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THE seriousness of the business to be transacted at the special Grand Lodge to-day (Friday), cannot be overrated. The settlement of the Book of Constitutions is of intense importance, and of prevailing need, for the best interests of our now great Order. Some of us who are inclined to be "laudatores temporis acti," may perhaps be ready to say that after all very little has been done, and that the old Constitutions are superior to the new. But surely it is something by a better collocation of sections, and a more natural sequence of subjects, to render the Book of Constitutions still more readable and still more understandable, by the many as well as by the few. The gross ignorance often displayed of its provisions, and the lamentable "rulings" we often hear of in various localities, governed neither by the letter or the spirit of the Book of Constitutions itself, if they are as frequently subjects of amusement, are as equally causes of grief to the expert and thoughtful Freemason. We therefore hail all attempts to make the language clearer and more precise, to render the intent more obvious, to cause the Book of Constitutions to be more carefully read and more easily interpreted. The Board of General Purposes has no doubt worked hard and with the best intentions to carry out the directions of Grand Lodge, but the Board of General Purposes is not a board created "ad hoc," and it is affected seriously by one or two fatal characteristics, its yearly change, its unacquaintance with the technical construction of laws, unfamiliarity with the grave difficulty of drafting satisfactory verbiage. It is the last Body in the world, in our humble opinion, (with a few notable exceptions), to which to delegate the preparation or revision of a code of Masonic law. In the list of amendments accepted and amendments rejected those who have studied such subjects, or ever taken part in the framing of Masonic enactments, will note at once many debateable propositions and many regrettable omissions. In fact it could not well be otherwise. As a rule amendments are never agreeable or acceptable, and the Board of General Purposes had not even the time, if it had the inclination, to give to each proposition, some of them novel, not a few experimental, and a considerable portion to a great extent tentative altogether, the full and careful consideration they demanded. It seems to us, we confess, that the only reasonable and safe course for Grand Lodge to pursue before they settle hastily and "en bloc" our one great authority of constitutional privileges and constitutional law is, to refer the revised draft, with the accepted and rejected amendments, to a special Committee charged with a further examination of conflicting views, and a further amalgamation of various propositions, and to present such completed draft to a subsequent Quarterly Communication or special Grand Lodge. We are inclined to think that if some brother of commanding intellect and influence, like Bro. JOHN HAVERS, for instance, would come forward with such a specific proposal, and with a list of good names alike metropolitan and provincial, he would at once secure a decisive majority in Grand Lodge.

WE shall not be at all surprised, if we have to announce to our readers next week, that the revised Book of Constitutions has been referred to a special Committee still further to consider and report on to a subsequent Grand Lodge. There are many patent reasons which may induce Grand Lodge to come to such a conclusion.

WE understand that, yielding to the request of many old Masonic friends, Bro. JOHN HAVERS, finding himself happily in better health than for some time past, has been induced to take once again an active part in the business of Grand Lodge. This information and this fact if verified, as we doubt not, will give unqualified satisfaction to many old supporters and admirers. In Bro. HAVERS's long and arduous Masonic career it was impossible but that he "trod on many toes" so to say, affected the equilibrium of some, and antagonized the "vanities" of more, but even

those who most widely and loudly differed from him, agreed in a recognition of his Masonic zeal, his mastery of the Book of Constitutions, his great ability, and in his inflexible integrity. It will, therefore, we venture to think, be a subject of much rejoicing to numerous older and younger brethren, alike to hear that we shall see him now oftener in Grand Lodge than for the last few years, and be able to avail ourselves of his expert lore and his wise counsels as to many serious questions which at present affect, and to some extent agitate, Grand Lodge. Bro. HAVERS, as was to have been expected, from his high character and special position has, we are informed, been consulted of late by a good many brethren, and although reticent in giving any opinion, he has listened patiently, and with an evident desire to assist, to all who have sought an interview with him. We are pleased in being able to announce the fact, and we shall not scruple, as we hope others will not scruple, to place before him any facts or opinions, or, indeed, wishes of the Craft which we think may be useful to him, and, through him, to our Rulers, the more so, as we feel assured the Craft and Grand Lodge will derive great aid and support from the representations of his long experience, and his minute acquaintance with the active working of our Masonic system.

THE "Order" of the GRAND MASTER is alluded to in the "agenda paper" as ruling the new Table of Precedence. But it is quite clear that such an "Order" requires grave consideration, in fact, the gravest, as much can be said "pro and con" the assumption of absolute prerogative claimed by our esteemed brother, the GRAND REGISTRAR. A search for precedents would establish this undoubted fact,—that since 1816 many alterations have been made by "order" of the GRAND MASTER; but as many and as important have been brought about by "motion" in Grand Lodge. Both sides are therefore right and wrong in the controversy; there is no distinct custom either way. But then it follows that the claims of absolute prerogative are not admissible. The more so, as the most recent changes have been effected by distinct motion in Grand Lodge. As regards the Table of Precedence itself, whatever be the abstract question of prerogative, we know, or think we know, ourselves, from various circumstances, what has always been the mind of Grand Lodge thereanent in the concrete. We invite a most serious reconsideration of the whole subject, fraught as it is with serious consequences, consequences which might actually imperil the entire privileges and independence of Grand Lodge.

THE returns for the Boys' Festival are alike remarkable and most striking. We are not ourselves aware of any similar result of any similar charitable festival held at any time in this country. Certainly Bro. BINCKES has a fair claim to congratulation and commendation, in that marvellous outcome of Masonic liberality and good feeling which this last festival has exhibited, and astounded the Secretaries of similar institutions and an admiring public. Henceforth, 1883 will be a great year in Masonic benevolent annals, in that our Craft clearly testified by its response to Bro. BINCKES's appeal, that it thoroughly realised the intense value and need of the Boys' School by its munificent "largesse," and its unprecedented returns. The fact that there were 400 Stewards is a fact in itself and by itself, pregnant with meaning and full of the most important considerations.

ONE fact deserves to be noticed, that the provinces have sent up returns nearly two to one in amount to, the metropolis, and if we are correctly informed that the bulk of the £15,000 is for the Special Building Fund (with the double votes), it is not difficult to presume that sooner or later several consequences not anticipated in the original programme may be the inevitable outcome and illustration of the liberal offers of the Special Building Fund. But most truly, as ever, "sufficient for the day is the evil thereof," and as we are no sense wittingly ever "prophets of ill," we prefer to accept the "sunny" or the "seamy side" as you will, and leave to Time, which "discloseth all things," the more certain verification of favourable "fads," or maybe hazy theories.

WE would call the attention of the brethren to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at York, next month, which will be honoured by the attendance of the GRAND MASTER, when he will lay the foundation stone of the new Institution with Masonic ceremonial. We shall call attention to this interesting fact more fully later. The Yorkshire brethren will, no doubt, organize and carry out a most successful assembly.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

We are now in a position to give particulars, corrected to the time of our going to press, of the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As our readers are aware, the figures we announced last week for London, the Provinces, and Foreign Stations amounted in the aggregate to the magnificent sum of £22,444; but the reader was requested to accept the details of this total subject to "such corrections and additions as are inevitable in the circumstances." As regards London, a further sum of £72 11s. has since been received, which is composed as follows: Lodge No. 263, per Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Peters, £10 10s.; No. 511, per Bro. Asher Barfield, £21; No. 1766, per Bro. J. A. Jones, £10 10s.; No. 1768, per Bro. A. W. Duret, £27 6s.; and sundry additions to former lists, amounting to £3 5s. It may be as well to state, however, that Bro. J. M. P. Montagu's list of £63 has been transferred from the "Unattached" London list to Dorsetshire, our worthy brother having acted as representative of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in that province, while, on the other hand, the contributions under the head of "Mark Master's Degree" which figured in our summary of the provinces, has been transferred thence to London. The result of these changes and emendations is that the London total is swelled by the net addition of £227 19s. The provincial list is appended, in accordance with our promise, so that the reader may possess himself of that detailed information which is usually regarded as being so satisfactory. But as we have done with the London total, so it seems desirable we should give particulars of any additions that may have been made since the publication of our last number. They are as follow: Cheshire, £8 8s.; Cumberland and Westmoreland, £50; Gloucestershire, £15 15s.; Hants and Isle of Wight, £1 1s.; Kent, £315 15s.; Lancashire, W., £42; and Warwickshire, £26 5s.; making altogether £459 4s. From this, however, must be deducted sundry small errors caused by misprints, amounting to £6 4s.; leaving the net provincial addition thus far £453. Then the transfers, already referred to, in connection with London, of £63 from the "Unattached" to Dorsetshire, and £218 8s. "Mark Master's Degree" from the provincial summary of last week to London makes an ultimate net addition to the Provincial returns of £297 12s., which, tacked on to the London addition of £227 19s., gives additions to the whole Festival of £525 11s. Of the correctness of these figures there cannot be the slightest question, as the same total is arrived at by the simple addition of the London sums since received, viz., £72 11s., and provincial sums—less errors through misprint—£453, or, together £525 11s. This gives for the grand result, as far as it is known up to the present moment, as £22,969 11s., and there is reason to suppose that before we have done with the figures we shall have at least a round total of £23,000, if not more.

The following are the details as to lodges, Stewards, and amounts received on behalf of the several provinces and certain foreign stations.

Table listing financial details for various provinces including BERKS. AND BUCKS., LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION), CHESHIRE, CORNWALL, CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND, DERBYSHIRE, DEVON, DORSET, DURHAM, ESSEX, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, HANTS. AND ISLE OF WIGHT, HEREFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE, and others. Each entry includes lodge numbers, names, and amounts.

Table listing financial details for KENT (continued), NORFOLK, NORTHUMBERLAND, OXFORDSHIRE, SOMERSETSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE, SUFFOLK, SURREY, SUSSEX, and WARWICKSHIRE. Each entry includes lodge numbers, names, and amounts.

Table listing financial details for WILTSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE, YORKSHIRE (N. & E. RIDINGS), and YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING). Each entry includes lodge numbers, names, and amounts.

STEWARDS' VISIT TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ANNUAL FETE AND SPORTS.

The annual fête, and visit of the Festival Stewards of the year to the Institution, at Wood Green came off on Tuesday last. In accordance with the usual custom, Bro. Lord Holmesdale, as Chairman of the festival on the previous Wednesday, should have distributed the prizes at the fête; but unfortunately his lordship was unable to be present, and the chair was therefore occupied by Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., a Vice-Patron of the Institution, and Hon. Treasurer of the Board of Stewards of the recent festival. The admissions had been considerably limited by the House Committee, who, in place of issuing, as in former years, tickets for the admission of the bearer and an unlimited number of friends, this year issued tickets admitting only the bearers. The consequence of this arrangement was that, whereas in former years there was such a rush and a crush in the refreshment rooms after the conclusion of the distribution of prizes that many of the best friends and supporters of the Institution had to go empty away, the company of between 700 and 800 who visited Wood Green on Tuesday were all provided for with perfect ease and comfort.

The programme of the boys' performances commenced with a solo, "I am a troubadour" (C. W. Glover), sung by H. Fellows, which was followed by a part song, "The stars that above us are shining" (Weber), sung by the choir, conducted by Mr. C. E. Tinney (the Musical Instructor of the R.M.I.B.), who had the management of the musical arrangements.

The more serious work of the day—the distribution of the prizes—was then commenced, the names of the winners being announced by Dr. Morris, the Head Master, who frequently had occasion to give special commendation where particular ability or zeal had been displayed.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class.—Scripture, 1st, R. W. Keddell; 2nd, F. Godfrey. Latin, 1st, R. Warner; 2nd, A. Salter. French and German, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd, A. Salter. English, 1st, E. G. Taylor. Mathematics, 1st, T. E. Hall; 2nd, W. G. Barnett. General Improvement, 1st, W. J. Bartley; 2nd, G. Mey.
 Second Class.—Latin, A. J. Laslett. French and German, R. P. Deeley. English, P. A. Gedge. Mathematics, W. H. Hothersall.
 Third Class.—Latin, H. R. Hounslaw. French and German, H. A. Kennedy. English, A. Haworth. Mathematics, J. C. Potts.
 Fourth Class.—Latin, G. B. Brooks. French, A. G. Aspden. English, J. Langdon. Mathematics, F. R. Thomas.
 Fifth Class.—Latin, F. W. Cairney and R. F. Reynolds. French, E. Lucas. English, S. D. Carey. Mathematics, W. T. Pike.
 Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, G. Jones and W. J. Williams.
 Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, C. P. O'Doherty, C. J. Sanderson, J. P. Templeman.

When these prizes had been disposed of two part-songs were sung by the choir, viz., "Over the hills we go" (Little) and "You stole my love" (Macfarren), which appeared to give great satisfaction to all present. This was followed by the performance of a farce entitled "Tweedleton's Tail-coat," from the pen of Thos. J. Williams, the characters of which were represented by the boys as follows:

Toby Tweedleton	(A Poor Relation)	F. F. Godfrey.
Blackberry Thistlepot	(A Farmer's Son)	E. Hair.
Mr. Barnaby Bracebutton	(A Retired Hosier)	H. R. Watkins.
Mr. Pantehnicon Pantile (Inventor of a Patent Screw Warming Pan)	R. W. Keddell.
Evelina	(Bracebutton's Daughter)	H. B. Searle.
Kitty Spruce	(A Maid of All-Work)	C. King.

In which a considerable amount of humour was exhibited by the various actors. Then followed a little more music, the choir singing "A Canadian boat song" (T. Moore), and F. Cairney singing Bro. Sir A. Sullivan's "The Chorister," which, as it requires more power and finish than could be expected from so youthful a performer, was scarcely heard to advantage.

The names of the winners of prizes given by the House Committee were announced by Bro. BINCKES, the Secretary of the Institution. Bro. Binckes prefaced his announcement by saying that the House Committee was composed of 12 brethren who were exceeding good friends to the Institution. Many, he said, imagined that membership of the House Committee was a very lucrative appointment, but he assured them that the advantages of the appointment were to be found not only in the large amount of time, trouble, and work required, but also in the amount of money they were called upon to contribute whenever anything was needed to promote the interests of the Institution, which had no better friends than the members of the House Committee, who amongst their other good deeds gave the prizes indicated in the list:

SPECIAL PRIZES (PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.)

Writing, 1st, H. Nicholls; 2nd, F. Smith. Dictation, 1st, A. Salter; 2nd, J. Mackay. History, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd, T. Hall. Geography, 1st, F. W. Pow; 2nd, F. F. Godfrey. Mental Arithmetic, 1st, A. Salter; 2nd, R. Warner. Elocution, 1st, F. F. Godfrey; 2nd, R. W. Keddell. Good Behaviour, 1st, H. J. Percy; 2nd, M. Thomas. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st, E. G. Taylor; 2nd, F. B. Searle. Proficiency in Drill, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd, F. W. Pow. The Band, 1st, H. N. Shrapnel, E. Jones; 2nd, A. Stevens, F. Smith.

The next, Bro. BINCKES said, were prizes presented by the Audit Committee, who were, he would not say entering into competition in that respect with the House Committee, but were closely following in their footsteps. These prizes, which were given this year for the first time, were for music.

PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band, 1st, R. Riley; 2nd, E. Tibbits. Pianoforte, 1st, J. Hurst.

Then followed the prizes presented by private donors, Dr. Morris announcing the names of the winners of the prizes given by himself, the remainder being proclaimed by Bro. Binckes, who remarked that from the various stage costumes in which many of the boys came on the dais to receive their rewards it must be manifest to all present that those who were most proficient in the art of amusing them were not behind hand in receiving instruction.

PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By the Rev. Dr. Morris, Vice-President of the Institution.—Attention to Studies, H. King, J. Hogg. Elocution, W. Garstin, H. R. Watkins.
 By Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Vice-Patron of the Institution.—Book-keeping, H. J. Percy.

By Bro. G. Festa, Vice-President of the Institution.—Shorthand, E. Tibbits.
 By Bro. Mauviotti.—Mathematical Drawing, F. Smith.
 By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master).—Etching, H. Hamilton, F. Godfrey, A. Gardner. Freehand, C. Stone. Model, H. J. Percy. Architecture, E. Tibbits.

When these prizes had been distributed the choir were again called upon, and contributed two part songs, viz., Macfarren's "Summer song" and "Come, Dorothy, come" (Swabian Volkslied).

What may be called the great prizes were then distributed, viz., the silver medal, the Canonbury gold medal, and the silver watch and chain. Bro. BINCKES said that the

SILVER MEDAL FOR GOOD CONDUCT

Was the first prize given by the Institution, and was a prize instituted long before the erection of their present Institution buildings. This year it was to go to Edwin Hair, who would be shortly leaving the Institution, and it gave him (Bro. Binckes) great pleasure to think that he would take away with him the Institution's medal for good conduct.

In introducing the next prize Bro. BINCKES said he always felt a difficulty in doing this.

THE CANONBURY GOLD MEDAL

Was presented by the late Bro. Dr. Edward Cox, who left a sum of money for the giving of this prize, which was to go, by the election of his fellows, to the boy who was most popular among his mates. It did not however follow that it was the best boy who was the most popular, and hence arose the difficulty he had in speaking of it. This year the medal was awarded to Hugh Robert Watkins, who, however, he, was told was a very good boy. Neither he (Bro. Binckes) nor as he believed the House Committee had ever heard any complaint about him. He therefore had much pleasure in congratulating Hugh Robert Watkins in being so exceptionally fortunate as to win this prize.

The next prize Bro. BINCKES said was the

SILVER WATCH AND CHAIN FOR GENERAL GOOD CONDUCT.

Presented by the Supreme Council of the 33rd to be given to a boy who was about to leave the Institution. It fell this year to the lot of E. G. Taylor, who was suffering sufficiently from illness to be confined to the infirmary, which prevented his being present to receive this and another prize that he had won. In congratulating him upon obtaining this prize he thought he might accompany those congratulations with the best wishes from all present for his speedy restoration to health.

Bro. BINCKES said that the next series of prizes resulted from the product of the investment of a large number of donations—amounting to 500 guineas—presented in five consecutive years by Bro. Winn, P.M. 657, and Vice-Patron, who had always been a munificent friend of the Institution. Bro. Winn's health had failed him of late, and they no longer saw him amongst them as they used in by-gone years. The Committee had decided that the product of the investment of this 500 guineas, which amounted in round numbers to £23, should be divided amongst those who had passed the University Local Examinations. He thought that it was greatly to the credit of the boys that they had so thoroughly justified the School authorities in sending them up for examination. Eighteen boys had been sent for examination, the whole of whom had passed to the satisfaction of the examiners, and twelve of them had passed in honours. The money would be divided as follows:

HONOURS—FIRST CLASS.—£2 to each boy.—1. T. Hall (distinguished for mathematics); 2. A. Salter; 3. E. G. W. J. Taylor (distinguished for Latin); 4. R. J. Warner.

HONOURS—SECOND CLASS.—£1 10s. to each boy.—5. W. J. Bartley; 6. E. A. Browning; 7. F. F. Godfrey; 8. E. Hair; 9. J. E. Tanare; 10. H. R. Watkins.

HONOURS—THIRD CLASS.—£1 to each boy.—11. G. R. Allison; 12. R. W. Keddell.

