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THE MEETING IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

The fourth of the great Masonic gatherings which have been held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, took place on Monday, and proved, like each of its predecessors, a grand success. The arrangements from beginning to end were carried out in the most orderly fashion, with as much smoothness as though meetings of several thousands of people in a single hall were an everyday experience to those who had been placed in charge of them. The doors were thrown open punctually at the appointed hour, the brethren, when clothed, entered, and were shown at once to their seats, and as the hall rapidly filled the scene became a splendid one from a spectacular point of view, while the enthusiasm was such as is rarely exhibited in this country. When the procession, heralded by a fanfare of trumpets, entered and the Prince had taken his seat, the Hall rang again and again with the cheers of the assembled brethren. Then followed the speeches, that of the Prince, in explaining the purpose for which the meeting had been called, being brief but to the point. The Grand Secretary having read the address, the Duke of CONNAUGHT, Past Grand Master, proposed, and Earl AMHERST, D.G.M., seconded the motion that it be accepted and the Grand Master having submitted the same, it was agreed to amid the cheers again and again renewed of those present. The whole meeting then joined in the National Anthem, and finally the Prince, having conferred brevet rank on a number of distinguished brethren, the majority of whom were able to be present, rose, and, attended as on his entrance, left the Hall amid a storm of cheers such as can be appreciated only by those who had the privilege of being present.

We have said that the arrangements were carried out from first to last in the most perfect order. For this we are indebted mainly to the experienced care and attention taken by Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.W., who, in the absence of Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS, had charge of everything and personally looked after everything that had to be done. In this task he was loyally and ably assisted by Bros. ROBERT GREY, FRANK RICHARDSON, and J. H. MATTHEWS, to whom also, as well as to the Grand Secretary and his Staff, the Craft is indebted for the manner in which the meeting passed off. These brethren had worked daily both early and late from the time when the date of the meeting was settled, and we feel sure they must realise that their highest reward is to be found in the thanks they have ungrudgingly received from his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, and the whole body of the English Craft.

THE MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

We publish elsewhere the very full report, which, to our great regret, we were compelled to hold over from last week, of the visit paid by some 400 brethren and ladies from the Province of Antrim to the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin. Everything, as will be seen, passed off admirably, but the part of the report which will justly attract the largest share of attention is that containing the address delivered by Bro. Lord Justice FITZGIBBON as to the manner in which the Schools are conducted and the very gratifying results which have been obtained in the past and which may in reason be looked for in the future from this establishment. As our readers are probably aware, there are two Masonic Schools in Dublin, one for Girls at Ballsbridge and the other for Boys at Clonskeagh. The former, which was founded in 1792, celebrated its Centenary five years ago, but the Boys' School dates no further back than 1862. Both, however, have been built up on the same lines, in pretty much the same fashion, and with a view to fulfilling the same duty towards the children of deceased brethren. Both, too, bear a very close resemblance in all important respects to our own Scholastic Institutions and equally with them are worthy of every support which our Irish brethren are able to furnish. The Lord Justice, in his explanatory address, favoured his audience with a considerable amount of detail, pointing out how, in the case of the Girls' School, the site had been purchased and the buildings—sufficient to accommodate 100 children—had been erected for the sum of £24,000; that the Governing body had a sum of £15,000 invested, the interest on which, now amounting to £580, was devoted to the advancement of the Girls on leaving School, and that the whole cost of maintenance, exclusive of the expenses of management, amounting to £296, was altogether only £2233. His lordship also spoke very fully of the training and education they received, and what was done to promote their interests, mentioning in particular that five children had been placed in schools on the Continent, so that they might be able to master one or more foreign languages, and utilise the knowledge thus acquired as governesses. Three Antrim Girls also were being educated at more advanced schools at home, four had been taught shorthand and typewriting, and were doing exceedingly well, while others were engaged as teachers, and in the Civil Service, one girl in particular, who is still under 20 years of age, having gained the seventh place in an open competition, for which there were 628 candidates. Then, as regards the School itself, which is a marvel of tidiness and good order, he mentioned that there were only three servants, a cook, and two housemaids, in the whole establishment, everything else being done by the children, who also kept their clothing in a proper state of repair. As regards the Boys' School, which, as we have said, was founded in 1862, the capital expenditure up to the present time was £10,000, the number of children provided for being 80, while the Institution was conducted and supported in the same manner. But the point on which his lordship laid the greatest stress was, that these Orphan Schools were not "Charity Institutions," nor were the children maintained, clothed, and educated in them "Charity Children." On the contrary, they were the children "of men that they had known, and met, and loved, and who had left them their children, not as objects of Charity, but as objects of duty. These children," he continued, "having no father on earth, have to put their trust in the Great Architect that bound

all together. These Schools were, perhaps, the noblest jewel in the Masonic regalia," but at the same time 'their usefulness to the members of the Order ought not to be forgotten. They had lessons to learn from the misfortunes of others, and those lessons could be discharged and followed and learned by every one of them, each according to his several abilities.' These eloquent words must have been the more deeply impressed upon the minds of those who heard them by the cases which Bro. the Lord Justice had mentioned earlier in his address as evidencing the value of the Schools to the Freemasons of Ireland, one of the girls most recently elected being the orphan daughter of a Provincial Senior Grand Warden, while in the case of one of the best scholars in the Boys' School, his father had once been her Majesty's High Sheriff of the County Antrim, who died in penury in America. Such cases as these showed that it would be exceedingly unwise on the part of anyone to assume that human prosperity was as secure as in his haste he might, at first sight, imagine, and that even from a selfish point of view, it might be worth his while to discharge his ability towards these Schools." But those who desire to know more about these Irish Masonic Orphan Institutions are referred to the Lord Justice's speech itself, in which they will find much more than it is necessary for us to refer to in this article, and what is well calculated to arouse our sympathy, much that will apply with equal force to our own Schools. We have, no doubt, the address will have due weight with our Antrim brethren, and that now they are so much better informed as to the nature and objects of these Schools, they will be more than ever disposed to accord them their hearty support, not as an act of charity, but as an act of duty to the children of their deceased brethren, whom in the flesh they had known and loved and respected.

THE QUEEN'S SIXTY YEARS' REIGN.

LOYAL ADDRESS OF FREEMASONS.

On Monday last a Special Meeting of Freemasons, organised by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for voting a congratulatory address to her Majesty on the completion of 60 years of her reign, was held at the Royal Albert Hall—the scene of the Prince of Wales's first installation as Grand Master, of his presidency at the Jubilee of her Majesty's reign 10 years ago, and of his Chairmanship at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1888. On the present occasion he was accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, who also attended the Prince of Wales's installation in 1875, having been made a Master Mason only the night before. The Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master; Earl Amherst, Dep. Grand Master, also attended now, and there were likewise present Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland; Lord Saltoun, Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. G. Master Norfolk; the Earl of Carrington, G.C.M.G.; the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G. Master Essex; the Marquess of Zetland, Prov. G. Master N. and E. Yorks; Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G. Master Durham; the Lord Amherst of Hackney, P.G. Warden; the Bishop of Perth; Chief Justice Way; the Rajah of Kapurthala; Major F. H. Allen, J.G. Warden Scotland; and D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec. Scotland.

Altogether quite 7000 brethren were present, and the large hall was quite filled not only on the floor and dais but in the several tiers of galleries up to the roof. The arrangements which had been made by Bro. Thomas Fenn, Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies (who on this occasion occupied that office in the unavoidable absence of Sir Albert Woods, through illness), were so admirable that no one suffered any inconvenience, every brother, from whatever part he came having his place assigned to him, and the Stewards and the other assistants of the Director of Ceremonies knowing precisely where to direct them to. The company had all got into their places by half-past three p.m., with the exception of the Present and Past Grand Officers, who were to take part in the Grand Master's procession. The hall, in this condition presented a very imposing spectacle, the regalia, in which they were clothed, the blue being the overpowering colour, giving a very pretty uniformity to the scene. At four o'clock the four trumpeters who were stationed in front of the great organ, sounded a fanfare, and the procession which was of enormous length entered the hall, and when the Prince of Wales appeared he was received with a tremendous burst of applause which lasted until he had taken his seat. The Duke of Connaught, the Earl of Lathom (a favourite with all Masons), and Earl Amherst were also heartily received; but there was one very conspicuous figure in the group who raised several questions as to who he was, some taking him for the Speaker of the House of Commons, and others for the Lord Chancellor. But it was none other than the Deputy Grand Registrar, Bro. R. Horton Smith, Q.C., who appeared in full-bottomed wig and gown and Court dress of a Queen's Counsel. The procession of Grand Officers being so long it was several minutes before they were all seated, but as soon as these brethren had taken their places the Grand Master sounded his gavel.

The Prince of WALES then rose and said: Brethren,—Before we go to the business which has called this great gathering together, I beg leave to address a few words to you. It will certainly be within the memory of most people, of many of you who are here to-day, and of the Craft in general, that 10 years ago we had a meeting similar to this one—the object

being to present an humble address to her Majesty the Queen on having attained the 50th anniversary of her reign. (Cheers.) Ten years have elapsed since that time, and by the bountiful goodness of Providence her Majesty has reigned 10 years more. (Loud cheers.) The feeling throughout the vast Empire to do honour to this great and unprecedented occasion has been shared by all. (Hear, hear.) Every member of the community has desired in some way or other to testify their high appreciation of the way in which her Majesty has ruled over this great Empire for the space of 60 years. (Cheers.) Having now held the high office for many years of head of this great Craft in England, I maintain that there is no body in her Majesty's dominions who are more loyal or more orderly than the Freemasons. (Cheers.) Our business, brethren, to-day is to move and second an address to the Queen on having attained her 60th Jubilee; and I know only too well with what enthusiasm it will be received when I put the motion to the meeting. (Cheers.) Ten years ago we were a very large number. From what I learn we are to-day a still greater gathering—in fact, I do not believe that so large a gathering of Masons was ever held before, and probably will never be held again. For my own part, I can only thank you all, as the head of this great Order in England, for having come here to-day to testify by your enthusiasm and your numbers how important you consider the great occasion which brings us together. (Cheers.) I will now call upon the Grand Secretary to read the proposed address.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary, then read the following address:

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"We, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, venture, with profound respect, on this, the completion of the 60th year of your Majesty's reign over these Kingdoms and the vast Empire of the British Crown, humbly to offer our dutiful and heart-felt congratulations, and to express our continued and unswerving loyalty to your Majesty, and our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, who has distinguished your Majesty's reign by a length exceeding that of any of your predecessors, and by the continued and unexampled increase of happiness and prosperity throughout your Majesty's dominions.

"No class of your Majesty's subjects outvies in loyal attachment to the Throne and devotion to your Majesty's person than the Ancient Institution of English Freemasonry, which, founded on the purest principles of religion and morality, is also characterised by its unvarying support of the existing institutions of the country, and by the maintenance of universal Charity and brotherhood.

"We pray that the Almighty may continue and multiply on your Majesty those blessings which have hitherto signalled your Majesty's beneficent reign, and that, enshrined in the hearts of all your subjects by ever deepening feelings of loyalty and devotion, your Majesty's reign may always be attended with the blessings of Peace, Unity, and Prosperity.

"Dated at the Royal Albert Hall, this 14th day of June, 1897."

The Prince of WALES: I will call upon Bro. the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Master, to move the address. (Cheers.)

The Duke of CONNAUGHT: Brethren, In obedience to the orders of our most illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master, I rise to propose the address which has just been read. I hardly expected that such an honour would have fallen to my share as to propose this. But your illustrious Grand Master has, I fancy, called upon me as representing not only one of the oldest lodges in the country, and one of the oldest provinces in the country, that of Sussex, but also as representing the District of Bombay—(loud cheers)—to show that all Masons in her Majesty's dominions are one at heart, as I am sure we all are, on this great occasion. (Renewed cheers.) I feel most highly having been asked to move the address on what I am sure will remain in the annals of the Craft as one of the greatest days of its prosperity. (Hear, hear.) I believe, in fact our Grand Master has told us, that we are the largest number of Masons who has ever assembled together. And surely we have assembled together for a right and proper purpose. (Cheers.) We have indeed assembled in our thousands, to show our deep loyalty and devotion to our Gracious Sovereign. (Cheers.) In her we recognise, not only our Sovereign of this realm, of this large Empire of ours, but a gracious Lady who has ever spoken to the hearts of our people in joy and in sorrow. (Loud cheers.) We, as Masons, have at all times been loyal to our traditions, as we are loyal to our Sovereign. (Hear, hear.) I know that I am speaking the feelings of everybody in the Craft here present when I say I move this address with the feelings of the greatest respect; and it is with feelings of great gratitude that I am here to-day to move an address to one who has so long graced the throne of England. (Cheers.) Therefore, I move that the address which has just been read by the Grand Secretary be transmitted to her Majesty the Queen. (Loud cheers.)

* Earl AMHERST, Deputy Grand Master: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Your Royal Highness and Brethren,—I count it no small honour that his Royal Highness's commands have been laid upon me on this occasion to second the loyal address to her Majesty. The address, Most Worshipful Grand Master, requires little or no seconding; in fact, it is already carried by acclamation in such an assembly. I do not refer to our loyalty to her Majesty as her subjects; that will find fitting expression at other times and in other places. But if we consider her Majesty as the daughter of a Freemason, as the mother of Freemasons—(general applause)—and as the patroness and benefactress of our Order, who can wonder that the Queen Empress has inspired in the people of England the respect and the affectionate loyalty which breathes in every word of the address you have heard read. (Cheers.) Great, indeed, has been the advantage to us Masons of her Majesty's patronage of the Craft. Not only is it something to show that the Sovereign of our islands patronises us, but I think one word of acknowledgment is due from this vast assembly of the enormous advantage the Craft has gained, that her sons are our rulers during her Majesty's reign, and that they rule over such vastly-increasing numbers. (Cheers.) And, brethren, I will go for one moment outside these islands, and call your attention to the vast empire over which her Majesty reigns; and think what a vast empire it is. From these small islands Englishmen have colonised, and explored, and conquered, and extended the dominions over one-fifth of the habitable globe, and the inhabitants of those dominions in the whole world now look up to the Empress Queen as their sovereign head. From all that vast area many addresses will come, many tokens of loyalty have come, to her Majesty; but, speaking here on behalf of the Masons of England, I make bold to say that no address will be more hearty and devoted, none will have more loyal feelings

than that of the Masons of England, which I have now the honour to second. (Cheers.)

The Prince of WALES: Brethren, it now only remains for me now to put this resolution to you for adoption.

The motion was carried enthusiastically, amidst cheers.

The Prince of WALES: I know, brethren, you will desire me, as Grand Master, to sign the address.

Cries of "All," and his Royal Highness then signed the address amidst applause.

The National Anthem was then sung to the strains of the organ.

The Prince of WALES: Brethren,—I wish to announce that in addition to the 60 brethren that I have appointed to Past Grand rank, which the Secretary will shortly read, I have appointed his Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark, K.G., G.C.B., Grand Master of Denmark, to have the rank of Past Grand Master of England; his Highness the Rajah of Kapurthala, that of Past Grand Warden; the Right Hon. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of South Australia, to have the rank of Past Grand Warden; and the Right Rev. the Bishop of Bath and Wells to have the rank of Past Grand Chaplain.

