

**Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons
of England and Wales**
AND THE
Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

5TH MARCH, 1912.

During the three months ending 31st December, 1911, there have been issued:—

Mark Certificates, 489; total registered, 61,773.

Since the last report Warrants for two new Lodges have been granted, viz.:

No. 635. "Coronation Masters," London.

No. 636. "Debenham," St. Albans.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 98; number registered 10,872.

Warrants for three Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, viz.:

"Wolverhampton" to be attached to the Wulfruna Lodge, No. 186, Wolverhampton.

"York" to be attached to the York Lodge, No. 534, Cambridge.

"Friendship" to be attached to the Friendship Lodge, No. 536, Egypt.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master has been graciously pleased to appoint:

R.W. BRO. COL. THE HON. SIR WILLIAM ARTHUR
DRING, *K.C.I.E.*

to be District Grand Master for Bengal.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master has been graciously pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years:

R.W. BRO. JOHN OWEN MARSH,
as Provincial Grand Master for Monmouth.

The Board has to record with sincere regret the death of some of the most prominent and oldest Members of the Mark Degree, among whom are:

M.W. Bro. NORMAN SELFE,

who was advanced in 1867, and was appointed District Grand Master for New South Wales in 1887, which office he retained until the formation of the Grand Lodge M. M. M. of New South Wales, of which he was elected the first Grand Master. He passed away in 1911, full of years and honours, after having taken an active part in Mark Masonry for forty-five years.

R.W. Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.W.,

who had been an old and most valued Member of the Board for twenty-five years, during nine of which he filled the responsible position of President. After thirty-eight years of active service in the Mark Degree he passed away on the 16th January.

R.W. Bro. ABRAHAM WOODIWISS,

Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire who had served on the Board for fourteen years, and had been a Member of the Mark Degree for twenty-nine years.

V.W. WILLIAM MASON STILES,

Grand Treasurer 1898, during which year he was an Ex-officio Member of the Board. He was advanced in 1884, and at his death had been twenty-seven years in the Mark Degree.

The Province of Derbyshire will for the present be under the rule of

W. Bro. W. J. PIPER,

Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge.

The Board regrets to say that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland and Durham has reported the suspension of a Brother of the Percy Lodge, No. 122.

The Board has to acknowledge, with many thanks, the gift of :

Two Framed Woodcuts and a Book, "Knighthood,"

by W. Bro. S. B. Wilkinson, P.A.G.I.G.

The Warrant of the Massy Lodge No. 498, having been returned by the District Grand Master for the Punjab, the Lodge has been removed from the Roll of Lodges.

The Board recommends that Article 203, Sub-clause 5, Book of Constitutions, should be altered, and read as follows:—

"A Brother shall not be eligible to be admitted a Candidate for an Annuity under the age of sixty years, nor unless he has been a registered Mark Master Mason for fifteen years, and a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for at least ten consecutive years of that period."

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Forty-fourth Annual Festival will be held on the 3rd July, 1912 and

R.W. Bro. THE LORD ALDENHAM,

Provincial Grand Master for Kent, has most kindly consented to take the Chair.

The Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of Ladies and Brethren willing to act as Stewards.

ANNUITY BRANCH.

The Board has elected on the Annuity Fund without proceeding to a poll:—

Bro. H. C. HEARD,

age 78, who has been a Subscribing Member of the Mark Degree for twenty-six years.

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BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

The following cases have been relieved :—

Bro. T. W. F. (Lodges Albany T.I., No. 140, and 320 Hants and the I. of W.)	£30
Bro. H. C. (Lodge No. 209 Lincolnshire) ...	£30
Bro. H. R. S. (Lodge No. 45 Staffordshire)	£25
Bro. C. F. (Lodge No. 159 Lancashire) ...	£25
Bro. F. E. R. (Lodge No. 223 London) ...	£25
Bro. J. G. (Lodge No. 216 Cumberland and Westmorland)	£15
Bro. T. D. B. (Lodge No. 28 South Wales)	£10
Bro. B. J. T. (Lodge No. 406 London) ...	£10
Bro. A. W. (Lodge No. 78 Cornwall) ...	£10
Mrs. E. K. O. (Widow of a Brother of Lodge No. 26 North Wales)	£20
Mrs. E. P. (Widow of a Brother of Lodge No. 297 South Wales)	£10
Mrs. J. F. A. (Widow of a Brother of Lodges No. 330 and 590 Worcestershire)	£10

£220.

T. H. GARDINER, *President.*

ALFRED J. THOMAS, *Vice-President.*

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, *Grand Secretary.*

February, 1912.

Amount £26. per name Bonithon
£21 widows