CERTIFICATES—(satisfied the Examiners).—10s. to each boy.—13. W. G. Barnett; 14. J. Butterworth; 15. W. P. Cooper; 16. R. Riley; 17. H. B. Searle; 18. F. Smith (distinguished for Latin).

The choir then sang two part songs, viz., "Song to Spring" (Betzner) and "The

night chimes" (C. E. Tinney), both well executed, the latter being especially well done, besides being an extremely pretty piece of music.

Bro. BINCKES said that he must ask the audience to bear with him for a few moments while he made a few necessary remarks before the commencement of the next part of the entertainment, because if he postponed what he had to say he would fail to gain attention at the conclusion of the play. He wanted them all to be good enough to bear in mind that the object of these annual celebrations was to enable the Festival Stewards practically to see the advantages afforded by the Institution, and to be able to take away to their friends a favourable impression of what they had seen. It was by the efforts of the Stewards that the large amounts were gathered together year by year which were necessary to carry on the operations of the School, and he hoped it would not be too much to ask those visitors present who were friends of the pupils, for whose special benefit the Stewards made those efforts, to give precedence to those friends of the Institution to whom they were indebted, in going into the refreshment rooms after the entertainment was concluded. There was sufficient provision made for all that were present, but not enough accommodation to admit of their all being seated at the same time, and it was necessary that they should be divided into two parties. He hoped that these remarks would be taken in a friendly and kindly spirit, because if they were not observed the House Committee on the next occasion would have to take into consideration whether the issue of admission tickets should not be curtailed.

The CHAIRMAN said he should like to take this opportunity to say a few words to his young friends. They required no words of praise from him, because the plaudits with which they had been greeted must have rung in their ears as pleasingly as it did in his, when the audience signified their approval. He would however give them a word of encouragement; he would bid them go upward and upward, onward and onward, through life. Those who had not been successful he would remind them that race was not always to the swift or the battle to the strong. They must remember the fable of the hare and the tortoise, and recollect that those who cannot succeed by brilliancy of intellect may succeed by toil and perseverance. They must recollect King Bruce and the spider; and if they had been honest workers and have yet not succeeded they might console themselves with the reflection that they had tried to deserve success. He understood that a number of boys were about to leave the Institution, and he wished to say a word or two to them. Those boys he knew were big with resolution to get on in the world. Did they intend to rise early, and eat the bread of carefulness? Those were very good resolves, but there was another thing they must do. It was in vain that the workman built the house unless the master blessed the work. When they went out into the world they should remember what they were taught in the best book—to honour the Lord with their substance. He did not know a more laudable thing than for a boy on leaving that school to put together ten shillings and sixpence, and by that ten shillings and sixpence become an annual subscriber to the Boys' School, and might in time become a vice-patron of the Institution. But it could only be done by acting on the principle that of all that you receive, so much of that you will bestow not only on that school but on the other Institutions. He would tell them a secret: Masons they were aware had many secrets, but this one he was permitted to reveal. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." That was the secret, and he could appeal to his brethren in the Masonic world whether such distribution was not one of the grand principles of the Order. And if they acted on this principle they would find that the more they distributed in this way the more they would have to give. Forty years ago he was himself only a poor boy, but he had acted on that principle, and such had been the experience of his life; he had on principle given a proportion of that which had been entrusted to him by the Master and his experience had been that the more he had given the more he had to give.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART said he had to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the day. He was a very large donor to the School, and he thought that Bro. Marshall must be very much pleased with the way in which the School had been managed and the way in which the prizes had been awarded. On behalf of the House Committee therefore he asked the audience to accord their Chairman a vote of thanks by acclamation. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN briefly acknowledged the compliment. He then said he had a proposition to make which he was sure would be carried by acclamation. He proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Morris and his staff for the skill and ability with which they had conducted the School. When such a school as that could pass 18 of its boys through the University Local Examination that was the best way in which its efficiency could be demonstrated. He knew that the School was liberally supported, and the money which was provided by the Stewards was judiciously expended by the House Committee in fitting these lads for the battle of life into which they were about to pass. He would not ask for a seconder, because he was sure the audience would by acclamation pass a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Morris, the Head Master, and to his staff for so ably conducting the School.

Bro. Dr. MORRIS said it gave him very great pleasure to return thanks for this vote of thanks. He and his Second Master, who had given him great assistance, were ably seconded by the staff of assistants; without a good staff they could do nothing at all; with it the work was comparatively easy.

Bro. ROEBUCK had to propose a vote of thanks to one who well deserved it. Bro. Binckes had worked very hard in connection with the Festival just passed, when he might be said to have crowned success with success, and had accumulated a sum of between £22,000 and £23,000. He proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Binckes, with hopes that he would long continue amongst them.

Bro. BINCKES (who had been absent when the vote was proposed) said that this vote was as unexpected as it was undeserved. (No, no.) The Chairman was a man of very great experience as regarded charitable institutions, and a word of praise from him, if he thought it deserved, was praise indeed. No one could be more gratified than he (Bro. Binckes) was with the success of last week for the Institution with which his name had been so long associated; but thanks were chiefly due to those brethren who had brought that success about. The brethren must depend upon it that they all—the Directors of this Institution—had but one object at heart,—to do the best they could in discharge of the duties devolving upon each of them, and to show that they realized the sense of responsibility that rested on them. It was for their young friends, the pupils, they laboured, and for them were the successes accomplished from time to time, which successes were their best reward. He had often said that the word "finality" never had been and never could be spelt by him; and he believed that they had not yet reached the fullest measure of their success. (Cheers.)

A very amusing farce entitled "A Terrible Tinker," by J. Williams, was then performed by the boys (who acted capably), and afforded great amusement to the audience who warmly applauded their efforts. The characters were represented as under:

Sam Sawder	(An Itinerant Tinker)	W. Garstin.
Mr. Ginger Poppington	(An Unreasonable Husband)	R. Keddell.
Mr. Godfrey Gadabout	(A Languishing Masher)	W. P. Cooper.
Stumps	(Greengrocer and Coalman)	E. Hair.
Billy Sutton	(A Sweep)	F. Smith.
Mivins	(A Muffin Man)	F. Godfrey.
Laura	(Poppington's Wife)	H. Searle.
Matty	(A Housemaid)	C. King.
Joannah	(Sawder's Sister)	J. T. Jepson.

A part song, "Amid the golden corn" (F. A. Hatton), and the national anthem, "God Save the Queen," by the choir brought the entertainment to a close, and the company at once sought the refreshment rooms. In the evening they adjourned to the cricket field to witness the athletic sports, of which the following is the programme:—

1. Throwing the cricket ball—two prizes.
2. 100 yards flat race (in heats)—two prizes.
3. Long jump—two prizes.
4. 100 yards—for little boys—three prizes.
5. High jump—two prizes.
6. Jockey race—two prizes.
7. Quarter-mile—three prizes.
8. Final heat—"little boys."
9. Final heat—"elder boys."
10. Tug of war—"little boys," Blomfield's team v. Unwin's.
11. Tug of war—"elder boys," E. Taylor's team v. E. Hair's.
12. Half-mile handicap—three prizes.
13. Sack race—two prizes.
14. Band boys' race—two prizes.
15. Hurdle race—two prizes.
16. Consolation race.

The School Band played at intervals during the evening. Among those present were Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Thos. Cubitt and Mrs. Culmer, R. W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer, J. L. Mather and Mrs. Mather, C. F. Matier and Mrs. Matier, Fredk. Adlard, James Terry, G. H. Goodall, Lane, Roebuck, Klenck, Paas, Wood, H. C. Platt and Mrs. Platt, T. Woode, F. Rothschild, J. L. Jones, Drysdale, J. M. Pigott, Albert Jones, G. J. Peachey, Walter Wood, J. F. Hawkins, Henry Lovegrove, E. B. Harding, Capt. Colville, J. F. Roberts, H. Mason, T. P. Catterson, R. J. Taylor, J. H. White, E. Woodman, C. Dearing, C. Dearing, jun., J. H. Jewell, J. M. Stedwell, C. Hawkesley, Joseph Cleaver and Mrs. Cleaver, E. Valeriani, E. Belhommie, Chas. Graham, Richard Bird, Ino. Lane, Robert Hunt, W. Smith and Miss Smith, James G. Terry, Miss Kate Terry, W. H. W. Caseley, the Misses Binckes, E. C. Massey (Freemason), and others.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

The summer festival of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond. The weather was unpropitious in a fitful, peevish fashion. One would have thought an April day had got astray among its midsummer brethren, and was not overpleased thereat. Aggravating showers alternated with almost as exasperating glimpses of brilliant sunshine. The day grew better as it grew older, however, and by the time dinner was over the ladies were able to enjoy the pleasures of the Star and Garter terrace until the ball room was ready for dancing. The showery character of the weather did not damp the gaiety of the gathering whatever it might have done to the grass outside, and the reunion of Tuesday, both in point of enjoyment and of numbers, was fully the equal of any of its predecessors. The only change which was necessitated in the programme by the uncertainty of the day was that the concert, which enabled visitors to while away a very pleasant hour between three o'clock, when the guests commenced to arrive, and four, when dinner was served, was listened to indoors instead of on the terrace. A bright and cool room on the basement was turned into a very graceful concert room by a profusion of flowers and shrubs, and there Herr Louis König's band performed the following programme of music: Russian Parade March, Gavotte in E minor, Mazurka "Rosée du Matin;" Piccolo solo, "The zephyrs;" Waltz, "Ehren on the Rhine;" Melody, "Le Charmé;" Quadrille in French Airs, "Dejazet;" and Grand March, "Belpheger."

At four o'clock dinner was announced, and the guests to the number of upwards of 150, proceeded to the spacious banqueting hall of the hotel, where an excellent dinner was done good justice to.

Bro. William Herbage, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following Stewards: Bros. W. M. Foxcroft, S.W.; R. Pierpoint, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Morris, Sec.; Harry Price, S.D.; Abel Simner, J.D.; R. Montague, I.G.; H. J. Chapman, D.C.; R. Harvey, W.S.; and by P.Ms. J. Brett, R. Baker, W. F. Smith, J. R. Foulger, J. E. Walford, W. J. Ferguson, F. Kent, J. Willing, J. Buscall, E. White, H. N. B. Sprint, W. Harris, and J. M. Lean, I.P.M.

The guests included Mrs. Herbage, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. Edmerton, Mr. Alfred Crockford, Miss Cobb, Mr. Hubbard, Miss Gertie Cobb, Mr. Webb, Miss Herbage, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Silvani, Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Crockford, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Herbage, Mr. Faulkner Leigh, Bro. Joseph Wilson, Mdme. Riechelmann, Mdme. Clever, Mrs. George Everett, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. John Ambrose, Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Rippon, Bro. and Mrs. Welch, Bros. A. Scard, D. A. Ball, T. Scoborio, H. Perrett, J. Sadler, and others.

After grace had been sung, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER rose to propose "The Health of the Queen and Craft." He said: It is my pleasant duty to propose the first toast, namely that of the Queen and the Craft. I am sure it needs no words of mine to recommend this toast to you, because her Majesty has gained the sympathies of all classes of society, and we know that we all deeply respect and reverence her. (Cheers.) In all the affairs of the nation, whether it be with troops in Egypt or in presence of that sad calamity which happened the other day in Sunderland, we all know that the heart of her Majesty beats in sympathy with the tribulations of the nation. Her throne is firmly established where the malice of Fenianism cannot reach, or the force of dynamite injure, namely, in the hearts of her subjects. As regards the Craft, we that know something of its teaching and working know that it is an institution that from age to age has gone on with its good work of binding man to man, and breaking down the barriers of prejudice, oppression, tyranny and wrong, and ushering in that reign of peace and goodwill that Christianity was meant to bring amongst men. To prove this I may state that only the other day in a Masonic gathering held in aid of a school for the sons of poor Masons, the sum of £22,000 was collected for the work. (Cheers.) Ladies and gentlemen, it is the highest and brightest glory of the Craft to be engaged in doing works of charity. With the greatest confidence, therefore, I ask you one and all to drink first to the health of the Queen, coupling with it that of the Craft. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was drunk to musical honours.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, the next toast that I have to propose is "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." The Prince of Wales is so much before us, and so greatly esteemed for all the works in which he is always so ready to engage on behalf of the nation, that I am sure his name has only to be mentioned to be drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. (Cheers.) As regards the Princess of Wales, there is little I can say, because it would be like trying to paint the lily. To the Prince of Wales we as Masons are deeply indebted, for he is our Grand Master. He is always ready to promote the honour and prestige of the Craft. (Cheers.) We know the good work he has been lately engaged in as regards the Royal College of Music, and the Fisheries Exhibition, and it was only yesterday that he presided over a meeting as to the desirability of establishing a British School of Archaeology and classical studies at Athens. In these works the Prince is ready to give all his time and services for the good of the nation. As regards the Duke of Edinburgh, it was only last week that he contributed a very interesting and highly valuable paper on our fisheries and fishing population, which was read by the Prince of Wales before the Fisheries Conference. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught on Saturday last distributed the prizes gained by the students of St. Thomas's Hospital, and on the same day the Duke of Albany was presiding in the cause of Charity at the Printers' Corporation, where he made a most forcible speech. (Cheers.) I need only mention these as specimens of the noble work in which our princes are engaged in order to recommend this toast (if it needed any words of mine to do so, which indeed it does not) to your most hearty reception. We feel that the nation is honoured in the merits of its princes and princesses, and therefore I ask you to drink with the greatest enthusiasm "The Health of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family." (Loud cheers.)

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, Mdme. Riechelmann sang the old popular favourite "Robin Adair" with great taste and feeling.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: I now approach with feelings of the deepest reverence and respect the toast which custom generally places last on the list; but which we on this occasion have ventured to place after that of royalty—namely, the toast of "The Ladies." (Cheers.) And I think very properly placed; for are they not Queens? (Laughter and cheers.) Do they not reign over the hearts of all? (Renewed laughter and cheers.) I am sure that no task comes more genially to me—or I may say could come to any Mason—than that of proposing the health of the ladies. (Cheers.) I recollect that on the last occasion, I am sure it was a great pleasure to myself—I do not know whether it was so to other people—to respond on behalf of the ladies, and I took occasion to remind those visitors present, especially the ladies, who, of course, are not Masons, what is the teaching of Freemasonry as regards the ladies. I will not go over what I said then, because time is short, and we want to be brief; but I may state that Masonry teaches us to regard them as "God's last and best gift to man." (Cheers.) I am sure we all feel their sweet influences and we all know the great power that they have over us in forming our characters and also in refining and elevating us. I am sure that brilliant as are the gleams of sunshine which we have had this afternoon, lovely and fair as is that beautiful scene before us of hill and dale covered with the beautiful mantle of green, sparkling as is the river that runs at our feet, I am sure, I say, that brighter and lovelier far are the fair eyes which now beam upon us, more lovely far are their fair forms, and more sparkling their countenances than anything in nature. (Cheers.) I rejoice to feel that we shall with the greatest reverence and respect drink the toast of the ladies as one which is most welcome to us. In fact it is the toast of the day, and I wish you one and all to regard it as such. The gentleman whom I shall call upon to respond is, I am sure, quite equal to the responsibility. He is well known to many of us, and I am sure that with the greatest confidence I can leave this most responsible duty of replying to this important and pleasant toast, namely, "The Ladies," in the hands of our friend and visitor, Mr. Hubbard. I ask you to drink with all the honours "The Health of the Ladies," coupling with it the name of Mr. Hubbard. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Faulkner Leigh then gave Sir Julius Benedict's "Eily Mavourneen," and was loudly applauded.

Mr. HUBBARD: Worshipful Master, Ladies and Gentlemen—The task which has been laid upon me on the present occasion—our worthy Chairman speaks so nicely to you all, that I am sure that you will be all very much disappointed with what I shall say to you. (No, no.) Our worthy Chairman has said that this toast is the toast of the evening and therefore you may imagine that I feel that a very grave task is laid upon me in answering for so many ladies as I see around me at the present time, but as I look upon their faces, and as I see so many happy and beautiful smiles, I begin to feel a little content. If I were to see them looking dull and frowning I should almost imagine that they were saying to themselves: "We wish the Worshipful Master had chosen some other person to answer for us." Worshipful Master, I am very much pleased indeed to be at a dinner here where there are so many ladies present, because we gentlemen are used to dining in the city where we do not have the pleasure of ladies' society; and I recollect once a lady saying to me that she did not believe that any gentleman could do any business in London without having a dinner. I do not know whether that lady was poetical or not, but I came across a few lines the other day in a newspaper which I will read to you and which so exactly and aptly express the same idea that I think that lady must have written them. They are as follows:

"He may live without poetry, music, or art,
He may live without conscience and live without heart,
He may live without friends; he may live without books,
But civilised man cannot live without cooks.
He may live without books. What is knowledge but grieving?
He may live without hope. What is hope but deceiving?
He may live without love. What is passion but pining?
But where is the man that can live without dining?"

(Laughter.) Now, gentlemen and ladies, we are living in an age of progress, and ladies, I think, are progressing as much as anything of our day. We have ladies now on School Boards, and I dare say you all saw the other day in the newspapers that one famous lady was elected as Chairman on one of the committees. (Laughter.) I wondered greatly as to how the worthy members of the committee would address this lady. I suppose they would have to say "Mrs. Chairwoman." (Laughter.) Gentlemen, I need not I am sure remind you, after our worthy Chairman has done so, of how much we owe to the ladies. From our earliest days, when noise and screams took the place of reason with us, they fondled and took care of us; and when we are boys who is there who does not profit by his mother's love and his mother's advice? and when we get older and enter into the state which commenced with our first parents in the Garden of Eden—then, when the husband goes to town, sometimes hearty and in good spirits because stocks are up, and when he comes home dull and cross and irritated because stocks are down—who is it that can then comfort and cheer him? Who is it, when she sees the black cloud lowering, can show to the husband the beautiful silver lining? Who, but his wife? (Cheers.) Gentlemen, I shall not detain you much longer, but I will finish with a little anecdote that I heard the other day from an Admiral in the Navy. He said he had once on board a ship a chaplain who was very zealous and preached very long sermons. He, therefore, went to the chaplain and said to him "My crew does not like such very long sermons; won't you try to limit yourself to a quarter of an hour?" The chaplain said: "Mr. Captain, you have your duty to perform in your department of the ship, and I have my duty to perform in my department of the ship. I cannot perform my duty without giving to the crew my firstly, secondly, thirdly, and lastly." (Laughter.) On the following Sunday the chaplain began to preach, but when he had got to secondly the captain looked at his watch, and finding the quarter of an hour was up, cried out to the crew "All hands reef the topsail," which put an effectual end to the sermon. (Laughter.) As I do not want such an end to my speech, I shall conclude it by thanking the Worshipful Master for the kind way in which he has proposed the toast, and to you gentlemen for the kind way in which you have drunk it. (Cheers.)