Each of these announcements was received with loud applause, and the Rajah of Kapurthala advanced to the throne and shook hands with the Grand Master, and also with the Duke of Connaught.

The GRAND SECRETARY afterwards read the following list of brethren appointed to Past Grand rank, most of whom were in attendance, and those who were present were presented by Bro. Thomas Fenn to the Grand Master, who shook hands with each of them:

LONDON.—Junior G. Warden: Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Kennedy. G. Chaplain: Bro. the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, M.A. G. Deacons: Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, Capt. G. L. Holford, C.I.E.; E. Macrory, O.C.; Gordon Miller, Montague Sharpe, Walter Webb, Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S.; Thomas Jones, Capt Portlock Dadson, Robert Woodfall. Asst. G. Dirs. of Cers.: Bros. Ernest M. Money, W. J. Crump, E. E. Harding, Stanley Attenborough. G. Sword Bearers: Bros. Major Newington Bridges, Capt. J. R. Clipperton, Gordon Smith. G. Standard Bearers: John Joseph Thomas, W. G. Kentish, William Shurmur, Oscar Philippe, E. L. P. Valeriani, H. Nelson Price.

PROVINCES.—G. Chaplains: Bros. Rev. J. H. Gray, M.A.; Rev. C. Henton-Wood, M.A. Dep. G. Registrar: Bro. John Strachan, O.C. G. Deacons: Bros. James Heelis, James J. Lambert, Ensor Drury, A. H. Bowles, Chas. E. Prior, M.D.; Geo. J. Tilling, W. Lewis Morgan, M.A.; Richard Luck, J. B. Winterbotham. Asst. G. Dirs. of Cers.: Bros. Thomas Cox, J. Clayton, Ben. Vickers, Charles Coupland, John Brewer, John W. Martin, John Evan Bowen. G. Sword Bearers: Bros. Lieut.-Col. G. W. Walker, Robert Case. G. Standard Bearers: Bros. N. Tracy, Geo. Dalrymple, John Mason, A. E. Friedlander.

DISTRICTS.—Junior G. Warden: Bro. Maj.-Gen. Sir H. H. Kitchener, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. G. Chaplains: Bros. Rt. Rev. Bishop of Perth, Rev. H. J. Spence Gray, M.A. G. Deacons: Bros. Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons, James Steven. Asst. G. Dirs. of Cers.: Bros. H. M. Rustomjee, John Fenwick, George Russell, Robert James Dick, J. B. Wheelwright.

The Prince of WALES: Brethren,—A cablegram has just been placed in my hands from Bermuda expressing the loyalty of the brethren there. I have now to inform you that I have approved of a special design of jewel, which may be worn by brethren who are subscribing members of an English Lodge on the 20th June, 1897, and also a bar to be worn on it by all the brethren who have attended this meeting. Before closing to-day's proceedings I wish to announce and declare that the fees received for admission to the meeting amounting to over £7000—(applause)—will go without deduction, one half to my Hospital Fund, and the other half divided equally between the great Masonic Charities. (Cheers.) I wish also to announce that taking into account the sum of £8000 voted at last meeting of Grand Lodge, the Craft with the fees on this auspicious occasion have devoted no less than £15,000 to charity this year, of which the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund will benefit to the extent of £5500, being in addition to that subscribed individually by a large number of Masonic lodges and Masons. (Renewed cheers.)

The Earl of LATHOM, who, on rising, was received with vociferous cheering, said Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasant duty from Grand Lodge to ask your acceptance of this jewel in commemoration of this great event, and wish your Royal Highness may live many years to wear it in recollection of this occasion. (Cheers.)

The Prince of WALES: Brethren, I have to offer my thanks to Grand Lodge for having presented me with this jewel and for the kind words the Pro Grand Master has just spoken. I assure you it has given me great pleasure to preside on this great, this auspicious, and never-to-be-forgotten occasion, to tell you how glad I am to be here, to meet so many Masons from all parts of the world, and to express the great pleasure it has given me to preside on this occasion. (Cheers.)

The procession then left the hall in the same order as on entering, and the brethren quickly dispersed.

BRO. JOHN LARKIN, who has been confined to his house through illness, is, we are pleased to learn, somewhat better.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES has just received a copy of the new novel, "The Spirit of the Day," by Mulvy, Ouseley, just published by Messrs. Beeton and Company, Limited.

COMP. B. R. BRYANT, P.Z. 720 and 1239, was installed into the Third Principal's chair at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk, on the 28th ult., at Bury St. Edmunds, and on the 16th inst. he was installed First Principal of the Martyn Chapter, No. 1224.

THE PAPERMAKERS' Printers', Stationers', Bookbinders', Fine Art Publishers', and Photographers' Exhibition, which is to open at the Agricultural Hall on the 23rd to the 30th inst., promises to be of more than usual interest, as several specimens of the most modern printing machinery, both American and English, will be on view, in addition to the numerous machinery exhibits in operation. A section will be devoted to sports, toys, fancy goods, &c., and in connection with this there will be a variety of interesting demonstrations and displays of the Rontgen X Rays, Kinematograph, photographic lantern work, and other scientific entertainments, all of which will be free to visitors. The principal railway companies are running excursion trains during the period of this Exhibition and Market, and visitors to the Jubilee should certainly set a day apart to visit it.

AN ENORMOUS SHOW will be presented at the Royal Aquarium during the whole of the Jubilee and following week. We have Mr. Josiah Ritchie's (Managing Director) assurance that never in London will so many sights have been presented in one building, a statement corroborated by an accompanying stage time-sheet, showing no less than 76 turns during each day on the Great Central Stage, thus necessarily allowing but a few minutes to each—in some cases three minutes only to costly artistes to do their business in. The living pictures are beautifully mounted, and faithfully represent her Majesty's Accession and Coronation, Marriage with the Prince Consort, and a number of beautifully painted pictures and artistically mounted tableaux illustrative of the fashions and interesting epochs during her 60 years' reign. Suffice it to say that almost every known turn of variety entertainment is represented. The performances commence each day punctually at 10.30 a.m. and terminate about midnight.

CONSECRATION OF THE EALING LODGE,
No. 2662.

The Ealing Lodge is one of the latest additions to the roll of the Order, and the consecration took place on Thursday, the 3rd instant, at the Victoria Hall, Ealing. The new lodge starts under exceptionally good auspices, as it possesses a strong body of founders, many of whom are well-known in the Craft.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Secretary, assisted by Bros. Major-General Gadsden, P.G.S.B., as S.W.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C., as Chap.; J. D. Langton, D.G.D.C., as D.C.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.I.B., as I.G.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, as Tyler.

The founders are the following: Bros. F. W. Jordan, I.P.M. 172; T. Kington, W.M. 193; H. S. Timpson, P.M. 1612; L. H. Walker; A. Pooley, P.M. 1612; G. H. Gabb, I.P.M. 1612; J. R. Whittle; J. G. Eden; T. Crawley; E. C. Porter, P.M. 1612; D. R. McLeod; S. Thorne; S. W. Hill; R. Cawley; J. R. Francis; A. L. Butters, W.M. 2163; Robert Dean; J. Hamilton; G. Haines; and H. R. Lancaster.

The visitors present were:

Bros. Geo. Cole, P.S.G.D.; H. W. Schartau, J.W. 1549, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Wm. Shurmur, P.M. 2347, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; E. Branscombe, 1929, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; Leonard S. Guy, W.M. 1612; Charles Hunt, W.M. 861; C. H. Bestow, W.M. 2374; T. Drew Bear, W.M. 2022; Wm. Hunt, P.M. 172 and W.M. 2512; Geo. King, P.M. and Sec. 172; J. B. Evans, P.M. 172; T. G. Forster, P.M. 1608; W. Battams, P.M. 1777; Thos. W. Allsop, I.P.M. 2492; Frank Adams, P.M. 1259; F. S. Plowright, I.P.M. 193; C. J. Smith, J.W. 2548; A. A. Hardy, J.W. 382; J. S. Goldstein, J.D. 2265; H. J. Cousens, S.D. 172; A. E. Lucas, Org. 382; Karl Von Donat, 172; W. H. Newson, 172; L. Hodingsworth, 172; Edward Wewson, 1612; C. E. O. Betts, 1612; O. Ardley, 1612; C. F. Poore, 1612; Wingrove Ives, 1929; P. S. Cooper, 1694; T. G. Pemberton, 2206; W. J. Gore, 2550; W. Robertson, Dudley Causton, 162; E. T. Pargeter, 1314; Rev. W. Templeton-King, 2022; Bothright, E. Rice, 1853; A. T. Overall, 2346; W. Gibbs, 34 and 2512; and R. T. West, 1744.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Lodge having been opened and a hymn sung. The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren in a few appropriate words, observing that he was there by command of his Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M., to take a pleasant and very solemn duty to consecrate the lodge to the service of God, and he hoped the lodge would be the means of advancing Masonry and would accomplish all the good objects the founders had in view, and he wished it all prosperity.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER next called upon the Chaplain for the benefit of prayer.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant,

The CHAPLAIN delivered a very eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Order.

The new lodge was then solemnly consecrated and dedicated.

The Consecrating Officer next inducted into the chair the Worshipful Master designate, Bro. F. W. Jordan, I.P.M. 172, who appointed the following as his officers: Bros. T. Kington, W.M. 193, acting I.P.M.; H. S. Timpson, P.M. 1612, S.W.; L. H. Walker, J.W.; A. Pooley, P.M. 1612, Treas.; G. H. Gabb, I.P.M. 1612, Sec.; J. R. Whittle, S.D.; J. G. Eden, J.D.; T. Crawley, I.G.; E. C. Porter, P.M. 1612, D. of C.; D. R. McLeod, S. Thorne, and S. W. Hill, Stwds.; H. R. Lancaster, Org.; and G. Harrison, Tyler, and they were all invested with the exception of Bros. Porter, P.M., and Lancaster, who were not able to be present.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER rose, and in eulogistic terms, referred to the grand work done that day by the Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, and he proposed the Consecrating Officers honorary members of the lodge, which was carried with acclamation.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., said that, as the mouthpiece of the Consecrating Officers, he returned his hearty thanks for the great compliment which they all appreciated and accepted with much pleasure.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, P.G.M. Middx., was also elected an honorary member. Five propositions were received for initiates and three joining members.

Letters were read from the following regretting their inability to attend: Bros. Lord George Hamilton, E. M. Nelson, Haddon, R. Barrett, J. H. Rutherglen, I.P.M. 2593; E. A. Pailbrick, Squire, and Ruston.

The lodge was then closed, and a superb banquet followed.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The M.W. Grand Master," remarking that if anything was to be done in Masonry H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was always to the front, and he also referred to the Hospital Fund, which he said should be supported by all.

In proposing "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER stated that they were ever ready to do any work whenever called upon, and sometime at very short notice, and he associated with the toast the name of Bro. Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap.

Bro. Rev. W. K. R. BEDFORD, P.G. Chap., responded, and said that when he was appointed a Grand Officer they were only a small muster but they were now over 2000 strong, and he esteemed it a great honour to acknowledge the toast on behalf of that body.

The W.M. stated that it was with great pleasure he submitted the toast of "The Consecrating Officers." They had all seen and appreciated the masterly way the Grand Secretary had performed the consecration ceremony and the able assistance he had from his officers, and on behalf of the lodge, which owed them its birth, he tendered them his best thanks for their great services, and it gave him much additional pleasure to couple with the toast the name of the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm and Bro. LETCHWORTH, on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. He said that, after listening to his voice at such length that evening it would be ungenerous for him to inflict upon them a long speech, except to say how he thanked them on behalf of himself and those Grand Officers who were with him, for the way they had been received. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than when acting as Consecrating Officer. He thanked his colleagues for their great assistance, making special mention of Bros. Langton, D.G.D.C., and Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap., who consented at a very short notice to act, and, in conclusion, he said he hoped to have the opportunity of attending the lodge again.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., proposed "Success to the Ealing Lodge." He said that, as Consecrating Officer, the privilege fell upon him of submitting the toast of the evening, and he associated with it the name of the Worshipful Master, whom he had had the pleasure of installing that night. He congratulated the members on having such an efficient Master, and said the success of a lodge depended upon its first Master. Bro. Jordan had filled the chair of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172—a lodge that had a high reputation—and he felt he was expressing the sentiments of all in wishing the greatest success to the Ealing Lodge.

Bro. F. W. JORDAN, W.M., who was enthusiastically received, responded. He thanked the Grand Secretary for the eulogistic way in which he had proposed the toast, and for coupling his name with it, and the brethren for the manner it had been received. He had in his heart the success of the Ealing Lodge. Every founder had paid his fees, and they started with a balance on the right side, and they had several initiates and joining members. He was honoured to be the first Master, and nothing would be wanting on his part to make the lodge a successful one in every way.

In giving "The Charities," the W.M. stated that they all knew the great deal of good the three Institutions did. They were honoured that evening with the presence of Bro. McLeod, the very ardent and enthusiastic Secretary and worker for the Boys, and whose name he joined with the toast.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., responded, thanking the W.M. for submitting the toast, although it was not on the list, but he was glad the W.M. had not forgotten the Institutions.

In presenting the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. stated that they were glad and honoured to have so many to witness the inauguration of the lodge. The members would always be proud to have visitors—the more the better—and they could rely upon receiving a hearty welcome, and he hoped all their guests had been well entertained. He joined with the toast the names of Bros. L. S. Guy, W.M. 1612; T. Drew Bear, W.M. 2022; W. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; Wm. Hunt, P.M. 172 and W.M. 2512; F. G. Forster, P.M. 1608; F. S. Plowright, I.P.M. 193; T. W. Allsop, I.P.M. 2492; and George King, P.M. and Sec. 172.

In response Bro. L. S. GUY, W.M. 1612, thanked the W.M. for the compliment of associating his name with the toast of "The Visitors," but he would rather someone more able should have responded. He appreciated all he had seen and heard that day. It was the first consecration he had ever attended and the grand ceremony so ably performed had made a great impression on his mind and he should ever look back to that happy meeting with pleasure. He was deputed by his lodge to offer their sincere congratulations to the W.M., and with the hope that the Ealing Lodge would be prosperous in every way.

Bro. T. DREW BEAR, W.M. 2022, also acknowledged the toast, remarking that it was difficult to follow the last speaker because he stood on the same platform as Bro. Guy. There was no rivalry with lodges, and there should not be, and the members of his lodge were delighted that there was then another lodge in their neighbourhood.

Bro. Wm. HUNT, P.M. 172 and W.M. 2512, said he had seen the working of the Grand Secretary at the consecration of the Fulham Lodge, and he was delighted when he was asked to attend the consecration of their lodge. He had known their W.M. for many years and had watched his career in the old Concord Lodge with much interest, his working of the ritual was second to none and it must be gratifying to the members to know that their W.M. was a good Mason and a very able man.

Bros. T. G. FOSTER, P.M. 1608; F. S. PLOWRIGHT, I.P.M. 193; G. KING, P.M. and Sec. 172; T. W. ALLSOP, I.P.M. 2492; and the Rev. W. TEMPLETON KING, 2022; also responded in some good speeches.

