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THE Quarterly Court of the Girls' School took place on Saturday, when 14 were elected out of 29 candidates. Of these, the highest polled 2181, and the lowest 1769. There were 44,226 votes to deal with, and the 14 successful candidates thus polled 27,176 votes. The unsuccessful candidates polled 12,538 votes, and 4512 votes remained unpolled. These figures deserve noting. Two hundred and sixteen voting papers were again rejected by the Scrutineers. Of these 111 were not signed at all, 12 were April papers, and 93 were signed, but not filled in for any candidate. We confess that this one fact reveals a state of mental confusion or hopeless carelessness, equally incomprehensible to the ordinary mind of those who have to do with such elections. There was but one feeling of regret at the absence of Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON, however courteously and ably Bro. ROBERT GREY discharged the duties of Chairman. It hardly seemed to many the same thing to miss the familiar presence of their old and valued Chairman. We hope soon to see him back amongst us again. The Hall was very full all the day, and, as we previously stated, the polling was very high.

THE Quarterly Court of the Boys' School took place on Monday. There was a large attendance, and the Hall presented an animated appearance to the declaration of the poll. Bro. ROEBUCK presided, and, as on Saturday, Lieut.-Col. CREATON'S absence was much regretted. There were 56 candidates, and 30 to be elected. The highest successful candidate polled 2306 votes, and the lowest 1015. Thus there were 49,594 votes polled for the 30 successful candidates. The unsuccessful candidates polled 7656 votes, and 6787 votes remained unpolled. There were 43 voting papers, representing 204 votes, rejected by the Scrutineers on various grounds, some of which seem utterly inexplicable and unreasonable to contemplate and realize in respect of those who manage the elections for candidates. Indeed there is something very odd about such peculiar blunders, and especially the polling voting papers of a preceding election.

OUR esteemed brethren are very procrastinating as regards filling up and forwarding their voting papers. Many voting papers are posted even by old Masons by a mid-day post on the day of election, the consequence is, they generally reach the person interested *after* the poll is closed, as happened on Saturday with many voting papers. In future, brethren wishful to help a particular case might post their proxy the day *before* the election at any rate, so as really to benefit the candidate selected. “Verbum sat.”

THE simple fact that over 6000 boys' votes remained unpolled, and over 4000 girls', demands very serious consideration. What is the reason of such abstention? These totals seem to be higher than any we previously remember, and there is probably some reason for this increased number of non-voters, at a time too when all such votes are in great request. It was a subject of general remark and admission that never at any previous election had votes been so anxiously looked up, and so sedulously gathered in. Indeed it may be truly averred that no labour was spared, no canvassing omitted to obtain votes.

IF those who so attack Freemasonry could witness the animation and zeal displayed by our much maligned Order, in regard to our great Charities, we think they would find cause to modify their sentiments and amend their vocabulary. It is a very striking scene which Freemasons' Hall presents at our half-yearly School elections, and too much praise cannot in truth be accorded to that Masonic sympathy which never seems to weary, those annual efforts and sacrifices which seem to grow with the growth and expand with the necessities of our really great and noble educational Institutions.

WE cannot agree with our correspondent in the last *Freemason* relative to a suggestion for a “Masonic Sunday” for our Charities. We feel sure that any such proposal will be discountenanced and refused at once at head

quarters, and we can ourselves see, “*prima facie*,” many prevailing objections against what now will be a grave innovation on the established order of things. In the metropolis for above a hundred years all such gatherings and processions have been in our opinion properly forbidden; nothing but some very special cause would justify the alteration of a long-standing and wholesome rule.

A SUBJECT has forced itself on our attention, and we think on that of others, that we have no Association for giving intermediate relief to duly qualified and accepted candidates for our Charities. It is a hard struggle many have to keep even appearances up, as we know, from the time they are elected as candidates for our admirable Masonic annuities, and our little orphans boys and girls are elected as candidates on our School lists. “A stitch in time save nine,” the old proverb says, and while the “grass grows the horse starves.” Can nothing be done to help deserving and fitting candidates in the interim between acceptance and election? We feel sure that such a Society is now needed, and would find very useful work cut out for it to do, and would prove very useful in more ways than one. We shall be answered, we fear—“There is the Board of Benevolence.” So there is, and right admirable and seasonable help it gives. But widows can apply but *once*, and too often their resources are used up before the day of election comes. If such a Society is considered superfluous, then the great Charities themselves ought to have a candidates' Committee, which should examine into all petitions, and report on them to the General and Managing Committee, and have the power of granting temporary relief. This examination into petitions has been found useful in more than one province where the Charity Committee inquires into, reports upon, and recommends each case to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and we feel sure also that a little more inquiry into the allegations of petitioners to the Charities would not be useless or unadvisable.

WE trust that the appeal put forth by the Grand Lodge of Scotland may prove successful, and that a Charity Fund may be raised commensurate with the needs and importance of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We think that it is a fair criterion of the reality of the Masonic professions of any jurisdiction, when its works of charitable utility and benevolence proceed “*pari passu*” with its aggregate increase and material prosperity. Any jurisdiction which neglects the great duty and work of Charity may well be described as in a dormant condition, as far, at any rate, as our great Masonic virtue,—is it not the greatest?—is concerned.

THE Amity Chapter, was consecrated on Tuesday last by Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., and after a very effective ceremony,—of which a report elsewhere appears,—another chapter was added to our lengthening list. We have never concealed our opinion that the mistaken policy of bye-gone years, in placing difficulties in the way of increasing the number of chapters, has had a great deal to do with the apparent apathy as regards the Royal Arch Grade which seems to have marked our English Freemasonry. Any such unwise view has, happily, now been given up, and we shall, no doubt, be permitted from time to time to chronicle and hail new Royal Arch chapters attached to old lodges amongst us.

WE understand that the GRAND SECRETARY is about to proceed with a party of distinguished brethren to the Isle of Man to consecrate two lodges there, and it is, we think, very interesting to note this continued increase of lodges under our English Grand Lodge, believing as we do, that each new lodge may become a centre of light, benefit, and utility to the district in which it is localised, and that the principles of English Freemasonry tend so greatly to the dissemination of the active principles of Charity, Loyalty, and Toleration.

WE believe that no appointment has yet been made to the provincial leadership of West Yorkshire. In all probability the matter will ere long be settled, both for the welfare of the province and the interests of Freemasonry.

IT will be in the recollection of our readers that Alderman Sir F. WYATT TRUSCOTT, who was both W.M. of the Grand Masters' Lodge, and Grand Junior Warden during his Lord Mayoralty, and Alderman Sir J. WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart., M.P., who held precisely the same Masonic offices in his, called special meetings of their lodge for the purpose of entertaining the Grand Officers of the year and other distinguished brethren. It seems that Bro. Alderman FOWLER, M.P., has determined to follow their example, and his Mayoralty and occupancy of the chair of No. 1. will be signalled by a similar entertainment. The banquet is fixed for the 5th November, and we have no doubt there will be the same hospitable reception by the LORD MAYOR and his lodge, and the same gratification experienced by his guests.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Girls' School was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., and Patron of the Institution. Among those present were Bros. H. Smith, John Wordsworth, F. R. Spaul, A. C. Spaul, W. H. Main, A. H. Tattershall, J. P. Platt, J. G. Le Feuvre, A. Torkington, C. F. Matier, G. Ward Verry, and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary. The advertisement convening the meeting having been read, the minutes of the last confirmed, and the formal business having been dealt with, Scrutineers were chosen, and the election of 14 girls from an approved list of 30 was proceeded with. Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman concluded the proceedings.

It was announced that V. W. Bro. Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. for Sussex, had kindly consented to preside at the next Festival.

SUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Dora Annie Gibson ...	2181	Edith Ellen Betts ...	1938
Lilian Christine Reeves ...	2064	Ellen Marguerite Wetherell ...	1923
Ethel Falding ...	2039	Beatrice Elizabeth Wright ...	1897
Alice Mary Blunt ...	2025	Emma Winifred Carlyle ...	1865
Frances Alice Searle ...	1988	Olive Ann Hurst ...	1790
Augusta Gilbert ...	1960	Florence Wilson Bush ...	1788
Fanny Heath ...	1949	Adelaide Frances Hughes ...	1769

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Jessie Louisa Beilby ...	1669	Lousia Adelaide Smithers ...	560
May Amelia Wheeler ...	1569	Edith Fanny Tanner ...	477
Maude Mary Bromley ...	1568	Mabel Harriet Godfrey ...	289
Gertrude Frances Greenwood ...	1379	Kate Sharland ...	198
Florence Jane Obey ...	1347	Minnie Madeline Mansell ...	184
Florence Eleanor Kelp ...	1319	Margaret E. M. Holmes ...	178
Jane Wheeler Hutchings ...	905	Rose Adelaide Marsac Smith ...	56
Rose Isabel Marian Woodforde ...	775	Edith Jane Armstrong ... (Withdrawn)	

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution was held in Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. W. Roebuck occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Charles Taylor, Edward Ayling, J. P. Platt, Geo. J. McKay, George Gardner, Thos. Bradley, Raynham W. Stewart, J. E. Curteis, A. E. Gladwell, F. Adlard, Captain N. G. Philips, G. P. Festa, H. Smith, A. C. Spaul, Charles Godtschalk, J. L. Hine, H. Massey, G. M. Money, C. F. Matier, James Moon, S. G. Homfray, C. F. Hogard, T. Cubitt, F. R. Spaul, J. Chadwick, James Stevens, F. Binckes (Secretary), and others. The advertisement convening the meeting having been read, the minutes of the July Court were read and confirmed, and those of the General Committee read for information. Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion to except September from the operation of Rule 36 as to the meetings of the General Committee was carried, and so was that of Bro. J. L. Mather, to the effect that three additional boys should be elected, making the total number of vacancies to be filled thirty, instead of twenty-seven, as originally announced. Scrutineers for the ballot were then chosen, and in due course the announcement of the successful candidates was made. A vote of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

SUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
William Taylor Gishford ...	2306	Charles William Whitehead ...	1618
Charles Bernard Cooper ...	2074	John Augustus M. Bailly ...	1583
Herbert Asquith ...	2046	J. Braithwaite Broadbent ...	1580
John Leathart Heinke ...	1949	Christopher W. G. Barber ...	1578
Fred Jenner ...	1902	Edgar Howard Pope ...	1565
Horace Field Aspinall ...	1887	George Octavius Fearon ...	1533
Richard Cephas Matthews ...	1870	Reginald A. L. Mitchell ...	1514
Reginald Beaumont ...	1827	John George Hardy ...	1502
Edwin James Ryall Nichols ...	1814	Sidney James Simpson ...	1493
Walter Speed ...	1809	Sydney John Pearson ...	1472
James Campbell Besly ...	1730	Frederick W. Longman ...	1462
James Ambrose Gore ...	1672	John Henry Brown ...	1437
Richard David Williams ...	1642	James Pullen Seagrave ...	1412
William F. Sharland ...	1640	William Baret Macqueen ...	1027
Harry Robert Graves ...	1625	Alfred Llewellyn Pedley ...	1015

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Charles Henry Wurr ...	754	Cuthbert John G. Roddam ...	187
Frank Perkins ...	749	Isaac Harold Lester ...	187
Walter John Richards ...	687	Algernon Sackville West ...	170
Lewis John T. Harvey ...	663	Arthur Moore ...	102
Stanley Claude Dawson ...	594	Albert Edmund Crutchett ...	25
Horace Gale ...	588	James Murray Green ...	23
John Sinclair B. Allan ...	574	Alfred Thompson Mushens ...	14
Percy White Musgrave ...	481	George Cannon ...	11
Benjamin Meeds Hildred ...	403	Albert Taylor ...	7
Harry Edwards Henshaw ...	326	Frank Kingsley Manning ...	4
Samuel William Knight ...	311	Frederick Teilo Davis ...	2
F. B. Brocksopp Kent ...	307	Arthur Taylor Richardson ...	—
John Nicol McMillan ...	257	Leo. Kretschman ... (Withdrawn)	
Arthur Warner ...	230		

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held on the 14th inst., under the banner of the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry. Trinity Lodge was opened in St. John's New Schools, where the W.M. received the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Machen, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. The officers for the year were appointed and invested, and among other business a vote of condolence was passed with the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Leigh, in his bereavement by the death of the Hon. Gilbert Leigh, M.P. A sum of twenty guineas was voted to St. Michael's Restoration Fund, and £5 to St. John's New Schools.