Madame Clever then gave "Jock o' Hazeldean," and was warmly applauded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, I

wish time would permit us to do justice to the next toast, which is one for "The Visitors." I am sure we members of the lodge all feel highly honoured that our festival should be graced with the presence of so many visitors. We feel that without visitors we should be like a garden without flowers. I am sure I rejoice in being the mouthpiece of the lodge to wish them one and all a hearty welcome. (Cheers.) I need not go through the list of visitors. All of us have here friends whom we deeply respect, and I feel sure that I can appeal to every member of the lodge to drink this toast with the greatest enthusiasm, coupling with the name of the visitors that of one of our most respected friends, one who has honoured our lodge with his presence on many occasions, and who has been always willing to support us in our efforts to advance the cause of charity—I refer to Bro. Crockford. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Joseph Wilson then gave a graceful rendering of Moir's song, "Best of all."

Bro. CROCKFORD: Worshipful Master, ladies, and gentlemen, as our Worshipful Master has given us the hint that brevity is to be the order of the day, as there are other speeches to follow, I shall be as short as I can. The gentleman who spoke for the ladies just now had evidently a great weight on his mind, and thought he had a great deal to do. I have not, although I have a double duty, and have not only to speak for the ladies, but for the gentlemen. Still, comparatively it is an easy task, for, as has just been remarked by the Worshipful Master in trying to get on to the next toast, the Stewards have done their duty so admirably that the gathering has been one of great pleasure to all here. I am sure the Worshipful Master has been most cordial in his attention, and so have all the members of the lodge to all the visitors; and we would be ungrateful indeed if we were not thankful to them for the hearty manner in which they have entertained us this evening. There is one feature of these gatherings which is of peculiar interest. It is the fact that members of the lodge not only ask their brother Masons to attend these little gatherings, but they also ask those who are not initiated in the mysteries, but who are friends, and also that they bring down the ladies, which I think is a great feature of the day. We hear about the ladies not being pleased at their husbands being Masons. They think we are an exclusive lot, and certainly we are very selfish to a certain extent. It is, therefore, a pleasant thing to see so many ladies gathered round about us. Not only does it make the gathering more pleasurable to us, but it also puts the Craft in better favour with them than it used to be. (Cheers and laughter.) In this way we do a doubly good thing: we amuse ourselves (which is possibly the selfish way of looking at it), and we enlist the sympathies of the ladies on our side. I think it is a very important result. Where we have the good wishes of the ladies we are sure to have happiness. (Cheers and laughter.) On behalf of the visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, I thank you, Worshipful Master and brother Stewards and Officers, for the cordial manner in which you have received us to-day, and I hope, for my part, that I may receive many other pleasant invitations down here. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Ladies and Gentlemen—Bro. Crockford so fully endorsed what I was about to say about the efficiency of the Stewards, that I feel that I have nothing more to add; I shall not say anything further, otherwise I shall have someone calling out "reef your topsails." (Laughter.) The Stewards have nobly done their duty. I am sure we all sincerely thank them for it, and I feel certain that this toast will be drunk with great sincerity. I shall couple the name of Bro. Kent, P.M., with it. Bro. Kent is always foremost in doing whatever he can to promote the individual benefit and pleasure of each member of the lodge, as also in upholding its dignity and prestige. I give you the toast of "The Stewards." You will find a list of them at the back of the programme, and I will not therefore detain you with repeating their names. They have all done their duty well. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Faulkner Leigh then gave Wallace's "Yes, let me like a soldier fall," with truly chivalric spirit and vigour.

Bro. KENT, P.M., then replied for "The Stewards." He said: Worshipful Master, ladies and gentlemen, I shall at once dive into the toast that has been just drunk, and to which I have to reply. I may say truthfully on behalf of myself and my brother Stewards that our labour has been entirely a labour of love; that we are working and have been working for those whom we do love, and for those whom we shall continue for a long time to love. (Cheers.) Poetry says:

"The best charms of nature improve

When we see them reflected in looks that we love."

That is the best panegyric that could be passed upon the work of myself and my brother Stewards to-day. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: The next toast is one that embraces such a wide field that on the present occasion I shall confine my remarks to one important section, viz., "The Newspaper Press." You will observe that the toast has been put as "The Press." That is too wide to travel over, and therefore I would desire to confine myself simply to one section, viz., the newspaper press of this country. I am sure I may confidently claim your attention to this subject because it is one of the utmost importance, whilst I briefly state a few words concerning the work it does for us. We all know that the newspaper press of this country is, comparatively speaking, of modern origin, but to such importance has it grown that we may now look upon it as the fourth estate of the realm. The services it renders in supplying information, whether of a civil, military, commercial, or judicial character affecting things in our own country, or whether we look upon the work which it does in supplying us with news from other parts of the world, we feel that we are indebted to the press not only for a great deal of information, but also because that upon the information so communicated future action is often taken. In giving us these accounts of different events in various parts of the world, it makes us feel that we are members of one body, and that the observation is perfectly true that "where one member suffers, all members suffer with it," and is not only of personal, but of universal application. Without the press what a blank should we not feel as regards the events that are going on in other countries. Take up the newspapers of to-day and see their full reports of everything which is happening in other countries as well as in our own. I am sure we must all feel that to the newspaper press we owe a debt of deep gratitude. It does much to break down the isolation which is the bane of countries as well as individuals. We know that it also has an important function not only in giving information tending to form our opinions, but it also tends

itself to form public opinion. We are also deeply indebted to it for the brilliant writers which it engages in its service, men distinguished in their different walks of life, whose articles we peruse with the greatest pleasure, and who supply us with much that is useful to us. In all these things the Press is doing a mighty work. I believe that in this country the issues of the newspaper press represent something like one to ten of every man, woman, and child of the population, and that is exclusive of the number that we know go into reading rooms, where one paper may be made to serve twenty individuals, or, as is so frequently the case in this country, where one newspaper is sent round to some ten or twenty families. This fact will enable us to grasp some idea of the power of the press. If we look to other nations you will find, from the returns published in those countries, that the number of newspapers is very much in proportion to the ratio of civilization. It is very seldom indeed that you will hear a Frenchman admit that there is anything out of his country superior to what there is in it. Yet, the other day I was surprised to see a Frenchman—a Parisian journalist—admitting that the newspaper press of this country and Germany was superior to his own. That I take to be a weighty testimony in favour of the newspaper press of this country. It stands deservedly high, and so long as it is maintained with the ability that we now see lavished upon it, so long I am sure we shall all feel for it the deepest respect and gratitude. I was very much struck the other day with a quotation from a sermon by the late Dean Stanley, and recently quoted by the Duke of Albany, wherein the Dean said that we ought to remember that “behind the innumerable sheets and vast mountains of type, and the constant whirl of machinery, there stands an army of living workmen, unseen friends, through whose close, attentive eyes and ever busy fingers, the light of God, the light of the world, the light of knowledge, the light of grace, streams out in countless rays to every corner of our streets and houses.” I will only ask you, if to these workers our gratitude is due, how much more so to the editors, writers, and reporters who supply the intellectual motive power to this mighty machine? I therefore ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to honour the toast of “The Press” most heartily, and I couple with the toast the names of the representatives of the two distinguished papers present, one of which is doing a great work in the city of London—the *City Press*—(cheers)—while the other has a special duty perform in connection with the Craft, a duty which it performs most ably, consistently, and devotedly: I refer to the *Freemason*. (Loud cheers.)

The toast having been duly honoured, Mdme. Clever sang Theo. Marzial's “In the North Country.”

Mr. Carruthers then having briefly replied on behalf of the *Freemason* to the toast of the Press,

Bro. W. J. FERGUSON, P.M., rose to propose the toast of the afternoon, “The Worshipful Master.” He said: Worshipful Master, ladies and gentlemen and brother members of the lodge—the majority of the toasts having been gone through, there only remains, which though it certainly is the last is the most important toast of all. All those who know our Worshipful Master as well as we do, will endorse the sentiment when I say it is most important. (Cheers.) For the very pleasant afternoon which we have had here and of which I trust we shall have many more, we are indebted to the energy of our Worshipful Master. He has thrown his heart, mind, and soul into the pleasant business of introducing our lady and gentleman visitors to some of the pleasant mysteries of Freemasonry. Masonry is supposed to be one of those superior things which are restricted to the male sex, but on this occasion the ladies also have participated in it with great advantage, and I am sure appreciate some of the pleasant points about it. We do not on this occasion trouble ourselves about what we as Freemasons do. We endeavour to make ourselves as agreeable as we possibly can, and our Worshipful Master has carried out the principal to the very utmost. The brethren of the lodge I am sure share my feeling that we should be and are very proud of having such a Master to preside over us. We have had no insignificant number of able W. Masters in their day, but there is one point in which it will be very difficult for any following Master to surpass the present. (Cheers.) Under him we have arrived at a very high point of development, and it will be a tax upon the abilities of any succeeding Master to surpass the present one. It is a pleasant duty to give honour where honour is due, and I think in the present instance there is no man whose acquaintance I have ever made who has ever more perfectly carried out the duties both socially and ritually than the Master who presides to-day. (Cheers.) Therefore I and all my brother members of the lodge are very proud of their Master, and I know the ladies and gentlemen present will join heartily with us and the Craft in honouring this toast as it deserves to be honoured. If, to-day, the arrangements have been so successful, that is attributable to the fact that our Worshipful Master has been their presiding genius. I trust you will join with me in drinking most heartily his very good health, in the hope that he may long be spared to give us the benefit of his ability and experience. (Cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and was followed by a call of three times three which was lustily given.

Bro. Joseph Wilson then sang Mr. G. Marks' song, “Sailing,” after which the Worshipful Master returned thanks. He said I must try to address myself briefly to the eloquent words with which our Bro. P.M. Ferguson has proposed my health. I think he made one mistake in saying that that was the toast of the evening, for that is in direct contradiction to what I said. “The Ladies” was the toast of the evening, and in spite of my respect and reverence for Bro. Ferguson I must maintain my first statement. He has told you that the lodge was proud of the Master. I am sure that the Master is proud of the lodge—(Cheers.)—and I am sure my best energies and services are given to upholding its honour, dignity, and prestige. (Cheers.) Anything that can be done to advance its prosperity will always command my best services. Bro. Ferguson has spoken of me in such kind terms because his own heart is overflowing with that kindness which is such distinguishing feature of the man. He is one of those Masons of whom it may be said that he is a man—

“Who has kept his sympathies awake,
And scattered good for more than custom's sake;
Steadfast and tender in the hour of need,
Gentle in thought, benevolent in deed;
Whose looks have power to make dissensions cease,
Whose smile is pleasant, and whose words are peace.”

The feelings which he knows are in his own breast make him attribute to me all the same qualities. I can only assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that I shall never cease to strive to deserve them. I am quite sure of this, that it is in consequence of the great support that I have received from the members of the lodge that we go on in the happy and satisfactory manner in which we do. I can assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that we find our gatherings very pleasing. There is a great deal of work to do in the lodge of which I cannot speak now, but which is very satisfactory to us. We strive to make these meetings as profitable as they can be, and I can assure you that in everything that is said in the lodge, everything that is going on in the lodge, and everything that is done in the lodge, there is not one word which we should be ashamed for the ladies to hear and know. The founders of our Craft have decreed otherwise. They have, for wise and good reasons, ruled that ladies shall not be members of our society; but I assure you that nothing takes place which I, personally, would not welcome every lady here present to witness, feeling quite sure that, after watching our Masonic work and sharing in our Masonic banquets, she would but wish us the more fervently “God speed.” (Cheers.) As regards our brethren of the lodge, they have my most hearty sympathy, and I can say of us all—

“We carry not with us a heart from hence
That beats not but in fair consent with ours;
Nor leave not one behind that does not wish
Success and conquest to attend upon us.”

That is my feeling as Master of the lodge. As regards these gatherings, I can assure you, ladies and gentlemen, friends all, that they are associated with the most pleasant recollections, and that this particular day will always be engraved upon my memory. I am sure that nothing can ever efface it from my mind, for as in a vase in which roses have once been distilled their sweet fragrance continues to linger even after the vessel is broken and shattered, so of my memory in which these pleasant recollections have entered I can truly say

“You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.”
Gentlemen and ladies, one and all, I thank you. (Loud and continuous cheering.)

The visitors then descended to the terrace, where the showers of the earlier part of the afternoon had given way to a splendid summer's evening, which displayed the lovely view of the Thames and the misty hills beyond to the best advantage. Meanwhile the banqueting room was cleared or dancing, and speedily converted into a very spacious, fairy, and attractive ball room, where dancing commenced at about nine o'clock, and was kept up until a late hour. The following is the programme of dances: 1, quadrille, “Fun of the fair;” 2, valse, “Ehren on the Rhine;” 3, lancers, “Carmen;” 4, valse, “Dream faces;” 5, quadrille, “Dejaet;” 6, polka, “Bonne Chance;” 7, lancers, “Patience;” 8, schottische, “Happy moments;” 9, Caledonians, “Tullochgorum;” 10, valse, “Boccaccio;” 11, lancers, “The knight of St. Patrick;” and 12, galop, “Harlequin.”

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. ALFRED BROOKMAN, C.C., I.P.M. ALDERSGATE LODGE, 1657.

The above interesting event took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, when the brethren present were Bros. Dr. Samuel Benton, W.M.; Alfred Brookman, I.P.M.; Samuel White, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chaplain; John Derby Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, P.M. and Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M. and Sec.; W. H. Froom, S.D.; Edward Anderton, J.D.; Arthur B. Hudson, Stewd.; Fred Crockford, W. Stewd.; and Joseph Lavendar. Visitors: Bro. Bradshaw Brown, W.M. Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1; and Messrs. T. Spreckley, R. White, and J. H. Spreat. Letters of apology were received from Bros. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Dr. Alder Smith, Matthew R. Webb, P. Saillard, A. J. Altman, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Thomas Benskin, W. S. Chapman, Henry Matthews, John Larkin, Joseph Renals, George Rawlinson, and Thompson. The festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys', the Handel festival, and other gatherings on the same day prevented many more from being present.

The Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. Dr. Samuel Benton, occupied the chair, and after the toast of “The Queen and the Craft” had been honoured, the CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of the evening, “The Health of Bro. Brookman.” In the course of his speech Bro. Benton said that although Bro. Brookman was, comparatively speaking, a young Mason, he had by industry and earnestness of purpose made great strides in the Craft. Last year he was unanimously elected W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, and was the first brother initiate chosen to preside over his mother lodge. During his term of office he had had a great deal of Masonic work to perform, and it was the dignified and impressive way in which he did that work which had prompted the brethren to invite him to a complimentary dinner that night, and to thank him for adding to and maintaining the reputation of the Aldersgate Lodge. Bro. Brookman by his liberality had associated his name with all the Masonic Charities, and never spared himself in the discharge of any good work which had to be done. He was a constant attendant at their little lodge of instruction, and was always ready and willing to give a helping hand to brethren less efficient than himself. As there were a few visitors there that night who were not Masons, they might ask who was Bro. Brookman? Well, in answer to that question, he (Bro. Benton) might say that Bro. Brookman was a man highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. Upon being pressed into allowing himself to be nominated to take part in the municipal government of London he was returned at the head of the poll. He gave them “The Health of Bro. Brookman,” and was sure they would all join in wishing him long life and happiness.

Bro. BROOKMAN in reply said that he thanked the brethren and the visitors for their very cordial response to the toast proposed with such kindness by the W.M. Dr. Benton had alluded to one circumstance, that of his happening to be the first of their initiates to be put in the chair, and he could assure the brethren that it had caused him much anxiety at the time. He remembered he had to follow eminent Masons who possessed high social positions,

great intellectual attainments, and world-wide Masonic fame, under whose governance the lodge had attained a prestige which made it difficult for their successor to uphold; but the brethren seemed to unite in rendering his duties light and to prove that his year should not be behind-hand in well-doing. And on resigning it was a great satisfaction to know that they had passed through a happy, peaceful, and prosperous year together, and that they thought him worthy of the honour they conferred upon him that day. It would be remembered that during the year the lodge had been visited by very many of the Grand Officers, and also by an unusual visitor, a Lord Mayor of London in the person of Sir John Whittaker Ellis. It was gratifying to know that the hospitality of the lodge had been well exercised, but it was better still to feel that they had also well supported the charities, and by the kindness of the lodge and friends he, Bro. Brookman, had the pleasure of taking up a list of £115 for the Boys' School, and the Stewards for the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution had also each a large list. He was glad that during his year the lodge had been strengthened by the addition of worthy members, and therefore if he had commenced with some trepidation he was thankful to retire, feeling that the lodge was increasing in usefulness. And now he would like to congratulate the present W.M. that already two circumstances had occurred that pointed in the same direction—that from their members had been elected the Grand Treasurer of England, their esteemed Bro. Allcroft, the first W.M. of the lodge, and that the new Aldersgate Chapter, composed of their members, had been consecrated and started in a manner which foretold success. He again thanked them for the many kindnesses he had received and for the compliment of the day.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not intend to indulge in many toasts; but there was one he could not pass over, and that was “The Visitors,” with which he coupled the names of Bro. Bradshaw Brown, W.M. No. 1, and Mr. Spreckley.

Bro. BRADSHAW BROWN said he was exceedingly pleased to be at this meeting, and he was glad to see the kindly feeling evinced towards Bro. Brookman, who was also a member of his lodge. Seeing there were some present who were not Masons, he would hope they had not altogether been unmindful of dining in order to notice if Masons acted like the unenlightened on such occasions.

Mr. SPRECKLEY, in responding alluded to Bro. Bradshaw Brown's remarks, and said he as yet had not been able to discover any difference, for it appeared that they as Masons wished to pass a compliment upon one who possessed their esteem, and it gave him as much pleasure to join in the compliment as if he were one of the Brotherhood. With regard to Masonry, he would say that he had always admired the grand spirit of charity which they carried out in supporting the noble Institutions of the Order, and also in assisting those who perhaps from no fault of their own had met with reverses. Such true charity, just when needed, and given without ostentation, was to his mind carrying out the holiest instincts of humanity.

Bro. SAMUEL WHITE, S.W., proposed “The health of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Samuel Benton,” which was acknowledged by the W.M., who in turn gave the toast of “The Grand Treasurer, Bro. John Derby Allcroft.”

Bro. JOHN DERBY ALLCROFT, in responding to the toast, said he could have wished that the position to which he felt honoured in being elected had been of a less ornamental nature; he would have been better satisfied had more work appertained to the office. Bro. Allcroft expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of acknowledging the able manner in which the interests of the lodge had been promoted by Bro. Brookman, and said it was the duty of the members to testify to the admirable way which their I.P.M. had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office.

An excellent menu had been provided, the tables and dining room were decorated with a profusion of flowers, the whole being under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sadler, the entire proceedings being carried through and terminating to the complete satisfaction of the company.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL FOR 1884.

We are glad to be in a position to announce that his Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W., and P.G.M., and Grand Supt. of Oxfordshire, has kindly undertaken to preside at the 86th anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It will be in the recollection of our readers that his Royal Highness has already presided at a festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1880, and that in 1877 he would have occupied the chair at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but was unfortunately prevented at the last moment by serious indisposition. We beg to congratulate Bro. Binckes on this further piece of good fortune, and we trust that he will have another surprise in store for the well-wishers of the Boys' School.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At a meeting of the General Committee held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Col. Creaton, P.G. Treas., there were present: Bros. E. Letchworth, R. Grey, Peter de Lande Long, A. E. Gladwell, W. Stephens, Frank Richardson, C. J. Perceval, J. G. Thomas, C. H. Webb, J. H. Matthews, F. Walters, T. G. Vohmann, C. J. Browne, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and W. Lake (Freemason).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and verified, and the minutes of the House Committee held on the 21st inst. were read for information, in which they report an offer of the purchase of about nine acres of land adjoining the grounds of the Institution, arising out of which a report to the Quarterly General Court was agreed to, and a notice of motion given that it be received and considered, and such action taken thereon as shall be deemed desirable by the General Court.