The W.M. gave an extra toast "The Press," and with it he joined the names of Bros. R. T. West, H. Dehane, P.M., and Bothright, and they all responded.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to in very eloquent terms by Bros. H. S. TIMPSON, P.M. 1612, S.W., and GEO. H. GABB, I.P.M. 1612, Sec., and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a very happy and successful gathering, for which the W.M. is to be congratulated.

The musical arrangements were most ably carried out by Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; assisted by Madame Constance Martin, and Bros. E. Branscombe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; Wingrove Ives, and Dudley Causton.

Bro. F. W. JORDAN, the W.M., was initiated in the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, on 1st January, 1884, and received his first collar in Masonry, as D.C., in January, 1890. He afterwards held all the other offices, and was installed W.M. in that lodge in January, 1896. In February last he was exalted in the Old Concord Chapter, and upon the same evening was elected to the office of 1st Asst. Sij. Our brother served as Steward for the Boys in 1891, and also for the Girls in 1894. During his residence in Ealing, and especially the last two years, it often occurred to him that there was room for another lodge in that neighbourhood, and he conceived the idea of trying to start another lodge, which it is pleasing to record has been launched most successfully, thanks to his great efforts and the good Board of Founders who rallied round him, and not forgetting the invaluable services rendered by Bro. Geo. H. Gabb, I.P.M. 1612, and without which it is very doubtful whether the Ealing Lodge would be in existence. Bro. Jordan is young, very enthusiastic, has the highest interests of Freemasonry at heart, and under his vigorous rule the Ealing Lodge should prosper.

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE EMPIRE LODGE OF INDIAN AND COLONIAL BROTHERN.

On Monday evening, after the ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall was concluded, the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, entertained many of the Grand Officers of England, and other Masons of distinction, who had been invited to meet the distinguished Indian and Colonial brethren now in this country. The lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil, under presidency of the W.M., Bro. A. Davidson Kemp.

During the proceedings in lodge a gracious letter was read from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., District Grand Master of Bombay, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, regretting and apologising for his inability to attend. And another notable fact was that two Indian Rajputs were proposed for initiation in this lodge—his Highness the Rajah Ajit Singh, Rajah of Khetri in Rajputana, and his Highness Rajkumar Umaid Singh, eldest son and heir of Rajah Dhiraj of Shikpura in Rajputana. For initiating these princes an emergency meeting of the lodge will be called.

After the business of the lodge, which was formal, was concluded, the company, to the number of 237, sat down to banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

During dinner the Cecil Orchestra performed a selection of music under the direction of Bro. Norfolk Megone, and the music between the toasts was provided by the following members of the lodge, under the direction of Bro. Hermann Klein, P.M.: Bros. Ben Davies, Joseph O'Mara, Richard Green, Norman Salmond, and Benno Schönberger.

Bro. KEMP, W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said in so memorable a year any W.M. might be well excused if he spoke at length on this subject; but since an address to her Majesty expressing the sentiments of the whole body of the Craft has been voted to-day by that grand and representative gathering at the Albert Hall, I think you will agree that it is only needful that I declare what must be the conviction and feeling of all of us, that no body of Freemasons could re-echo those sentiments more heartily, with more gratitude for her Majesty's patronage to the Craft, and more loyalty to the person than this meeting does.

The toast having been honoured,

Bro. KEMP, W.M., in giving the toast of "M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," said the Prince of Wales has been for many years not only the titular head of the Craft, but, considering his other duties, as hard working a head as one could conceive, and still a hard working Mason, he is one who ought to be called a Mason by nature. This, his kindness and generosity abundantly evidence, and I am sure our brethren from India will appreciate his munificent donation given to relieve the distress in that country; while it was at his instigation the Grand Lodge of England made a handsome grant. The inauguration of the Hospital Fund in this year is another instance of his sympathy with all in trouble. The brethren will all wish the Grand Master all happiness, health, and prosperity, including the health, happiness, and prosperity of those near and dear to him.

The toast was most heartily received and drunk.

Bro. KEMP, W.M., in proposing "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said: This is a toast of some considerable detail which is always given in every lodge meeting under the English Constitution. It is, however, I take it, a rare circumstance that any lodge should have present those Grand Officers whose names are mentioned in the toast, and we ought to feel, and I think do feel, very thankful to both the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, for so kindly coming among us to-night. Of course, we know that great as is the compliment paid to the lodge, that their presence is prompted mainly by desire to show their approval of the objects of this gathering, to greet our distinguished Colonial and Indian brethren and to assist us in drawing more firmly together the bonds which unite English Masonry with that of India and the Colonies. Naturally I call upon the M.W. the Pro Grand Master to respond to this toast; but there is another point in regard to it which is rather anomalous, and that is the fact that we have several Past Grand Officers, who, nevertheless, only received their Grand rank to-day. Among those we may mention his Highness the Rajah of Kapurthala, who has received the rank of P.G. Warden, and I am sure you will all regret to learn that he has found it necessary to leave the table in consequence of illness—slight illness. Another very distinguished brother has also been honoured with exactly the same position, Chief Justice Way, the Grand Master of South Australia, and if I may mention the fact and put stress upon it, a very esteemed brother—Edward Harding—much beloved in this lodge, has also received distinction to-day from the Grand Master. I, therefore, trust that I may be allowed to ask that he should also say a few words in response to this toast after the M.W. Pro Grand Master has spoken.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Earl of LATOUM, in responding, said: Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I thank you, sir, for the kindly terms in which you proposed the health of myself and colleagues and the brethren of Grand Lodge. I may say, brethren, that, though I am one now of the oldest of the officers of Grand Lodge, I think the efficiency of our work continues as good as it has been in the past. I think we are specially indebted to the Grand Officers of the present moment for the admirable manner in which that assemblage was

conducted to-day—a day which will stand out as a red-letter day in the history of Masonry. You heard on that occasion what his Royal Highness has said about the increase of Masonry during his term of office; but may I be allowed to go further, and mention the enormous increase of Masonry during the reign of her Majesty the Queen? I believe I am right in stating that when her Majesty ascended the throne in 1837, the number of lodges under the roll of the Grand Lodge of England was a little over 640; that included some Canadian lodges, and I might say an Australian one. Since that time the Australian lodge has seceded from us, for the reason that they have a Grand Lodge of their own, and the same applies to other Australian lodges. But when we think at the present moment the roll of lodges on the Grand Lodge of England is 2200 and that the subscribing members of those lodges at this moment are 110,000, we need not fear that Masonry is in its decline. I thank the W.M. and brethren of this lodge for having allowed me to be present on this great occasion. I am too glad to be present to meet my brethren from different parts and to show them, if they needed showing, how thoroughly knit together we are in Masonry. There is one little thing I would like to mention and that is this:—brethren all over the world are knit together in Charity. We, at least, I hope, we in England, look on Charity as our great watchword; loyalty and Charity are our two watchwords and when I tell you the fact, of which perhaps all of you are not aware, that we are at the present moment educating in our Boys' and Girls' Schools 24 children, 12 males and 12 females, who are the sons and daughters of fathers who belonged to Colonial and District lodges, I am sure you will say that our Charity does not stay at home. We have had a great meeting to-day, such a meeting as I cannot hope to see again, and never shall I forget the enthusiasm with which her Majesty's name was cheered to the echo, again and again, and the National Anthem sung in unison as I never heard it before. On behalf of myself and my brother officers I thank you sincerely.

Chief Justice WAY, M.W.G.M. of South Australia, P.G.W.: For many years past it has been one of the greatest sources of pride and satisfaction to me that in my connection with Masonry I have worn the jewel of the Grand Lodge of South Australia as representative of the Grand Lodge of England. To-day I have received a still greater distinction. For the remainder of my life, when the health of the Grand Lodge of England is honoured in the far South, if I am present, it will be my pride and privilege to stand up as a member of that Grand Lodge. That distinction is all the greater because of the grand historic nation from which it is conferred. I take it to be a great compliment to myself, for it is a compliment through the individual to the great body of the solid brethren throughout Australia; it is not to the individual alone, but to the 25,000 loyal Masons who are spreading the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth throughout South Australia. After the honour you have done me in allowing me to respond to this toast on this historic occasion, I beg the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master will allow me to take this earliest opportunity of expressing through him my thanks and the thanks of Australian Masonry for the honour that has been done to-day to them.

Bro. E. E. HARDING, P.A.G.D.C.: W.M., and brethren, you will excuse me for saying only a few words in thanking the W.M. for the honour he has done me to-night in calling upon me to respond. The Grand Master conferred upon me Past Grand Office. It was a great honour, and yet the honour is not so much conferred upon me as an individual as upon the lodge. You may, perhaps, think that the members of the Empire Lodge are very enterprising and energetic for our present gathering; but to whom are we indebted? It is not the lodge, but to an individual, to wit, our worthy brother, Lennox Browne. There is no trouble too great for him to take on behalf of the lodge, and it is to him we are indebted for the successful gathering of this evening. I thank you, Worshipful Master, for mentioning my name and giving me an opportunity of responding to this toast.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE then read a telegram which it was proposed the lodge and its guests should send immediately to the Queen, congratulating her on her long and happy reign, to which a gracious acknowledgment was received. Telegrams of congratulation also came from other lodges, one as far north as Newcastle.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, P.M., Treas., on being called upon by the W.M. to propose the toast of "Our Indian and Colonial Guests," said it was a big order and called, perhaps, for a big speech, but, like Canning's knife-grinder, he had no speech ready to his tongue, for literally he had not had time to write a speech, hardly to think of one. He could only say how glad he and all the members were to see the brethren and to express a hope that the success of the meeting would speak for him. He was especially glad that with Indian and Colonial brethren they had been enabled to gather together so representative a muster of distinguished brethren to assist the lodge as hosts, and he desired to thank the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland, and the many other Grand Officers, representing every single grade of Grand rank, for their presence. They had, moreover, to especially record their high appreciation of the gracious message addressed to the speaker by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, which had been read in lodge that day, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. All who knew the Duke of Connaught were aware that he always spoke from his heart, and no one who had heard him in the Albert Hall that afternoon, could doubt it. It was with especial pleasure that they welcomed the presence of the Deputy from the Province of Bombay, of which his Royal Highness was the Grand Master. Beyond this, they desired to thank the Secretary of State for India, for the personal trouble he had taken and the spirit of co-operation with which he had inspired the officials of his department who were of the Brotherhood. All greatly regretted his lordship's unavoidable absence. As to the Colonial Office the only Mason in the department appeared to be Lord Amphill, and he had given most cordial assistance, and was present with them. They had likewise derived most valuable help from the various agents general and from the Colonial Institute. As a result they had been able to gather together many distinguished men, from whom it would be invidious to select, while to give all their names would lead to undesirable prolixity; nor was this necessary, since all the names were to be found in the little book which had been placed in the hands of each brother as a memento of the evening. He might, however, be permitted to allude to one type of their visitors, namely, the Premiers, who, as Crown guests, were the heroes of the hour. After some trouble it had been ascertained that of the 11 Premiers, only six belonged to the Craft; of these four only had arrived in London, and while two had been obliged to withdraw their acceptance in consequence of a visit to Scotland arranged for them by the Imperial Government, "the Empire Lodge" had been

honoured by the presence of the other two, namely, Bro. the Hon. Sir Edward Braddon and the Hon. Harry Escombe. The whole list was a distinguished one, and included representatives from 20 various Dependencies of the British Crown, literally "from China to Peru." Having spoken of the origin of the lodge, and of its first founders, among them Sir Phillip Cunliffe-Owen, Admiral Sir William Hewitt, and Rupert Lonsdale, of "Lonsdale's Horse," the speaker mentioned that it was a feature of the lodge that when a Colonial or Indian brother visited this country, he was invited to attend its meetings, and the whole policy of the lodge was to bring together all that was best in Masonry from the Colonies, and to give them while in England a Masonic home. On this occasion it was not only great Masons whom they were called on to honour, but great Colonists. It was their health he now invited the brethren to drink, and he would ask the Hon. Harry Escombe, Premier of Natal, Dr. Ryley, Bishop of Perth, and Bro. Owen Dunn, Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay, to respond.

Bro. the Hon. HARRY ESCOMBE, Q.C., Premier of Natal, in reply said: Worshipful Sir, Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren, I beg heartily to thank you, on behalf of your colonial guests, for the happy terms in which Bro. Lennox Browne thought fit to propose for your consideration the toast of "The Guests from the Colonies," and this august and distinguished meeting for the enthusiasm with which they have thought fit to receive that proposition. My knowledge of Masonry goes back to a third of a century. The universality of Masonry, as far as I am concerned, is well evidenced by the fact that stranger as I may be to most of you, I find in this room men coming from the distant quarters of the colonies to which I belong; I find men belonging to my mother lodge, and men from lodges in South Africa, the offspring of that same mother lodge; and more than that, we find that a movement on foot throughout the Empire, not connected with Masonry, a circumstance which, after all, only follows in the footsteps that Masonry has already formed, the feeling not only of brotherly love, relief, and truth which has kept together the brotherhood throughout the Empire, but has had the effect of suggesting thoughts now finding expression in the closer confederation of all the dependencies which constitute the Empire. Brethren, I ask you not to neglect the good things of Masonry in the great Empire to which we all belong, and of which we are all so justly proud. It will be a proud day for those dependencies to which many of the guests belong when they hear of the kind reception given to their brethren on this great occasion, and if when we return we have nothing more to say than to assure those who sent us here of the kind regard in which they are held in England and other countries, and that you also have a thought of them, they will say "we have done well, and we are glad you went." I say I am glad of the opportunity you have given me of learning something of English Masonry. I thank this distinguished company for the high compliment they have paid to the Colonies, and I believe in my heart of hearts there is in this meeting a feeling of united concord and brotherly love, which after all is the true cement which will bind the empire together.

The Right Rev. Dr. RILEY, Bishop of Perth: It was once said "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." I am an anomaly, I am a Past Grand Chaplain, never having been a Grand Chaplain; I have never been a real one. I have got the reward of office without having had any of the labours. I look upon it as a great compliment to the colony I represent. As Bro. Lennox Browne has said, it is rather a large Order. I respond for one million square miles. I think it is a great compliment, and a most delicate attention to ask us to come here this evening. To one who loves the old country, and cannot fail in his love for the colony, the kindest thing you can do is to ask him to a gathering like this, and show he is not forgotten by the land which he has left. We have had to-night a splendid banquet, and those who, like myself, travel about among the goldfields of a distant colony, and sometimes live for days on "tinned dog," as we call it, and bread, and a little water, can very well appreciate such a grand banquet as this. No brother has appreciated this banquet more than I have. Pleasant things have been said, excellent things eaten and drunk, right real music and poetry given, which has gone to the hearts of those who have come thousands of miles, things which are in themselves cosmopolitan just as the banquet is. I thank you on behalf of the Colonists in Western Australia. When I went out to the Colonies, it was said, "Do what you can for us." I have tried to do what I can. I believe in Freemasonry. It is one of the greatest factors—it is no matter what outside people may say—in cementing the people of the world, not only Britishers, but the people of the world, in the one great brotherhood, which I hope some day will come about. On behalf of one part of the Colonies which own the old country as their home, I return you my most sincere thanks for one of the pleasantest times I have ever spent. It is one of the evenings which I shall never forget,—and I am certain the Masons in Western Australia will never forget, because although my Premier is not a Mason, yet the Bishop is, and that is some compensation.