The members then walked in procession, clothed in Masonic Craft clothing, to St. John's Church, where a service was held. The prayers were intoned by the rector, Bro. the Rev. G. Cuffe, and Bro. the Rev. Bridgman G. Boughton Leigh, Prov. Grand Chap., read as a lesson Ecclesiastes xii. The Old Hundredth was sung as a processional hymn, the others being No.

273 from "Hymns Ancient and Modern," "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see," and No. 165, "O God, our help in ages past." The anthem was, "Behold, how good and joyful," Whitfield.

The sermon was preached by the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN, who chose for his text Isaiah li., 12, "I, even I, am He that comforteth you." The assertion contained in the text, he said, notwithstanding the edict issued from the Pope of Rome a short time ago against Freemasonry, was the key-stone of their Masonic Order; the grandest feature of which was the truly catholic spirit in which it received all men, without regard to nation or rank. It declared with confidence and unshaken faith the comfort, the consolation, and rest secured by belief in the true and living God. Their Order was professedly a system of morality, taught by analogy, and illustrated by symbols. They proclaimed, and were not ashamed to proclaim, to the world around that that system of morality was based upon the surest foundation—the existence of a personal and individual God, to whom every brother among them must render an account of his own actions. This confession was the bond by which the vast Brotherhood was held together. They admitted that all men by nature were equal, because all were equally under the providential care of God. They acknowledged the great principle of universal brotherhood, because all were created by the hand of the same God, and because they knew it was He alone that could comfort them. After commenting upon the strictly Scriptural aspects of the text, he feelingly referred to the death of the late Hon. Gilbert Leigh, and said: We have but lately seen in the untimely loss of one so near and dear to every one amongst us how rapidly the night of death sometimes closes around, and I am sure we cannot think upon this painful subject without earnestly beseeching the great Architect of the Universe to comfort and support our beloved brother and Provincial Grand Master and all his united family in their bitter affliction, with the help of his Holy Spirit, that they who have been ready at all times to pour out the balm of consolation to the sick and afflicted—I may say not only to those connected with our Craft, but to every one within their reach throughout the length of this our land—may share some of the consolations which they have ministered to others, and that their own broken hearts may be healed with some of that balm which alone can be derived from God's influencing grace. We hope that our worthy brother may be thus supported in the dark and dreary hour, and may be permitted to come once more amongst us, so that we may soon again enjoy his ever pleasing presence in our midst.

At the close a collection was made on behalf of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund.

The brethren then marched back to the schools, where the lodge was closed, and afterwards dined together in St. Mary's Hall, the banquet being provided by Bro. W. D. Claridge, of the Craven Arms Hotel. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Machen, presided, and the usual loyal and Craft toasts were drunk.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the brethren attended in large numbers to show their affection for their R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and congratulate him upon his improved health. There were also present 17 Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, the splendid room at the Royal Pavilion being well filled. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir. W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., who was supported by the following brethren:

Bros. John H. Scott, P.G.D.; J. C. Lucas, Prov. G.S.W.; W. H. Gibson, Prov. G.J.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; Gerard Ford, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Thomas Francis, Prov. G.S.D.; G. S. Godfree, Prov. G. Sup. of Works.; C. W. Hudson, Prov. G.D. of C.; S. S. Tanner, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. Roe, Prov. G. Org.; Thomas Packham, Prov. G. Purst.; W. Bennett, A. H. Dowell, F. Rossiter, W. Rudge, W. Skindle, C. W. Tones, and Thomas Hughes, Prov. G. Stwds.; James Dixon, T. Trollope, Warden Sergison, C. R. Burrell, C. J. Smith, and H. Davey, P.P.G. Wardens; W. Dawes and C. A. Woolley, P.P.G. Regs.; B. H. Thorpe, S. B. McWhinnie, H. Abbey, and E. A. Head, P.P.G. Deacons; J. M. Reed and C. C. Cook, P.P.G.S. of Works.; W. Marchant, F. Holford, and T. R. White, P.P.G.A.D. of C.'s; Alfred King, P.P.G. Org.; F. Bellingham, Walter Smith, W. W. Turner, S. R. Legg, and G. Stone, P.P.G. Swd. Brs.; J. Eberall, P.P.G. Purst.; and many of the W.M.'s, Wardens, and members of the lodges in the province, also the following members of Grand Lodge: Bros. the Right Hon. R. N. Fowler (Lord Mayor), G.J.W.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Dr. Robbins, G. Chap.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, President of Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. Letchworth, G.J.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; Horace Jones, G.S. of W.; David Smith, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. H. Matthews, G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Kuhe, P.G. Org.; W. R. Wood, P.G. Purst.; Octavius Hausard, P.G. Stwd.; and many other visitors.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which a list of names was read of those who had sent letters of apology at their inability to be present, including R.W. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D. of C., P.G. Warden; W. Bro. J. S. Eastes, Dep. Prov. G.M. Kent, G.J. Deacon; W. Bro. Peter de Lande Long, P.G. Deacon; and W. Bro. J. Messent, P.G. Sword Bearer; many Provincial Grand Officers, and other members of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master then presented to the Prov. Grand Lodge two very handsome standards, to be carried by the two Prov. Grand Standard Bearers. A special vote of thanks to him for them was then proposed, duly seconded, and carried unanimously.

At this stage of the proceedings the approach of the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. R. N. Fowler, the Lord Mayor of London, G.J. Warden, accompanied by several Grand Officers, was announced. Bros. J. Dixon, H. Davey, and Major Sergison, P. Prov. G. Wardens, and Bro. G. Ford, Prov. G. Registrar, were directed to receive them. On entering the Prov. Grand Lodge they were received by the brethren standing to order, and on taking their seats they were saluted.

The roll of the lodge was called, when it was found that each lodge was represented. The report of the Board of Finance was read with the Treasurer's account, shewing a balance in hand of £299 17s. 11d.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities Committee was read, approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. R. CROSSKEY then moved that as the R.W. Prov. Grand Master had undertaken to preside at the next annual Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, a sum of one hundred guineas be paid from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge to that Institution, the privileges to be exercised by the Prov. Grand Secretary of Sussex for the time being, which was unanimously approved.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then proposed, in accordance with notice of motion, that the additional fees permitted by the revised edition of the Book of Constitutions for registering new lodges, also for registering new bye-laws and alterations in same, be adopted by Prov. Grand Lodge.

This was also agreed to, and the statistics showing the state of Freemasonry in Sussex on June 30th last were read.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. After remarking upon the statistics, and cautioning the brethren to make strict enquiries before proposing candidates for initiation, he alluded to the numerous alterations in bye-laws by lodges in the province, and expressed his pleasure at being able to make five additional appointments under the revised Book of Constitutions. He also stated that he attended at the special meeting of Grand Lodge, accompanied by his Deputy, when the votes of condolence were moved to her Majesty, the M.W.G.M., and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany on the death of the lamented brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, and therefore had not thought it necessary to call a special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge for a similar purpose. He concluded by expressing his pleasure at the continued unanimity and prosperity so long prevalent in the province.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in moving the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, said:—R.W. Prov. Grand Master and brethren,—I have very great pleasure in again proposing the re-election of Bro. Crosskey as our Prov. Grand Treasurer. To be Treasurer of a Prov. Grand Lodge is to hold an office which is still one of great honour and importance, because there is considerable responsibility attaching to the proper discharge of its duties. It is no longer so with the Treasurership of Grand Lodge. Latterly it has appeared advisable by a majority of the London brethren to elect a new Grand Treasurer every year—a course which many of us exceedingly regret. It seems to us a derogation of the dignity of the office that it should be handed about from one to another, year by year, and at last, virtually, sold to the highest bidder. The only excuse for such an innovation is, that the office of Grand Treasurer is one, now, of little or no responsibility, the Grand Treasurer's cheques, even, are useless, unless countersigned by the Grand Secretary. This being so, it is an office to which no great honour or importance belongs, and I think it is worth the consideration of the authorities of Grand Lodge whether it should continue to rank as high as it at present does in the table of precedence. Instead of ranking near the top I think it should be placed at the bottom of the list. If this was done the brethren would have the satisfaction of knowing that they had the power of electing the highest and lowest officer of Grand Lodge. The office of a Prov. Grand Treasurer is, however, as I have already said, one of importance and responsibility. Therefore, we in Sussex elect a brother in whom we all have confidence, one whom we delight to honour by re-electing every year as long as he is willing to serve us, and that brother is Robert Crosskey! I propose for the eighth consecutive time that he be elected the Treasurer for this province for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. R. WOOD, P.P.G.S.W., in seconding the nomination, endorsed in every particular the excellent remarks of the Deputy Prov. G.M., and it was carried.

The R.W. the PROV. GRAND MASTER stated he was glad to say Bro. John H. Scott, P.G.D., would still continue to act as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. He then appointed the following brethren to act as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, P.M. 1383	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Major G. C. D'Albiac, W.M. 1466	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, 38, and S.W. 1184	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. W. A. Tooth, 1821	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Crosskey, P.M. 311 and 1303	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Gerald Ford, P.M. 271	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315 and 732	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Rossiter, P.M. 40	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" H. A. Dowell, P.M. 1466	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" C. W. Tomes, P.M. 1110	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" B. Bennett, P.M. 732	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Lewis Lewis, P.M. 811	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" W. Skindle, P.M. 851	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" W. Rudge, P.M. 1619	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" W. Ardley, J.W. 811	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Burfield, S.W. 1821	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" T. Wilkinson, P.M. 271	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. Briscoe, P.M. 311	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" F. W. Gruggen, P.M. 38	...	...
" F. Daniel, P.M. 732	...	...
" W. A. Cardwell, P.M. 916	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. L. Thomas, P.M. 1141	...	...
" A. T. Long, P.M. 1726	...	...
" J. T. Musson, P.M. 1797	...	...
" T. Hughes	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. G.D. of C. called upon the brethren to salute the R.W. the Prov. G. Master, the W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the newly-appointed Prov. G. Officers. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was held in the banquetting room of the Royal Pavilion, newly lighted by the electric light. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master presided, supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Grand Officers previously named, and altogether about 120 were present. The dinner was provided by Bros. Sayers and Marks, who were complimented upon the manner in which they carried out the entertainment, and the proceedings were enlivened by the music under the direction of the Prov. Grand Organist, and the thanks of the brethren were unanimously voted to the Prov. Grand Stewards for their attention to the comforts of the brethren.