Petitions were considered on behalf of 10 candidates for election, one of which was deferred, the remainder being approved. This closing the list for the October election, it was resolved to recommend that the six unsuccessful candidates from the last election, together with the 26 which have been since approved (making 32 in all) be placed on the list for the October election, and that eight vacancies be declared.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
PATRON AND PRESIDENT:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.
PATRONESS:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of JULY, 1883, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in October next, to declare the number of girls then to be elected, to receive the following report of General Committee, and to consider Notice of Motion as under:—

REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

"The General Committee reports to the Quarterly General Court that, in consequence of an intimation conveyed to the House Committee from the owner of the freehold land adjacent to the Institution—that he was about to offer for sale nine acres, or thereabouts, bounding two sides of its grounds, and that the lowest sum he would take for the whole, which he declined to divide, was at the rate of £4,000 per acre—Col. Creton, with the concurrence of his colleagues, had obtained from him a promise that such land should not be sold until the views and opinion of the General Court as to the advisability of acquiring the property for the Institution could be obtained.

"That taking into consideration the facts that the land, if sold to a third party, might be dealt with in a manner most prejudicial to the School, and that if purchased by the Institution a very considerable and valuable portion of it could be re-sold, this Committee consider the subject is one which should receive the fullest consideration at the hands of the governing body of the Institution."

NOTICE OF MOTION

By Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.
"That the Report of the General Committee with reference to the land offered for sale be received and considered, and such action taken thereon as shall be deemed advisable by the General Court."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.
Offices, 5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.,
June 30th, 1883.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE M.W. BRO. THE REV. CANON G. R. PORTAL,
PROVINCIAL GRAND M. MASTER.
THE R.W. BRO. W. HICKMAN (P.G.J.W. OF ENG.),
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND M. MASTER.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of this Province will assemble at the
GEORGE-STREET HALL, SANDOWN, ISLE OF WIGHT,

At FOUR o'clock p.m.,
On Monday, the 2nd day of July, 1883,
For the transaction of Provincial business.

The BANQUET will take place at 5 p.m. precisely. The Tickets will be 7s. 6d. each, including a pint of wine. The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the M.W. Grand Mark Master,
GEO. J. TILLING, P.M. 63,
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary,
Southampton, 11th June, 1883.

N.B.—The William Hickman Lodge will be constituted at St. George's Hall, Sandown, immediately before the holding of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The Ceremony will commence at Three o'clock precisely.

THE VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER TO YORK.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES
WILL LAY THE MEMORIAL STONE
Of the new Institute with Masonic Honours, at York, on
WEDNESDAY MORNING, THE 18TH JULY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

Will be opened at 10 a.m. All Masons who purpose taking part in the Procession MUST BE PROVIDED WITH TICKETS, AS OTHERWISE THEY CANNOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE ENCLOSURE, and no exception can be made. TICKETS 5/- each. Application for Tickets must be made to M. C. PECK, 2, Albany-terrace, Hull (Prov. G. Secretary), and accompanied with Remittance.
Tickets are not Transferable.

All Brethren to appear in black, with tall hats, and full Masonic Craft clothing, and white gloves. Apron to be worn outside the coat.
M. C. PECK, T. B. WHYTEHEAD,
Prov. G. Sec. Chairman Provincial Committee.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS, 1883.

TOURIST TICKETS will be issued from May 1st to the 31st October, 1883.
For Particulars, see Time Tables and Programmes, issued by the Company.
JOHN NOBLE,
Derby, 1883. GENERAL-MANAGER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE R.W. BRO. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, P.M.,
Prov. Grand Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
Of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the
STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, RICHMOND,
On Saturday, 7th July, 1883,

When all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock.

By command of the R.W.P.G.M.M.,
WM. G. BRIGHTEN, P.M., &c.,
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary,
4, Bishopsgate-street Without, E.C.,
13th June, 1883.

Banquet at 6.30 o'clock. Tickets One Pound each, including Wine.

Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 3rd July.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY, MEMPHIS AND MIZRAIM.

SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY, 33°-95°,
IN AND FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

NOTICE IN HEREBY GIVEN to the Members of this Rite that the
ANNUAL MEETING

OF
THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY
WILL BE HELD AT

THE MASONIC HALL, HOPE STREET, GLASGOW,
ON
Monday, 2nd July, 1883.

By order of the M.I. Grand Master-General,
JAMES HILL, 33°, 95°,
Grand Sec.-General.

Banquet at Macgreggor's Hotel, at Seven o'clock.

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26,099 Policies, Assuring	£4,825,317
REVENUE OF THE YEAR.	

Premiums.....	£140,809
Interest, &c.	£35,131
	£175,940

ACCUMULATED FUND.	
Laid in the year.....	£69,772
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To Correspondents.

The following have been received but stand over until next week for want of space:

Lodge of Industry, 41; York Lodge, 236; Staffordshire Knot Lodge, 726; Army and Navy Lodge, 1971.
Royal Arch—St. John's Chapter, No. 80; Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326.
Mark—Aldershot Lodge, No. 54.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The New Zealand Herald," "The Natal Mercury," "The Masonic World," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand," "The New Zealand Freemason," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Court Circular," "Keystone," "La Rensta Masonica," "Masonic Review," "Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

TABLE OF PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my letter to you which you were so kind as to insert in your last, I called on the brethren at large to give utterance, through your columns, to the feeling which I know is strongly agitating the whole Fraternity as to the attempt which is being made to override our Constitutions and to bring Grand Lodge, the fountain of authority in our Order, into a state of nonentity. I again, and most earnestly, call upon the brethren to be up and doing, for, verily, we are beset with grave dangers. I have just seen the paper of agenda for a special meeting of Grand Lodge to be held 10 days hence, and from it I see that the attempt to strangle the power which belongs to the "rulers of the Craft in Grand Lodge assembled (and to them alone when so assembled)," which has been for some time past silently pursued by a small knot of the executive, is now openly proclaimed.

I entreat all Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of lodges to consider carefully the list of proposed alterations in our ancient landmarks, now issued as the agenda for the next meeting of Grand Lodge—a meeting called at 10 days' notice! I can now only directly speak of one of these proposed alterations. No. 6 says, "The Table of Precedence is altered according to the recent order of the Grand Master." Recent order of the Grand Master! When has this "order" appeared? and what is the meaning of an order from the Grand Master to his Grand Lodge. He may order his Grand Secretary to issue a notice or a summons; he may "order" the Grand Registrar to sign and seal a patent of appointment, and these officers may in such matters use the words "by order of the Grand Master."

The Grand Master has doubtless, no one would dream of denying it, the power of "ordering" many things, but that his very ill-advised counsellors should claim for him the power of "ordering" a change in any article of our Book of Constitutions is a thing so monstrous that I do hope the brethren throughout the country will notice it. I say "notice it," because the only danger is that it may pass without being noticed. Once apprehended I have no fear of the result. Masons will utterly overthrow this attempt against the landmarks of our Order if only they see exactly what is being attempted. Here we are told that the Grand Master wishes to alter—or proposes that Grand Lodge should alter—but simply that a portion of our Book of Constitutions "is altered!" If English Freemasons will stand this we must write "Ichabod" over the lintel of our new Temple.

I do earnestly beseech all Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of lodges to look closely into these proposed alterations of our time-honoured laws, and to strain every nerve to attend Grand Lodge on the 29th, and show that while we feel, and on all occasions will show, all honour, all due obedience, all affection and complete loyalty to our Grand Master, we nevertheless mean to cleave to our
June 19th. CONSTITUTIONS.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The friends of our Boys' School are not unnaturally jubilant at the really magnificent sum subscribed at the recent festival. In last week's *Freemason* you gave a very elaborate analysis of the returns; but there is one most important omission, which, it is to be hoped, you will take the earliest opportunity to supply. Your readers are told that the returns of the festival amounted to the striking sum of £22,444; but no information whatever is given as to what portion of that amount was subscribed to meet the ordinary expenses of the Institution, to defray which the proceeds of the festival are, as a general rule, devoted; and what for the special fund for the building of the proposed Junior School? In other words, What proportion of the total returns will entitle the donors to receive the premium votes promised the subscribers to the latter fund?

The suppression of information on this point, both at the Festival and in your columns, has not unnaturally given rise to much comment and to all kinds of rumours.

The sooner the actual result is made known the better it will be for the Institution, many of the old supporters of which are not altogether satisfied at the ruthless manner in which, without any apparent necessity, the value of the votes they purchased has been depreciated.—Yours fraternally,
AN OLD LIFE GOVERNOR.

REBUILDING OF FREEMASONS' HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly allow me space to thank you and others for taking up the point I strongly advocate in the reconstruction of Freemasons' Hall. I take it the Craft will not be satisfied with the simple reconstruction or enlargement of the Temple. The points I advocate are a larger and more convenient room for the officials in Grand Secretary's office; a strong room of ample size for safe custody of books, papers, and regalia; and a commodious room for Freemasons attending any duties connected with our various Institutions; where brethren can confer with each other, and write their letters if necessary; also a waiting room quite independent of this writing room.

I do not agree with the opinion that a library or museum are very important, and I strongly object to anything like a club being provided for, being fully persuaded that it would never answer, because it is not required. As to the question of money, I believe that will easily be found, and if we get into debt a little we shall soon get out of it again. You may readily understand I want to receive some of the advantages of the funds raised during the 30 odd years that I have been in the Craft; the younger branches can also share it with us, and meantime they can adopt a different system if circumstances render it desirable when we are removed.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,
HENRY SMITH.

[We concur fully in much Bro. Smith so ably advocates, but cannot pretend to agree with our worthy brother in his depreciatory remarks as to a library and museum. We quite go with him as to the advisability of better official accommodation and a general waiting room, but cannot see why Grand Lodge is to find a waiting room for the Institutions gratuitously.—Ed. F.M.]

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,—The establishment of a National College of Music having been so universally responded to, induces me to ask "what will ultimately be the fate of its scholars?" The College will be the means of, firstly—educating, and secondly—throwing upon the musical world a vast number of Instrumentalists. The fact appears to be ignored that there is already in London alone a considerable number of talented English players who cannot obtain a living, owing to the distinguished patronage lavished on foreign artists. British musicians naturally look forward to the London season for their harvest, but as regularly as the season approaches we find two Hungarian bands located here, advertising themselves "under the immediate patronage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the nobility," engaged day and night at various garden parties, dinners, balls, &c., to the exclusion of the English musician. There is also another band here from Vienna, whose arrival has thrown an entire orchestra out of employment, as they first play at a theatre, and afterwards at an aristocratic club, recently formed.

The manifest injustice to English artists must be apparent, and I feel sure the facts need only to be brought under the notice of those who have the power of bestowing their patronage on native talent to remedy the evil.

By kindly inserting these few remarks in your influential paper, you will greatly oblige a large section of the musical profession.—I am, sir, yours obediently,
AN ENGLISH MUSICIAN.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC CALENDARS.

I regret having omitted to notice the special feature connected with the issue of the Directory for Yorkshire, viz., that the editor, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, has ever since its issue published and circulated the numerous copies of each year at his sole cost. The gift is doubtless very acceptable to the numerous recipients, as it is always to us; but I still think that a large and comprehensive Directory should be published in each of the two Provinces into which Yorkshire is divided.—W. J. HUGHAN.



HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF RELIEF, No. 42. Compiled by Bro. E. A. EVANS, J.W., with an introductory notice by Bro. J. NEWTON, P.M., and a list of Modern Lodges in Lancashire by Bro. G. P. BROCKBANK, W.M. 37. Bury: Hope Office, Bro. O. C. Crompton.

This is a most interesting little work, and is a befitting addition to other Lancashire lodge histories. We have read it with singular pleasure. The Lodge of Relief, No. 42, as its number shows, is one of the oldest lodges on our list, having been constituted in 1733. It celebrated its centenary some 50 years ago. Originally, as Bro. Newton points out, it was practically a benefit society; but it is quite clear, as it seems to us, that the Master Mason's Degree in 1733 was, at any rate, a well-known part and parcel of the system, and yet apparently no records are extant of its working. We have always held that we have in this Masonic doctrine of "Reserve" the secret of the dimness which covers all records anent the Third Degree. It is quite clear that in England to a later period even, no records exist of the granting the Third Degree, and that law dominates other bodies and other countries. Everything tends to prove the resolute adherence to ancient formulae which marks our brethren, especially in England, and seems unmistakeably to point to the need and duty of a still more careful overlooking of lodge minutes, books, and dusty receptacles of forgotten and ancient documents. We thank our brethren the compilers for a very interesting work, and commend it to the notice of all Masonic students at home and abroad.

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

This is the official record of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and very interesting and well printed it is. As many of us are aware, the Masonic bodies in Pennsylvania constitute a very remarkable and homogeneous body of men and band of brethren, distinguished alike by their zeal for Freemasonry, their "thorough" and intellectual appreciation of its needs and mission, and above all by very kindly and sympathetic feelings towards all visiting brethren and pilgrim Masons. Remembering the actual trials and persecutions they have gone through in their faithful adherence to the landmarks and the true teaching of our great and tolerant and beneficent Order, we are glad to hold out to them across "dividing waters" the faithful hand of Masonic fellowship, and the assurance of unchanging memories, of regard, respect, and affection.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FRENCH GRAMMAR. Hachette and Co., 18, King William-street, Strand, W.C.

This new edition of a very valuable manual of French philology and grammar has been revised and edited by our esteemed Bro. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, Mr. Gustave Masson, Mr. Elphege Janau, and Bro. H. G. Levander. It appears to us to be a most valuable aid to learning French grammatically, soundly, and thoroughly, and we desiderate for it an extensive patronage by all schools and seminaries where the French language is wisely made a very important element in the scholastic system. We have long rejoiced to see how much greater attention is paid to modern languages. We can remember the time when all such instruction was practically a farce, and treated as a bore, and many of us must remember with compunction how thoughtlessly we too often treated the good and patient old French teacher of 40 years ago, very often an old abbé who had left home never to return. To-day, mainly as in many other things, thanks to the wholesome influence of the late Prince Consort, that must be a very retrograde school indeed where French and German do not form part of the usual studies of the pupils. Even our great public schools are waking up and encouraging the use and the knowledge of modern languages. And say what we will, French still forms the travellers "passe partout," alike in Europe as in the Mediterranean and the East. Indeed, we are of opinion that no one ought to be allowed to enter even into the civil service who has not mastered French. Much more ought it to be a "sine qua non" for the army and the navy and the diplomatic service. We think that this First Part, which contains the Accidence, is well worthy of study and consideration. We have gone through it, and are much struck with the "thoroughness" by which it is marked, and we can ourselves most conscientiously commend it not only for schools and public institutions, but to all tutors and governesses. It gives a list of adopted words, a list which curiously enough is now increasing rapidly in France. One of the latest naturalizations of which we have heard is "Kettledrum," for an afternoon tea, and which is now in common and fashionable use in Paris.

SUMMER TOURS IN SCOTLAND.—CALEDONIAN AND LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAYS.

This is a small but handy illustrated guide-book for intending holiday tourists and travellers, which suggests many pleasant thoughts and opens out many welcome progresses. For it seems to take us away perforce from hard work and harassing cares, from all that constitutes a "burden of the flesh" for the man of money, the man of business, the man of Parliament, the man of literature to-day. The London season, that weird and incomprehensible state of existence, is slowly ending amid the din, the confusion, the dull streets, the bad odours of our dear "little village;" and this welcome little book meets us with vistas of forest glades, the refreshing breezes of the hills and the moors, and gladdening charms of highlands and lowlands, of loch and waterfall, lakeland and deer forests, all that constitutes the special charm of Scotland for enthusiastic citizen or admiring stranger. We can recommend it to all who are intending to get and enjoy a holiday either "solus cum solâ," or as an unit in a large and family circle where youth and health, good looks and fresh hearts, all admirable in themselves, are better in their capabilities of enjoyment, than all the ex-

perience, all the wisdom of the world. The illustrations of this little "vade mecum" are very effective, and make some poor smoke-dried denizen of that wonderful scene of tumult and uproar, headledom and bumbledom, &c., which we term London, long for a sight of Oban, or a sojourn by Loch Katrine, a fishing excursion on Loch Awe, a pull upon Loch Taye, and a general acquaintance with "North Britain" in its wondrous scenery and amidst its glorious hills, the sunny cities of the plains, the tumultuous waters of the stormy Hebrides. Many of our friends probably will soon be on the wing, solitary pilgrims, or a numerous and noisy band; we wish them all amusement and enjoyment, sunny hours and favourable weather in the "Land of Cakes" and the "Land of Mist," and may they all return with wonderful stories of what they have seen, and what they have done, sunburnt and somewhat "travel-stained," in the fullest of health, and the highest of spirits.



200] EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY MASONRY.

In a recent work which I review "pace" the Editor elsewhere—mention is made of a letter by a Bro. Moore, written in 1715, in which he mentions having "spent a few evenings in festivity with many Masonic friends." This is the earliest mention of Freemasonry in America or Philadelphia, and takes us back to pre-1717, and in fact to seventeenth century Freemasonry. YOUR REVIEWER.

201] SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MASONRY.

It seems to me that an energetic attempt should be made to try and throw light on that seventeenth century Freemasonry to which Ashmole and Randle Holmes belonged, and of which Dr. Plot speaks so distinctly. *There must be remains of it somewhere.* Several points require elucidation, and several sources of information demand opening out. Among these are (1) Ashmole's private MSS., which exist somewhere; (2) the records of the Masons' Company, which require overhauling by an expert; (3) a search in the great libraries at Paris and Vienna; (4) lodge boxes and collections in this country. Any brother or correspondent who can give the slightest information on this important topic will confer a great favour on all Masonic archaeologists and, above all, on
MASONIC STUDENT.

202] CHRISTIAN HERMETICISM.

Can any brother tell me of a work which deals exhaustively with this interesting subject? It matters not whether it be in French or German. ROSY CROSS.

203] CHEVALIER RAMSAY.

Has Bro. Gould seen any chance "Philosophical Principles of Natural and Revealed Religion Explained and Unfolded in a Geometrical Order" by the above? Bohn says an edition was published in Glasgow in 1749, two vols., 4to. BOOKWORM.

AN ORATION

Delivered by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., at the Consecration of the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, on the 14th instant.