Bro. G. OWEN DUNN, Deputy District Grand Master, Bombay: Worshipful Master, M.W. Pro Grand Master, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, G. Officers and Brethren, as one of the representatives of the members of our Craft in our great Indian dependencies, I must tender to you our most grateful thanks for the very kind manner in which the toast of "The Indian and Colonial Guests" was proposed and responded to; and I must at the same time, sir, assure you of the very great pleasure that we have derived this evening from the enjoyment of your princely hospitality. That this pleasing task has fallen to me rather than to some other more distinguished—personally distinguished—brother, of whom many are here this evening, is due, as Bro. Lennox Browne has already told you, to my great good fortune in having the honour to hold the post of Deputy to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master of Bombay, whose most gracious letter of regret for his inability to be present here this evening you heard read in open lodge. Had his Royal Highness been able to be present to-day, I am sure it would have given unqualified pleasure to listen to the kindly words of fraternal greeting which, through us, their representatives, have been addressed to our brethren in every quarter of the globe; and if I may be permitted, I would say the same of his distinguished Pro District Grand Master, Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, who, ever since he assumed the reins of office, has done an immense amount for the good of the Craft in that district. Harassed as he has been by the work and anxiety caused by the pestilence and famine, which have wrought such havoc with the province over which he rules, he has found time, nevertheless, to attend to his Masonic duties, and his first

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Masonic Notes.

One of the most interesting incidents at the great meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, was the acceptance by the M.W. Grand Master from Bro. the Right Hon. Chief Justice Way, M.W. Grand Master, S. Australia, of a loyal and dutiful address to her Majesty the Queen, from the several independent Grand Lodges of Australasia, of which his Royal Highness the Grand Master is the Patron. The document itself is a work of considerable artistic merit, and testifies to the unswerving loyalty and devotion to her Majesty of the self-governing bodies of the great Australasian Brotherhood.

It is proposed to have a Jubilee Masonic Service at St. Paul's Church, Herne Hill, S.E., on Monday, the 28th instant (Coronation Day). The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. E. H. Pearce, Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of London. Those who may be desirous of obtaining further information are recommended to apply to Bro. J. Bott, 37, Herne Hill, S.E., who will courteously furnish them with the necessary particulars.

We have much pleasure in announcing that there is now in the press, and will be ready for publication at an early date, an edition in facsimile of "Cole's Constitutions," originally issued in 1731. There will be incorporated with this, and also reproduced in exact facsimile, a series of Masonic Songs and two speeches, one of which was delivered before the Grand Lodge of York by the Junior Grand Warden on the 27th December, 1726. The edition will be limited to 200 copies, which will be issued to the subscribers at half-a-guinea.

That the re-issue of so valuable a work will be a great boon to the Craft admits of no doubt, and Bro. Jackson, the publisher, of 16 and 17, Commercial-street, Leeds, deserves, and will receive, the thanks of the ever-increasing body of brethren who interest themselves in the study of our "Antient Constitutions." But the value of the edition will be materially enhanced by the fact that Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., has very kindly undertaken to write in the form of an Introduction a Critical Explanatory Essay on this rare book which, cannot fail to render intelligible to the reader the peculiar merits of "Cole's Constitutions." The work will be published in Demy 8vo, and will run to some 180 pages, and as the Edition will be, as we have pointed out, very limited, we advise those who may desire copies to lose no time in ordering them of the publisher at the address already given.

The next regular meeting of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Thursday, the 24th instant, at 5 p.m., when, after the transaction of the ordinary business, a Paper, entitled "The Three Degrees of Freemasonry, especially in relation to the oldest records of the Master Masons' Ceremony," will be read by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. The brethren will afterwards dine together as usual at the Holborn Restaurant. We notice that among the Papers proposed to be read is one by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., entitled "The Degrees of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry." When this latter Paper has been read and issued in "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," those of our readers who devote particular attention to questions relating to Degrees will have the opportunity of comparing the views entertained by Bros. Hughan and Gould respectively.

We most warmly congratulate the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, but more especially Bro. Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C., on the success of its banquet on Monday evening to our Indian and Colonial brethren who are visiting this country for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration. Such a meeting has never before been held, that we are aware of, and it cannot fail, in our opinion, to exercise a most beneficial influence on Freemasonry throughout the Empire. The speeches, too, were far above the average of after-dinner speeches, and we would especially commend that of the Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay as having been a most eloquent exposition of the principles of our Order and the influence it exercises in the far East. Let those who desire to know what Freemasonry is capable of doing in bringing men of different races and creeds together read Bro. Dunn's speech and they will be prouder than ever that they are Freemasons.

We are indebted to the kindness of Bro. C. J. Whitting for an early copy of his "History of the Lodge of Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth," which, so far as we are able to judge from a hasty glance through its contents, appears to have been compiled with exceeding care, and will, doubtless prove an exceedingly valuable addition to our series of lodge histories. But Bro. Whitting must not consider we are treating him with discourtesy, if, with a Jubilee commemoration number announced for publication early next week, we are unable to find just now the leisure to review the book. However, we shall take the earliest opportunity of expressing our opinion of his work.

It has been settled that the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire shall take place on Tuesday, the 20th prox. As previously announced, the entertaining lodge on this occasion will be the Gladsmuir, No. 1385, High Barnet. It is about 11 years since this lodge had the honour of receiving Prov. Grand Lodge.

We learn from the Philadelphia *Keystone*—which is indebted for its information to the *Square and Compasses*—that on the 8th April Bro. A. A. Treat celebrated his 100th birthday at the house of his son-in-law, Dr. N. G. Burnham, in Denver, Colorado,

Bro. Treat was initiated in Apollo Lodge, No. 13, Troy, on the 4th February, 1823, and was elected W.M. on the 5th December, 1826. In the latter year he was one of a Committee appointed by his lodge to receive Bro. the Marquis de la Fayette on the occasion of his visit to the town. When Apollo Lodge celebrated its centenary on the 22nd September, 1896, Bro. Treat composed a poem in honour of the event, for which he received the kindly acknowledgment of the brethren.

At the April meeting of the Lodge of Otago, No. 844, Dunedin, Bro. Sydney James, Past Dep. District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, and the present Grand Secretary of that District, was presented with an address and silver tea service, in recognition of his long and valuable services, and, at the same time, to mark the auspicious event (the jubilee of his initiation into Masonry) which the lodge and its visitors had assembled to do honour to on that particular occasion. Bro. James, who is a most able Craftsman, and a very strong adherent of the present order of things under the Grand Lodge of England, was in very great form, and referred at considerable length not only to the lamentable condition in which Masonry in New Zealand had been placed for some time past, but also to the steps which were being taken towards recognising the Grand Lodge of New Zealand by our Grand Lodge.

As we have a report of the proceedings ready for publication, we need not enter into a consideration of this part of the very eloquent speech which Bro. James made in acknowledging the kindness of his brethren in doing him so much honour. But at the banquet which followed, Bro. James in acknowledging the toast of his health, referred to the earlier days of his Masonic career. Bro. James had previously informed his audience that he was initiated in St. Matthew Lodge, No. 539—then No. 786—Walsall, on the 15th April, 1847, and in his after-dinner speech he mentioned the following curious circumstances, which, as far as we know, are almost unique in lodge history. In 1851, a certain candidate was initiated in the lodge, at a time when all the officers were either sons or nephews of his. The name of that candidate was "James," and though the sons of that Bro. James and Bro. James himself are now dead, there still survive three of his nephews, namely, Bro. John James, Past G. Master of the United G. Lodge of Victoria, and the representative of the Grand Lodge of England thereat; Bro. Frank James, who is Past D. Prov. G.M. Staffordshire, and himself, Bro. Sydney James, Past Dep. Dist. G.M. and present Dist. G. Secretary, Otago and Southland (N.Z.). There are not many families who can boast of having had such an array of brethren in one and the same lodge at one and the same time.

The Stewards at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution paid their accustomed visit to the Asylum at Croydon on Tuesday, when they were most courteously and hospitably received by Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Institution and his Staff, as well as by Miss Norris, the Matron. After inspecting the building, visiting the inmates, and generally doing those things which are proper to such an occasion, the Stewards and their friends—very many of whom were ladies—adjourned to the Hall and there lunched under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. After lunch, the toasts of the Queen and success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, were most enthusiastically drunk. The proceedings were greatly enlivened by the excellent music played by the Croydon Town Band, under the conductorship of Signor Pattullo.

The Grand Diamond Jubilee Entertainment given by the members and friends of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, [which we announced would take place at the Boys' School, Wood Green, on Tuesday, the 15th instant, under the direction of Bro. R. D. Cummings, W.M., proved a great success. An excellent programme (the printing of which did great credit to the School) had been arranged, and was admirably carried out by an orchestra of some 40 performers, conducted by Bro. William Short, while Madame Stuner and Bros. Herbert Schartau and James Kift severally did duty at the piano. The great feature of the entertainment was a violin solo by Mr. Arthur W. Payne, who played splendidly, and was rewarded with an enthusiastic encore. Bros. Schartau's and James Kift's contributions were also well received. The arrangements were excellent, and gave every satisfaction.

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public act after the Bombay plague, was to lay, on the 5th of this month, the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall in Bombay for the joint use of the Scottish and the English Constitutions, which will have a beneficial effect on the prosperity of the Craft in that corner of the Empire. Freemasonry, sir, in England, apart from the moral and social virtues which it inculcates, may be roughly described as being a huge Charitable organisation; but in India, without in any way departing from its moral, social, and charitable ends, I venture to say that Freemasonry has another very important duty to perform in bringing together more closely the various classes, races, and creeds which go to make up that wonderful empire. The condition of things in the ordinary work-a-day world in India, with all these classes, races, and creeds, each with its own ideas, prejudices, and customs, can hardly be better described than by the words which Shakespeare put into the mouth of Shylock when he said to Bassanio—"I will buy with you, sell with you, talk with you, walk with you," and so following; "but I will not eat with you, drink with you, nor pray with you." I think it is a great thing to be able to say that under the banner of Freemasonry, Christian, Jew, Hindoo, Parsee, and Mahomedan; not only all meet together in that lodge, which is at once our church, our temple, our mosque, and together raise their voices to invoke the assistance of the one Supreme Being we all recognise, the Great Architect of the Universe; but when work is over they sit together at the common board for refreshment and pleasant social intercourse. I venture to say, sir, that in thus bringing together European, Hindoo, Parsee, Mahomedan, Jew, Freemasonry is doing a considerable political service, and is materially assisting in the good government of the country, and, sir, it cannot fail to be of very great assistance, for all these classes and creeds do thus meet together and we thereby obtain acquaintance with the good qualities one to the other, while each of our brethren is a centre from which irradiates those feelings of the mutual friendship, mutual regard, charity in every sense of the word which our Craft teaches us so well. Your distinguished lodge, sir, has taken the lead in this country in the same way, and the interesting announcement that we had in lodge this evening of two noble rajputs to be proposed for initiation in the Empire Lodge, is evidence of the spirit in which you work. This great gathering—this representative gathering—is another, and it has put into my mind a definition of Freemasonry, which I think we might all of us offer to any enquiring persons in the uninstructed or popular world outside who may ask us what is Freemasonry—I have often been asked the question, you have often been asked the question, all, frequently; it is a difficult question—what I am about to give you as a definition explains a very important phase of the Craft; I would say Freemasonry is a noble striving after the universal brotherhood of man. Whether born in the purple or risen from the soil, or whether our complexions are the fair ones of northern latitudes or the darker ones of eastern climes, whether a prince or Hindoo, whether he worship God or Bramah, or like the poor Indian with untutored mind sees God in clouds or hears him in the wind, under the banner of Freemasonry we are all brothers, and, in my opinion, in the wider spread of our Craft lies one of the surest guarantees of peace and good will among the very varied items which go to make up this British Empire. This is a memorable month, and the great gathering this afternoon, followed by this most distinguished and representative gathering this evening are not the least memorable events of this memorable month. It was a wonderful and never-to-be-forgotten sight to see that great mass of Masons this afternoon in the Albert Hall rise as one man and in perfect unison raise their voices in the National Anthem—that noble hymn always brings up a lump in my throat, and a moisture into my eyes; but I thought this afternoon representatives of every quarter of the globe where the British flag flies, when they joined under one roof made it doubly impressive. Also this evening, this is no ordinary banquet, and it will be a thing long to be remembered to have sat at the same board with such a distinguished and representative gathering of the Empire, and I am proud indeed, sir, to have had the honour of your invitation. I fear I have trespassed too long on your time already, and on your patience, so I will merely, sir, repeat that the kind way in which the toast of "The Indian and Colonial Guests" has been proposed and responded to is very highly appreciated by your Indian guests, and personally I may say that the District Grand Lodge of Bombay will feel itself very highly honoured indeed in that its representative was permitted to speak to the toast. (Loud cheers.)

An Indian brother likewise responded, but was very indistinctly heard.

Earl AMHERST proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges," and said, he thought they might congratulate the Empire Lodge that night in assisting the efforts of our statesmen in bringing people together. One half of the Cabinet were or had been Grand Officers, three of our Field-Marsals held the purple, and we thought that would show of what stuff Grand Lodge of England was composed. This meeting welcomes the representatives of the Sister Grand Lodges, the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, which had been a distressful country, Lord Saltoun, Grand Master of Scotland, and Sir Edward Braddon, Premier of Tasmania.

The Duke of ABERCORN in reply, said, the kindly manner in which the brethren had received the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges," proved to him that the English Masons were not forgetful of those Irish Masons who lived over the silver streak of 62 miles, and also those Scottish Masons who lived over the border. As representing Irish Masons, he fully acknowledged the hospitality of the Empire Lodge. He had not forgotten that this lodge would be the means of welcoming to-night others who had come not 62 miles, but thousands of miles from all parts of the Empire to celebrate one of the most singular and greatest occasions connected with this Great Empire. The Worshipful Deputy Grand Master had stated that Ireland had been a distressful country. The brethren would be happy to hear that they had upwards of 20,000 distressful Masons—distressful only in imagination, not in reality. The Grand Master stated in the Albert Hall that there was no more loyal body of men in the Empire than that composing the Masonic body; his Royal Highness stated that truly and correctly, but he (the Duke of Abercorn) might add to that, that among them there was no more loyal body than the Irish Masons, who through weal and through woe had always remained staunch to the integrity of this Empire. Although they were few in number, and not over blessed with the riches of this world, yet he thought the brethren would find the Masonic body in Ireland were as well conducted as any in the Empire. The first and great object was that of Charity. Every Irishman as a rule was liberal-minded and liberal in his purse, and he thought they had endeavoured successfully to establish and emulate those two most excellent Charities known

in England—the Girls' and the Boys' Schools. They were not able to boast the large fund which the English Masons were able to give for the assistance of those Charities in this country, but they did their best and he had only to say to the distinguished Colonists present if they were able to go over to the sister country they would find the Masonic bodies there would give them a fraternal and hearty welcome. He would wish to say that a large number of loyal people had come over to this country to celebrate the event which was unique in the history of the land, more had come from all parts of the Colonies and from India, and we welcomed them. We had heard of their political powers, of their oratorical powers, and their connection with Masonry, but now we were able to meet them face to face and to have a reciprocity and association with them which was so conducive to equal knowledge. As the meeting of Masonry was harmony united with Charity, that would be the personal association of all those men who had come to this country to unite in closer bonds that friendship which had always distinguished the Masonic connection of the English Colonies with their English brethren.