The Lord Mayor was the guest of Mr. J. H. Puleston, M.P. (Devonport), and after the banquet, a reception, to which the members of the Brighton Corporation, as well as the guests present at the Masonic gathering were invited, took place at 31, Sussex-square. A large company assembled to meet his lordship, and were received in the drawing-room by Mr., Mrs. and Miss Puleston, Ald. David Smith, J.P., D.L., and Mrs. Smith, and were introduced to the Lord-Mayor.

After the reception the guests were very hospitably entertained in the dining-room, and before separating they were privileged to inspect Mr. Puleston's gallery of choice and valuable works of art, the genial host, who is evidently a connoisseur of no mean ability, pointing out the features of special interest.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

After an interval of eight years, the annual meeting of the North Wales and Shropshire Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Wrexham last week, and was numerously attended. The Craft lodge was opened in the Masonic Room at the Public Hall, under the banner of the Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336. Bro. C. K. Benson acted as W.M.; Bro. J. F. Edisbury, as S.W.; Bro. R. W. Evans, as J.W.; and Bro. T. C. J. Young, as I.G. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P. (who appeared to be in good health, although still unable to walk, owing to his lameness), was received with Prov. Grand honours. Among those present were—

Bros. R. Roberts, P.G.S.W.; E. Smith, P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Watkin Williams, P.G. Chap.; J. C. Owen, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; T. Coxhead, P.G.S. of W.; F. R. Spaul, P.G.A.D.C.; J. White, P.G. Treas.; F. Watkins, P.G. Org.; Putman, C. F. Robinson, and W. Lovegrove, P.G. Stewards; Hide, P.G. Tyler; J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Andrew, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Lewis, P.P.G. Reg.; Bodenham, P.P.G.S.W.; Lister, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Oswald Bury, P.P.G.J.W.; Hugh Thomas, P.P.G. Chap.; C. K. Benson, W.M. 1336; and others.

The Grand Lodge having been duly opened, in accordance with Masonic ritual, the names of the various lodges—28 in number—were read over, the only lodges unrepresented being St. Eleth Lodge, 1488; St. John's, 601; and St. David's, 304. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Ludlow, were read and confirmed.

The next business was the reading of the accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. P. White (who was re-elected to his office for the thirty-third time), from which it appeared that £127 3s. 1d. had been received as contributions to the lodge fund, of which £31 6s. went to the Fund of Benevolence and to the Charity Fund. The funds at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Lodge now amount to £83 18s. 4d., against £85 13s. 11d. last year.

The accounts were approved on the motion of Bro. Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. E. B. SMITH, P.P.G.S.W.

It was unanimously resolved that a congratulatory address be presented to Sir Watkin and Lady Williams Wynn upon the recent marriage of their daughter.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers as follows:

Bro. Rowland G. Venables, 611	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Rees Bulkley Williams	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Robert Jackson, 1896	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. John Lewis, 1509	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. R. Spaul, 1125	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. P. White, 262	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. H. Spaul, 1124	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Kitto, 1582	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Putman, 611	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. J. Lovegrove, 1988	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Foulkes, 1674	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Dr. F. H. O. Grosholz, 1583	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" James Lloyd, 597	...	Prov. G. S.B.
" Cornelius Davis, 606	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Geo. Stephenson	...	Prov. G.A.S. Br.
" A. T. Akeroyd, 1432	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Simms, 1621	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. K. Benson, 1336	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" W. Lloyd, 1146	...	...
" Dr. Jones (Bala)	...	...
" T. A. Foster, 1594	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" O. C. Crump, 117	...	...
" Hide, 262	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. J. Bodenham and Eph. Wood were appointed Auditors.

On the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren proceeded to the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, where they dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHELMER MARK LODGE, No. 342.

This auspicious event took place at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There was a large muster of the brethren present to witness the interesting ceremony, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. Lodge was opened at the appointed time, with Bro. Youell, as W.M., and Bros. T. J. Ralling, as S.W.; Rev. E. A. Crate, J.W.; Armitage, M.O.; T. G. Mills, S.O.; J. T. Bailey, J.O.; and Tracy, Prov. G. Sec., as Sec. When the usual formalities had been complied with, the following brethren were balloted for and advanced: Bros. Rev. F. B. Shepherd, A. Durrant, and A. C. Veley, all P.M.'s of 276 (Craft); T. J. D. Cramphorn, P.M. 1004; F. B. Suthery, S.W. 276; T. R. Jarvis, T. W. Smith, W. Wood, J. C. Cresswell, and J. W. Hair, all of 276.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and D.P.G.M. East Anglia, then consecrated the lodge in an able and impressive manner, after which Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Sec., installed Bro. J. P. Lewin as W.M., the following brethren being afterwards appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. A. F. Genn and A. C. Durrant (as designated in the warrant), as S.W. and J.W. respectively; A. G. Maskell, M.O.; W. Metcalfe, S.O.; F. Smeed, J.O.; G. W. Pascall (elected) Treas.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Chap.; A. Mead, Reg. of Marks; F. P. Suthery, Sec.; A. Durrant, D. of C.; T. R. Jarvis, S.D.; W. Langham, J.D.; T. Winniatt Smith, Org.; W. Wood, I.G.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, Steward; and J. W. Hair, Tyler.

Several propositions for joining having been handed in, votes of thanks were passed by acclamation to those brethren who had so kindly conducted the ceremonies of advancement, consecration, and installation. A banquet followed, after which full justice was done to the toast list, the intervals being devoted to music, in which Bros. Clowes, Theodore Distin, A. C. Durrant, and T. W. Smith (violin solo) contributed very effectively to the general pleasure of the evening. The following brethren were likewise present as visitors, namely, Bros. Geo. Cooper, Bon Accord; R. Clowes, L. F. Manley, W.M.; G. A. Eustace, Thomas Rice, Rev. W. Morgan Jones, Chaplain; J. G. Renshaw, and T. Eustace, S.W., all of No. 145; T. R. Annis; W. M. Albert Victor, F. H. Cozens, P.M., W. P. Collins, P.M., and others.

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At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, October 11th, 1884, Robert Grey, Esq., Patron, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election by ballot of 14 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 29 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly

ELECTED :

No. on List.	Name.	Votes	No. on Poll
24	Gibson, Dora Annie	2181	1
16	Reeves, Lilian C.	2064	2
27	Fallding, Ethel	2039	3
21	Blunt, Alice Mary	2035	4
7	Searle, Frances Alice	1988	5
14	Gilbert, Augusta	1960	6
4	Heath, Fanny	1949	7
5	Betts, Edith Ellen	1938	8
28	Wetherell, Ellen M.	1923	9
9	Wright, Beatrice E.	1897	10
25	Carlyle, Emma W.	1865	11
10	Hurst, Olive Ann	1790	12
8	Bush, Florence Wilson	1788	13
30	Hughes, Adelaide F.	1769	14

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election if eligible.

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No.	Name.	Votes.
1.	Gishford, W. T.	2306
2.	Cooper, C. B.	2074
3.	Askwith, H.	2046
4.	Heinke, J. L.	1949
5.	Jenner, F.	1902
6.	Aspenall, H. J.	1887
7.	Matthews, R. C.	1870
8.	Beaumont, R.	1827
9.	Nichols, E. J. R.	1814
10.	Speed, W.	1809
11.	Besley, J. C.	1730
12.	Gore, J. A.	1672
13.	Williams, R. D.	1642
14.	Sharland, F. W.	1640
15.	Graves, H. R.	1625
16.	Whitehead, C. W.	1618
17.	Baily, J. A. M.	1583
18.	Broadbent, J. B.	1580
19.	Barber, C. W. G.	1578
20.	Pope, E. H.	1565
21.	Fearon, G. O.	1533
22.	Mitchell, R. A. L.	1514
23.	Hardey, J. G.	1502
24.	Simpson, S. J.	1493
25.	Pearson, S. J.	1472
26.	Longman, F. W.	1462
27.	Brown, J. H.	1437
28.	Seagrave, J. P.	1412
29.	Macqueen, W. B.	1027
30.	Pedley, A. L.	1015

List of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling &c., may be had on application at the office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April next.

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- Caradoc Lodge, No. 1674.

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- Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753.
- Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.
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- ROYAL ARCH—**
- Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.
- West Kent Chapter, No. 1297.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times," "La Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Hull Packet," "Freemasons' Repository," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Citizen," "Freemasons' Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "Masonic Review," "Dover and County Chronicle," "Court Circular," "Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Liberia," "Rough Ashlar," "Report of the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Netherlands in South Africa," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Tricycling Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1884."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1884.

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.]

"BRETHREN, TAKE NOTICE."
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg to send you copies of two letters, the originals of which are in my possession, and in respect of which a few remarks may be of service to the Craft, and aid the efforts of your recent correspondents to unmask impostors.

No. 1 is written in pencil on note paper bearing the printed heading, "Parish of St. Giles, Camberwell, Board of Guardians," dated 14th February, 1884, and reads: "Worshipful Sir and Bro.,

"I am an Irish bro. in great distress, through affliction have been 3 months in the Ophthalmic Hospital, and 3 wks. in the above Infirmary, awaiting the decision of the G.L. of Ireland, which I hope to hear from soon.

I shall feel for ever grateful if your lodge will grant me a little relief, Bro. Frere, who visited me at the Infirmary, advised me to make the case known to your lodge, which he told me needs to-night.

"I have the honour, &c.,
"(\$55, Fermoy, "Yours fraternally,
"Co. Cork.) "J. DONOVAN.

"Awaiting an answer."
No. 2, in ink, on plain note paper, without address; heading, reads:

"9th October, 1884.

"Worshipful Master,
"I am just come out of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, suffering from the worse kind of Retinitis Pigmentosa. My mother lodge has my case in hand to bring before the Grand Lodge in Dublin at their next meeting, when I hope something permanent will be done, for, M.W. Sir, I am in great distress, in fact starving. Shall feel for ever grateful for a little relief. Bro. Allsopp advised me to make my case known to your lodge, which he told me met here to-night. Shall be glad to answer any question which may be put to me. W. Sir, you may depend that the Architect of the Universe will prosper you in all your undertakings seeing that you have relieved an infirm Mason, being one of God's afflicted through his devine will. I applied to a lodge at Loughboro Junction, they even proved me in all the Degrees, and then took my address, stating that they would send me some money in a few days, but I have had to leave the lodgings through not being able to pay, and had to walk about this last 3 nights. I never knew a bro. being sent away empty from any lodge in Ireland.

"I have the honour to remain, W. Sir and Bro.,
"Yours fraternally,
"Late H.M.R.I. "JNO. CROWLEY,
"Constabulary." "Cameronians, 26.

The handwriting of the above epistles agrees in a very marked manner; and the parts which I have italicised are so nearly similar in expression that no reasonable doubt can exist as to the letters being the production of one and the same individual.