Most Excellent and Companions,—It has given me great pleasure to attend on this occasion, at the summons of our distinguished companion in the chair, to assist in consecrating this chapter; which, judging from the eminent Masons who have promoted it, the distinguished brother who will preside over it, from the important locality in which it is situated, and from the admirable arrangements and beautiful surroundings of the chapter room in which we are assembled, is likely to prove an ornament, a pleasure, and a profit to Masonry in this great city. The Royal Arch Degree is a very beautiful and expressive one, and a Royal Arch Chapter a bond of no mean significance; but as both are but outward and visible signs of high and solemn truths, and these not merely of a speculative, but of an eminently operative and practical nature, I would direct your thoughts and my own to an Arch, of which our Arch Degree is but a faint shadow. We read in Holy Writ that the children of Israel passed through the Red Sea to the Promised Land, by a road cleft in the waters by an Almighty arm, while Pharaoh and his host, "rider and horse, sank like lead" in the mighty waters. They that trusted in God's power, weak though they were in arms or numbers, crossed in safety through the perilous flood, while the hosts of Egypt, arrayed in all the strength and grandeur of earthly power, perished. Now, we too have to undertake a similar journey. Human life has been aptly compared to a river, which "though men may come and men may go, still flows on for ever." From the cradle to the grave we may be said to be travelling over it; but certainly from early manhood to its close, we find it a journey "real" and "earnest." We are "sojourners," and must cross that broad, rapid, swollen stream somehow. Some attempt it in one way, some in another; but a very large proportion in some fanciful or careless way, and relying on their own power, make shipwreck—"wonder and perish." Not a few seem to stand like the rustic, mentioned by the Roman poet, waiting for the river to pass, while others seem to wait for some Prophet's mantle to strike the obedient waters, and let them "pass over dry shod;" but we must not look for such miracles now. Yet has the great Architect not left us without remedy, or without a pathway of safety to pass over. He has graciously constructed a Royal Arch to span that formidable stream; the path across may be narrow, but the Masonry is firm and well laid, and he who would reach the glorious shore beyond must be ready to take God's way. The Arch of which I speak is composed of seven precious stones, which I proceed to name. The stones on which it rests are "Faith" and "Hope," while, above, is seen the Keystone, which bears upon it, engraven in letters of gold, the name of "Charity." Between the foundation stones and the Keystone are inserted four fair stones, on which are inscribed "Humility" and "Patience," "Justice" and "Temperance." 1.—And surely I do not venture to say too much when I assert that "Faith" must be the foundation of any fabric which is meant to stand against the storms of life, and

the waves of this troublesome world. Is there not an inner consciousness, an intuition within the breast of every thinking man, which points to a Creator, a Preserver, a Ruler of this wondrous world we inhabit? Who can gaze upon that glorious firmament studded with unnumbered stars and distant worlds; who can view that mighty sea which beats upon the shore, whose throbbing tides, with regular and ceaseless pulse, bear witness to a Law-giver, by whose Almighty fiat even its proud waves are stayed? Nay, who can look upon himself, so "fearfully and wonderfully" made, and not exclaim: "A God must be." "He who planted the ear must hear," "He who made the eye must see." He who formed the heart must understand. The universe, at every step, bears impress of design, and hence of a Designer of matchless wisdom, who clearly is not man, but who "must be above man." It is written on the face of nature,—it is engraven on the heart of man, and we rejoice to know, it is revealed in the word of God. But even reason bids us thus conclude, as Young argues, in those beautiful "Night Thoughts," in a strain as logical as it is sublime:—

"What am I? And from whence?—I nothing know,
But that I am; and, since I am, conclude
Something eternal: had there e'er been nought,
Nought still had been: eternal there must be,—
But what eternal? Why not human race?
And Adam's ancestors without an end?—
That's hard to be conceiv'd, since every link
Of that long-chain'd succession is so frail;
Can ev'ry part depend, and not the whole?
Yet grant it true: new difficulties rise;
I'm still quite out at sea; nor see the shore.
Whence earth, and these bright orbs? Eternal too?
Grant matter was eternal; still these orbs
Would want some other father;—much design
Is seen in all their motions, all their makes;
Design implies intelligence, and art:
That can't be from themselves—or man; that art
Man scarce can comprehend, could scarce bestow?
And nothing greater, yet allow'd, than man.—
Who, motion, foreign to the smallest grain,
Shot through vast masses of enormous weight:
Who bid brute matter's restive lump assume
Such various forms, and gave it wings to fly?
Has matter innate motion? Then each atom,
Asserting its indisputable right
To dance, would form an universe of dust.
Has matter none? Then whence these glorious forms,
And boundless flights, from shapeless and repos'd?
Has matter more than motion? Has it thought,
Judgment, and genius? Is it deeply learn'd
In mathematics? Has it fram'd such laws,
Which, but to guess, a Newton made immortal:—
If so, how each sage atom laughs at me,
Who think a clod inferior to man!
If art to form; and counsel, to conduct;
And that with greater far than human skill;
Resides not in each block;—a Godhead reigns.—
Grant then, invisible, eternal mind;
That granted, all is solved.—But, granting that,
Draw I not o'er me a still darker cloud?
Grant I not that which I can ne'er conceive?
A being without origin or end!—
Hail, human liberty! There is no God—
Yet, why? On either scheme that knot subsists:
Subsist it must, in God, or human race:
If in the last, how many knots beside,
Indissoluble all?—Why choose it there,
Where, chosen, still subsist ten thousand more?
Reject it, where, that chosen, all the rest
Dispers'd leave reason's whole horizon clear?
This is not reason's dictate; reason says,
Close with the side where one grain turns the scale:
What vast preponderance is here! Can reason
With louder voice exclaim—Believe a God?
And reason heard is the sole mark of man.
What things impossible must man think true,
On any other system! And how strange
To disbelieve, thro' mere credulity!"
If in this chain Lorenzo finds no flaw,
Let it for ever bind him to believe.
And where the link, in which a flaw he finds!
And if a God there is, that God how great!
How great that pow'r, whose providential care
Thro' these bright orbs' dark centres darts a ray!
Of nature universal threads the whole!
And hark creation, like a precious gem,
Tho' little, on the footstool of his throne."
May we not conclude, then, that the greatest miracle that could be produced would be real Atheism,—at once a miracle of unreason and ingratitude. Long may our Royal Arch rest on faith. 2.—But "Hope," too, must sustain it. What would our world or our Masonry be without hope. Even in matters of this world, how important,—nay how indispensable. Without it how would the physician struggle against the "ills which flesh is heir to;" how would the merchant venture on the risks of commerce; how would the soldier march bravely to the battle field; how would the mariner dare the terrors of the stormy sea; how would the sick, the sorrowful, the needy, the disappointed bear up under the trials of this mortal life? And if for this life how important, how then much more important still in relation to the life beyond. For without that bright hope, in the case of thousands—nay, of millions, this life would not be worth living. For were *this* our only life, surely it were often far preferable for the incurable, the suffering, the sorrowful, the bereaved, the needy, the disappointed, to free themselves from all trial or trouble by simple suicide. But, companions, God has implanted in our breasts this glorious hope, in which we rejoice, and which beckons us on to that grand tabernacle not made with hands, where we shall rejoin the companions of our former toils. 3.—But from faith springs "Humility," that sweet grace at whose suggestive voice the creature bends in lowly submission before the Great Creator, and conscious of his own faults, shrinks from censuring the faults of his brother. If this virtue were practised as it ought to be, what harmony would mark social intercourse, each "in honour preferring one another." "God indeed giveth grace to the humble," and sure may we be that the brother or companion that is humble in his own eyes, will be most exalted in the estimation of every brother whose opinion is worth having, and will do more in this way to promote "brotherly love" and happiness in his lodge or chapter, than by the most accurate rendering of our ritual or the loudest professions of zeal. 4.—And what shall I say of "Patience," the twin

sister of humility? It is one of the fairest and most useful graces that adorn human life. There is not a day that passes in which it is not brought into exercise. There is not a rank or condition that does not need its power. It sweetens the cup of labour, assuages the pangs of suffering, and pours over the waters of life's troubled sea the oil of peace and gladness. And need I say how important is its exercise in our lodges and chapters? How often is it required by those who govern, as well as those called on to obey, when the hasty word that stirs up strife should give place to the "soft answer" that "turneth away wrath?" How often is the Mason that is anxious to bring about order and improvement, and a higher tone, doomed to struggle on for weeks or months, or it may be years, gallantly contending against prejudice and numbers, and sustained only by a consciousness of right, and the virtue of patience. Wrong, real or imaginary, shrinks into nothingness under its gentle and persuasive influence; it nerves the arm of the patriot, and supports the spirit of the dying martyr; it lights up the gloom of affliction, and throws a glory round death itself. 5.—And, companions, let us "be just, and fear not." "Justice" is one of the most valuable virtues in life, for it not only tends to regulate a man's own action, but materially conduces to the adjustment of those many differences between man and man, which go far to make up the sum of human misery and strife. The man of a judicial cast of mind is not only likely to act on "the golden rule," of "doing to others as he would wish to be done by," but generally possesses that nice discernment and intuitive perception of right which minutely weigh all the circumstances of any case, however complicated, and decide it in a manner that suggests no appeal. In Masonic life this faculty is often called for, and on its happy exercise much depends the well-ruling and governing of our solemn assemblies, and the harmony and brotherly love that ought ever to characterise our social gatherings; and as amongst individual men or Masons so amongst nations is this virtue an indispensable requisite. "Righteousness," said our Grand Master, "exalteth a nation;" and sure may we be, that if by ignorance, carelessness, or corruption, the administration of justice is sapped in any nation, the decadence of that nation has begun, and its fall is not far distant. 6.—"Temperance," too, must ever mark our companionship. I use the term in its widest sense. To apply it merely in its conventional sense would be to narrow it grievously. "Be temperate in all things," was a maxim uttered eighteen hundred years ago by one who was not only a master in learning, but pre-eminently a teacher of moral and Divine truth. It holds as good to-day as on the day it was uttered. Let us be temperate by all means in meats and in drinks, but also in speech and in action. I have no hesitation in saying that intemperance in speech is not only more prevalent than intemperance in drink, but has, on the whole, done more mischief and entailed more misery on mankind. 7.—Lastly, but not least, it is our duty and our pleasure to cultivate "Charity," the very bond of peace and of all virtues. This is indeed the keystone of our arch. It is that beam of light, as suggested by a recent discovery, along which the sound of heavenly harmony is conveyed from heaven to earth, and earth to heaven. Here, too, let no conventional phrase confine this grace to giving of alms only. Charity, like its divine author and giver, knows no bounds of beneficence; and as it knows no limits in breadth, neither does it know an end. It "never faileth." Even the uncharitable often love and admire charity in others; upon the soft green of charity the sleepless eye of fevered passion will often love to rest. It is a well-known fact that often a single individual will, by the power of a gentle spirit, thoughtfulness, and consideration for others, maintain peace and harmony in a household, a lodge, a chapter, or a neighbourhood, which without this one bond of union will be full of discord. In the common events of daily life, in the admonition or correction of the erring; in the various and grievous phases of religious controversy; in the hour of sorrow, and by the bed of suffering; in the alleviation of distress, and help of the needy (pre-eminently in our own noble Masonic Charities); and in that solemn hour when life is coming to a close; in these and almost every condition of human existence does this divine grace come in to bless, to comfort, and to make peace. It is the salt which preserves the world from wide-spread corruption. Experience no less than the Volume of the Sacred Law informs us that "it must needs be" in this imperfect state "that offences come;" but the same blessed law teaches us to "forgive" and to "admonish" the offender "as a brother," while sweet charity whispers to the proud heart in well-known words:

"Speak gently to the erring,
Thou yet may'st win them back,
By holy words and tones of love,
From misery's thorny track;
Forget not thou has often sinned,
A sinner still may be;
Then deal thou with the erring one,
As God has dealt with thee."

And this reminds me of one thought before I conclude. It is as to the close of life's journey, and the relative importance of the antecedents I have named, and of those on which the world sets such store. Not many years ago, I stood one day on a beautiful spot in the lake district. The hills were covered with mist, which obscured some objects and magnified others. Presently the sun came out in its might; the mist rose like a curtain and then rolled away, revealing the glorious everlasting hills—stern realities, monuments of "wisdom," "strength," and "beauty." So, thought I, pass away the dreams of life as we near its close—miserable, paltry controversies in politics or religion, selfish projects that are thought dearer than life, subtle schemes for making wealth, nice points of distinction and opinion which are thought essential to our honour or happiness, all roll away, while the calm light of life's closing day brings out the realities of the dead past and the living present into clear view. And, companions, as we approach nearer the land of still more real realities the shadows of earth cease to mislead us; the scales fall from our eyes; objects are stripped of their false lustre; eternal things assume their proper proportions, and we instinctively "lift our eyes unto the hills whence cometh our help." And when we have actually passed over the slender arch which spans that Jordan which now separates us from our Promised land, the "faith" we once held so firmly fades away, no longer needed, for we "see God" in the heavenly light that beats on the great white throne; that "hope" we cherished long and lovingly is exchanged for "joy unspeakable and full of glory,"

and that "charity" which adorned, comforted, and blessed us on earth we find there revealed in perfect beauty—the keystone of even Heaven's Grand and Royal Arch, and the bond of an immortal life.

New Zealand.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF WESTLAND.

The annual meeting of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, Hokitika, on Wednesday, the 28th March, the District Grand Master, Bro. John Bevan, presiding. A very large attendance of the brethren from the various lodges of the district were present. A large amount of business was transacted, amongst which a pleasing tribute of esteem was unanimously voted to the District Grand Treasurer, Bro. M. Pollock, in appreciation of his many services to the Craft, to take the form of a handsome Masonic jewel. The following officers were duly installed in their respective offices by the D.G.M. in his usual impressive and effective manner, viz.:

- Bro. W. H. Revell Dist. D.G.M.
- „ James Kerr Dist. G.S.W.
- „ James Bevan Dist. G.J.W.
- „ J. J. Blackmore Dist. G. Reg.
- „ Rev. Westbrook Dist. G. Chap.
- „ M. Pollock Dist. G. Treas.
- „ J. J. Clarke Dist. G. Sec.
- „ H. Hyams Dist. G.S.D.
- „ W. Nicholson Dist. G.J.D.
- „ J. J. Williams Dist. G.S.B.
- „ Purnell Dist. G.P.
- Bros. Pfeifer, Bock, and Holmes .. Dist. G. Stwds.
- Bro. E. Kenway Dist. G.T.
- „ J. C. Malfroy Dist. G.S.Works.
- „ A. L. Konig Dist. G.D.C.

The brethren then adjourned to supper at the Cleveland Hotel, and spent a most enjoyable evening. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to most heartily.

MASONIC RIFLE MATCH.

On Friday, the 22nd inst., a match was fired between teams of brethren selected from the lodges attached to the South Middlesex Rifles and the London Rifle Brigade. This long talked of meeting between the two lodges, which from its novelty—being, we believe, the first of its kind in England—caused great interest in both volunteer and Masonic circles. The evening luckily was fine, though threatening to rain more than once, so that the run down and lovely scenery round about Caterham was much enjoyed, though the stiff hill which had to be climbed before the range was reached was not calculated to make the men steady. The shooting took about two hours, and was over soon after seven o'clock, leaving plenty of time before the return train at 8.50 to discuss the good things so hospitably provided by the senior lodge, on whose range the match was shot. As will be seen from the scores which follow, the London Rifle Brigade team, led by Bro. Neville Green, the I.P.M., were the winners, though their opponents, led by Bro. Hobbiss, were two points ahead at the conclusion of the two first ranges. At the last range, 600 yards, however, the London Rifle Brigade men shot up well, making 156 against 111 by the South Middlesex, thus winning the match by 43 points. After the result was read out by Bro. Hobbiss,

Bro. CUMBERLAND, the W.M. of 1858, expressed his and their pleasure at seeing the L.R.B. team on their range.

Bro. N. GREEN, the I.P.M. of 1962, thanked the South Middlesex Lodge for their kindness and hospitality, and hoped that they would accept an invitation to Rainham for the return match next year, and that the very pleasant meeting they had just had would be an annual one. The members of both teams then returned to town together, the outing having been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

LODGE, No. 1963.

	yds.	yds.	yds.	Total.
Corpl. Neville Green (Capt.) ...	200	500	600	
Pte. W. McDougall	31	25	24	80
Pte. S. W. Fraser	29	28	22	79
Sergt. L. V. Walker	30	20	24	74
Pte. R. A. Hancock	30	21	22	73
Sergt. H. W. Kitchingman ...	31	26	16	73
Sergt. R. H. Tayton	29	20	17	66
Pte. G. Gregory	30	18	17	65
	31	20	14	65
	241	178	156	575

LODGE, No. 858.

	yds.	yds.	yds.	Total.
Sergt. W. H. Hobbis (Capt.) ...	200	500	600	
Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe	33	29	22	84
Capt. C. H. R. Todd	31	28	15	74
Corpl. R. Bird	30	23	21	73
Capt. W. F. Woods	28	24	20	72
Pte. P. H. Jones	32	26	10	68
Lieut. F. Larner	26	21	11	58
Quarter-Master Stevenson ...	25	23	10	58
	23	20	2	45
	228	193	111	532

Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire, has sent a communication to the London papers to the effect that he had been asked to become one of the patrons of a society for promoting cleanliness among the poor and prevent (sic) the propagation of small pox, typhoid fever, and other contagious disorders. Office, 9, York-street, Portman-square, London, W. Supported by voluntary contributions, 1883. Secretary, T. M. Goring. Lord Leigh replied that he would do so if it was supported by other influential persons, which he was distinctly led to suppose was the case. He however found that his name was being quoted as the sole patron to start a society that had no committee, but a long array of paid officers. As the appearance of his name might lead to the conclusion that the society was receiving his support, Lord Leigh wishes it to be understood that he has absolutely withdrawn his name from the society.



Craft Masonry.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Crystal Palace, and there were present Bros. Thos. Perrin, W.M.; W. P. Gardner, I.P.M.; C. Basil Cooke, S.W.; J. B. Crumpe, J.W.; H. D. Stead, P.M., Treas.; R. Paton Jenkins, I.G.; J. Hicks, S. Johnson, Stewards; R. H. Crowden, P.M.; A. Harris, and G. C. Winkworth. Bro. Arthur Harris was passed to the Second Degree, Bro. R. H. Crowden kindly officiating as Senior Deacon in the unavoidable absence of that officer. The work was as usual well done by all concerned. There was no banquet and the brethren separated immediately the lodge was closed.

EVENING STAR LODGE (No. 1710).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., P.M., W.M. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the Worshipful Master stated that through the munificence of one of the members of the lodge, Bro. W. Winn, who had placed a hundred guineas on the list of this lodge's Steward for the Girls' School and a hundred guineas on the Steward's list for the Boys' School, the lodge had been enabled to send up a list of £146 odd to the former Charity, and over £150 to the latter. The new bye-laws were then confirmed, whereby the days of the lodge's meeting are altered to the fourth Tuesday in February, May, October, and November.

The only other business before the lodge was the installation of W.M., to which high office Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C., P.M., S.W., was unanimously elected at the former meeting. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Magnus Ohren was presented to Bro. James Glaisher, who immediately proceeded to install him in the chair of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. J. W. Sugg, S.W.; Arthur Mead, J.W.; James Glaisher, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Sugg, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Manwaring, S.D.; E. Hide, J.D.; Joseph Francis Porter, I.G.; F. Davies and T. H. Martin, Stewards; and C. T. Speight, Tyler.