Lord SALTOUN, G.M. of Scotland, said he had in the first place to tender their Scottish best thanks to his Royal Highness, for the honour which he did them in inviting them to take part in that extraordinary and splendid ceremony of that day, and he was sure that those who were with him from the north would remember it all their lives and tell it to their children. He would also like to say that following in the footsteps which the Pro Grand Master had pointed out as to the increase in the Masonic world of England, &c., Scotland had in its small way done the same. He had the honour the other day of presiding at a meeting to present a humble address to her Majesty on her long reign, when it appeared that the difference in the Benevolent Fund which was given in the year 1837 was about £150, in 1896 it was something like £3000. Again, it had always been and it would always be his object to bring into closer union the Masonry of Scotland and of England. He was proud to tell them that he had the honour of appointing Lord Sandhurst as representative of Grand Lodge of Scotland in Grand Lodge of Bombay. He believed that was the second occasion on which the same nobleman had represented the English Grand Lodge and the Scottish Grand Lodge. He would also like to endorse the remarks which fell from the Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay. It might be not known to the brethren that he (Lord Saltoun) was a member of the Lodge of Perseverance in Bombay. When he was in India and visited some lodges as a Scottish Mason they did him the honour to make him a member, and the most striking thing was to see Englishmen, Parsees, and Hindoos and all classes attending Grand Lodge, and then sitting down in harmony together. If any of the brethren went over there and saw the same thing, it would strike them as one of the most extraordinary incidents in the Masonic world that could possibly occur. After again thanking the W.M. for giving him the opportunity to be present, Lord Saltoun promised the brethren if they went North they would be most hospitably entertained.

Bro. Sir EDWARD BRADDON, Premier of Tasmania, said he had met with unbounded hospitality since he had come to England; he had had three banquets a day besides many other functions. He arrived in the city at two o'clock on Sunday. He hoped that his hon. colleague the Premier of Natal would have spoken for the Premiers, because he (Sir E. Braddon) was one of the few politicians who held that, whilst speech was silver, silence was golden, and he believed in the trite old saying—the least said the soonest mended. In the confusion to which he was thrown by the great hospitality of the evening, he was not quite clear that he was not a member of this Empire Lodge. He was, he believed, when he left the country and left his apron here. He was very proud he did belong to it, and still prouder if he still belonged to it, and it would not in the slightest degree militate against his proud feelings in this matter if he did not recover his apron. Masonry appeared to him to be the highest form of federation to which we had yet attained. They were all stirred to their hearts throughout Australia by the question of Australian federation. He believed in a higher order of federation—Imperial federation. There were some also—and he was one of them, who desired to see the most complete form of federation—the federation of the whole English-speaking people; and in the unity of people and races which was brought about by Masonry, they had an exemplar of that great federation. At present he was as a humble member of the body which was a guide to a higher order of union to which most of them desired to attain. As a humble officer, and as premier of one of the Australian Colonies, he was there that night not to represent his own personal feelings of loyalty, but the loyalty of the Colonies. The loyalty of the Colony he represented was unquestioned.

Bro. Lord AMPHILL proposed "The Worshipful Master," to which toast Bro. A. DAVIDSON KEMP, W.M., responded, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

Correspondence.

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

MASONIC AUTOGRAPHS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My unofficial Masonic correspondence for the past 30 years has supplied me with some 300 spare specimens. These include a limited number of the late Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and other deceased brethren of high Masonic rank; the rest are of the various Grand Secretaries, Prov. Grand Masters, and literary notables of the period from 1867 to 1897. The latter include many American, German, French, and other foreign Masonic celebrities—living and dead. I have cut these from the various letters (therefore, it must be understood they are all slips—not the letters also) for the purpose, and if any of your readers care to have them to the extent of five each they are very welcome to such gift. The limit is, of course, merely fixed now, as applications may be many or few, and I have no means of accurately judging; should there be only a few to hand within a week, the number of specimens allowed to each applicant will be increased to the extent the lot will go.

The only condition I desire to impose is that every applicant shall enclose a stamped addressed envelope (not, however, after the 26th), so that I may be spared expense and unnecessary time and trouble in the matter.

I may mention that I am not a collector of autographs in the sense usually understood, but in arranging signatures, for reference purposes only, I have gathered together such a series that I have never yet come across a notable

Masonic signature since 1765 that I could not identify—very few know what this means. If I had no further interest than the 19th century collectors I should burn these duplicates to increase their scarcity; in short, the autographs I offer are not rubbish, but such as I should have once valued myself. I do not say they are of any great value, that depends upon the why and wherefore a person wants them or does not care for them as in any other collecting, but I know they are valued, because I have been more than once cordially thanked for supplying them; how far this interest extends I am not, of course, prepared to say.—Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

"OUR BROTHER'S BED."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Hospital" Sunday is with us again, and this time it falls on the day on which our beloved Sovereign, the Patroness of the Order, completes the sixtieth year of her reign.

Those of us who had the privilege of being present at the Albert Hall, on the 14th inst., heard the testimony borne by H.R.H. the Grand Master to the noble gifts made by the Craft in honour of this Diamond Jubilee, no less a sum than £5500 having recently been added to the Prince of Wales's Fund, and this does not include a vast number of individual and lodge gifts.

This sum would endow five beds in perpetuity at any of the London hospitals, and some of the best managed of them do not participate in this fund.

I would venture to remind our brethren that "Our Brother's" Bed in the Free Home for the Dying, at Clapham, has already done good service for members of our Order, and while sincerely thanking those lodges and brethren who so liberally contributed last year, would ask your readers to bear in mind, to-morrow, that nothing special has been done for this truly National Charity—the only Free Home for the Dying—and would ask them to send their donations either to the Secretary, Miss Grace Murray, at the Church House, Westminster, or to you rs fraternally,

33, Golden-square, W.,
June 17th.

W. PORTLOCK-DADSON, P.G.D.,
P.M. 1771.

DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATION BANQUET OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF LONDON LODGES.

Amongst the many festivities which have marked the Diamond Jubilee year, the Commemoration Banquet of Worshipful Masters of London Lodges will take a foremost place. The unique idea having been conceived, a Committee was specially formed, and resulted in a splendid success, no less than 120 W. Masters banqueting together at Earl's Court Exhibition, after the great gathering at the Albert Hall. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G. Master Norths and Hunts, presided, and the Committee consisted of Bros. Sir Geo. Harris, W.M. London County Council Lodge, P.G.D.; Col. Wm. Campbell, W. Deputy Master Navy Lodge, P.G.D.; Gordon Miller, W.M. Grafton Lodge; J. A. Harrison, W.M. Eccentric Lodge; Imre Kiralfy, W.M. Empress Lodge; J. R. Cleave, W.M. Marcians Lodge; W. S. Hooper, W.M. Strand Lodge; C. O. Burgess, W.M. Holborn Lodge; and F. C. Van Duzer, W.M. Columbia Lodge. Bro. Thomson Lyon undertook the Secretarial duties, and no small praise is due to him for the successful result of his exertions.

After banquet, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen," and said that those present at the Albert Hall had heard what an ovation not only their M.W.G.M. received, but also the proposition of a vote of address to the Queen. The Albert Hall meeting was unique of its sort, but he ventured to say that the present gathering was absolutely unique, nothing of the kind having been previously held. He asked them to drink to the health, long life, and prosperity of her Majesty, and "God bless her."

The CHAIRMAN next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," remarking that his Royal Highness would come among them more often if possible, and when he did, he gave them all a lesson of how to conduct a large and great ceremony. His Royal Highness worked hard in many ways, and it could be honestly said that during his Grand Mastership Masonry had increased a thousand fold.

Bro. HENRY NEVILLE, W.M. 2127, said he had been asked to propose the next toast. When he came he was not prepared to make a speech, but, like the Irishman, if he had known he was to be called upon for an extempore speech he would have prepared one. The toast was "The Grand Officers." Those who had assisted at the glorious ceremony that day could not but be impressed by the magnificence of the Grand Officers. Although he had been a Mason for 20 years and perhaps longer, he had no idea there were so many Grand Officers, and when the brethren reflected on their good work they must agree that these Grand Officers not only considered Masonry a religion but made it a religion of deeds. When they also reflected that his Royal Highness was at the head of the Order and what a Grand Officer he had proved himself to be, it would give them a greater respect, a greater admiration, and a greater reverence for Masonry in general. He might, perhaps, digress and say it was a happy thought to have this meeting and bring together the Masters of London lodges. Their numbers were a little interfered with by another little entertainment, but when they had such men as Bro. Kiralfy, the event would, doubtless, become an established thing.

Bro. GORDON MILLER, P.G.D., W.M. 2347, in response, said the Grand Officers from the highest to the lowest would be delighted to hear that it had been possible to bring together such an important gathering as they had that evening. It was the first of its kind and he was going to say might be repeated. This meeting gave them an idea of how things passed away, for at this time next year they would all have passed to the position of I.P.M. It was a great pleasure to them to occupy the chair, and it was possible that as they had such an enterprising brother as Bro. Thomson Lyon—whose indefatigable zeal had brought them together—it might be an inducement to some brethren to go into office again. Having only had Grand Lodge honours conferred upon him that day, he could not tell them much about the Grand Officers. He felt there was a kindly feeling existing between the brethren and the Grand Officers, and that was good for Freemasonry.

Bro. ALFRED COOPER, P.G.D., W.M. Rahere Lodge, proposed "The Chairman," and said that no man had Masonry more at heart, or had done more for Freemasonry than Lord Euston. The presence of Bro. Neville reminded him that two years ago he saw a play at the Adelphi Theatre called "One of the Best." Lord Euston was "one of the best," and he had much pleasure in proposing his health.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, returned thanks, and said that to a certain extent he was a London Mason, having been initiated in London, but what little work he had done had been in the country. He was only too pleased to be present, as he was still Master of a London lodge—the Royal Alpha.

That was not the first chair of a lodge he had filled, but it would probably be the last. They could not go on doing everything and he found it was difficult to be in two places at once. He was perfectly willing to do all he could for Freemasonry and if any body of Masons came to him and asked for help he should be pleased to give it if he had notice. They had met that day in a way that had never been done before in Masonry and he hoped it would be done again. It was not a bad idea that the Masters of London lodges should meet on certain occasions but if they also included the Past Masters there would be no place capable of holding them. He thanked them for the numbers in which they had attended the banquet, for it was a proud thing for him to say that he had presided over such a body of Masters. It was quite a different thing to preside over an ordinary meeting of Masons, but he was presiding over brethren who ruled over lodges and who had done him the honour to ask him to take the chair. A remark had been made that every Master might this year receive honours. He did not agree with that remark, for if every Master of a lodge received honours there would be 2500 more Grand Officers, and where could they put them? As a Provincial Grand Master, he knew the difficulty, and he never made a brother a Provincial Grand Officer until he had passed the chair and until he had proved he was still working for Masonry. All those 60 brethren who had received Grand Lodge honours that day would feel they had had a high honour conferred upon them. They ought all not to think so much of Grand Office. Those who got it must have worked for it, and must be thankful that their services had been appreciated, whilst those who did not receive those honours would at least have the consciousness that they had done their duty. As a soldier, he simply tried to do his duty, and would always do it, and he was at their service if he could at any time help them.

Bro. THOMSON LYON responded for "The Committee," and said his task was easy when the Earl of Euston kindly consented to preside. There had been difficulties, but they had been supported by the one man in London—Bro. Imre Kiralfy—who could carry out that programme. It had been a pleasure to undertake the work, and he had been recompensed by the large attendance.

Bro. J. A. HARRISON, W.M. Eccentric Lodge, proposed, and Bro. IMRE KIRALFY, W.M. Empress Lodge, seconded—"That the Masters of London lodges during the Jubilee year should form themselves into a Special Lodge, and meet once or twice a year to commemorate the wonderful occasion."

The CHAIRMAN having briefly supported the idea, it was unanimously carried.

The arrangements were left in the hands of the Committee, and the pleasant proceedings terminated.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from the Masters of the Empire and Queen's Westminster Lodges.

Ireland.

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS OF IRELAND.

EXCURSION FROM BELFAST.

Saturday, the 5th instant, was a red-letter day in the annals of the Masonic Orphan Schools of Ireland, the occasion being the visit to these Institutions of several members of the Order from the Province of Antrim, accompanied by their lady friends, the party altogether numbering 400. The day was beautifully fine, and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed by the Northern excursionists, who were conveyed to Dublin by special train, which left Belfast at 8.30 a.m., the guard and driver of "the special" being members of the Masonic body.

The Committee in charge of the excursion party included Bros. James Barr, Prov. S.G.W.; J. H. Woods, Prov. J.G.W.; William Rankin, Prov. G. Treas.; Robert J. Hilton, Prov. G. Sec.; Robert M'Master, Prov. S.G.D.; William M'Larnon, Prov. J.G.D.; Harold R. Smyth, P.P.S.G.W.; W. James M'Connell, Local Treasurer of the Girls' Schools; Richard Stevenson, P.M., Local Treasurer of the Boys' School; and F. Robinson, P.M. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Antrim (Bro. Thomas Valentine) and the Prov. J.G.W. (Bro. J. H. Woods) were unavoidably absent.

The special train was, after arrival at Amiens-street, shunted on to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford system, and proceeded to Sandymount Station, which is within two minutes' walk of the Female School at Ballsbridge. Here the visitors were received by Bro. Dr. J. C. Meredith, Deputy Grand Master, attended by Bros. Benjamin Gibson, Grand Chaplain; Wm. Comyn, G.D. of C.; and Dr. Chetwode Crawley, P.S.G.D., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Instruction.

The general body of Metropolitan brethren who supported the Deputy Grand Master included Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon; Graves S. Eves, Hon. Sec. of the Female School; Oliver Fry, Hon. Sec. of the Boys' School; Thomas W. Kinahan; the Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Presbyterian Chaplain to the Female School; A. D. Kennedy, Joseph H. Wordsworth, J. C. Earls, and other members of the School Committees, besides the Rev. Dr. Fuller, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg; Sir Henry Cochrane, D.L., Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia; Colonel Davoren, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Spain; W. Comyns, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida; M. E. Solomons, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; Dr. Harley, medical attendant of the School; Robert O'Brien Furlong; Thomas Drew, R.H.A.; J. Fox Goodman, Deputy Grand King, G.R.A.C.; Wm. White; H. Flavelle, Assistant Sec. of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; M. De Groot, sen.; Laurence De Groot; J. H. Moxham; E. Phillips; Thomas Butler; James Crozier, J.P.; J. Hurford; T. J. Hayes; John E. Oram, M.A.; Francis H. Wayland, Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota; Geo. Drimmie, and J. M'Cormac.

The party from Belfast was accompanied by Bros. Alexander Tate, P.P.G. Sec. Antrim; David Allen, P.P.J.G.W.; John Kirkwood, P.P.J.G.W.; O'Connell Shaw, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Leighton, P.S.G.W.; Alderman William Johnston; and many others.