No. 2 was presented to the W.M. of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, meeting at Camberwell on the 9th inst., just as the lodge had closed. At his request I saw the applicant, who appeared to me to be about thirty years of age (I am not good at guessing ages, so on this point may be mistaken), shabby, and badly shod, and certainly afflicted in respect of eyesight. Blindness has ever been a calamity calling forth my utmost sympathy, and in this instance it impelled me to be lenient and unexact in respect of "proof." However, I had no cause to doubt that he had duly experienced the several introductions which constituted him one of the Craft; and having at the moment no reason to think him guilty of misrepresentation, I suggested the customary "whip round" and was entrusted with a moderate sum for his use. Just as he was about to receive it something in his manner attracted the notice of our worthy Secretary, Bro. Messenger, who at once declared he had been before relieved by lodge vote. This, Crowley, alias Donovan, strenuously denied and asseverated on his O.B., that he had been but a few months in England. Still our Secretary persisted in his statement and said he believed he could find amongst the lodge papers at his home the written proof. That the applicant might not be sent empty away I handed him enough for a few day's support, and placed the balance collected in the hands of our Tyler to be given to him if he should, on the ensuing morning, bring a certain letter from a certain medical man whom he said had attended him at the Hospital; and he was told that if he did this he might present himself at a City lodge which met on the 11th, and probably receive further assistance. He did not satisfy that requirement, however, but, nevertheless, presented himself in the City with a very lame excuse for the omission. In the meanwhile Bro. Messenger had sent me letter No. 1, and as that worthy brother anticipated, "I had not much trouble in coming to a conclusion as to whether the same hand did not trace them both." The Tyler of the "Macdonald," who is also Tyler of the City Lodge in question, at my request handed him the balance of the amount collected on the 9th, and he was informed that as far as Metropolitan Lodges, and it was hoped Provincial Lodges also, were concerned, his "little game" might be considered at an end. I hope it may be, and that this letter may be a warning to himself, if he hears of it, and to other impostors on the good nature and charity of the Craft. I need hardly say that no such names as Frere (letter No. 1), nor Allsopp (letter No. 2), are on the books of Lodge 1216, but, for charity's sake, it was assumed that other than members of the lodge had made the recommendation stated in the respective letters.

So much for this individual and his successful attempt at imposition; but in the face of so many attempts to extort money from our various lodges in the sacred name of Charity, is it not time that some organised effort should be

made to afford information generally, and directly, to all our lodges in respect of any ascertained imposition; at the same time taking care that no genuine necessitous case should be dismissed without temporary relief? Do what we will we must sometimes be victimised; but with proper organization, and a system whereby the particulars of every case relieved should, under compulsion if necessary, be sent to head-quarters and there be dealt with as circumstances might require, the fault would be ours if an imposition was successful more than once. To say that some such organisation is not possible appears to me to be ridiculous, for I am certain that with a recommendation from the Grand Lodge there is an existing machinery by means of which the evils we experience from the deceptions practised on us can be immediately lessened and ultimately disposed of altogether, and that without abandonment of "relief to every deserving object under Heaven."

If your readers will refer to Bro. Henry Baldwin's letter, under the heading of "A Caution," they will readily connect the person therein referred to with the individual mentioned above. "P.M. 1237," and Bro. Pulsford, W.M. 898, in their respective letters in your impression of the 4th inst. would also appear to have received visits from "Crowley alias Donovan."—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.
Clapham, August 14th.

A MASONIC MENDICANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is not unlikely that Bro. Baldwin has jumped too hastily to a conclusion in his lengthy epistle. The man referred to stated that he had been initiated in a military lodge, and that through a disease of the eyes he could not follow his usual occupation. Has anybody proved that the brother who visited the lodges in South London was not a Mason, or that he was not nearly blind?—Yours fraternally,
OBSERVER.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A new preceptory to meet in London is about to be formed under favourable conditions, with moderate fees, &c. Any Templar wishing to join should apply at once to "Knight Templar," care of Bro. Lake, Freemason Office.—Yours fraternally,
CRUX CORONA.

A MASONIC CHARITY SUNDAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with great surprise your correspondent "C's" letter on the above subject, and also the letter of "Middlesex," which appeared in your issue of September 20th last. Admitting the fact that our Masonic Institutions are not supported as they might or ought to be, I consider it would be highly objectionable to adopt the method laid down in those two letters for increasing the funds of those Institutions. All honour to those good men, the ministers of all denominations, who have so willingly and so successfully preached sermons on behalf of our Hospitals and other National Charities; but to ask them to do the same for our Institutions would be transferring the responsibility of supporting those Institutions from our own shoulders to the benevolent of the outer world. They would be no longer Masonic Institutions, but National Charities. We do not invite the uninitiated or popular world to join in our assemblies, or share our mysteries and privileges, and why should we ask them to share in our responsibilities? I, for one, hope that we shall never be reduced to such an extremity as to ask aid from those who are strangers to our Masonic art. Rather let us set to work in earnest, individually and as lodges, to support more liberally those grand and glorious Institutions. When we consider that in round numbers about 2050 lodges are in connection with Grand Lodge, there ought to be no lack of workers or funds. Taking from that number the foreign, colonial, and poor lodges, and say that in round numbers there are at the present time 1000 good working lodges, is it not fair to expect that each of those lodges should send up one Steward every year to one or other of our Institutions? and if that were done, would it be unreasonable to expect each Steward (on an average) should take up £100? This would make an aggregate sum of £100,000, and would give to each of the Institutions a little over £33,000; and I think I put the average very low when you consider the large amounts some of the Stewards took up last year. There are many members of the Craft whom I honour very much for their unselfish labours and munificent gifts in aid of our Charities; but I fear there are some who, from unwillingness or thoughtlessness, forget the fact that Masonry is founded upon Charity, and that that virtue is the distinguishing characteristic, &c.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
WASP,

Vice-President of the Boys' School.

MASONIC CEREMONIAL AT WEST CALDER.

The memorial stone of the West Calder Masonic Hall was laid with full Masonic ceremonial on Thursday, the 25th ult., by Bro. John R. Brown, R.W.M. of the Thistle Lodge, No. 270, West Calder. Bro. Brown, after performing his part, delivered a long address, in the course of which he traced the connection of Masonry with the town, pointing out that the lodge over which he presided was constituted in the year 1818 by a few members of the Torpichen Kilwinning Lodge, No. 13, Bathgate. At an early period in the existence of the lodge there was established in connection with it a Friendly Society, the present financial position of which was most satisfactory.

At the close of the address, Bro. W. Miller, President of the Society, presented Bro. Brown with a handsome silver trowel, as a memorial of the day's proceedings, the following being the inscription thereon: "Presented by the Thistle Lodge, No. 270, West Calder, to Brother John R. Brown, R.W.M., as a memento of his laying the memorial stone of the Friendly Society's New Buildings. 25th September, 1884."

Bro. A. MARTIN, as a Trustee for the Thistle Lodge Friendly Society, supplemented the gift by a very cordial expression of thanks to Bro. Brown, for his services to the lodge generally, and also for his kind assistance that day.

In the evening a banquet was held to celebrate the event, the chair being occupied by Bro. W. Miller, while Bro. Brown acted as Croupier. A very pleasant evening was passed.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

433] LOYAL BRITAINS.

Referring to Bro. Rob. Morris's "Antiquarian Notes" in the *Freemason* of the 27th ult., I find he quotes from the *London Public Advertiser* of 1756 that "the brethren of the Laudable and Honorable Association of Loyal Britains" are therein notified of an approaching meeting. In my cabinet I have a copper medal, or token, of which the following is a description: Obverse—A crown within a radiated circle, sprigs of leaves below; "Loyal Britons Lodge." A small quatre-foil ornament before and after the legend. Reverse—A radiated Phrygian cap over an anchor and cable. "Liberty, peace, commerce." Small diamond-shaped ornament dividing the legend. Batty, in his "Copper Coinage of Great Britain," names several varieties of this token, one of which is mentioned by Marvin in his "Masonic Medals," and which he considers belongs to an Orange Lodge. Is it not probable that my token belongs to the "Association of Loyal Britains" quoted by Bro. Morris as above, as one of the pseudo-Masonic Societies of the last century? JAMES NEWTON.

434] THE LATE REV. T. CRANE.

Having been asked to give what information I might possess relative to the late Rev. T. Crane's connection with Freemasonry, more especially as confined to the city and county of Chester, I respectfully respond to the request, I, as in honour bound, through the sheaf, more particularly as the letter I here introduce refers to a notable and public event, namely the laying of the first stone (I presume) of the New or Grosvenor Bridge. I send you therefore the copy of a letter, or rather the latter part of it, sent in 1782 to Sir John Chetwode, Bart., the first being merely a literary criticism of "Longinus":—

"Dear Sir John,—Upon the receipt of L'd Shelburn's letter, this City of CHESTER has proposed to raise three companies of hired MILITIA and two companies of VOLUNTEERS. My opinion is that this mode of raising men will not be put into execution, for reasons of State.

"On Whittuesday the Mayor laid the 1st stone of the intended Arch of the Bridge, attended by the Corporation and a numerous company of FREEMASONS. I opened the Lodge, spoke an oration, and was the President of the day. But I did not write the inscription on the Plate. What I wrote was too laconic; that engraved is four times as long as mine. I enclose order of procession from last Friday's *Chronicle*.

"A very extraordinary animal was taken in our River and exhibited in the Race week. It was five and twenty feet long and bulky in proportion; some said it was a grampus, more probably a basking shark, from PENNANT'S description of one.

May, 1782. T. CRANE.
Great Saughall. W. H. BRADFORD.
The reference in MR. CRANE'S letter to the "Bridge" was not to the GROSVENOR BRIDGE, which was not so much as dreamt of for some forty years afterwards; but to the arch of the new BRIDGE-GATE, then in course of erection.—From *Chester Courant*. EDITOR.

435] THE WREN MS.

I give below a collated copy of the fragment published last week, with the transcript of Mr. Sims, from which the exemplar in "Masonic Magazine" of 1879 was published. Each word in "Italics" is not in the originally published copy, and constitutes a variation more or less important, more or less noteworthy. It seems to me that we have thus traces of two MSS., at the least, to deal with, though no doubt a good deal may be urged as regards the known carelessness, and inaccuracy, and interpolations of copyists. However, first let us note the variations and difference:—
"The first (charge) is, that they or you shall be true man or men to God and holy Church, and that you shall use neither Error nor Heresy, by your understanding or by indiscreet men's teaching; Also that you shall be truly given to the King without treason or treachery, and if you shall know either treason or treachery, look you amend it if you may, or else privily warn the King or his Rulers or Officers; and also that you shall be true one to another, that is to say, to every Master or Fellow of the Craft of Masonry that be allowed Masons, and to do to them as you would they should do to you; and also that every Mason keep truly counsels both of lodge and chamber, and all other counsel that ought to be kept by way of Masonry; And also that no Mason shall be thief or thief's phere as far forth as he knoweth." And that they shall be true to the Lord or Master they serve and truly look to his profit and advantage; And also you shall call Masons your beloved or your brethren, and by no other foul name, nor you shall not take your fellow's wife in villany, ney further desire his daughter, ney servant; And also you shall pay truly for your meat and drink where that you go to board. Also you shall do no villany in the house whereby the Craft should be slandered. These be the charges in general that every Mason holdeth by, both Masters and Fellows." There are several words suppressed and others added, as will be thus seen in Dr. Crane's MS. On the whole, I am myself inclined to think that the longer extract is not a replica of the original of which the transcript I possess is a copy, but a different MS. The small portion from "an older MS." seems to me to be identical with the transcript. I do not say that such variations may not be entirely errors or carelessness on the part of the copyist, or Bro. Brown's part; but I am inclined to think they represent another form. It is, I believe, more than probable that we shall come upon the original MS. and may actually find both portions of the MS. So mote it be!