A Past Master's jewel, of the value of £10, was presented to Bro. James Glaisher, I.P.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where each menu contained a beautiful photograph of Bro. Magnus Ohren, W.M., admirably executed by Bro. Pradelle, 246, Regent-street. The usual toasts were honoured after banquet.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were announced without special remark. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past" said that the Craft at large were indebted both to the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, who both took a very lively interest in Masonic affairs, particularly were they indebted to Lord Carnarvon, who frequently presided in Grand Lodge, where the business on the paper was always disposed of with the least delay, under his presidency, for which his courtesy, fairness and business qualities admirably fitted him. Lord Lathom was not so frequently seen in Grand Lodge, but he came whenever his engagements would permit of his so doing, and he also took a great interest in Masonry, of the rest of the Grand Officers he could not speak in detail. Those who went to Grand Lodge knew that only capable men were appointed to Grand office, and that all of them endeavoured to perform the duties of their high offices with zeal and regularity. In proposing this comprehensive toast he would couple with it the name of Bro. John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.

Bro. J. Sampson Peirce, in returning thanks for "The Grand Officers," referred to the fact that both the W.M. and Bro. Glaisher were Grand Officers, as well as himself, and regretted that Bro. Glaisher's name had not been associated with the toast instead of his (Bro. Peirce's). It was well-known that the M.W. the Grand Master exercised the greatest care in the selection of the Grand Officers, so much so that the honour attaching to the holding of Grand Office had been greatly enhanced under his wise rule. He (Bro. Peirce) fully appreciated the honour of having to respond for the Grand Officers. It always gave the Pro Grand Master a great amount of pleasure to associate himself with the affairs of the Craft. He was frequently at Grand Lodge, and it must be very gratifying to him to be always accorded, as he was, such a hearty reception. With respect to the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, he, too, was immensely popular, not only with Master Masons, but with the more advanced Degrees with which he most zealously associated himself. As regards the rest of the Grand Officers they were well known and earnest Masons, who all endeavoured to do their duty to the best of their ability; they were at all times very happy to come amongst the brethren, and watched with pleasure the progress of the various lodges. In conclusion, he assured his audience that the Grand Officers might be relied upon to do their best faithfully to discharge their duties, and on their and his own behalf he thanked the brethren very heartily for the cordial manner in which this toast had been received.

Bro. Glaisher, I.P.M., said that there was a very pleasant duty which he had to perform, the privilege of performing which attached to the honourable position of I.P.M., which he, for the first time in that lodge, held that evening. The toast he had to propose was "The Health of the W.M.," whom he had known for a quarter of a century, and had always found him to be a sterling man in every sense of the word; he asked them, therefore, with pleasure and confidence to drink a bumper to the good health of their newly-installed W.M., Bro. Magnus Ohren.

Bro. Ohren, in replying, said that to a man who was not a trained orator it was one of the most difficult tasks he could be called on to perform, to reply to a toast personal to himself. Bro. Glaisher had referred to the length of their acquaintance, and he (Bro. Ohren) took to himself the credit of being the Masonic father of Bro. Glaisher.

Some twenty-five years they were up in a balloon together, when Bro. Glaisher expressed his desire to know more of Freemasonry, and that he was well inclined towards the Order. Bro. Ohren said he seized the opportunity, and was eventually induced to propose him as a member of the Craft. It came about, in due course, that they both being in office in the same lodge, Bro. Glaisher had shown superior ability with regard to memory. He (Bro. Ohren) felt some diffidence in going forward, and urged Bro. Glaisher to precede him; and it was ultimately agreed that he should follow Bro. Glaisher, and in these relative positions he and his friend Bro. Glaisher had passed the chairs of three lodges together, and this was the third time that Bro. Glaisher had installed him. He returned them his best thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received this toast.

Bro. Ohren said he had now the pleasure to propose "The Health of the Past Masters of the Evening Star Lodge." Bro. Glaisher had been obliged to leave as he was not in good health, and he would not have been present at all if it had not been for the purpose of placing him (Bro. Ohren) in the chair that day. Bro. Green had been kind enough to undertake the S.W.'s duty in the absence of Bro. J. W. Sugg who was unfortunately confined to the house by illness. The Past Masters of the lodge had always shown themselves willing to assist the W.M. in his work, and he was sure that those who were absent would have been there if circumstances had not prevented them, and letters had been received from many to that effect. The brethren present were aware that no man should neglect his official duties to attend to Masonry, and he hoped and trusted that they would all be very sorry if any man did neglect his duties for Masonic work. He would say no more upon this toast but would ask Bro. Green to respond to it.

Bro. Green said he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the toast to the Past Masters of the lodge. He had had the pleasure of saying in that room, and he should continue to say it, that every Past Master ought to be able and willing to accept any office from that of the Inner Guard to that of Installing Officer; and if every officer and every member of the lodge would lay it to heart that he ought to do his duty in every branch of Masonry; then the Evening Star Lodge would be second to none in the working of the ritual. They had begun upon a good model—that of the Emulation Lodge in connection with the Lodge of Union. He said he thought that if the ritual was as well carried out in the Evening Star Lodge as it was in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement it would be second to none in the Craft. He thanked them very much for the toast.

The W.M. then proposed "The health of the Visitors," twenty-one in number, whose names he read out from the attendance book, and assured them of the pleasure which it gave to him and all the brethren of Evening Star Lodge to see so many visitors among them. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Alfred Richards and Cismeros, who acknowledged the compliment, and assured the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge that the visitors fully appreciated the hospitality that had been shown them.

The W.M. next proposed "The health of the S.W. and the other officers of the lodge," and, as the S.W. was absent, he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Meade, J.W.

Bro. Meade having replied, the W.M. proposed the toast, "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," in order to give an opportunity to Bros. Dr. Porter and Ferran Davies, who had acted as Stewards on behalf of the lodge, to say a word or two upon the charities. The lodge had, on every occasion, sent up a Steward, and it was the ambition of the Evening Star Lodge to be V.P.'s of all the charities, and, as long as there was a willing brother found to come forward to assist them with a Stewardship, he hoped they would always be able to send by him something from the funds of the lodge.

Bro. Dr. Porter and Bro. Winn replied, and spoke of the great sympathy they had with the charities. Both of them stated that they had upon taking the Stewardships applied to Bro. Winn, who had already so liberal a supporter of the charities, and Bro. Winn had at once promised 100 guineas to each of them.

The Tyler's toast closed the Masonic proceedings, but the excellent recitation and musical contributions of many of the brethren kept the company together for some time afterwards.

THE SHADWELL CLERKE LODGE (No. 1010).

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, under the presidency of Bro. John Wm. Mellor, O.C., M.P., the W.M., when there were also present Bros. Lord Molesworth, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Donald M. Dewar, as S.W.; Rampal Singh, J.W.; J. L. Mather, Treas.; W. C. Gilles, J.D.; George Temple, F. R. Kendall, and C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece, Secretary. There were also present as visitors, Bros. Baron de Frieres, P.M. 82.; George Kenning, P.M. 1657.; C. K. McKay, J.W. 2 (S.C.); Edgar Bowyer, G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.M., Secretary of the Boys' School; James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution; and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The first business on the paper was to ballot for, and if elected, to initiate Mr. Jehangir Hormusji Kothari, of Kurrachee, gentleman, introduced by Bro. George Kenning, and proposed by Bros. C. F. Matier, and J. L. Mather; and after the lodge had been opened by the W.M. and the ballot being in favour of Mr. Kothari's admission, Bro. J. L. Mather, by the courtesy of the W.M. was accorded the privilege of performing the ceremony of initiation, and assumed the chair for that purpose. The candidate was then announced and admitted in due form, and was duly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, took the chair, and examined Bro. Lord Molesworth as to his proficiency in the First Degree, and the questions being very well answered, the candidate for the Second Degree was sent out for preparation; on his approach being reported, he was admitted with the customary formalities and passed by the Grand Secretary to the degree of F.C.

The W.M. then resumed the chair, and there being no further business on the paper, inquired whether the Secretary had any matters to report.

Bro. Matier read letters from the Earl of Kintore, Viscount Holmesdale, Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Dr. Robbins, S.W., and Rev. E. K. Kendall, S.D., regretting that they were unable to be present.

The W.M. then closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine.

In the absence of the W.M., who, with Bros. Lord Molesworth and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, had other prior engagements, Bro. J. L. Mather, the Treasurer of the lodge, presided at the banquet table, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Matier in the absence of the Senior Warden.

At the conclusion of the dinner Bro. Mather proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts very briefly. After the toasts—"The Queen and Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," which were proposed and drunk without response, Bro. Matier rose and said that it gave him a very large amount of pleasure on this occasion to be called upon to propose a toast, the object of which they would have already guessed, namely, the health of the distinguished and indefatigable brother who presided that evening owing to the unfortunate absence of their W.M. They were under a deep debt to their esteemed friend, Bro. Mather, for he had that day initiated a new brother into the Craft, but had also undertaken to preside at the festive board; by him, also, the funds of the lodge were kept and its affairs regulated. Without further comment, he would ask them to be upstanding and to drink the health of Bro. J. L. Mather.

Bro. J. L. Mather in reply said he thanked Bro. Matier for the kind expressions he had employed towards him in proposing this toast, and he thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had received it. They all knew him sufficiently well to know that he was ready at all times to do everything in his power to secure the proper carrying on of the business of the lodge. He thanked them very much for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. The next toast he had to propose was the toast of the evening; it was the health of the gentleman whom they had that evening initiated into Masonry, and who had thereby become a brother amongst them. He did not want to make a long speech, but there was one brother to whom they were indebted for the introduction of this new brother. The brother they were thus indebted to was Bro. George Kenning, and they were very grateful to him for bringing Bro. Kothari among them. Bro. Mather said he was very pleased to observe the marked attention which the candidate paid to the ceremony, and the intelligent manner in which he followed the ritual dictated to him. Bro. Kothari he understood was about to leave our shores, and go to a considerable distance. If he thought of attending the lodge he would find it a very long way to come as far as from Milan for the purpose. Bro. Mather hoped that he had been pleased and impressed with the ceremony through which he had passed. He hoped that they would have some more equally good initiates into the Shadwell Clerke Lodge (which however would never be a large one), but he did hope and trust they would have some very influential members amongst them: they did not want quantity; quality was what they aimed at. He need not say that in drinking his health they coupled with the toast all manner of good wishes towards the initiate.

Bro. Kothari in replying said that he did not pretend to be an English scholar and therefore might not be able to make a speech which would convey to them exactly what he felt. He had for some time desired to become a Mason and he thanked the brethren for making him a member of the Craft and for receiving him into their lodge. He also had to thank the gentleman who proposed him, Bro. Kenning. He thanked very heartily his friend, Bro. Geo. Kenning, for assisting him to attain his object in London, and getting him initiated in the best of lodges. Bro. Kothari concluded by wishing prosperity to the Shadwell Clerke Lodge.

Bro. Mather then said that he had a very pleasing toast to propose to the members of the lodge. The toast he had the pleasure to propose was one that was well received in all lodges, and not less welcome in the Shadwell Clerke than in other lodges. That toast was "The Health of the Visitors." They had present Bros. George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx., McKay, Massey, Terry, an old friend, and another grand old man and old friend, Bro. Binckes. He assured those friends—if they wanted the assurance, though he didn't suppose they did—that they were heartily welcome, and he hoped that they had been pleased with what they had seen in the lodge, and with the endeavours of the brethren to give them a good reception. With this toast he would couple the names of Bros. Kenning and McKay.

Bro. George Kenning on behalf of himself returned his sincere thanks for the compliment which had just been paid to the visitors, and for the very kind manner in which it had been introduced by Bro. Mather. He was very pleased to have been the means of introducing Bro. Kothari into Freemasonry and into the lodge; and he thought from what they had seen of Bro. Kothari it was sufficiently obvious that when he went out to India again he would be a credit to the Shadwell Clerke Lodge.

Bro. McKay also returned thanks on behalf of the visitors.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Binckes and Terry, both of whom responded.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," for whom Bro. Matier responded; and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE (No. 1790).

On the 11th inst. the brethren of this lodge assembled for the installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath, those present being Bros. Pascall, W.M.; Whittaker, S.W., W.M. elect; Sargeant, J.W.; Foulsham, P.M., P.P.C. J.W. Northumberland, Treas. (the Installing Officer); Baber, Sec.; Daniel, P.M., S.D., D.C.; Ranson, J.D.; Tarry, I.G.; Bavin, Tyler; also Bros. Pugh, Hobbs, Wadsworth, E. Clark, Franklin, Cheyney, Smith, Simpson, Gibbs, Jury, White, Ridpath, R. Astington, Chamberlain, Russell, Gillingham, J. Clarke, Steng, Kilmington, Haskins, Argent and Best. Visitors. Bros. Streeter, P.M. 463, P.G. Reg. Surrey; Poore, P.M. 720; Mitchell, P.M. 720; Gunner, P.M. 720; Pill, P.M. 1892; Hubbert, J.W. 1625; Carter, J.D. 1892; Etheridge, J.D. 829; and Knight, 1185.

One candidate was balloted for and elected, and being present, was duly initiated, and Bros. Hobbs and Wadsworth were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The installation of Bro. Ebenezer Whittaker, as W.M. for the ensuing year, was then proceeded with, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Foulsham, after which the newly,

installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Sargeant, S.W.; Baber, J.W.; Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; Ridpath, Sec.; Ranson, S.D.; Tarry, J.D.; Steng, I.G.; Bavin, Tyler.

A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, the W.M. closed the lodge, and the brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent repast.

CARDIFF.—Glamorgan Lodge (No. 36).—The installation of Bro. Thomas Garrett Horder, S.W., took place on Monday, the 25th inst. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. George Thomas. The following brethren were present: Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M. E. Div. S. Wales; S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Mon.; Perrin, W.M. 1573; Welsford, W.M. 1429; Llewellyn, W.M. 471; Harris, W.M. 960; Arthur, W.M. 1754; Key, W.M. 1578; S. Davies, P.M. 1429; P.G.S.W. Mon.; Gooch, P.M. 683, P.G.D.C. Mon.; Cooper, P.M. 36, P.P.G.S.D.; Watson, P.M. 36, P.P.G.S.W.; Hopkins, P.M. 960, P.G.S.W.; Sothorn, P.M. 36; Williams, P.M. 36; Hunter, P.M. 1578; Mayo, P.M. 1578; Fisher, P.M. 36; Pickford, P.M. 471; H. Cousins, P.G. Treas., P.M. 36; Horder, S.W.; Hughes, Sec.; Coleman, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; Harris and Monro, Stewards; Treharne, Strina, Price, Page, Hybart, Fletcher, Dawson, and Nicholl.

After the installation the W.M. appointed the following brethren his officers: Bros. T. Wallace, M.D., S.W.; G. B. Hughes, J.W.; Rev. G. Herbert Jenner, M.A., Chap.; George Thomas, I.P.M.; John Williams, Treas.; Rev. J. G. Monro, S.D.; William Davis, J.D.; Henry Dyer, Org.; Arthur John Harris, I.G.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler. The usual complimentary votes having been passed the brethren adjourned to Penarth Hotel, where the installation banquet was held.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, in responding to the toast of his health announced that the Prov. Grand Lodge would be held this year at Builth.

The Worshipful Master informed the brethren that he intended working the Sectional Lectures during his year of office.

Bros. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Mon.; E. Fletcher, and Jas. Harman, P.M. 960, contributed to the harmony of the evening.

Letters of regret were announced from Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; Binckes, P.G.S.D.; Rev. P. W. Newham, P.G. Chap. Cornwall; Arthur Herbert Oliver, W.M. 683; and John W. Lloyd, W.M. 237.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The annual installation meeting of this and what may justly be called the first lodge in the province was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., when there was a large gathering to do honour to the occasion. Bro. J. W. Montgomery, W.M., occupied the chair, and installed his successor, Bro. R. W. Moore, in an admirable manner. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted and proclaimed according to ancient form, appointed the following as his officers: Bros. A. Hooper, S.W.; W. F. Hunter, J.W.; Rev. Stewart Hall, Chap.; W. B. Gibson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; Robert Miller, Sec.; W. C. Johns, S.D.; Thomas Studholme, J.D.; W. H. Bewley, D.C.; J. Frears, Org.; G. Golightly, I.G.; Thomas Allison and R. L. Nutsford, Stewards; and Thomas Richardson, Tyler. The following brethren were also present: Bros. George W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.G.S.W.; J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Edward Tyson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; J. L. Paiton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Atkinson, P.M., P.G. Reg.; George J. McKay, P.M. 120, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; W. Gill, P.M., 872, P.P.G.D.C.; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Huddleston, P.M.; Wm. Earlye, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. Hodgson, P.M.; Edward Rose, P.M.; Thos. Glessal, W.M.; W. Carmichael, J.W.; Henry Burns, S.W.; G. W. Smith, J. Jackson, A. Hardie, John Rothery, John Atkinson, A. Fletcher, J. Casson, W. B. Renwick, M. Golightly, J. Dickinsor, T. F. Braithwaite, H. Birkett, George Sparrow, J. B. Mossop, J. J. Newman, W. H. Rayson, Edward Waine, A. Wilkinson, J. Patterson, J.W. 962; J. C. Thompson, 962; J. Eilbeck, P.M. 1267; W. L. Tower-son, W.M. 1267; Dr. Braithwaite, W.M. elect 1267; W. Cooke, Charles Rigg, J. McArthur, W. Bradley, P.M. 1390; R. G. W. Bradley, 1390; W. J. Roberts, 940; and John Martin, 203.

The sum of 20 guineas was voted on behalf of Bro. Mc Kay's Stewardship, when he thanked the members of 119 for the generous way they had met his appeal, and still hoped they would not allow the good old lodge to cease to hold its position as a patron to the province. Other general business having been disposed of, with "Hearty good wishes" from the many visitors the lodge was duly closed.

Subsequently the brethren to upwards of 60, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, adjourned to the banquet hall where an excellent spread awaited them provided by mine host and hostess of the Albion Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well given and responded to, and with songs and recitations, a very pleasant evening was spent.

LUTON.—St. John the Baptist Lodge (No. 475).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when as usual there was a goodly number of visitors in response to the invitations sent out by the lodge. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Alfred Atkins, who was supported by Bros. J. Cumberland, P.M.; C. Inwards, P.M.; E. A. Cumberland, P.M.; J. W. Green, P.M.; W. C. Haselgrove, P.M.; and the various officers and members, with the following visitors: Bros. T. T. Bond, P.M. 438; C. Miskin, W.M. 1479; C. W. Reynolds, I.P.M. 1479, P.P.A.G.P.; W. Crew, 1470; Jas. Gladwell, W.M. 1470; A. Morcom, S.W. 1470; S. Spokes, J.W. 1470; J. Cutler, S.D. 1470; H. W. Alford, W.M. 228; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; Jas. Shilcock, P.M. 449; E. P. Francis, S.W. 403; and A. J. Hill, S.W. 803.