An inspection of the buildings having taken place, the company assembled in the Drill Hall for the purpose of witnessing a display of calisthenics by the pupils, 100 of whom were present in charge of Mrs. Neal, the Matron.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, on taking the chair, speaking on behalf of the Governors, bade the visitors a hearty welcome. It was a source of great gratification to himself, and, he was sure, all Dublin Masons, to have amongst them on that happy occasion so many members of the Order from the Province of Antrim. He regretted that the Duke of Abercorn, the Grand Master, was not able to be present to receive them, but his Grace was himself a northern Mason, and well known in the North of Ireland, and he (the Deputy Grand Master) was sure they would all join with him in giving a hearty salute to the Duke of Abercorn.

The Grand Master was then saluted according to ancient custom.

The pupils having gone through calisthenics and musical exercises (conducted by Miss Jones and Mrs. Harte respectively),

Lord Justice FITZGIBBON delivered an address. He said when Bro. Hilton first communicated the intention of organising the excursion, he was good enough to suggest that some one having an intimate and practical knowledge of the management of the school should take the opportunity of giving information that might be of interest to the Northern brethren. His (the speaker's) colleagues had asked him to undertake that duty. Although he knew that after their long journey, and taking into account the very fine day they had brought with them, it must be rather irksome to remain any longer in that hall; but he knew his brethren and friends from Belfast would not be sorry to take this occasion to learn something more than they already did of the work that had been done in that place, and also in what he might call the brother institution that they were about to visit at Clonskeagh. Their visit, which has commenced so pleasantly, was a great encouragement to the Committees of the schools. Many of them might not be aware how the idea of their visit was first started. A good brother came there recently, and he was so impressed by what he saw that, when he returned to Belfast, he went straight to Bro. Hilton to suggest that others ought to go in the way he had gone before. The idea was in good hands, and it had borne good fruit already; for, at their last election, having 14 children candidates on their lists, of whom they were only able to receive under normal condition, six, they thought they might venture to draw a cheque upon their confidence in the Masons of Ireland, by adding two more to the number in honour of this record year, and adding a third also, and it so happened that the third was one of their girls from Belfast. (Applause.) On that same occasion, amongst those elected high up upon the list they would find the name of the orphan daughter of one who held the second highest post in their great Masonic Province—the orphan of a Provincial Senior Grand Warden. (Hear, hear.) And the ramifications and the branches out of Masonic Charity were well exemplified by the fact that the means that the mother and the children of the family had to depend on were, first, this School, secondly, the Presbyterian Fund for Widows and Orphans, and, lastly, their own Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. When they went to the Boys' School, they would see a School much more recent, and amongst its very best scholars, the son of one who was once her Majesty's High Sheriff of the County Antrim, who finally died in America in penury, and whose son made his start in life from their School. He mentioned these things that none might think that human prosperity was ever so secure that even selfish arguments might not be used to show him what his duty was with regard to such a place as this. But they might be interested to know what was the work being done there now for years. They had 15 Antrim girls there at present out of 100; their fathers belonged to 14 different lodges; those 14 different lodges he would mention by number and name, that every brother who was there belonging to any of them might know that he would find those associated with him in lodge represented there in that Institution. He would find 29, Belfast; 31, Belfast; 36, Belfast; 46, Belfast; 59, Belfast; 111, Belfast; 154, Belfast; 243, Belfast; 257, Belfast; 272, Belfast; 372, Belfast; 513, Ligoniel; 659, Belfast; and 663, Belfast. And, when they went to the Boys' School, over and above the numbers he had already mentioned, they would find either now or recently represented 7, Belfast; 12, Belfast; 28, Antrim; 43, Carrickfergus; 54, Belfast; 88, Belfast; 97, Belfast; 178, Lisburn; 106, Belfast; 109, Belfast; 114, Belfast; 195 and 226, Belfast; 431, Ballymena; 537, Cullybackey; 615, Larne; and 1008, Portrush. That was not a bad representation for the Province of Antrim; and, if he had time to tell them, he would show that every other province in Ireland was equally well represented. And not only had they in this School and in the Boys' School, children from every Masonic province, but children who were born in all parts of the world—in the Colonies and distant places—and who had all found their way to this place. Now, they might be interested also to know how this place had sprung to be what it was; an Institution that could boast of 105 years of usefulness, had not been during all that time anything like what it was now. It began as a humble Institution, endeavouring to train children up to the very lowest level at which it was possible for them to sustain themselves. Generation after generation of Irish Masons had felt that they were not doing their duty to their dead brethren if they were not to try to make some provision there so as to enable every girl to find her own level in the world, and that that should not be lower than that which her father held before. Up to 1882 the School had been many times removed, and had increased and grown in efficiency and usefulness. In 1882 it came to its present site, with accommodation for 80 children, having had but 56 previously. They had been there now 15 years, and, during those 15 years, to bring the place to what it was at present, what had been done? They were the owners in fee-simple of the nine acres of ground on which the buildings had been placed. On the 1st January, 1881, that site was a green field let out for grazing. As it stood now it had cost the Masonic Order £24,700; and that money, every penny of it had been spent, and everything had been done with it in that place; it paid for everything in the place—the buildings, furniture, fittings, equipment, and all, and had bought the fee-simple of the land. Now, £13,500 of that money came directly out of the pockets of brothers of the Order, subscriptions paid by individuals, or by the lodges to which they belonged; £4,500, which included the whole cost of land, was taken out of a little sum of £6,400, which they made in 1882 in five days, by a show in Earlsfort-terrace, now occupied by the Royal University. Out of that money they had still £1,900, and the interest of that paid taxes, insurances, and odds and ends, and repairs. As they all knew they started another show (laughter) in 1892, on the centenary of the Schools, and on that occasion in six days £22,000, all but £12, was realised after the payment of all expenses. (Applause.) They had given a promise that the great proportion of that money was not to be spent on the School, except for certain purposes, namely that it was to be laid apart to make provision for the girls when they had left them. They had faithfully kept that promise, for they had of that still £15,000, which brought in an income of £580 a year, which was faithfully spent on the girls who were going away. But the balance of £6,500 built the hall in which they now were, the library, the infirmary, which had been commenced as a memorial of a worthy brother, and also increased the dormitory accommodation from 80 to 100. Therefore, their capital expenditure of £24,700 consisted of £13,500, which was paid by subscription, £4,500 from the bazaar of 1882, and £6,500 from the centenary bazaar, and at every single step of that they had been always able to get something in, for they were still maintained throughout by the annual contributions of their brethren. It was also interesting to know what became of their girls when they left. There was no more gratifying or touching correspondence in the world than that kept by the matron and teachers of this School with the girls who had gone away. As to what had become of Antrim girls in the last three years—and he might say here the School was conducted so economically that a cat could not be kept on the waste—(laughter)—five girls, having proved themselves capable of literary teaching of an advanced kind, had been sent to the Continent, there to receive from a year to two years further instruction, so that they might master a foreign language. But all girls were not able to take that sort of benefit. They sent three Antrim girls at the same time to get advanced education at schools at home, also four to get instructed in shorthand and typewriting, and of these three were hard at work and prospering in Belfast at the present time, and the fourth was occupying a place in Dublin. (Applause.) Of three others one held a place for herself as teacher in a Board school, and two were in the Civil Service by competitive examination, and he might tell them that out of 628 candidates, the seventh place was taken the year before last by a girl from their School—not, however, an Ulster girl

—who was under the age of 20 at the time. (Applause.) Four girls more they had paid fees for to enable them to take commercial situations, and in every single one of these 19 cases, before a penny was spent for the benefit of them, the case of each girl was carefully investigated, both as regards what help they could count on their brethren giving them, and also what she could best take advantage of. And now a word as to the domestic management of the place. As they went through the building, let them try if they could to find any dust, any untidiness, any want of good order about the house, and let them ask themselves how many servants they would have to employ and pay in their own houses to produce anything like that result, and let them remember that the whole service of this place consisted of three women—a cook and two housemaids—and everything else was done by the girls themselves. (Applause.) They did not make their own dresses, for making dresses was not economical, if they gave the stuff to a girl who did not know how to make them properly (laughter), but, once they were made, every subsequent bit of patching, altering, and mending, and occasionally taking out the tucks as they grew, was done by the girls themselves. (Laughter and applause.) The result was that the current expenditure on the whole place last year was £2530, of which the management, which included all the difficulties about the collections, which required a good deal of correspondence, was only £296, and the School costs altogether £2233 for the maintenance of 99 girls. Many brothers, especially from the North of Ireland, who had not been there, were very fond of saying, as a reason for not subscribing to the School, that they were spending too much on the children, that they were pampering them, and to some extent raising them above the situation that they would be called upon to fill. But he could not for one moment believe that anyone would say that an expenditure of less than £23 a year per head for clothing, feeding, lodging, teaching the girls, was anything but a triumphant vindication of the School from any charge of extravagance. (Applause.) Why, there were poorhouses in which a pauper would cost the ratepayers more than that. And they were to do this work for the money, because it was done, as all other Masonic work was done, because every brother put his heart as well as his hand into it. (Applause.) The Boys' School, founded as it was long after the Girls' School, in 1862, had a history exactly the same as the Girls' School, except that as yet they had only 80 boys. But they were on the high road to do what they were doing at this School; they were doing the same work for the same money. Up to the present their capital expenditure had been something about £10,000. There was no Governor of the Girls' School that was not just as anxious for the success of the Boys' School, and he was sure they would all carry away the conviction, when they had seen it, that all that could be said of the Girls' School could also be said of the Boys' School. As to the exercises and drill which they had seen the girls go through, some might think that a good deal of time must have been wasted in learning that, but it was not waste of time to learn discipline, to train the ear, the eye, and the hand; above all things, it was never a waste of time to learn to be orderly. (Applause.) Their orderly children were brought up in the principles of order, and, how well these principles were laid out, was fairly typified, not merely in the figures they saw there, but in every motion and every accuracy which they saw in the course of the performance. But what they wanted to impress on them was this—that this was no Charity institution. These were not Charity children; these were the children of men that they had known, and met and loved, and who had left them their children, not as objects of Charity, but as objects of duty. (Applause.) These children, having no father on earth, have to put their trust in the Great Architect that bound all together. These Schools were, perhaps, the noblest jewel in the Masonic regalia. (Applause.) But their usefulness to the members of the Order ought not to be forgotten. They had lessons to learn from the misfortunes of others, and these lessons could be discharged and followed, and learned by everyone of them, each according to his several abilities. And there was not a lodge in Ireland which could not afford to take a fair part in the work which they saw being done there, and there were very many brethren, too, who could at least become Governors of the School. He was making no appeal, it was not necessary that he should, but they trusted and hoped and believed that their good brother who brought them there had been only speaking the truth when he said that none could come there without going away a happier man, and one determined also to take a share in the future by helping and assisting what was being done. They were in good hands in Belfast, and he would ask them, in conclusion, not to imagine that they had been looking at the School on a holiday and polished up for inspection. The School as they saw it was as they would find it on every day in the 12 months, and any hour of the day or night that they came to see it. (Applause.)

Bro. JAMES BARR, Prov. S.G.W. of Antrim, returned thanks for the truly Masonic way in which the visitors had been received by the Dublin brethren. It was the first visit of a great many of them to the School. It was, he had to admit, his own first visit, and he was sure one of the results of the present proceedings would be that the interest in these splendid Institutions would be very much extended to the North of Ireland, and he would be very much disappointed if that interest would not take a practical turn. (Hear, hear.) They had been very much gratified by the beautiful exhibition of drill, and they could not help being struck by the cheerful and happy faces of the girls. He had listened with great pleasure to the eloquent speech of their brother, the Lord Justice, and he was sure one result of that speech would be that the great good which was being done in that School and in the Boy's School would not be lost on the members of the Order in the North, and that a reasonable share of their spare cash would find its way to Dublin. (Applause and laughter.)

Bro. ROBERT J. HILTON, Prov. G. Sec. of Antrim, wished to add a remark or two to what had been already said. His first observation would be words of congratulation to the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland on that his first public appearance in his new position. (Applause.) He could assure their brother, Dr. Meredith, that when the news reached them in the Province of Antrim that he had been selected to occupy his present high and dignified post every one of them felt the greatest gratification that he had been so chosen. (Hear, hear.) In reference to the reception they had received that day, it was thoroughly appreciated by all who had journeyed from the North, and when the members of the Order who were compelled to remain behind heard of the cordial and fraternal welcome that had been given to the party, he knew it would be equally appreciated by them. (Hear, hear.) He thought he could safely add that their appreciation would show itself in a practical way.

Several wagonettes were in waiting, and the visitors were conveyed to the Boys' School at Richview, Clonskeagh, where they were received by Bro. J. Holdbrook, B.A., Head Master, and Mrs. Holdbrook, the Matron, Bro. Fry, the Hon. Secretary, and by members of the School Committee.

A sumptuous luncheon was in readiness, and, as the spacious dining-hall, the board-room, and other apartments were utilised for the dispensing of the refreshments, the entire company of close upon 500 people were enabled to be served at the one time.

The arrangements for the catering were of a highly satisfactory character, and were greatly facilitated by the kindness of Bro. B. Murphy, in supplying a large quantity of table furnishing.

After luncheon, the library, dormitories, class rooms, gymnasium, and other departments of the splendid Institution were visited. There was afterwards an adjournment to the grounds, which picturesque even in winter, looked to the best advantage in the full foliage of early summer. The pupils were assembled on the front lawn, and displayed great efficiency in drill exercise.

At its conclusion they were addressed by the Deputy Grand Master, who complimented the boys on their neat appearance and their excellent discipline.

Brief speeches were delivered by a number of the Provincial Grand Officers of Antrim, who again expressed their thanks for the hearty welcome they had received, for the hospitality extended to them, and for the great pleasure which the visit had afforded them.

The boys then gave three hearty cheers for the visitors, who were conveyed to town in wagnettes.

A visit to the Masonic Hall in Molesworth-street, having been paid, Amiens-street Station was reached at 6.45, and the special train left for Belfast shortly afterwards.

The presence of the ladies communicated peculiar interest to the proceedings, and the wives and daughters of the Antrim brethren were most gracefully welcomed to the Schools by Mrs. James Creed Meredith, who honoured the ceremony with her presence, and kindly undertook to distribute the prizes at the Athletic Sports of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, held on Saturday, the 12th instant.

The name of Meredith will be familiar to any of our readers who are conversant with the athletic world. Mr. James Meredith, the famous "blue" of Dublin University, who is the champion quarter mile runner of England, as well as the champion sprinter of Ireland, is the son of the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland.

Craft Masonry.

Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165.