A. F. A. W.

436] PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.

To the recent Worcester Masonic Exhibition I sent the original minutes of a Provincial Grand Lodge held in Wiltshire in 1777, which attracted some attention. It is in the handwriting of my great grandfather, W. Bro. Michael Burrough, who was then Prov. Grand Secretary for Wilts, and also Prov. Grand Superintendent for R.A. Masons, and Grand Master of Knights Templar for Wilts. I have

been asked to send you a copy, as it may be of general interest, since it refers to three Prov. Grand Masters of that early date.

FREDERICK HASTINGS GOLDNEY,
Prov. Grand Treasurer Wilts.

"City of Salisbury, September 22nd, 1777.

"A Provincial Grand Lge for Wiltshire was Opened in Ample form. Present: The Mst W. Thos. Dunckerley, Esqr., P.G.M.; W. Hugh Skeats, Esqr., P.G.M.; Jos. Hodgson, P.G.S.W.; J. Edgar, junr., P.G.J.W.; Jas. Wilkinson, P.G.T.; Mich. Burrough, P.G.S.; T. Shuttleworth, P.G.S.B.; John Stanton, Wm. Chubb, Alex. Minty, Wm. Weeks, Jno. Scandover, and D. N. Keele, P.G. Stewards; and G. Brown, Tyler.

"The Master, Officers, and Bn. of Salisbury Lodge, No. 47.

"The Lodge at Crown Devizes, No. 3, was called and no one appeared.

"Visiting Brethren: Rt. Hon. Ld. Ch. P.G.M. Montague, for Hants 15th, 6 of his officers; 6 Brethren from No. at Ringwood; four Bn. from No. at Blandford; and 3 from Lodges in London, being in all No. on the occasion.

"The Salisbury Lodge paid two Guineas for the Hall and one for the fund of Charity.

"The P.G.M. recommended that no Mason be made in future for less than three Guineas in this County.

"The Bn. dined in open Lodge and in the evening the Lge was closed in due form and time.

"The Most W. took the occasion to observe that an Assembly had lately been formed in S. of persons who call themselves Antient Masons and pretend to desire an Authority from D. Athol—he informed the Lodge that the D. had disclaimed any knowledge of or connection with persons acting under that Sanction, and that the Meetings of such persons are so inconsistent with the principles of free Masonry that they had been publicly reprobated by the G. Lodge and that it was his wish that the Wshire Bro. would by no means countenance their proceedings but rather that they should give a public denial of what that assembly had asserted relative to the patronage of the D. Athol."

[On the back of the document, and in the same handwriting, and apparently written at the same time, is the following memorandum.]

"Ch: Wren Esqr., Grandson to that Celebrated G.M. Arch:

the late Sr. Ch: Wren who built St. Paul's.
Savage Esqr. late Chief Justice of Carolina.
Lucas Esqr. and several of his G. Officers."



Craft Masonry.

ST. JOHN LODGE (No. 1306).—The opening meeting was held on the 8th inst. at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. Lodge was opened by Bro. J. P. T. Couture, W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. G. Clements, S.W.; Lloyd, acting J.W.; J. G. Twinn, S.D.; J. Oxley, Stwd., acting J.D.; Loftus, I.G.; Sweetman, Sec.; T. J. Tyer, P.M.; J. Magrath, P.M.; C. Veal, P.M.; Beard, Jenkins, Biggs, Creighton, S. M. Pipe, Willetts, Hirst, G. Wise, Whybrow, and others. Visitor: Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623.

After the transaction of the usual business, Bro. Tyer, P.M., by the courtesy of the W.M., passed Bros. Jenkins and Biggs to the F.C. degree in a very able manner. This being the only ceremonial working, the discussion of several important matters of lodge interest was disposed of in a very business-like manner, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Couture. Among these must be mentioned a vote of brotherly sympathy and condolence with Bro. Geo. T. Holdom, the worthy Junior Warden, in connection with his recent severe and heavy affliction in losing his wife, after a long and trying illness. The proposition was most feelingly and touchingly introduced by Bros. Veal, P.M., and Twinn, S.D., and was received with deepest sorrow of every brother present. Another item deserving notice was the arrangement to re-open the lodge of instruction under the warrant of the St. John Lodge on the first Thursday in November. The brethren have decided to use the house of Bro. R. Hirst, 1421, the Three Crowns, Mile End-road, and Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, we are informed, will kindly be the Preceptor.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—On Friday evening, the 10th inst., the fiftieth meeting of this lodge was held at the Snip Hotel, Greenwich, under the command of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hiram Henton (late 1st Life Guards), who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, S.W.; H. Wild, acting J.W.; Ernest E. Smith, P.M., Secretary; E. H. Thielay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Treas.; Carlo Grassi, S.D.; F. W. Cash, J.D.; A. Priest, I.G.; G. E. Court, W.S.; J. H. Meyer, C.S.; A. Rowe, Tyler; T. Grummant, P.M.; W. Cowley, P.M.; R. Borrett, A. Sabow, J. Neville, E. Fry, H. Woodham, John Faulkner, W. Waters, and Enrico Arduino. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Faricco, Lodge of Unity and Philanthropy, Gualeguaychu, Argentine Republic; J. W. Kemble, 1571; and J. Edwards, 1305.

After the lodge had been opened, and the ballot had been declared unanimously in favour of Messrs. John Lucas and Charles Rouard, Bro. Sabow, a candidate for passing, was duly examined, entrusted, and withdrew. Bro. Sabow was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Ernest Smith, P.M., Secretary, by permission of the Worshipful Master, assumed the chair and initiated his friend, Mr. John Lucas, into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master next conferred the same honour on Mr. Charles Rouard; he also interrogated and entrusted Bro. Woodham as a candidate for the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising this brother to the Sublime Degree was worked by Bro. T. Grummant in that excellent manner for which he is famous in the S.E. district. After some other business had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, when, after justice had been done to the repast provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

To the toast of "The Worshipful Master," that brother responded appropriately; and each of the initiates replied to their united toast in a few but plain spoken words.

The toast list having been exhausted, the brethren separated, the majority with eager steps intent on catching the earliest train for town.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Samuel White, W.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.W.; W. H. Froom, J.W.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M. Sec.; E. Anderton, S.D.; Geo. Vickery, J.D.; Matthew R. Webb and Fred. Crookford, Stwds.; E. F. B. Fuller, W.S.; Dr. Samuel Benton, I.P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Alfred Brookman, P.M.; P. F. R. Saillard, Thos. Benskin, Geo. Rawlinson, Jas. Shotton, and C. W. Lovett. Visitors: Bros. James Lewis-Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Paddon, P.M. 1417; J. A. Hill, 1417; Dr. A. GreatRex, P.M. 22; T. Wells, P.M. 208; M. Bellamy, 1567; and P. Cramp-ton, S.D. 1572.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Some routine business having been arranged the lodge was closed. The brethren dined together under the genial sway of Bro. Samuel White, the W.M.; Bro. James Lewis-Thomas replied for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Dr. A. GreatRex, J. Paddon, and Thos. Wells replied for "The Visitors."

STRAND LODGE (No. 1987).—The installa-

tion meeting of the Strand Lodge for the current year was held on the 9th inst., at Messrs. Spiers and Pond's, Criterion Hotel, Piccadilly. The lodge, for which a warrant was granted two years ago, was established for the convenience of brethren in and about the neighbourhood of the Strand, and was warranted to meet at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. In this location, under the Mastership of Bro. James Willing, jun., it has had a long tide of success, but a few months ago Ashley's Hotel closing, application had to be made to the Grand Master for a dispensation to hold meetings of emergency elsewhere, and the Criterion was the place resolved upon by the brethren. At the meetings which followed the brethren decided to keep the lodge at the Criterion, provided the Grand Master's permission could be obtained, and certainly a more convenient place away from Freemasons' Hall could not be found.

The lodge room is well adapted for accommodating a numerous lodge, such as the Strand, while the banquetting hall space affords comfortable seating for nearly a couple of hundred brethren, and the catering of Messrs. Spiers and Pond is unsurpassed. On the occasion of the installation meeting on Thursday week the brethren confirmed their resolution to remain at their new quarters, which, it may be mentioned, are about to be rendered even more commodious than at present, by alterations which will enlarge the lodge room. With respect to the installation meeting the members of the lodge had during Bro. Willing's first year evinced such satisfaction with the great success which had attended his Mastership that at the election meeting they unanimously resolved that he should fill the chair for the second year, and they assembled in large numbers to do honour to the occasion. The lodge met at four o'clock in the afternoon, and at that early hour there was an excellent attendance. All the ceremonies had to be performed, in addition to the installation, which but for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex on the same day was to have been performed by the Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Bro. Willing raised Bros. W. C. Argent and C. H. Cutbush; passed Bro. E. J. Argent; and initiated Messrs. William Henry Rignall, Robert King, John Addison, and Edward Colley. The balance-sheet of the lodge, which was submitted by the Audit Committee, showed a very prosperous state of circumstances, and was unanimously adopted. Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, J.W., then installed Bro. James Willing, jun., as Worshipful Master, and the following brethren were afterwards appointed to office: Bros. Edward Swanborough, S.W.; J. R. Stacey, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Secretary; J. Douglass, S.D.; W. Harris, J.D.; W. T. Madge, I.G.; A. N. Clemow, M.C.; A. Léon, A.M.C.; J. T. Buston, W.S.; J. N. Hare, A.W.S.; T. J. Hyland, Organist; and Bro. Richard Whiting, P.M., Tyler.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stacey for having at a moment's notice performed the ceremony of installation, an act which Bro. Stacey, in returning thanks for the vote, said he was only too happy to perform. Bro. Willing—there being no further business before the brethren—thereupon closed the lodge, and the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the banquetting room. With such a large amount of business as the lodge had performed the hour was late when the banquet was partaken of, and therefore when the period for proposing the toasts came round, the W.M. made all his addresses very short, and the respondents followed his example.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," Bro. Willing complimented Bro. Stacey on the excellence of his working, and hoped he would live long to perform those duties to the lodge which he had so well begun.

Bro. Stacey, in reply, said he was sorry he had to rise to thank the W.M. for the compliment, for he had simply endeavoured to do his duty. Although he had had a large number of invitations during his Masonic career to perform this ceremony, he had never performed it with greater pleasure or delight than in placing his old friend and brother in education in Masonry in the chair that night. He hoped the time would be far distant when they would have to seek an Installing Master away from the Strand Lodge. The W.M. had had a great number of offers held out to him. There were several visitors who were able and willing to do the work; but fortunately the lodge had in itself brethren who were competent to install, and the W.M. chose one from that circle.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said there was not so great an array as he had expected; but the inclement state of the weather accounted for the absence of many.