The retiring W.M., Bro. Alfred Atkins, was Installing Master, and performed the whole of the ceremony, as well as the work in the Installed Master's Degree, in a manner that elicited hearty approbation. Bro. Amos Simeon Ewen having been thus duly installed, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Atkins, I.P.M.; F. J. Brown, S.W.; A. Ewen, J.W.; R. P. Chantler, S.D.; F. Woolley-Ewen, J.D.; Hugh Cumberland, I.G.; B. In-

wards, P.M., Org.; E. A. Cumberland, P.M., Sec.; and J. W. Green, P.M., Steward. The first act of the new W.M. was to present on behalf of the lodge a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Alfred Atkins in acknowledgment of his skill and ability as W.M. during the past year; and the I.P.M. returned thanks.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning; Little Britain, London. The lodge was closed after a feu de joie of "hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren.

The banquet took place in the Town Hall, under the presidency of W. Bro. A. S. Ewen, when between 40 and 50 were present. Abundant and tasteful floral decorations testified to the good will of lady friends to the Craft.

The Worshipful Master gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft;" "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master;" and "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge" in felicitous terms, and they were cordially received and followed by appropriate musical selections.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking on the Masonic spirit which had characterised Bro. Ewen's life, and the happy circumstances which had identified him with the Craft, and thus afforded scope for the manifestation and extension of his works of brotherly love, relief, and truth. He anticipated a good year for the lodge under the newly-installed W.M., and that the true principles of the Order would find copious expression from his leadership.

The toast was warmly received.

The Worshipful Master acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, and expressed his earnest desire to fulfil the important duties of his office well and to their satisfaction. He expressed some regret that the Bedfordshire lodges were still disunited through not having a Provincial Grand Lodge, and hoped that the intercourse of the different lodges by their officers would eventually make a Provincial Grand Lodge generally acceptable.

Bro. J. Cumberland, P.M., in generous terms proposed "The Visiting Brethren."

Bro. A. J. Hills replied, and said he understood that the elders in his lodge (St. Andrew, Biggleswade,) were opposed to a Bedfordshire province; he did not know why, but said he was too young a Mason to dispute their judgment. Although Senior Warden he had, according to his statement, seen but very little Masonic work. He expressed his satisfaction with what he had seen that day, and hoped that further opportunities would be afforded him of seeing the ceremonies performed.

W. Bro. J. Gladwell, W.M. 1490, remarked that he was a frequent visitor and always enjoyed the lodge work and the kindly feeling displayed by the brethren.

Bro. E. P. Francis, Hertford Lodge, a new visitor, highly complimented the Installing Master on the way the important ceremony had been performed, and concurred in Bro. Gladwell's expression of happiness at the reception accorded to the visitors.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing Master, the I.P.M.," and remarked that he had skilfully worked the Three Degrees during his year, and had now done the installation in a manner such as he had not seen excelled, although he had seen it done well before and at other lodges. Not only that, but the geniality with which he presided as W.M. had made the lodge meetings very pleasant to the brethren.

The I.P.M. briefly expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to promote the welfare of the lodge.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," and Bro. J. Cumberland responded.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," testifying to their assiduity and kindness throughout the past year; and the S.W. and J.W. replied.

As an innovation "The Ladies" was humorously given by Bro. A. J. Hills, and Bro. Hugh Cumberland replied on their behalf. The Tyler's toast and "Auld lang syne" concluded a very pleasant meeting.

WOOLWICH.—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 706).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was in every way a great success. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Major Gordon, at present with his battery in India, Bro. J. Black, I.P.M., presided, and installed Bro. G. Mathams, S.W., W.M. elect, in rare style. The W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing 12 months: Bros. Capt. J. Sculley, S.W.; Dr. C. H. Y. Godwin, J.W.; Sydney Clarke, P.M., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; A. Burnett, S.D.; Dr. H. Bernays, J.D.; Rev. C. Roberts, Chap.; N. D. Livesay, I.G.; F. G. Nichols, Org.; K. Ugland, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master said there was a very pleasant duty that always fell to the new Master of a lodge, and he felt sure that the brethren would agree with him that it was one that was heartily deserved. That duty was to present the I.P.M. with the jewel of his office; but unfortunately their esteemed I.P.M. was in India, and so he (the W.M.) would not have the pleasure that otherwise would have fallen to his lot. However, he trusted before long to see Bro. Gordon back among them, when he would receive the jewel he had so well and worthily earned at their hands.

Bro. Sydney Clarke, P.M., then briefly proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Black for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer. Bro. Black had again rendered them the service he so well performed last year, and he felt that the thanks of the lodge were due to him for so doing.

Bro. Mutch, P.M., seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

In response Bro. Black said he was exceedingly pleased to hear that the brethren appreciated his efforts, although he was not quite satisfied with himself. He also desired to thank Bro. Clarke for his kind expressions of regard, especially as Bro. Clarke presented him as a candidate for initiation in the lodge.

The banquet was supplied by Bro. Moulder, and was worthy of his fame as a caterer. Among those present besides the brethren above-mentioned were Bros. W. Gompertz, P.M. 869, P.P.G.P. Herts; Dr. Sharpe, P.M., P.M. 851, P.P.G. Svd. Br. Sussex; Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.M.; W. C. Claridge, P.M. 1685, S.W. 1598, Sec. 1698; H. Mason, W.M. 913; T. Holleyman, W.M. 1536; G. Beaver, W.M. 700; Dr. J. Pope, P.M. 946; G. Kenneyday, W.M. elect 1536; J. H. Roberts, W.M. elect 700; T. Ovenden, J.W. 700; A. F. Saunders, J.W. 1536; A. Joskey, 913; F. Bell, 1963; W. Mavor, 905; Dr. Bot-

terell, G. Risch, W. Ayling, C. Cooper, J. B. Orr, and C. Jolly (Freemason).

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been drunk,

The I.P.M. rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," He said those round that table knew, and had known for many years, their esteemed W.M., and had had an opportunity of seeing how earnest he was in all things Masonic, especially in the perfect carrying out the duties of the various offices he had held in the lodge, and he (Bro. Black) had every confidence that now Bro. Mathams had arrived at the position of W.M. the lodge would not suffer at his hands, but rather go on and prosper even more than under his predecessors. He most heartily, both for them and himself, wished Bro. Mathams a good and prosperous year of office, and felt sure he would be a worthy successor to Bro. Gordon.

The Worshipful Master, in response, expressed the difficulty experienced in sufficiently thanking them for their cordial reception of Bro. Black's toast. So far as his being able to emulate the services of their worthy I.P.M., Bro. Gordon, he felt it almost impossible to do so; especially did he feel that he could never reach the high standard of his predecessor in carrying out the ceremonies, but as they had done him the honour to elect him, he would endeavour to so carry out the duties entrusted to him that they at least would not regret their kindness in the election. He asked the Past Masters to assist him as they had done his predecessors in the past, and then he had no fear of the result. He regretted exceedingly the absence of Bro. Gordon, and should look forward to the time when their brother would come among them and receive his jewel. In conclusion he could only say as he had said before, that he should do his utmost to carry out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction.

In responding to the toast of "The Installing Officer," eloquently put from the chair, Bro. Black said it was an attribute inherent in an Englishman to do his duty, whatever that duty might be, thoroughly well, and to the best of his abilities, and he trusted that he had done so. God grant that they might all be spared to meet that day 12 months, when he hoped to see Bro. Mathams install his successor, and receive at their hands the same honour they had that night paid to him. He again thanked them and resumed his seat amid applause.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and in putting it, the W.M. paid a high tribute to the unfaltering services rendered the lodge by Bros. Clarke, Denton, and Sweny.

Bro. Clarke said as the time was fast approaching when they must part, he would not take up too much of their time. He could only say that he felt a great pleasure in helping the W.M. in any way and in carrying out the duties of Treasurer entrusted to him.

Bro. Mason in responding for the "Visitors" wished it had fallen into more able hands. He thanked the W.M., Past Masters, and brethren of the Florence Nightingale Lodge for their excellent working, and the cordial hospitality offered to the visitors. He also especially wished to thank the lodge for the handsome donation of five guineas given to his list for the Boys' School. That was a glorious institution, and its progress was wonderful. At the festival on Wednesday week, Lord Holmesdale, who presided, spoke of a previous occasion when he presided some 21 years ago; then the sum subscribed amounted to £3670. On that occasion they ridiculed Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, because he said he intended some day to make it up to £10,000; but what did they now think of the magnificent sum of upwards of £22,000, subscribed and read out at the festival, with yet other lists to come in. It was a glorious success, and again he thanked the Florence Nightingale Lodge for its generosity and hospitable welcome.

Bros. Beaver and Holleyman also responded.

The toast of the "Officers" followed, and Bros. Sculley and Godwin severally responded. "The Press" was honoured and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Bro. Nichols presided at the piano and conducted the singing, which was most enjoyable.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall; the chair was taken by Bro. Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, 1184, the retiring W.M., supported by the following complement of officers: Bros. J. B. Sargent, I.P.M.; A. D. Womersley, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Chap.; C. R. Chandler, P.M., Sec.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Treas., S.D.; J. Richardson, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., D.C.; W. C. Till, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; and Bros. Charles Martin, C. Armstrong, W. Freeman, R. Hughes, Jordan, Walder, W. E. Skinner, Dr. Davison, H. Foster, A. Raper, and Henry Kimm, 40 (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; W. L. Vernon, W.M. 1842; J. Plant, P.M., Canterbury; Richardson, South Africa; J. Plowman, J.W.; F. Duke, T. Markwick, I.G.; Wilson, J. D. Hunter, and T. H. Case, all of No. 40. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Secretary and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Duke, as a closing act of a highly successful year, most impressively installed Bro. Alfred D. Womersley as his successor in the chair of K.S. The following were the officers invested: Bros. Charles W. Duke, I.P.M.; B. H. Thorpe, S.W.; James Richardson, J.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Chap. (re-invested); H. G. F. Wells, Treas. (re-invested); Robert Hughes, Sec.; Very Rev. Currie, S.D.; Charles Armstrong, J.D.; C. R. Chandler, D.C.; J. Fielding, Org.; Henry Kimm, I.G.; and Jesson, Tyler (re-invested).

Some further business having been transacted and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the George Hotel, where the annual banquet was provided by Bro. Dracquer. The W.M. presided, and the usual toasts were subsequently proposed.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. of England" was given in a loyal and suitable manner, and received with enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master in a neat address proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master;" "The Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M.;" and "The Rest of Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The next toast was that of "The R.W.P.G.M., Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P.;" The D.P.G.M., Bro. John Scott, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" which was drunk with all honours and well received.

Bro. C. H. Duke, I.P.M., then gave the toast of the evening, that of "The Newly-Installed Master."

The toast having been honoured with much enthusiasm, the W.M. returned thanks.

"The Visiting Brethren" having been toasted, responses were made by Bros. Plant, Canterbury; J. Plowman, J.W. 40; and Richardson, South Africa.

The Worshipful Master then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. Duke, Installing Master." This was received in a matter which evinced the high esteem in which the I.P.M. is held by the brethren.

Bro. Duke responded in a few well chosen sentences. "The Secretary and Treasurer" was next proposed, and responded to by Bros. Robert Hughes and H. G. F. Wells, P.M.

"The Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.M., and James Richardson.

"The Masonic Charities," "The Stewards," and the Tyler's toast followed, and an exceedingly successful and enjoyable festival came to a close.

A beautiful selection of music, consisting of part songs, glees, &c., was contributed by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Rhodes (of Canterbury Cathedral choir), Bro. J. Fielding, Organist, presiding at the pianoforte.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. J. Leftwich Kynaston, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Pilling, I.P.M.; J. McCarthy, P.M.; J. Houlding, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. Leason, P.M.; W. H. Jewitt, S.W., W.M. elect; M. Callaghan, J.W.; W. C. Erwin, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Smith, Sec.; T. Pierrepont, S.D.; R. L. Stockton, J.D.; J. Tomlin, I.G.; W. T. Oversby, S.S.; T. A. Rainbow, J.S.; J. A. Hignett, J. Smith, T. Nicholson, J. R. Hankey, T. Roberts, C. J. Jordan, A. T. Sims, T. Peddington, A. J. Barnes, J. J. Smith, jun., J. Tatlock, J. Davies, and A. Sabiston. Visitors: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Geo. Turner, P.M. 823, P.P.G.T.; J. S. Warden, W.M. 1264; C. Birch, P.M. 203; W. Wilson, P.M. 823; R. Foot, P.M. 1505; J. Skeaf, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. P. Bryan, P.M. 1035, P.G.O.; T. E. Tomlinson, I.P.M. 1013; G. Broadbridge, P.M. 241, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Trevitt, P.M. 724; W. Evans, W.M. 594; E. Callow, S.W. 1094; R. Davis, 241; A. Cross, S.W. 1713; G. S. Shenston, 292; W. S. Cook, 1609; W. Foulkes, S.D. 1505; A. S. Ramage, 667; J. Boyle, P.M. 823; Robt. Martin, P.M. 1182; Dr. A. Soldat, 1547; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bros. W. C. Erwin, P.M., and J. McCarthy, P.M., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Jewitt, to Bro. R. J. L. Kynaston, W.M., for installation, which ceremony he performed in a most efficient manner. After the usual honours the following officers were invested for the year: Bros. R. J. L. Kynaston, I.P.M.; Matthew Callaghan, S.W.; John J. Smith, J.W.; W. C. Erwin, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Pierrepont, Sec.; R. L. Stockton, S.D.; J. Tomlin, J.D.; W. T. Oversby, I.G.; John McCarthy, P.M., D. of C.; W. Burnet, Org.; F. A. Rainbow, S.S.; J. R. Hankey, J.S.; A. Sabiston, J. Smith, Stewds.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren having been given by the Installing Master, he was presented with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, and an unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to him.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Cobham, 241. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bro. J. McCarthy, P.M., D. of C., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

The Worshipful Master having responded to the toast, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," and on behalf of the members of the lodge presented him with a handsome suite of jewellery for his wife.

The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Kynaston in acknowledging the compliment paid to him thanked the brethren for their generous gifts, and promised to render all the assistance he could to his successor during the time he should rule over the lodge.

Several other toasts were honoured, and during the evening an attractive selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, Bros. Bryan, P.G.O., and J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O., lending efficient aid as accompanists on the pianoforte; Bro. H. Gill performing on the "Fairy Bells."

This is the first installation meeting held in the large lodge room since its decoration—a work that has occupied several months, and the brethren have now the satisfaction of meeting in the neatest and most comfortable lodgeroom in the province. The style of treatment is similar to that of the chapter room lately finished by the same firm, Masonic emblems being freely used; but the colouring is not so rich, though equally chaste and harmonious in effect, the Masonic blue and gold largely predominating in the ceiling, &c.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge held a meeting at the Albany Hotel, on the 13th inst., when there were in attendance Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W., in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Taylor, W.M.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas., acting as S.W.; S. Saunders, J.W.; Briggs, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; Richnell, I.G.; Jenkyns, Steward, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Jenkyns was raised and two brethren passed as F.C. The sum of five guineas having been voted from the lodge funds towards the list of Bro. Cama as a Steward of the Boys' Festival, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. Bro. W. H. Saunders responded upon behalf of the "Provincial Grand Officers," and then proposed the toast of "the W.M. in the chair." Bro. Walls in his response touched upon the painful cause that had prevented the W.M. from attending that day. The health of "the Visitors" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bro. Morant, Great Northern Lodge, in a capital speech. "The Treasurer, and Secretary" followed, and was replied to by Bro. W. H. Saunders for self and colleague. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bro. S. Saunders and Richnell, who replied, followed, and the proceedings then terminated.

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Carr-street, when there was a good attendance. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. George Hardy, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. James McCulloch, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; G. Chadwick, S.W.; C. W. Newlands, J.W.; F. W. Pettuck, Sec.; James Hickman, Org.; Watkinson, S.D.; C. D. Reich, J.D.; J. Duncan, I.G.; W. J. Sweet and F. West, Stewards; and J. Murray, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Eckford, P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; Charles McNamara, W.M. 97; J. Usher, P.M. 481; and a number of brethren from 481; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 240; Walter Ross, S.D. 1970; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. John Dobbison, John Edward Marley, and John Johnson, who having been duly elected, were initiated into Masonry, along with Mr. Paxton, already elected by the W.M. The working tools were excellently explained by Bro. C. W. Newlands, J.W. Bro. Waugh was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. W. Eckford, P.M. The W.M. having received "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in love and harmony, and a pleasant hour was afterwards spent.

Royal Arch.

MID-SURREY CHAPTER (No. 1044).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, and attended by Comps. T. P. Collings, M.E.Z.; W. Huntley, H.; J. Strugnell, J.; C. W. Gray, P.Z., Treas.; H. R. Jones, P.Z.; E. F. Storr, P.Z.; H. E. Frances, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; J. R. Jones, Scribe E.; J. Taylor, Scribe N.; and J. Proffitt, P.S. Visitors: Comps. J. F. Latham, 180; and G. F. Turner, 1395.

After the transaction of the regular business, which included the installation of Comp. J. Strugnell in the Third Principal's chair by Comp. Frances, P.Z., and the installation of Comp. Huntley in the Second Principal's chair by Comp. Gray, P.Z., the M.E.Z. rose and informed the companions that a most pleasing duty devolved upon him, that of presenting to Comp. E. F. Storr, P.Z., a testimonial consisting of the resolution (passed at the previous meeting of the chapter) tendering the thanks of the chapter to Comp. Storr for his assiduous attention to the duties of the First Principal of the chapter during the past year owing to the lamentable absence of Comp. Ashwell, the M.E.Z. elect, through ill-health, which had been most beautifully and artistically recorded on vellum emblazoned with the Royal Arch colours.

The business of the day being ended the chapter was closed and the companions retired to enjoy the beauties of nature enhanced by the well known catering of Bro. Stone, of the Ship Hotel, Halliford.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, M.E.Z.; W. Lake, H.; H. Turner, J.; A. Tisley, S.E.; G. Manners, S.N.; W. H. Dalwood, P.Z., Treas.; F. H. Clemow, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Dodson, P.Z.; Col. Radcliffe, P.Z.; Low, Harding, Farrington, Skelton, Jenkins. Visitors: Comps. R. H. Crowden, M.E.Z. 1297; J. Lardner, M.E.Z. 1623; and J. C. Woodrow, S.E. 1297.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the auditor's report received and adopted.

The First Principal's chair was then filled by Comp. Col. Radcliffe, and Comp. W. Lake was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. H. Turner as H., and Comp. G. Manners, as J. The other officers for the year ensuing are Comps. A. Tisley, S.E.; Bristow, S.N.; Dalwood, P.Z., Treas.; F. H. Clemow, P.S.; and Clemow, 1st. Asst. Soj.

The ceremony was performed in Comp. Radcliffe's usual faultless manner, and the addresses most impressively delivered. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Officer, and the chapter was then closed. The banquet afterwards took place, presided over by the M.E.Z., and the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Comp. Walls, in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," Comp. Lake, expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing him placed in the position of First Principal of the chapter. He had been a member from the commencement, had served various offices, and was now rewarded by being elected to fill the chair of M.E.Z.

