition of their gallant services during the late operations in the Soudan. Bro. Major General Sir Redvers H. Buller, V.C., K.C.M.G., has been made a K.C.B.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, President of the National Artillery Association, presided at the final meeting on Thursday, the 20th inst., of the Association at Shoeburyness, and delivered an address in which he pointed out the progress that had been made since the Association was established, and congratulated the men on the great success which had attended the meeting this year. Subsequently the Countess of Limerick distributed the prizes to the winning teams, and on Friday the men left for home.

The induction into office of the Master Cutler elect of Sheffield, in succession to Bro. Col. Bingham, will take place in Cutlers' Hall on Thursday next, the 3rd September prox. Among those who have accepted invitations to be present at the banquet which will follow are Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for India, Stuart-Wortley, M.P., Lord Wharnclyffe, and Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Lord Mayor of London.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the children of Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the Hereditary Grand Duke of Hesse, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of her Court, left Osborne for Scotland on Monday evening. Balmoral was reached the following afternoon, and here the Queen is expected to remain till about the middle of November, when the Court will return to Windsor.

The *Citizen* of last week contains an account of the new almshouses recently erected by the Corporation of London at Brixton, mainly through the energy of Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G.T., who was last year Chairman of the Orphan School Committee, and whose successor, Bro. A. Brookman, has also exhibited a deep interest in the undertaking. The new buildings have been built at a cost of £10,500, and will accommodate 38 pensioners, several of them being married couples. The building is in four separate blocks, of which one in the centre will accommodate 14, and each of the others eight tenants, each of the tenements consisting of bed room, sitting room, and small scullery, or kitchen, with copper, sink, larder, pantry, &c., cut off by means of a lobby from the living rooms. The apartments are spacious, lofty, and substantially built, besides being thoroughly well ventilated and fitted with the latest sanitary appliances. The whole of the work, from the conception of the scheme to its finish, reflects the greatest credit on all who have had a hand in carrying it out, and on the Corporation, which has sanctioned and provided for the expenditure.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb, who is the Liberal candidate for the Eastern Division of St. Pancras, has issued his address to the electors.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, and the Duchess of Abercorn left London for Baron's Court, on Wednesday, the 19th instant.

Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir F. S. Roberts, Bart., G.C.B., is on his way to England, on leave previous to assuming the Command-in-Chief of the army in India.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Rose of Denmark Lodge of Instruction, No. 975, on Monday next, the 31st inst., at 7.30 p.m. punctually, by Bro. Edward Ayling, P.M. 975, Preceptor.

Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, of St. John, New Brunswick, acted as honorary aid-de camp to E. Commander Noyes during the visit to that city of the St. Omer Commandery, Boston, Mass.

Bros. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., and Coleridge Kennard, M.P., addressed meetings of the electors on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the former at Bexley Heath, and the latter at Salisbury.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, continued his tour during last week. On Saturday his lordship reached Sligo, where he met with a very hearty welcome from the townsfolk.

Bro. the Rev. Archer Conrad, S.W. 1915, and Chaplain Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Graystone Lodge for the ensuing year. The installation will take place at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, on Thursday, the 10th September.

Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, M.P., after undergoing quarantine at Kavak, reached Constantinople on Saturday last, and proceeded direct to the British Embassy at Therapia, where he had a conference with Sir William White, our temporary representative at the Porte.

Miss Emily Frances Ashley, a niece of Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., was married to M. Henri, third son of the Vicomte de Salgé, at Trinity Church, Manchester, on Thursday, the 20th inst., his lordship being unfortunately unable to be present at the ceremony. Bro. Brymer, M.P., was among the congregation.

We regret to state that a destructive fire occurred on Saturday last at Bro. the Earl of Bective's Shorthorn Farm, Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale. It is estimated that damage was done to the extent of some thousands of pounds, and at one time there was a danger that the flames might extend to the gasometer used for lighting Underley Hall.

Sunday, the 16th inst., was the silver wedding day of the Earl and Countess of Lathom, his lordship, then Lord Skelmersdale, having been married at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on the 16th August, 1860. Our readers and the Craft generally will heartily congratulate the distinguished couple on the auspicious event.

We sincerely regret to hear that the state of health of R.W. Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire, is such as to cause a considerable amount of anxiety, but we trust that a change for the better will speedily take place. His lordship was born in 1811, and has been P.G.M. of Cheshire since 1865.

Bro. Sir H. Hunt, as sub-arbitrator in a case of compensation between the City Commissioners of Sewers and the Trustees of the Stock Exchange in respect of a space of 880 superficial feet in Old Broad-street, required by the former for widening that thoroughfare, has awarded to the latter £31,273, being at the rate of £35 10s. per square foot.

Ye Antiente Fraternite of ye Rahere Almoners held their fourth annual meeting, at the Infants' Schoolroom, Bartholomew-close, on Tuesday last. Frater C. Morton presided, and Frater J. Stevens was among those present. The balance sheet was satisfactory, over £83 having been dispersed in relief during the year, while the expenses incurred were only £9. The balance in hand was over £33. The annual supper followed at the Barley Mow, Frater Stevens returning thanks for the toast of "Ye Antiente Fraternite."

Mr. Aston G. Abbott, eldest son of Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, was one of the 4th Detachment, 3rd Middlesex Artillery, which last week secured the Queen's Prize at the annual meeting, at Shoeburyness, of the National Rifle Association. It also won the prize for the highest aggregate at the two 40-pounder Armstrong ranges (1700 yards and 2000 yards); 3rd prize at the shorter range, Armstrong competition; and certificate at the longer range. Its score of 105 points was 24 in excess of last year's winning score, and was made up of 36 points (three direct hits) at the 64-pounder shell range; 36 points (three direct hits) at the 1700 yards range, Armstrong; and 33 points (two direct hits and a ricochet) at the 2000 yards range, four rounds each range, making eight direct hits and a ricochet in 12 shots.

An excellent concert was given at the Masonic Hall, Milford Haven, on Monday evening last, in aid of the fund being raised for clearing off the debt on the building. The following brethren have been most active in the matter, and the result was a well-filled room: Bros. Rev. W. Lyte Stradling, D.P.G.M. South Wales (Western Division); Dr. G. Griffith, P.P.G.S.W.; John Llewellyn Davies, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Bouden, P.P.G. Chap.; A. Daysh, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.; Leonard B. Hodges, and W. Williams, of 336; Major C. A. Cooper, R.A., S.W. 2098; and Lieut. E. C. Biddulph. There was an admirable programme, which was well carried out, and the performance was under the patronage of Colonel Owen and officers 4th Brigade, Welsh Division, Royal Artillery. The brethren of this district deserve every support.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. It is especially important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the springs of life.—[Advrt.]