Bro. F. Delevanti, P.M. 1319, responded, and complimented the W.M. and his officers on the way the work had been performed and the banquet provided.

The toasts of "The Initiates" and "The Officers" followed, and were responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the evening. Madame Adeline Paget, Mr. Larkin, and Mr. James Budd ably performed the musical entertainment of the evening.

wear it, and that whenever you do wear it, it will always remind you of this your mother lodge, and the many pleasant and profitable hours you have spent in the society of the brethren of the Tuxteth Lodge.

Bro. Squire feelingly acknowledged the presentation, after which the brethren dined together. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Edward Paull, P.M., was congratulated on his recent appointment as Prov. Grand Senior Warden, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—A very largely attended meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening. There were present Bros. J. Blenkin, W.M.; Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; G. Chapman, J.D.; S. J. Dalton, I.G.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; and many other brethren, with visitors from the York Lodge, 236; Agricola, 1991; Londesborough, 734, &c.

The minutes were read, and the Treasurer's balance-sheet, which had been audited on the previous Friday, was formally adopted. Bro. Hall was passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was then taken for the W.M., and the unanimous vote of the lodge fell upon the S.W., Bro. Sir F. Milner, who thanked the brethren for the mark of their confidence. Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., was again re-elected Treasurer. Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., presented to the lodge the second and third volumes of Gould's "History of Masonry," and was accorded a cordial vote of thanks. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., said that he should like to move that the lodge do send a letter of congratulation to Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore on his approaching 100th birthday. They all knew the great value of Sir Moses's services to the country of his adoption, and he thought, as Masons, they should show their sense of this as well as their kindly feeling. He had spoken to Bro. Whytehead on the matter, and the latter had drafted a short address, which he would ask him to read. Bro. Whytehead then read a letter of congratulation addressed to Sir Moses Montefiore, and suitable to be engrossed on parchment. Bro. Cumberland's motion was seconded by Bro. W. Brown, S.D., and was carried unanimously. Bro. T. B. Whytehead proposed as a joining member Bro. the Rev. R. Blakeney, vicar of Bishopthorpe, of the Londesborough Lodge, 734, and he was seconded by Bro. Cumberland.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren gathered round the social board and the customary toasts were given. The W.M. proposed "The Earl of Zetland and the Provincial Grand Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The W.M. Elect," and said he looked forward to a very prosperous year under his rule; and, in responding, Bro. Sir F. Milner said that, as far as he was concerned, he should endeavour to do everything possible for the lodge, and should emulate, if he could not rival, the good working of his predecessors; he concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Blenkin," which was received most heartily.

Bro. Millington, I.P.M., proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. G. Balmford, Treas., and A. T. B. Turner, J.W., responded.

Bro. J. T. Seller gave "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. J. S. Cumberland, in replying, gave an account of the position of the Charities in the Province of North and East Yorkshire.

The Junior Warden gave "The Health of the Visitors," and Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave "The Silent Memory of Bro. T. Cooper, the Father of the Lodge."

The proceedings were enlivened by songs by Bros. Cumberland, Nennell, and others, and eleven o'clock saw the break-up of a most happy and harmonious meeting.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—Thames Lodge (No. 1895).—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on the 16th ult., when there were present a large number of members and the following visitors: Bros. Hill, Past Grand Chap.; E. L. Hawkins, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Sec. Oxon; G. W. F. Loftus, P.M. 93, 1193, 905, P.P.G.W. Norfolk; R. C. Mount, P.M. 1328, 414, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; C. D. Hoblyn, P.M. 231; E. Horne, P.M. 1887, P.P.G.P. Berks and Bucks; F. H. Weedon, W.M. 1887; S. Dyer, W.M. 1612; Rev. R. W. P. Circuit, Chap. 1887; C. Butler, S.W. 1196; Hy. Wickens, 1710; and W. H. Rowland, 1193.

In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. A. Brakspear, P.P.G.S. of W. Oxon (who, as Captain of a company of Volunteers had to be present at the inspection of his regiment at Oxford), the lodge was opened at 3.30 by Bro. R. T. Hodge, I.P.M., P.G.J.W., supported by Bros. B. Hunn, S.W., P.G.J.D. Oxon, W.M. elect, and F. Marsh, J.W., and other officers. The chair was then taken by Bro. E. L. Hawkins, P.G. Sec., who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master in the absence of the W.M. Bro. Benjamin Hunn was presented and duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony and the addresses being faultlessly rendered. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. Brakspear, I.P.M.; F. Marsh, S.W.; Rev. A. R. Pri tchard, J.W.; G. E. Brakspear, Treas.; W. A. Simmons, Sec.; C. A. Robinson, S.D.; C. Bye, J.D.; E. Carlisle, I.G.; W. Vidler and G. Owen Willis, Stewards; and R. Rogers, Tyler. The presentation of the Past Master's jewel was postponed till the next lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was provided, to which ample justice was done. The usual toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. remarked that the Thames Lodge had done good work in this direction during the three years of its existence, having sent a Steward to every Festival, and subscribed during that time £55 13s. to the Aged F.M. Institution; £47 12s. 6d. to the Girls' School; and £63 15s. to the Boys' School, making a total of £167 os. 6d. He hoped the brethren would not relax their efforts in this excellent work.

The enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Rowland, Marsh, and Hoblyn.

INSTRUCTION.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, when there were present Bros. Sainte, W.M.; Bentley Haynes, S.W.; Haller, J.W.; H. Haynes, S.D.; Buggin, I.G.; Moss, Preceptor; Walker, Daniel Steed, Healy, and Anslecker Schwarz.

After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Steed being the candidate. Bro. Walker, after having answered the necessary questions, and being entrusted, was duly passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Moss, Preceptor, then put the brethren through the entry drill, and the lodge was then closed in the Three Degrees. Bro. Schwarz, 1348, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Bentley Haynes having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, when there were present Bros. Masefield, W.M.; Christmas, S.W.; Swain, J.W.; Bassington, Treas.; Cross, Sec.; Mount, S.D.; Tonkin, J.D.; Chretien, I.G.; Hunt, Cobham, March, Brindley, Folson, Walters, King, Balchin, and Collens.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Balchin being the candidate. Bro. Brindley having answered the questions for the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened on the square, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, questions by Bro. Folson. Bros. J. Walters, 2021, and J. L. King, P.M. 657, were unanimously elected members of the lodge. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

At the meeting of the Masonic Charities Association held afterwards Bro. Swain gained the ballot.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The above successful lodge met on Monday last at the Clarence Hotel, 88, Aldersgate-street, E.C., and was well attended by the officers and members of the parent lodge and other brethren. Among those present were Bros. Chatwin, as W.M.; Aynsley, S.W.; Barnett, J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor; Jolly, jun., Sec.; H. J. Lardner, I.P.M. 1623; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; T. T. Phillips, P.M.; Bollander, Jolly, sen., Hazlitt, Smyth, and others.

Lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was capitally worked, Bro. Jolly being the candidate. Bro. Bolander was next questioned as candidate for the Second Degree, and acquitted himself most satisfactorily. Bro. Stephens next proceeded to work some Sections of the Lecture, being well assisted by the brethren. Bro. Aynsley was elected to the chair for the ensuing Monday, and other important business satisfactorily disposed of, and a capital and enjoyably instructive meeting was closed in harmony. Brethren are cordially invited to attend this lodge, as brethren desiring advancement can obtain every instruction at the hands of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Pennefather, P.M., and the brethren who regularly attend here.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. Lilley, Z.; Gillard, H.; Webb, J.; Frank, S.N.; Beedell, P.S.; and many other companions. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Daniel as candidate. Comp. Anderson, Chap. 255, was unanimously elected a member. The following companions were elected to office for the ensuing fortnight: Comps. Child, Z.; Smart, H.; Daniel, J.; Frank, S.N.; and Webb, P.S. Comp. Brown asked the members to make known amongst their friends the removal of the chapter.

ALL SAINTS CHAPTER (No. 1716).—This select chapter held its installation meeting at the Vestry Hall, Bow, on the 9th inst., the M.E.Z., Comp. T. Griffiths, occupying the First Principal's chair, and being well supported. After the confirmation of the minutes of the convocation held on July 17th, the companions below the chairs retired. A conclave of First Principals was then formed, and Ex. Comp. F. A. White, P.Z. 907, was inducted into the chair. A conclave of Third Principals was then formed, and Comp. G. Anderson duly installed. Comp. Hunt, the first exalte of the chapter, having now arrived, a conclave of Second Principals was formed, and he also was duly installed. The entire ceremony was worked with that accuracy and precision which distinguish the working of the I.P.Z., Comp. Griffiths. The companions having been admitted and saluted the new M.E.Z., the officers were invested by the Installing Officer in the following order: Comps. J. House, S.E.; W. J. Rundell, S.N.; W. Bramham, P.S., who appointed as his assistants Comps. Lawrence and Robey; and A. B. Church, Janitor. On the motion of the M.E.Z., who eulogized his work in most eloquent terms, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Ex. Comp. Griffiths for his excellent work and the numerous services he had rendered the chapter. After the reception of a proposition by Comp. Coleman, P.Z., the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to Comp. Anderson's, where the annual banquet was held. It is a noteworthy fact that all the officers of this hard working chapter, except the M.E.Z., have been exaltees of the chapter.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Chapter of Industry (No. 48).—The second annual convocation of this chapter was held on Friday evening, the 10th inst., for the purpose of installation of Principals and investment of officers. There were present Comps. R. F. Cook, M.E.Z.; J. Wood, H.; D. Sinclair, J.; John Spearman, De Sussex; W. H. Todd, M.E.Z. St. Bede's; J. G. Smith, N.; J. Mout, E.; R. Whitfield, 1st A.S.; J. McCulloch, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, and others.

Comp. John Wood was impressively installed as M.E.Z.

by Comp. J. Spearman, P.G.H. Northumberland; Comp. David Sinclair was installed as H. by the M.E.Z.—Comp. John Wood; while Comp. Spearman performed the same duty for Comp. J. G. Smith as J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows: Comps. M. Corbitt, Treas.; John Mout, N.; John Duckitt, E.; R. Whitfield, P.S.; and Joshua Curry, Janitor. Comp. Whitfield, P.S., nominated Comp. J. McCulloch as 1st A.S. After other business was transacted the chapter was closed, and the companions partook of dinner, served in the refreshment room.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual meeting of this chapter for installing the Principals and investing the officers for the year was held on Friday, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall, College-street. Comps. J. Barr, P.Z., P.G.H., and E. Tyson, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., discharged the duties of Installing Chiefs with their usual ability, when Comps. F. Hodgson was Z.; W. Bewlay, H. and Treas.; J. J. Robinson, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; D. Reece, S.N.; D. Bell, P.S.; J. C. Thompson, Asst. Soj.; W. C. Johns, Stwd.; and J. Casson, Janitor.