The installation meeting of this ancient and well-known lodge—which was constituted in 1767—took place at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on the 25th ult., and was well attended. Bro. Frank T. Baggallay, W.M. presided, supported by Bros. F. E. Roshier, J.W. and W.M. elect; G. E. Wainwright, P.M., Sec.; A. P. Crabb, S.D.; F. Howard Roshier, J.D.; W. C. Hulbert, I.G.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; H. Times, P.M.; Harry Bearman, H. G. Roshier, J. Woodhouse, Godfrey Sykes, B. W. Van Praagh, J. W. H. Thompson, P.M.; R. H. Goddard, Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; G. Pitt Lewis, Q.C., P.G.S.; Jno. Tripe, W. H. Alloway, 1595; W. Grant, 2231; F. Hamilton, 2512; H. Wharton Wells, S.W. 946; O. J. W. Riley, 1949; A. Love, 1791; F. J. Terry Horsey, W.M. 1861; G. A. Lansdown, 1328; Charles H. Roshier, 1777; F. H. Callingham, 1769; S. L. Webb, 1397; E. D. Oppert, P.M. 1027; W. Van Praagh, P.M. 1491; A. H. Gurney, P.M.; Reginald Groome, 1029; N. Stephen, 2128; J. R. Gerard, 114; J. H. Richardson, W. Melville, R. Grice, W.M. 1399; Templar Saxe, Sir C. A. F. Cuninghame, J. H. Ford, and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. F. T. Baggallay, raised Bro. H. Bearman to the Third Degree. Bro. G. E. Wainwright, P.M., then occupied the chair and installed Bro. Frank E. Roshier as W.M. The working of Bro. Wainwright was carried out in an excellent manner, for which he deserves the highest praise. The newly-installed W.M., in an impressive manner, appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. P. Crabb, S.W.; F. H. Roshier, J.W.; W. C. Hulbert, S.D.; J. Woodhouse, J.D.; Godfrey Sykes, I.G.; J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M., Sec.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The delivery of the customary addresses was most ably rendered by Bro. G. E. Wainwright, P.M. The W.M. in presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. F. T. Baggallay, I.P.M., stated that his first duty was a very pleasant one and he hoped the small token would ever remind him of the high esteem and regard in which he was held by them all, and accept the same as a slight return for his great services to the lodge. In acknowledging the jewel, Bro. Baggallay said that he should ever prize it and should never forget his happy year of office and the kindness he had always received at the hands of the members. In eloquent and pathetic terms the Secretary, Bro. Wainwright, P.M., referred to the death of Bro. W. W. Aldridge, a very old and respected P.M. of the lodge. In moving that a letter of condolence be sent to the daughter and the family of the late brother, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., stated that Bro. Aldridge was a splendid Mason, and they had lost a good and dear friend. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a very substantial balance in hand, having been received, four gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and other business followed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, which fully maintained the reputation of the manager, Bro. Frank Blackley.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, The Worshipful Master gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the lodge was proud to possess more than one Grand Officer as members. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., had been obliged to go, but they had left Bros. Henry Lovegrove, P.G. S.B., and Pitt Lewis, P.G.S., and they were honoured with their presence.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., on rising to respond, had a very hearty reception. He stated that it was an honour to acknowledge the toast of the Grand Officers, who were certainly not strangers in the lodge. Their esteemed member, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., who was a Mason before many of them were born, was most respected; he was a very shrewd man and a sound lawyer. That was his (Bro. Lovegrove's) first visit to the lodge, although he had many friends there, and had often been invited. He had worked with Bro. Baggallay, the outgoing Master, for many years. The lodge was a good one, and he felt it would always go to the front. He urged them all to do their best to go forward, and they would get their reward, and to the young members he would say—follow in the footsteps of the Grand Officers, who were members of the lodge, and they would never regret it.

The toast of "The W.M., Bro. F. E. Roshier," was enthusiastically received, the I.P.M., Bro. F. T. Baggallay, remarking that it was undoubtedly the toast of the evening. He and the W.M. first saw the light of Masonry together, and they had worked up step by step also together. The W.M. had been most efficient in all the offices he had filled, and he would in every way make the ideal of a W.M., and they were proud of him.

Bro. F. E. Roshier, W.M., responded. He stated that he appreciated the kind remarks of Bro. Baggallay, and the way he had been received by the members. They had paid him a very great honour in electing him as Master, and if he could follow the I.P.M. he would be gratified. During his year of office he hoped to have plenty of music, which would be far more entertaining than dry speech-making; and, in conclusion, he again thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. observed that it was a toast that was always received there with pleasure and acclamation. They were honoured with the presence of a goodly number, many of whom were distinguished in the Craft, and they had received letters regretting their inability to attend from Bros. F. Terry, P.G. Treas.; H. C. Richards, M.P.; H. Pritchard, P.P.G.T. Middx; F. Livingstone, H. Gough, H. J. Coburn, W. Y. Baker, Lawrence Kellie, and Lawrence Allport. He could not ask all their guests to respond, but he associated with the toast the names of Bros. Pitt Lewis, Q.C., P.G.S., and Sir Charles Cuninghame.

Bro. Pitt Lewis responded. He said that he regretted having arrived so late but the reason was that he had to do two ceremonies in another lodge. Twenty years ago he was a member of the lodge, and from what he had heard that night he was glad to find that it was keeping up its good old traditions.

Bro. Sir Charles Cuninghame also acknowledged the toast, remarking that he was only a poor Scotchman, and he thanked them for their great hospitality to the visitors, and if any of the members would come to Scotland his lodge would give them a great welcome.

In proposing "The I.P.M., Bro. F. T. Baggallay," the W.M. stated that time would not permit him to say all he would like of the I.P.M.'s many virtues, except that he had done all the Three Degrees in a manner that had never been better performed in the lodge, and in following such an admirable worker of the ritual he (the W.M.) was severely handicapped.

In response, Bro. Baggallay, I.P.M., stated that he should remember throughout his life the great honour of having been Master of the Lodge of Honour and Generosity.

He had tried to do his duty, and if he had failed in some respects they must be generous and put it down to his inability and not on account of his will.

Bro. J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., responded in eloquent terms to the toast of "The Past Masters."

"The Officers" having been duly honoured and acknowledged by Bro. A. P. Crabb, S.W., in a neat speech, the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable evening, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the gathering.

An excellent concert was provided, in which the following well-known artistes took part: Miss Ethel Bevans, whose sweet and exquisite singing gained her a well-deserved encore; Bro. Reginald Groome was in splendid voice, and for an encore gave, by special request, that beautiful song, "Stars may forget"—his own composition; Mr. Horace Kesteven gave a pianoforte solo, which was encored and much appreciated; Bro. Robert Grice gave his songs in excellent style, as did also Bro. Templar Saxe, and altogether the musical entertainment was one of the very best. Bro. H. Wharton Wells, L.R.A.M., was an able accompanist.

Furnival Lodge, No. 2558.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE REV. GEORGE FORD, M.A., AND A SEND-OFF TO BRO. G. H. HUTCHINSON, P.M.

More than usual interest was attached to the annual meeting of this young and thriving lodge, which took place on the 11th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Sheffield. Not only was there the installation of the new Worshipful Master, Bro. the Rev. George Ford, M.A., to be undertaken, but in addition to that there were the special circumstances attending the retirement of the late occupant of the chair.

Bro. Geo. H. Hutchinson, who has just completed his year of office, after careful deliberation, it appears, has decided to leave his native country and go out as a settler in British Columbia. He has realised the vast capabilities of development that extensive colony possesses and yearns to take an enterprising share in opening up its almost unlimited resources. The special branch to which Bro. Hutchinson intends to devote himself, we believe, is the gold mining industry. Bro. Hutchinson has been connected with the electro-plating business for a very large period of his life, and has devoted much time and attention to the study of electricity in its relation to the precious metals. Metallurgy, and as a consequence mineralogy, have also made great demands upon his attention, so that he goes out armed with a considerable amount of scientific knowledge relating to the industry, to the extension of which he intends to devote himself. But he takes with him, in addition, a firm belief in himself, and strikes an observer as a man of strong will, untiring energy, and unflinching resource. His Sheffield brethren, it is clear, have great confidence that he will succeed and took care that if good wishes and kind words would avail either to cheer him on or to lessen his regret at departure, those expressions of good will should not be wanting. They also gave him more tangible proofs of their appreciation, as will be seen from the report of the proceedings. This circumstance, together with the somewhat uncommon occurrence of placing a clergyman in the chair as W.M., invested the evening's proceedings with considerable interest.

The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. H. Hutchinson, in the presence of the following officers and brethren: Bros. Charles Stokes, I.P.M.; Rev. George Ford, M.A., S.W.; Claude Barker, J.W.; Albert Davidson, Treas.; Walter Fearnheough, Sec.; P. P. Fisher, S.D.; W. Sissons, J.D.; Horace Cawood, D.C.; W. J. Maidment, Org.; E. Beck, I.G.; T. Leighton, Tyler; C. Robinson, A. Senior, Dr. H. Coward, J. W. Vessey, E. A. Sampson, Walter Cawood, Chas. Dolman, Frank Hallaway, Allan Hastings, Geo. H. Hunt, and Wilfred H. Croft. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Dep. Prov. G. Master, J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D.; W. H. Brittain, J.P., P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W.; Ensor Drury, P.P.G.W.; Joseph Matthewman, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; H. J. Garnett, P.P.G.S.B.; the Rev. Vaniah Odum, P.P.G. Chap.; E. Isle Hubbard, W.M. 904; Thos. Harrison, W.M. 2263; A. W. Chadburn, W.M. 1779; Charles C. Baggaley, W.M. 2355; Isaac Ellis, P.M. 296; T. E. Barker, P.M. 1239; J. S. Burnell, P.M. 296; Dr. John Stokes, W.M. 139; Alfred H. Allen, P.M. 2268; S. Dickinson, P.M. 139; Thos. Rowbotham, W.M. 1239; W. J. Cole, S.W. 1239; W. Ryland, 2491; C. J. Shepherd, S.D. 2355; Tom Nixon, Org. 1239; R. C. Honey, 2263; W. T. Miner, J.D. 2491; Capt. Chas. W. Allen, 763; Henry Johnson, 1239; A. M. Wilson, 29; John Atkinson, 2491; and Samuel Booth, 1239. A letter of regret at inability to be present was received from the Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P.

The W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. George Ford, M.A., was presented for installation by Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M. 139, and was duly obligated by the W.M. The music usual on the occasion—"Thou wilt keep him," &c.—was rendered very devotionally by Bro. T. Harrison, W.M. 2263. The Board of Installed Masters numbered upwards of 20, and from this stage the installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. Chas. Stokes, P.M., a founder and the first W.M. of the lodge. Everything was done in a most impressive and reverential manner. Diversity was given to the proceedings by entrusting W.Ms. from three other Sheffield lodges with the presentation of the working tools—a duty ably performed by Bros. Dr. John Stokes, W.M. 139; T. Harrison, W.M. 2263; and T. Rowbotham, W.M. 1239. This done, the newly-installed Master appointed his officers, and addressed suitable and appropriate words to each on investment. They were: Bro. G. H. Hutchinson, I.P.M.; Claude Barker, S.W.; W. Fearnheough, J.W.; C. Stokes, P.M., Treas.; R. P. Fisher, Sec.; W. Sissons, Asst. Sec.; A. Davidson, S.D.; Horace Cawood, J.D.; E. Beck, D.C.; B. J. Taylor, A.D.C.; W. J. Maidment, Org.; H. E. Schnetzler, I.G., and A. Senior and Chas. Robinson, Stewards. Bro. Chas. Stokes, P.M., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, and was cordially thanked for his past services as Charity Steward. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. C. Stokes, a Past Master's jewel was voted by the lodge for presentation to the retiring W.M., Bro. Hutchinson. This the W.M. at once handed to the I.P.M., expressing the pleasure it gave him to do this, and declaring the only regret he had in connection with it was that Bro. Hutchinson could not stay to wear it amongst them. Bro. Hutchinson said he was under especial obligation to the brethren, in so much as in his case he had departed from rule in this particular. He felt and appreciated their generous treatment, and trusted that they would not measure his sincerity by the number of his words, and declared that upon no other material possession should he place more value, reminding him, as it ever would, of the happy days he had spent as second W.M. of that flourishing lodge, and of the kindness and affection they had shown towards him. On the W.M. proceeding to ask the usual questions before closing, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master rose. He said he took the earliest opportunity of thanking the brethren, as the representative of the Prov. Grand Master, for their hearty salutations. He had been very pleased to accept the invitation of Bro. Ford. As to the position of the province, he believed that it had been fully kept up to the high standard it had reached, and that the Provincial Officers had fulfilled their duty. He was sure that the Provincial Grand Master would be rejoiced to hear of the progress of the Furnival Lodge, and he considered their success in the past to be a good augury for the future. Referring to the departure of Bro. Hutchinson, the Deputy said that until he reached the lodge he had not heard of it; that he could join in their regrets at losing so good a brother; and that he hoped that wherever Bro. Hutchinson might be, he would maintain the Masonic reputation of West Yorkshire. Bro. W. H. Brittain also thanked the brethren, and offered congratulations. After two candidates for initiation had been proposed, and greetings given both by the visitors and brethren, including a hearty one from Crete Lodge, Crete, Illinois, U.S.A., the lodge was closed.

A very excellent and well-served dinner followed, of which upwards of 50 brethren partook. The banquets given at the Surrey-street Masonic Hall have had a long and well-deserved reputation and in this case that reputation was fully maintained. The after proceedings were of a very interesting character, and commenced with the toast of "The Queen."

In proposing this, the W.M. was brief and concise. He declared that in England no county was more loyal than the West Riding, and that in Yorkshire there was no more loyal city than Sheffield. The Queen, so far from being the nonentity in State affairs, which was the popular belief, exercised an extensive influence, at once of a large and charitable character, and her personality had formed an important factor in the history of the country during the long and prosperous years of her reign.

The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M.; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In proposing this, the W.M. said Grand Lodge was to him a distant and unknown region, and that but for the fact that there were brethren in West Yorkshire who were, or had been, officers of that illustrious body, they would not know much of its proceedings. From the reports which these brethren brought, they could not, however, but be deeply impressed, and he had no doubt that the officers of Grand Lodge were entitled to both their respect and affection. He, therefore, commended the toast to their

acceptance, and would couple with it the names of Bros. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D., and W. H. Brittain, P.G.S.B.

Bro. J. C. Malcolm pointed out that, though not an officer, the W.M. was himself a member of Grand Lodge, and that he hoped he should some day meet him there. The loyalty of the brethren to their M.W.G.M. was extreme and very gratifying to behold; that he had the honour of being present on the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and he believed he was the only West Yorkshire representative on that occasion. There was, as they knew, to be a great gathering in the Albert Hall on Monday next, and he trusted he should see West Yorkshire brethren muster there in great numbers. He thanked them for so hearty a reception of the toast and for coupling his name with it.

Bro. W. H. Brittain also replied. He explained that, owing to his duties as Alderman of the city of Sheffield, he had been unable to attend Grand Lodge at the meeting referred to. It coincided with the first meeting of the Council in the new Town Hall, and he thought his duty lay in responding to the summons of his Grace of Norfolk, their worthy and most popular Mayor. Referring to the departure of Bro. Hutchinson, Bro. Brittain spoke in strong terms of his character and ability, and said that there was no heart amongst them that night which did not beat in unison with his own in wishing their good brother God-speed in the country to which he was shortly going. He thanked them for giving him the opportunity of saying those few words.

No. 3 on the list comprised "Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.; Bro. J. C. Malcolm, W.D.P.G.M., and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past," and in bringing that before the brethren the W.M. said he felt on safer ground. In Sheffield Bro. Jackson's name was familiar as a household word, and he was highly and deservedly esteemed by all his brethren. As to the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, they were delighted to see them; he believed their work was well done, and that they were fully entitled to respect.