Comp. Lake, in response, thanked Comp. Walls for his kind utterances, and assured the companions that he would endeavour to carry out his duties in a manner that should throw no discredit on the St. Dunstan's Chapter. He was surrounded by excellent working officers, and there was no reason why the chapter should not have an increasingly prosperous career before it. His first introduction into Masonry in London had been to the St. Dunstan's Lodge and chapter, and he highly valued the many friendships he had formed in connection therewith, which he trusted would be lasting and as agreeable as they had been in the past.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "The Second and Third Principals, Comps. Turner and Manners." He was highly favoured in being supported on each side by two such worthy men and Masons as the present H. and J. Comp. Turner had already shown what he could do in Royal Arch Masonry, and Comp. Manners he had no doubt would prove himself equally efficient.

Comps. Turner and Manners returned thanks in a few well-chosen words expressive of their interest in Masonry and the St. Dunstan's Chapter especially, the latter claiming some consideration for any shortcomings on account of his many public duties in connection with the Common Council and other City bodies.

The next toast was that of the "Past Principals." Comp. Walls who had just vacated the chair, was well known in Masonic circles. He had probably filled more Masonic offices in London during the past few years, than any brother in London, and his capacity for work was without limit. Comps. Dalwood and Dodson were also excellent men and Masons, popular in the parish as well as

in Masonry, and they were all very proud of them. Of Comp. Col. Radcliffe who had kindly acted as Installing Principal that day, although he was a P.Z. in the chapter and not of the chapter, they looked upon him as one of themselves; he had acted as Installing Principal from its birth, and it was to be hoped that they would have the benefit of Comp. Radcliffe's services for many years in that capacity. Before the companions responded the M.E.Z. presented on behalf of the chapter a P.Z. Jewel to Comp. Walls in recognition of his services during the past year.

Comp. Walls in responding thanked the companions heartily for that mark of their esteem. He had had many similar presentations but none that he should value more highly than the one that had just been pinned on his breast.

Comps. Dalwood, Dodson, and Col. Radcliffe also returned thanks, each congratulating the M.E.Z. on his filling the chair, and offering all the aid they could in the working of the chapter.

The toast of the "Visitors" followed. The M.E.Z. said they were honoured that evening with the presence of the M.E.Z. of the West Kent Chapter, Comp. R. H. Crowden; the M.E.Z. of West Smithfield Chapter, Comp. Lardner; and the Scribe E. of the West Kent Chapter, Comp. Woodrow, each of whom they were very glad to see.

Comp. R. H. Crowden, in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt at being present, which was enhanced by the fact that he had witnessed the installation of Comp. Lake to the chair of First Principal. He had known the M.E.Z. for very many years out of Masonry, and, on their meeting in London, he was very gratified to find that they could also meet as Masons.

Comps. Lardner and Woodrow also responded. The toasts of "Scribe E." and "Treasurer" next followed. The former, in response, again propounded his well-known comforting theory as to the advantages of public bodies being in debt, a heresy, which it need hardly be said, the Treasurer, who followed him in his remarks, did not fully endorse.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and a very agreeable evening was closed at an early hour by the Janitor's toast.

The jewel presented to the P.Z. was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, Little Britain.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, which was well attended. The board of Installed Principals was opened by Ex. Comps. Hawes, Z.; F. Wilkinson, H.; H. Radway, J.; in the presence of the following P.Zs.: Hearne, Hill, Moutrie, Treas.; Becket, Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710; also of two visitors, namely Col. Ford, Prov. G. J.; and W. Adams, 261, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. This done the companions were admitted, and the following officers took their chairs: Comps. Mercer, E.; Glover, N.; W. Peach, P. Soj.; Cater, S. Soj.; Knight, J. Soj.; Macfarlane, Org. As usual Comp. Bigwood was in his place as Janitor. The chapter was then opened, the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. H. Baker, who had been previously elected, was introduced and duly exalted as a Royal Arch companion. There was another visitor, Comp. G. H. A. Adams, of the Canterbury Kilwinning Chapter, No. 112, under Scotch Constitution, from Christchurch, New Zealand. A successful ballot was taken for two brethren, to be exalted at the next meeting. Comp. Adams, sen., expressed the profit and pleasure he had received, and spoke in highly complimentary terms of the manner in which the ceremony had been performed. There being no other business the chapter was closed.

HYDE.—Chapter of Industry (No. 361).—The companions met at the Norfolk Arms Hotel on Wednesday, the 20th inst., for the purpose of installing and investing the officers for the ensuing 12 months, and also to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist. Present: Comps. F. Drinkwater, M.E.Z.; Frederic Broadsmith, H.; Thomas Drinkwater, J.; Mark Stafford, P.S.; William Smith, Treas.; John Beach, P.Z., S.E.; Henry Booth, S.N.; Henry Heap, Janitor; W. H. Dutton, P.Z.; Franklin Wrigley, P.Z.; T. Eyre Mason, P.Z.; James W. Owen, John Higgenbottom, Alfred L. Cocks, Dennis Barlow, Jas. Perrin, Edward G. Lingard, Thomas Orford, Joseph Wild, Elias Whitworth, and A. Bradley. Visitors: Comps. W. R. Batchelor, P.Z. 324, P.P.G.P.S.; Herbert Finch, Z. elect 323, P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Walter H. Vaughan, Z. 287, P.P.G.P.S. Cheshire; and John Gibb Smith, P.Z. 62, P.P.G.P.S. East Lancashire.

After the minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed, the Auditors' report for the past year was received as satisfactory. Comp. J. G. Smith, P.Z. 62, &c., then presented the three elected Principals, viz., Comps. F. Broadsmith, Z.; Thomas Drinkwater, H.; and Mark Stafford, J., to the Installing Officer, Comp. W. Dutton, P.Z., of the chapter, who with the assistance of Comps. Smith, P.Z. 62, &c., and Vaughan, Z. 287, P.P.G.P.S., were then placed in their respective chairs with all due rite and ceremony. The Three Principals were then proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner, after which Comp. Dutton, P.Z., as Installing Officer, invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing 12 months: Comps. Frederic Broadsmith, Z.; Thos. Drinkwater, H.; Mark Stafford, J.; John Higgenbottom, P.S.; William Smith, Treas.; John Beech, P.Z., S.E.; Aaron Houghton, S.N.; Joseph Wild, Org.; and Henry Heap, Janitor.

The Installing Officer delivered the addresses in his usual correct manner, the whole of the ceremony being gone through by Comp. Dutton, P.Z., in such a manner that the visiting companions expressed themselves very much pleased at the prosperity of the chapter, and the excellent way in which the whole ceremony of the installation had been gone through by Comp. Dutton, P.Z. "Hearty good wishes were then expressed from the visiting companion and also from the chapter.

The chapter was then closed in the usual manner, Companion W. H. Vaughan, Z. 287, P.P.G.P.S., giving the last charge.

The companions afterwards sat down to a banquet, which was well served by the host, Comp. Alfred Bradley, and at the conclusion of which, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening terminated the proceedings.

The appearance of the chapter was much enhanced by the splendid ensigns, banners, &c., which have been lately supplied to this chapter by Comp. George Kenning.



Bro. the Earl of Lathom on Tuesday opened a new Conservative Club at Liverpool.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Royal Naval Club of 1765.

Bro. Henry Irving was entertained on Sunday at dinner by the Rabelais Club, Sir Frederick Pollock presiding.

In our list of Special Stewards for the Boys' School Festival last week the name of Bro. Abner Torkington was inadvertently omitted.

The Queen has subscribed £50 towards the fund being raised at Sunderland for granting relief in some of the necessitous cases arising out of the recent calamity in that town.

Bro. Thomas Garrett Horder was installed W.M. of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff, on the 25th inst., the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. George Thomas.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley will occupy the chair on Thursday, 5th July, when the distribution of prizes is to be made to the students at the Medical School, Chandos-street, in connection with the Charing-cross Hospital.

The Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by the Duchess, visited St. Thomas's Hospital on Saturday afternoon, and distributed the prizes to the successful students in the Medical College in connection with that institution.

On Tuesday night Mrs. Gladstone gave the second of a series of receptions at the Prime Minister's official residence in Downing-street. Previously the Duc D'Aumale and a small party dined with Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone.

Bro. J. J. Leeman, Esq., M.P. for the city of York, was on the 18th inst. raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in the York Lodge, No. 236, at York, by Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M. and Treasurer, the working tools being explained by Bro. Alderman Sir James Meek, P.M.

At the installation meeting of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, Liverpool, on the 21st inst., Bro. Kynaston, the retiring W.M., had the pleasure of receiving a handsome set of silver jewellery for his wife in addition to being the recipient himself of a gold Past Master's jewel.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey is announced to be held on Saturday next, the 7th July. The Prov. G.M.M., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., is expected to preside. The Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, is the place of meeting.

Bro. Col. the Hon. W. Le Poer Trench was installed as W.M. of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, at 33, Golden-square, on Saturday, the 23rd inst., in the presence of a large and goodly assemblage of brethren. The installation ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, the outgoing Master.

An unusual, but interesting, ceremony took place a few weeks ago at Durban. W. Bro. M. H. Emanuel, who is the authorised registrar there of Jewish marriages, united in the bonds of matrimony Bro. Bernadt Sinnaman (late of Birmingham) and Miss Annie Moss. The ceremony was well performed, and an eloquent address was given by Bro. Emanuel.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., presided on Saturday at the twenty-first annual meeting of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union, at the College Hall, Westminster. According to the report the total number of institutions in union with the society now amounted to 550, and during last year 16 new clubs were affiliated, four in London and 12 in the provinces. There were now 88 clubs in London, and the number was likely to increase.

The annual inspection of her Majesty's Body Guard of Yeomen of the Guard took place on Tuesday, in the corridor of St. James's Palace, in the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who arrived at one o'clock, attended by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and was received with a Royal salute, after which his Royal Highness minutely inspected the ranks, and expressed himself highly pleased with the appearance of the corps.

A short time ago it was discovered by the doctors attached to the great hospitals in Paris that the use of the quinine supplied to those establishments not only did not prove satisfactory, but that it proved positively injurious to their patients. The quinine was therefore analysed with the result that it was found to be largely adulterated. An inquiry was instituted, and a wholesale druggist by whom the medicine was supplied by contract has been tried for the offence of adulterating the quinine, and has at length been condemned and imprisoned.

From the extensive moors lying to the north and west of Scarborough varied reports have been received as to the quantity and condition of the young broods of grouse. On the whole, all broods may be said to be fully three to four weeks backwards as compared with a more favourable season. Some gentlemen in the district have determined not to shoot until such time has elapsed as to render the birds thoroughly strong and healthy. On the other hand, however, there are exceptional cases where the coveys are said to be from six to ten in number, fairly strong on the wing, and apparently healthy.

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The Edinburgh Town Council on Tuesday agreed to confer the freedom of the city on the Earl of Rosebery.

Mrs. Hunter, a widow residing at Howden, East Yorkshire, has just attained her 100th year. She retains the use of all her faculties.

Mr. J. V. Jones, principal of Firth College, Sheffield, has been elected principal of the University College of South Wales, at a salary of £750.

Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Princess Elizabeth of Hesse, arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday morning from Balmoral.

Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D. of C., P.M. and S.W., of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, was, on the 26th inst., installed into the chair of K.S. in that lodge by the W.M., Bro. Jas. Glaisher, P.M., P.G.D.

The foundation stone of the new Roath dock, which is being constructed at Cardiff by the Marquis of Bute at a cost of half a million, was laid on Wednesday by Mr. W. T. Lewis, general agent to his lordship. The water area of the dock will be 35 acres.

The Belgium Chamber of Representatives has adopted the bill for the abolition of the privilege of exemption from service in the militia hitherto enjoyed by pupils at religious seminaries and at institutions for the education of teachers.

Mr. F. T. Palgrave, writing to the Wiveliscombe School Board, Somerset, on behalf of the Education department, states that refusing admission to school to children wearing the "blue ribbon" is inadmissible under Article 89 of the Code, and, if persisted in, will entail the loss of grants.

Mr. McCheane, hon. secretary of the Portsmouth Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, has received an intimation that her Majesty has sanctioned the holding of a regatta in August in connection with the club in Osborne Bay. The Prince of Wales will, it is expected, steer one of the competing yachts.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has, through Sir Howard Elphinstone, intimated his acceptance of the presidentship of the Epping Forest Musical Society, whose meetings are held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. The Lord Mayor has consented to act as one of the vice-presidents.

The Elcho Challenge Shield, which is contested for annually, and which last year was won by the British team, was on the 22nd inst. removed from the Guildhall, and until the next competition will remain in the custody of Messrs. Elkington and Co., silversmiths to the National Rifle Association.

Comp. E. F. Storr, P.Z. 1044, was on the 22nd inst. presented with an address engrossed and emblazoned on vellum embodying a resolution of the chapter tendering their thanks for the assiduous attention paid by Comp. Storr to the duties of First Principal during the absence through illness of the M.E.Z. of the chapter, Comp. Ashwell.

The Prince of Wales has fixed Saturday, the 7th prox., for opening the new buildings for the City of London College, in Moorfields, which has now been working for some little time. £5000 is still needed to pay off the debt on the institution, and the Princess of Wales, who will accompany his Royal Highness, has graciously consented to receive purses of £5 and upwards at the ceremony.

On Tuesday next an International Agricultural Exhibition, which will include a Horse and Cattle Show, will be opened at the Heiligengeistfeld, an area of about two million square feet, lying between Hamburg and Altona. The Duke Ernest of Coburg-Gotha, president of the jury of the Exhibition, will deliver the opening speech. Nearly all civilised countries have sent horses or cattle. The intended visits of several German and foreign princes are announced.

On Monday the livery men of the various guilds of the City of London assembled at Guildhall to elect the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex for the ensuing year. The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs went in state from the Mansion House to attend the ceremony. Mr. Clarence Smith, citizen and fishmonger, and member of the Stock Exchange, and Lieut.-Colonel Phineas Cowan, citizen and broker, and member of the firm of Messrs. J. Cowan and Sons, sugar refiners and soap boilers, Barnes, were duly proposed and unanimously elected. Mr. Benjamin Scott was re-elected Chamberlain.

The Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, which has been constituted for the convenience of the officers quartered in the large camp at Aldershot, and has been in existence full 12 months, is to be congratulated upon its efforts in a truly Masonic direction. The founders and Past Masters have set for themselves a high standard of Masonic excellence. No efforts are spared to make the lodge meetings both instructive and attractive. On several occasions during the past year most interesting papers, displaying great literary ability and Masonic research, have been read for the intellectual and Masonic benefit of the brethren, and we hope, as we cannot help thinking, that this lodge has a bright future before it.

The Marseilles correspondent of the *Daily News* writes:—Marseilles will presently see pass through her city the members of a singular expedition. There has been organised at Paris, under the direction of the learned Abbé Moigno, the founder of the Cosmo, a Society having for its object the dragging of the bottom of the Red Sea and the Bitter Lakes to find the chariots and treasures of the army of Pharaoh, supposed to be at the bottom of these waters covered by saline deposits. A sum of 750,000 francs had been subscribed for the expense. Divers will search the Red Sea and the Bitter Lakes to discover the arms, the armour, and the precious stones that were in possession of the Egyptians when they were engulfed.

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The Criminal Code Bill has been abandoned for the present session.

The Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday evenings, has adjourned until the month of October.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Winchester on Wednesday, on the occasion of the Royal Counties' Agricultural Show being held in that City.

Princess Christian on Tuesday afternoon opened a bazaar at the Town Hall, Kensington, in aid of the building fund of St. Peter's Church, Fulham.

Monday, July 2, has been fixed by the War office authorities for the trial of the St-tion guns in the turret at the end of the Admiralty pier at Dover.

The following banquets have been held at the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, during the present week: Tuesday, 26th inst.: Evening Star Lodge. Wednesday, 27th: Royal General Theatrical Fund; Smeatonian Society. Friday, 29th: Creaton Lodge.

By permission of Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P., a meeting was held at 17, Grosvenor Gardens, on Wednesday last, at which an address was made by the Lord Bishop of Grahamstown (late of Bloemfontein), who is about to leave for his new and important diocese of Grahamstown.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Percy Lodge of Instruction by Bro. C. Lorkin, Treas., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, at eight o'clock punctually, after which the lodge will adjourn until September next. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, presided over the distribution of prizes at the Institution at Wood Green on Tuesday last.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of London of the Royal Order of Scotland will be held early in July, under the presidency of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. A number of brethren have signified their intention of attending for the purpose of being advanced to take the degree, and a very successful meeting is anticipated.

It having been asserted that an increase of serious affections of the eyes and of the lungs has taken place in consequence of the recent extension of wood pavement in the metropolis, Viscount Newport has addressed a question on the subject to the Chairman of the Board of Works, and asked him whether it would not be possible to mitigate in some degree the growing evil by a more careful and thorough system of cleaning and washing the streets.

On Wednesday evening the annual dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Wilson Barrett presiding. The company included Bro. Henry Irving, Toole, T. Thorne, and a large number of the leading members of the profession. In response to an appeal made from the chair, subscriptions and donations were announced amounting to about £900.

It has been arranged that the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls shall have their summer entertainment at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next. Between £40 and £50 out of the Stewards' fees for the late festival, which have left a balance after paying all the expenses of that festival, has been voted by the Stewards to defray the expenses of the entertainment. The Stewards are invited to meet the children at the Palace on the occasion of their visit.

The Gallery Lodge, No. 1028, will hold a picnic on Saturday, July 7th, at Tunbridge Wells. The South-Eastern Railway Company will put special saloon carriages on to the 8.55 a.m. train from Charing-cross. The picnic last year to Box Hill was a great success, and it is anticipated that, under the present Master of the lodge (Bro. H. E. F. Bussey), a similar result will be obtained.

Mr. William Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Society, died on Wednesday morning, in the 59th year of his age. He was a Fellow of the *Astronomical*, *Royal Geographical*, *Asiatic*, and *Ethnological Societies*, and of the *Society of Arts*; and, in addition to his published works, had contributed papers to the *Philosophical Transactions*, the *Transactions of the Astronomical Society*, and to scientific periodicals, English and foreign.

The Duke of Albany has been elected a Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem at a recent Chapter, the members of the Royal Family previously borne on the roll being the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Princess Christian, the Duchess of Teck, the reigning Grand Duchess of Baden, and the Duke of Teck. By permission of the Queen the anniversary commemoration service of this order was held on Sunday at the Chapel Royal, Savoy. A large congregation attended. After the service a private meeting of the members was held at the Chancellery, St. John's-gate, to receive reports from the chapter, the almoner, the receiver, St. John's Ambulance Society, and the British Hospice and Ophthalmic Dispensary at Jerusalem.

A concert will be given in the Guildhall, by permission of the Lord Mayor and Corporation, on Monday, July 9th, under the patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Prince and Princess Christian, in support of the endowment fund of the Royal College of Music. The artistes who have given their services include Madame Adolina Patti, Madame Scalchi, Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Hope Glenn, and Madame Albani; Signor Marconi, Signor Battistini, Mr. Joseph Maas, Signor de Reszke, M. Hollman, and Madame Frickenhaus; Kalozdy's Hungarian Band will also perform. The conductors will be Signor Bevigiani and Signor Bisaccia. A guard of honour of the Honourable Artillery Company will be on duty to receive the Royal guests.

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