The following companions were also present: Comps. W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.G.J.; T. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; G. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Ed. Clarke, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; J. Cooper, Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. Carlyle, J. Paterson, C. Gowan, J. Eden, J. Hall, and others. Comp. G. Kyrie was balloted for and accepted as a joining member. On the motion of Comp. Tyson, seconded by Comp. Dalrymple, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. With a hearty vote of thanks to Comps. Barr and Tyson for their services, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet hall.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°.

The Supreme Council, 33°, held their half-yearly meeting at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday last, when the following brethren were advanced: To the 32°—Bro. Charles H. Driver. To the 31°—Bros. the Rev. Thomas William Lemon and R. Isaac Finnemore, F.R.G.S. To the 30°—Bros. James Heelis, James Maclaren, Charles Schuster, and Col. S. W. Wilkinson, Palatine Chapter, No. 7; William Hy. Cotton, Invicta Chapter, No. 10; Henry Wilson, St. Dunstan Chapter, No. 12; S. C. Smith, Shakespeare Chapter, No. 15; Frederick Cleves, Talbot Chapter, No. 16; Fras. W. S. Wicksteed, Wm. de Irwin Chapter, No. 28; Hy. Tudor Trevor Jones, University Chapter, No. 30; Rev. Alfred Gresley Barker and C. V. Helsdon, Canute Chapter, No. 41; Major F. C. Turner, Phillips Chapter, No. 52; F. H. Rooke, Hy. Sanctuary Chapter, No. 53; Edward B. Jorey and J. Theophilus Chater, St. Mary Magdalene Chapter, No. 73; and H. Claud Lisle, Stanhope Chapter, No. 75.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Café Royal, when the usual loyal and other toasts were given.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly meeting was held at the Hall, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 9th inst. V.W. Frater Lewis-Thomas, 8°, took the chair of M. of T.; Frater J. R. Foulger, 8°, D.M. of T.; and Fratres W. Dodd, 8°; T. W. Coffin, W. G. Lemon, and J. J. Thomas as the four Ancients; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, M.B., 8°, Sec.; and other fratres. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from the M.W. Frater Dr. W. R. Woodman, 9°, Supreme Magus; V.W. Frater George Lambert, M. of T.; and from Fratres Buss, Ferguson, Hughan, Thillay, Holland, and others.

V.W. Frater C. F. Matier, 9° in Scotiā, was elected an honorary member of the college. A discussion took place with regard to the hire of the Hall, and the desirability of changing the place of meeting; it was ultimately left to Fratres Woodman, Lambert, and Westcott to make the best arrangement possible. There were three approved candidates for the degree of Zelator, but neither of them was able to be present. Frater S. L. Mathers, of Poole, sent to the college a paper on "Some esoteric significations of the Six-pointed and the Five-pointed Stars." This was read by the Secretary, and received the warmest commendation from the M. of the T., and indeed from all present. This was the second essay communicated by Frater Mathers, and a vote of thanks to him was unanimously passed.

There being no other business, the M.C. was closed in the customary solema manner, and adjourned until the second Tuesday in January. A majority of those present subsequently partook of refreshment, combined with discussion on occult topics, at the Holborn Restaurant.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A circular, signed by the Earl of Mar and Kellie, as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, is about to be issued to the Scottish Craft, with the view to the raising of funds towards the formation of an extended scheme of Scottish Masonic benevolence. The appeal states that members of Grand Lodge, believing that the time had arrived when the surplus revenue of Grand Lodge, amounting to about £1700 annually, might to a great extent be legitimately applied in the promotion of the comfort and well-being of the distressed, brought the matter under the consideration of Grand Lodge, with the result that a special committee appointed to consider the whole question recommended that ten thousand pounds should be raised before the extended scheme of benevolence be commenced; and on 7th August Grand Lodge resolved that one-half of the free income of Grand Lodge be annually handed over to such extended scheme. There is, the circular goes on to say, at the credit of the existing benevolent fund a sum of about £6400, but the revenue from this amount of capital is insufficient to meet even ordinary cases of urgent temporary distress; and no surplus is available whereby annuities to infirm or aged brethren or their widows, or for the education or maintenance of their orphan children, can be provided. It is believed that the extended scheme, on the lines indicated, will be more acceptable to the Scottish brethren at home and abroad than were schools and homes erected at considerable cost and with a heavy annual expenditure.

It may be reasonably anticipated that throughout the

Scottish Craft only a brief period is likely to pass ere the required £10,000 is raised; and the interest of this sum, together with one-half of the free income of Grand Lodge above mentioned, will suffice to give the scheme a fair start, and place it on a permanent foundation. In this matter Grand Lodge has a great and noble example set before it by the Craft in England. The Grand Lodge of England has not only like ourselves a benevolent fund to meet the requirements of what may be termed casual indigence and distress, but it has in addition two charities on an extended scale, wherein the orphan children of both sexes of members of the Order are trained and given a first class education; and it has also an institution for the maintenance of aged and indigent Freemasons and their widows. In connection with these three institutions large and valuable buildings have been erected, and several hundreds of boys and girls are trained and educated, and fitted to occupy responsible positions in life. The Craft in England raises annually voluntarily about £50,000 for the maintenance of these three institutions. With such an example before the Scottish Craft, the Committee ask co-operation in the matter, which they consider one of primary importance to the well-being of the Order, and add that the fund created will be administered in proportion to the necessities of the various districts of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at home and abroad.—From the *Glasgow North British Mail*.

CONSECRATION OF THE AMITY CHAPTER, No. 171.

The consecration of the above chapter took place on Tuesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as Z.; Griffiths Smith, G.S. Br., as H.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.P.S., as J.; and F. Richardson, G.A.S., as D. of C. The chapter having been duly consecrated, Comps. J. Clever, P.Z. 12, was installed as M.E.Z.; Hirsch, 22, as H.; and Berridge, P.Z. 21, as J. The following officers were then appointed: Comps. Jay, as Treas.; J. W. Clever, as Scribe, E.; Harcourt, as Scribe N.; G. T. Goodinge, as P.S.; and Marsh, Janitor. Three brethren were then proposed for exaltation. Comp. Hirsch, H., in the name of Mrs. Hirsch, presented the chapter with the volume of the S.L.

It was proposed by Comp. CLERKE, M.E.Z., and seconded by Comp. BERRIDGE, J., "That a vote of thanks be tendered to Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke and his assistants for their kindness in attending to consecrate the chapter, and that in conjunction with Comp. Fenn, P.G.S.B., they be requested to accept the honorary membership of the chapter."

The chapter was then closed in due form and adjourned till the second Wednesday in November. The companions then adjourned to the banqueting room, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Z., the Deputy Grand Z., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of Comp. Woodford, P.P.S.

Comp. WOODFORD returned thanks for "The Grand Officers," and said that it was a great privilege to be permitted to respond to a toast which regarded the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter. All present with himself were duly sensible of the honour done them by the kind words of the proposer, and the hearty reception of the companions, and the Grand Officers were always only too glad to find themselves present, and to make themselves in any way useful on such pleasant occasions. He congratulated the companions of the new chapter on the admirable and impressive way in which the chief Consecrating Officer had carried through, despite his voice ailments, that very beautiful ceremony, and he felt sure it would make a lasting impression, especially on the younger Royal Arch companions. As now a very old Royal Arch companion himself, he could only add that the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry were so many and great, its teaching so realistic and sublime, that he rejoiced always to see fresh chapters added to the roll, as the companions could derive from the appropriate and mystic teaching of the Grade those goodly lessons of loyalty and charity, obedience to law and order, reverence for God, love for the brotherhood, and sympathy for mankind, which were the happy characteristics of our English Freemasonry.

The next toast was that of "The Consecrating Officer, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and his Assistants."

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in reply, said: Most Excellent and companions of the Amity Chapter, I lose no time in rising to thank you for the cordial manner in which this toast has been received. As you will observe, I am suffering from a very severe cold, so trust you will excuse me. It has been a great pleasure to me to be here to-day, as it must be at all times to be present at meetings of this kind. This chapter has been formed 100 years after the formation of the lodge with which it is associated, therefore the brethren have not rushed at it; but after 100 years' steady talk—in this busy world it does not usually take so long—we have this day met together for the purpose of consecrating the Amity Chapter, and I trust that this day 100 years our grandsons and great grandsons may be at the Amity Chapter and find it flourishing. For the great assistance I have received from my fellow officers, I would openly thank them—Comp. Woodford, who delighted us with his instructive address; Comp. Richardson, who always keeps us right; and Comp. Griffiths Smith, who would have performed the whole ceremony, but we would not let him.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then proposed "The Health of the Principals," and said: The companions have named three good and worthy representatives of Royal Arch Masonry to preside over them—two are Past Principals of the Order, the third had gone up very quickly. The chapter may be congratulated upon their choice, as it must tend to make it a great success.

The M.E.Z., in reply, said: I thank you for proposing my health. I feel great responsibility in presiding over a new chapter, and I hope I may be able to discharge the important duties pertaining to the office. We expect to have plenty of work to do, and hope to carry out the ritual in the fullest way possible. When I vacate the chair I trust I shall have performed my work to the satisfaction of all the companions of the chapter; and if Col. Clerke will honour us with his company when we have any work to do, I do not think we shall disappoint him.

Comp. HIRSCH, H., in reply, said: I quite agree with all the Most Excellent has said, and I firmly believe that this Amity Chapter is destined to be as good a one as there is

in existence—a bright star in the firmament of Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. BERRIDGE, J., said: I may say I came before you as an outsider, but as the Most Excellent has assured you that the working shall be second to none, I will endeavour to do my duty.

Replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Comp. DIXON said: When I came here to-day, I expected to be a small one amongst many. I am proud to be able to respond to this toast. In the first place, I have to express my great gratification at hearing the ceremony so beautifully rendered as it has been to-day, and in the second place to express the feeling of the visitors that the chapter may meet with every success.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Health of the Honorary Members of the Amity Chapter," coupling with the toast the name of Comp. Fenn.

Comp. FENN, in reply said: I must compliment, you Most Excellent, upon the ingenious manner in which you have managed to get me on my legs, and can only assure you that the officers of Grand Chapter are always proud to be present at meetings of this kind, and I sincerely trust that the chapter will be a successful one—in fact, I do not see how it can fail to be prosperous, when you have at your head such an experienced Royal Arch Mason as your Most Excellent.

The next toast was that of the "Treasurer, Scribe E. and Officers of the Chapter," which was responded to by Comp. CLEVER, Scribe E. and Comp. GOODINGE, P.S.

The Janitor's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

The harmony of the evening was considerably enlivened by a selection of music performed by Comps. F. H. Cozens, Hubbard, Carter and Schartan.

The Comps. present included Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Griffiths Smith, G.S. Bearer; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.P.S.; Frank Richardson, G.A.S.; Fenn, P.G.S.B.; H. Sadler, G.J.; Joseph Clever, M.E.Z.; Louis Hirsch, H.; R. Berridge, J.; J. W. Clever, Scribe E.; Goodinge, P.S., and G. R. Dodd.

Visitors: Comps. J. Dixon, P.Z. 73 A. Nicols, P.Z. 982; F. H. Cozens, 907; A. W. Hubbard, 1382; G. J. Carter, 145; H. W. Schartan and G. P. Festa.

The Chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

PRESENTATION TO DR. JABEZ HOGG, P.G.D.