Bro. Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, P.P.G.W., in the course of a brief and most courteous reply, spoke of his long connection with Freemasonry in West Yorkshire and his association with the Provincial Grand Lodge of that province. He contrasted the condition of the Order in his early days with what it was now, and concluded a very interesting speech by thanking the W.M. and the brethren for their most cordial reception of the toast, to which he had been honoured by being called upon to respond.

After the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. T. Leighton, an instrumental trio—the march from "Tannhauser" was charmingly rendered by Bro. C. Stokes (violin), Bro. Miner (cello), and Bro. Maidment, Organist of Rotherham Parish Church (piano). This was as well received as it was deservedly executed.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Geo. H. Hutchinson, who said that judging by the efforts made so far by Bro. Ford, he would venture to predict that he would make a most successful Worshipful Master; that the conduct of affairs under his guidance would stand comparison, he believed, with that of any of his predecessors; that their W.M. was a man of will and determination, and that without fear and without favour he would do what he recognised as the best for the interests of the lodge, and do it with all his heart, and that he (Bro. Hutchinson) could not express to his successor a kinder wish than that the happiness he would have in the coming year might equal that which he himself had experienced during his tenure of office.

A song, "Down in the deep," sung by Bro. T. Barker, P.M. 1239, was here interposed. Bro. Barker was in excellent voice, and his singing was thoroughly appreciated.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to reply, met with a most hearty reception. On that as on the previous occasions when he had addressed the brethren, he went straight at the point with a brevity, which because of its little exercise can be the more fully appreciated. He said: Bro. Hutchinson and Brethren,—I rise to respond to this toast, which has been so kindly proposed and so well received with, I must admit, mixed feelings. I do not hesitate to declare that I am proud of the position in which by your kindness I to-day find myself placed; no man with any Masonic feeling could be otherwise than gratified. Our lodge is young, but it contains within it able and devoted brethren; it possesses, in fact, all the elements of success. I recognise that my position involves serious responsibilities as well as pleasurable duties, and I shall do my utmost to fulfil the one and discharge the other. I shall hope to have from you the consideration which you have so cheerfully given to others before me, and I promise that you shall at my hands receive all possible courtesy and kindness. I thank you for your warm reception of the toast, and I promise to the best of my ability to meet all demands which my office may entail.

Bro. Claude Barker, S.W., following the Worshipful Master's example in the matter of brevity, submitted No. 6, "The Installing Officers," and specially referred to Bro. Stokes and his long standing connection with the Craft. He thought the brethren should give ungrudgingly all praise to their Installing Masters, and asked them to drink to their health with the heartiness the toast deserved.

The Worshipful Master here left his chair to take part in the performance of Beethoven's Quaitett, No. 2. Instrumental music of this classical kind is thoroughly appreciated in Sheffield, and the efforts of Bros. Stokes, Ford, Miner, and Maidment, were deservedly applauded.

Bro. Charles Stokes, in a few genial words, thanked the S.W. and brethren in the name of Bro. Hutchinson and himself for drinking their healths. Like other Past Masters he should always be ready to do what he could in the interest of Furnival Lodge. He would now, he said, turn to a more important matter. As they all knew their good Bro. Hutchinson was departing from amongst them and the pleasing duty—a duty largely mingled with regret—of presenting to him some little memento of the Furnival Lodge devolved upon him. In Bro. Hutchinson they would lose one of their greatest supporters and his departure was a calamity to the lodge. In its formation Bro. Hutchinson, next to himself, took the most active part and as the first occupant of the S.W.'s chair, he discharged the duties of that office in the best manner possible. He was present on all occasions and if he found it necessary, could in the most friendly spirit and with the best intention administer gentle rebuke if needed. As Worshipful Master he had continued in the same upright and steadfast path. He was quiet and unassuming in his ways, yet could give a graceful welcome to visitors, or tender wholesome and kindly advice to his brethren. When it was known that it was decided that he should go out to Vancouver, it was felt by all of them that something should be done, and that he must not be allowed to go away from them without carrying with him some memento from the Furnival Lodge. With that view he had much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Hutchinson an illuminated address and an album of portraits.

The address was a work of art and was enclosed in a handsome gilt frame. The album beautifully bound in Masonic blue Morocco, contained cabinet portraits of the officers and brethren of Furnival Lodge, each signed in autograph, and a very faithful likeness of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P.

Bro. Stokes continuing, said he hoped that the album would remind Bro. Hutchinson of happy hours spent in congenial company. It was no small matter to break up home and association, but he felt sure the brethren of Vancouver would give him a warm welcome. Bro. Stokes concluded by expressing the fervent hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would also protect their departing brother, and assured him that in the event of his return he would receive the heartiest possible welcome from the Furnival Lodge.

After Bro. Davidson's song of "The Dutchman," and a few kindly remarks from Bro. Brittain in support of the words of Bro. Charles Stokes,

Bro. G. H. Hutchinson said: Worshipful Master and Brethren: Adequately to respond to the good wishes and kindly words of Bro. Stokes in making this presentation is without qualification one of the most difficult tasks it has ever fallen to my lot to fulfil. The sentiments of Bro. Stokes and Bro. Brittain could not be excelled for courtesy and good feeling and I find it utterly out of my power suitably to reply. Associated with others I did my best when the formation of this lodge was contemplated, but for that I take no credit. It is gratifying to feel that my Masonic efforts have been generously appreciated in Sheffield. It is painful for me to disappear from amongst you and especially at a time when your new W.M. might reasonably look for my assistance, but there is compensation in the fact that I feel my absence will be regretted. I leave Sheffield, I trust under the guidance of the G.A.O.T.U. for when it first occurred to me, I, as it were, placed my hand in His and said where He directs there will I go. To follow a path so marked out must be right, and I do it with courage and confidence. It is not in the pursuit of worldly advantage altogether that I am taking this step, for I have lived long enough to realise that there are other things worth living for besides money. Health, the power of being serviceable to my fellow-men, amongst other matters, may be mentioned. If I have bread to eat and raiment to wear, I shall be content. Of this you may all be assured—that, success or no success, I will do nothing which will reflect on the Order to which we belong. Though absent, I shall still be in spirit amongst you, for it takes more than a sea to divide friends, and Masonic feeling can span a universe, not to name a mere ocean. It is my intention to keep up my Masonic connection with the Old Country, and, besides

corresponding with my Sheffield friends, I hope, through Bro. Matthewman, to keep in touch with Masonic enterprise in England. If good words and kind wishes could make a man happy, I should at this moment be that man. Some men get their deserts, others more. I am one of these last, and, in respect to the gifts you have endowed me with to-night, let me say how very grateful I am. I feel that I would rather all my other belongings should go to the bottom of the sea than that I should be compelled to lose these, to me, valuable treasures. Lost, they could not be replaced, hence my greater appreciation. Let me say, in conclusion, that I shall constantly communicate with you, and you may rest satisfied that I shall never discredit the lodge in which I have filled the chair, nor the Freemasonry to which we are all attached.

Bro. Hutchinson was listened to with great sympathy and attention, and it was evident that, whilst the brethren would feel his loss deeply, yet were they desirous to keep him in cheerful mood and speed his mission in the heartiest possible way.

Other toasts followed.

To that of "The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren," proposed very neatly by Bro. W. Fearnough, J.W., Bros. Dr. John Stokes, W.M. 139, T. Rowbotham, W.M. 1239, and others responded.

We regret that the lengthy character of our report compels us to omit these replies, and especially a most interesting speech given by Bro. Capt. C. W. Allen, of the Crete Lodge, Illinois, U.S.A. Bro. Allen's remarks were eagerly listened to, and much applauded.

Bro. Isaac Ellis, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. C. Stokes, P.M., replied.

"The Officers of the Furnival Lodge," submitted by the W.M., was the last on the list, and was well received.

This concluded a very delightful evening.

Furnival Lodge, it is evident, is under excellent guidance. It has added six new members during the year, its financial condition is perfectly sound, and it has been by no means backward in responding to the appeals and example of its Charity Steward. May continued success await it, and may the new tie between the Mother Country and her loyal Colony which the settlement of Bro. Hutchinson in British Columbia will create be only one amongst thousands of associations which shall tend to bind together the English-speaking race, and unite them in a bond of mutual help, mutual defence, and mutual affection!

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO BRO. SEPTIMUS CROFT, I.P.M. No. 1657, AND MRS. CROFT.

A custom has prevailed for many years past among the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, to entertain the outgoing Master at a special banquet, at which he is the honoured guest of those over whom it had been his good fortune to preside as Master during the preceding year, and this most laudable custom was religiously observed on Thursday, the 10th instant, when Bro. Septimus Croft, I.P.M., and Mrs. Croft were the guests of the lodge. The scene of the gathering was the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, where the lodge has always held its meetings, and in honour of the occasion there was a very full muster of the officers and members and their lady and other friends.

Bro. Thomas Briggs occupied the chair, and among those present, in addition to the guests of the evening, were Bro. George Briggs and Mrs. George Briggs, Mr. D. T. Nops and Mrs. Nops, Bro. William Salt and Mrs. Salt, Bro. Frederick A. Jewson and Mrs. Jewson, Bro. Edward Anderton, Bro. Arthur B. Hudson, Mrs. S. E. Turney, Bro. Rupert Smyth and Mrs. Smyth, Mr. Edward Smyth, Mr. T. W. Briggs and Mrs. Briggs, Bro. T. H. Brooke Hitching and Mrs. Brooke Hitching, Rev. T. Selby Henrey, Mr. Henry Mason and Mrs. Mason, Bro. George Kenning, Mr. Samuel Carter and Mrs. Carter, Mr. Arthur Smith, Bro. Matthew R. Webb and Mrs. Webb, Bro. J. Gordon Langton and Mrs. Langton, Bro. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, Bro. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Cuddeford, Bro. C. R. Leedham and Mrs. Leedham, Bro. James Shoter and Mrs. Shoter, Mrs. Batchelor, Bro. Samuel White and Mrs. White, Bro. Joseph Rock and Mrs. Rock, Mr. Henry Heath, Bro. George Rawlinson, Mrs. Rawlinson, and Miss Rawlinson, Mr. Alred Paget and Mrs. Paget, Mr. Ralph Langton and Mrs. Langton, Bro. Clarence R. R. Hopper, Mr. Peter Paget and Mrs. Paget, Mr. J. E. Matthew and Mrs. Matthew, and others to the number of 65.

After a dinner in every way worthy of the reputation of this old-established and well-known hostelry, the CHAIRMAN proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. He then addressed himself to the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. Septimus Croft, I.P.M., and Mrs. Croft," of the former of whose services to the lodge he spoke in justly eulogistic terms, expressing the hope that he and Mrs. Croft might long be spared to enjoy the esteem and respect of their numerous friends, both in and without the Craft.

Bro. CROFT, having fully acknowledged the honour paid to him and Mrs. Croft, gave "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Briggs," and this likewise having been acknowledged,

Bro. THOMAS BRIGGS gave the toast of "The Visitors," which was suitably acknowledged.

A very charming programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. Frederick A. Jewson, the artistes who took part in it being Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Edith Leslie, Bro. Trefelyn David, Bro. Robert Hilton, Madame Dunbar Perkins (Violin), Bro. Leonard H. Curtis (Piano).

The meeting passed off most pleasantly, and adds one more to the long list of successful gatherings held by this prosperous and energetic lodge.

Masonic and General Tidings.

DOWN TO THURSDAY night the Lord Mayor's Indian Famine Fund amounted to £537,500.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S Persimmon won the gold cup at Ascot on Thursday.

Bro. COLONEL T. DAVIES SEWELL has been appointed the rector's churchwarden of the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster.

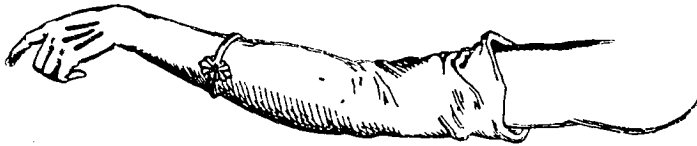
H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S JUBILEE DINNER FUND.—The Committee of this fund for the Parish of St. Saviours, Southwark, have entrusted the catering for the poor of that district on the 24th inst. to Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited. The dinner will be provided in the school buildings belonging to the Vestry, or in the large space near the Borough Market.

DR. HORNSEY CASSON has presented a copy of his Masonic song "Victoria," to her Majesty, and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and has received the following acknowledgments: "The Private Secretary is commanded by the Queen to thank Dr. Hornsey Casson for his letter of the 22nd inst., and enclosed verses.—26th May, 1897, Buckingham Palace."—"Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 29th May, 1897, Sir,—I have submitted your letter to the Prince of Wales, and I am desired by his Royal Highness in reply to thank you for the copy of a Masonic song which you have transmitted for his acceptance.—Your obedient servant (signed) Francis Knollys."

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE has undoubtedly given an impetus to many trades and manufactures, and at the present time we hear little about slack times. Her Majesty is taking very great interest in all details connected with the Jubilee, and has been graciously pleased to approve of a likeness taken by Messrs. W. and D. Downey, which shall be known as the authorised Jubilee portrait of her Majesty. This likeness has been specially engraved by the well-known photo-engravers, the Meisenbach Company, Limited, West Norwood, who have done the work well and in their usual artistic manner. The engraving is full of gradations of light and shade from the highest lights to the full colour in the darkest shadows, and is a notable example of the high quality maintained by the pioneers of photo-engraving.

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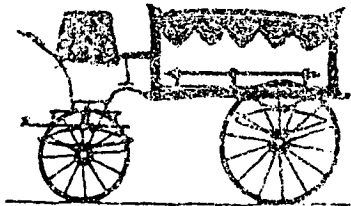
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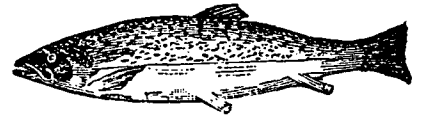
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“For many years,” says Mr. Wigmore, “I have been subject to attacks of indigestion and weakness. My appetite was poor, and after meals I had pain across the chest and stomach. I got languid and heavy, being easily tired and exhausted, which made my work at times hard and difficult. I was not laid up, always attending to my duties, but was often in pain. I lost a deal of sleep, and at night was troubled with a kind of wind or gas which rose into my throat as if it had been a ball. I also spat up a frothy fluid.

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(Signed) William James Wigmore, 28 Citizen Road, Hornsey Road, London, N. May 22nd, 1896.”

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Mr. Hillier is proprietor of a glass, china, and general store, and is well-known and respected in his district. Equally trustworthy is Mr William Hounsome, a police officer of the T Division, Metropolitan Police Force, stationed at Hounslow. He says: “In the spring of 1894 I began to sicken. I had no relish for food, and my meals lay like lead on my chest and stomach. I craved food to satisfy the gnawing pain at the pit of the stomach but did not eat much. Having been always strong and hearty, I did not know what to make of it, and consulted our divisional doctor. He gave me medicines but I got no better; in fact, worse. As I grew weaker and weaker, I bought a bottle of Mother Seigel’s Syrup from Mr. Venning, the chemist in High Street, and after taking, in a few days, was benefited. My food no longer distressed me, I gained strength every day, and in three weeks was as well as ever. You can use this statement as you like. (Signed) William Hounsome, Burlington House, Spring Grove, Isleworth, May 19th, 1896.”

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