The first meeting after the vacation of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Brackett Sorrell, W.M., presiding. There was an excellent attendance of members and visitors. The W.M. raised Bro. Joseph Lethbridge to the Third Degree, passed Bros. J. G. H. C. Hughes and Geo. Lake to the Second Degree, and initiated Mr. F. Varley. At the conclusion of this business, Bro. J. H. Southwood made various announcements, and the brethren made a grant of £5 from the lodge funds to a protégée of the lodge, who has distinguished herself in the Girls' School, the gift to be followed by another £5 from the Benevolent Fund. The principal event of the evening was then proceeded with, viz., the presentation of a testimonial to V.W. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., a founder, a Past Master, and the Treasurer of the lodge.

The testimonial consisted of a painting in oil of Bro. Dr. Hogg—a striking likeness—in a handsome gilt frame. In presenting the testimonial, in name of the brethren of the John Hervey Lodge,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he thought he should first announce to the lodge the form the testimonial had taken. They would remember that they were all very desirous of presenting a testimonial of some kind or other to their Bro. Hogg, and they passed a resolution to that effect. They then formed a Committee to determine the form of the testimonial, and he now had to announce to them that the Committee had met and resolved that the form should be a portrait of Bro. Hogg, and it was now his duty, as well as his privilege, to present the portrait. Addressing Dr. Hogg, he said he had very great pleasure in informing him of what he had already heard him state had taken place. Bro. Hogg had for many years rendered good and valuable services to this lodge, and had during that period taken a deep interest in its welfare. The brethren of the lodge had thought that those services should in some way be recognised. During the period he had mentioned—he might say from the beginning of the lodge (for Dr. Hogg was one of its founders)—he was a member, and 10 or 11 years ago he was unanimously elected Master of the lodge, in which capacity he presided over the lodge with ability. Dr. Hogg was then elected as Treasurer, and since then had year by year been re-elected to that office, which he had served with unflinching zeal and integrity. The brethren had thought that not only as a P.M. of the lodge and as Treasurer of the lodge had Dr. Hogg rendered great services to them, but that he had had the welfare of the lodge at heart, and that they had experienced great kindness from him, and in recognition of these services and the esteem in which they held him, they would have this portrait of him painted in oil. This portrait he now presented, and he felt it a privilege on behalf of the lodge to express the gratification of the brethren with everything Dr. Hogg had done for them. The inscription was—"Presented by the brethren of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, to Very Worshipful Bro. Jabez Hogg, M.D., P.G.D., P.M., and Treasurer, in recognition of his services to the lodge, and the esteem in which he is held by its members. 8th Oct., 1884."—He was sure he was only expressing the feeling of every member of the lodge when he said that they wished him health and strength, and hoped that the day might be far distant when they would lose the benefit of his advice and assistance in carrying out the affairs of the lodge.

Bro. HOGG, in reply, said:—W.M. and brethren, In one of the charges of our Order we are admonished "to cultivate brotherly love, the foundation and keystone, the cement and glory of our fraternity." By your warm-hearted, generous reception of me to-night, I am convinced that you, brethren, not only know how to cultivate, but also how to practise this Masonic virtue. With the fullest assurance of the brotherly love of every member of the John Hervey Lodge, I nevertheless find myself at a loss for words which would give expression to the feelings of my heart on the present occasion. The handsome testimonial which you are pleased to offer for my acceptance is well adapted to bind me more closely, if that be possible, to you. It is, in fact, a family

birthday gift, one which may hereafter serve to perpetuate the lineaments of the father of your lodge amongst you. It is now within a week or so of 30 years since I was initiated into Freemasonry. It is close upon 20 years since I filled the important office of Grand Deacon of England, and in all sincerity I may tell you that in no way have I had occasion to regret the step I took so many years ago. On the contrary, after 15 years of intimate acquaintance with the customs and usages of our Order, and in perfect belief that I might further promote the good of Freemasonry in general, I joined in the foundation of a new lodge, a lodge intended to perpetuate the revered name of the then Grand Secretary, our late Bro. John Hervey, one whom we all delighted to honour. A warrant was obtained, and in due course our boat was launched on the ocean of time. It experienced a little buffeting by adverse winds, but at length entered into a haven of rest, and finally settled down into calm and pleasant waters. The Great Architect of the Universe has, however, seen fit to smite us sorely, for with but one exception, that of our esteemed Bro. Hyde Pullen, who I regret to say is in too feeble a state of health ever to appear amongst us again, I am the sole representative of a goodly band of founders of the John Hervey Lodge. While recounting our trials and losses we are not without cause for thankfulness. We have a W.M. who justly commands the respect of every member of the lodge, I may say of the Craft; and who together with P.M.'s, officers, and brethren, form a column of mutual strength and support to the John Hervey Lodge, and an earnestness of better things to come. Cicero in his well known discourses makes particular mention of a society such as ours, and which existed in his day. This institution he says promises eternal happiness in elysium to all who are initiated into its mysteries. *Initia*, initiate, signifies, as you know, the beginning of life; the members of the society, therefore, he goes on to explain, from the moment of their initiation entered upon the beginning of a life of reason and virtue, and in due time obtained a superior degree, with a promise of happiness in this life and the prospect of a better life to come. May this be the experience of every brother who has been, and is to be, initiated into the John Hervey Lodge. For myself, I can say that my connection with Freemasonry, and with this lodge in particular, has been a means both of pleasure and profit. I have found in it a relief from distracting cares and a foundation in a better life to come. It has also been "the foundation and keystone, the cement and glory" of my valued friendships, so that on the whole I am well repaid for any time bestowed, or services rendered to Freemasonry. Towards the close of a tolerably long career, I shall be content if I retain to the end the good will and friendship of the W.M. and brethren of the John Hervey Lodge and of those who I see around me. Believe me, brethren, I shall retain to the latest hour of my existence a grateful recollection of the brotherly love which prompted this memorial of your esteem and regard for the Treasurer of your lodge, and I can only add a wish that the Board of General Purposes may allow this portrait to occupy a place beside that of a greatly beloved ruler in the Craft, the godfather of our lodge, the late venerated Bro. John Hervey. I thank you, W.M., from my heart for the very kind expressions you have bestowed on me in making the presentation.

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

At the banquet, following labour, the toast of "The Queen," "The M.W. the Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master," and "The rest of the Grand Officers—present and past," were given in brief but felicitous terms by the W.M., who especially thanked V.W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, for the honor of his company on that auspicious occasion. Bro. Simpson responded—"I am extremely glad to be present on this interesting occasion; and having been called upon by the W.M. to reply for the Grand Officers, it affords me an opportunity of expressing my great gratification at what I have witnessed in the lodge. Our Bro. Jabez Hogg is one of my oldest and most respected friends—both in and out of Masonry—and I am not surprised, from what I have seen and known of him, that he should have so thoroughly secured the esteem and good will of every brother of the John Hervey Lodge. I cannot be expected to add much to the eloquent eulogiums which were employed by our Worshipful Master on presenting the lifelike portrait which we have all looked upon with so much pleasure to-night, but I may be permitted to join my heartiest good wishes to those of the W.M., and which I am sure is reciprocated by every member of the lodge, that the Great Architect of the Universe may spare our Bro. Hogg for very many years in health and strength to remain among you and perform the duties of Treasurer of the John Hervey Lodge." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in graceful language by the I.P.M., who testified to the perfectness of the work done. The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Alexander Mullord, P.M. 1288, responded, congratulating the Master upon having such a unitedly happy lodge to preside over, and the members upon having a Master in the chair that they might feel pride and confidence in inviting visitors to criticise their work as well as enjoy their hospitality. The next toast was that of "The P.M.'s," to which Bro. Latreille responded, assuring the W.M. of the hearty co-operation of the P.M.'s in any good work he desired to promote. The W.M. then gave the health of "The Treasurer" (Bro. Jabez Hogg) and "The Secretary" (Bro. Southwood), expressing his thankfulness at being so efficiently and willingly supported and assisted. Bro. Hogg, in responding, said—"From the founding of this lodge I have been greatly interested in its success, and for the last ten years more immediately associated in the work, first as Master and since as Treasurer; and at all times the work was a labour of love. The kindly act of this day will further bind my affections up with the members of this lodge, and it shall be my constant desire to be spared to work doing good and in the end die in harness." Bro. Southwood bore testimony to the amiable relations which had always subsisted between himself and his excellent friend the Treasurer from the time he joined the lodge, eleven years ago. He regarded this as a great field day for his dear friend, Hogg, and hoped they might be spared for many years to work together, being happy themselves and dispensing happiness to others. The toast of "The Officers," to whose efficient services the W.M. acknowledged his indebtedness, brought the proceedings to a close. Bro. Henry, the organist, is to be congratulated upon the beautiful selection of music and efficient quartet party he provided.

Obituary.

BRO. SAMUEL CHESTER.

The mortal remains of the late Bro. S. Chester, J.P., of Warrior-square and Marina, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Sussex, were interred on Tuesday afternoon, the 6th inst., at the Borough Cemetery, amid tokens of deep and general regret. Our departed brother held a high position in the town, in which he had been connected for a long series of years, and in the social circle in which he moved was highly esteemed. Besides the family and relatives, there was a large attendance of friends, there being over forty carriages. The deceased was the oldest member of the Derwent Lodge, having been initiated in June, 1853, and a number of the brethren attended the funeral to pay their last mark of respect to his memory. The lodge was represented by the W.M., Bro. Councillor W. H. Russell; Bros. Councillor C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1184; John Pearce, I.P.M.; F. Plowman, S.W.; James Kenwood; H. M. Baker, J.P.; G. F. Wood, late Secretary; J. B. Foord; T. W. Markwick, J.P.; H. J. Dawson, and others. There were also present His Worship the Mayor of Hastings, Mr. Alderman Thorpe, J.P.; the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Councillor Revill, J.P.; Mr. Councillor Vaughan, and others. Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave-Browne-Cave, M.A., P.P.G.C., P.M., very impressively performed the burial service. The coffin, which was of polished oak, bearing the following inscription: "Samuel Chester, died October 3rd, 1884. Aged 56." This inscription was, however, hidden by the magnificent wreaths and crosses of white flowers which literally covered the lid.

GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

The exhibit of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, which is represented by Bro. George Kenning, in Old London, at the Health Exhibition, is thus described in the *City Press*, of Oct. 15th:—"The Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company could hardly have a better representative than Mr. George Kenning, of Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, who is not only a Past Master of the art and mystery of 'wyre drawing,' but an enterprising tradesman and manufacturer in other kindred industries. Mr. Kenning's exhibits have been selected with great judgment. The two looms at the rear of the shop, and the railed-off space in the centre for the embroiderers, represent the stage of manufacture. The contents of the case on the counter show the different kinds of wire after it has been drawn, while those of the wall case bear conclusive testimony to the skill with which the work is turned out of the workshop. Of the looms, one is ancient and one modern, and those who are interested in the progress of invention will note with care the relative merits of the two machines, which are worked by young ladies clad in costumes appropriate to the time of 'Old London.'

"Two others are engaged in the more delicate kind of embroidery, and the skill with which they fulfil their part is astonishing. The wires in the centre case are almost of an incredible degree of fineness, the gold wire here exhibited having been made from a rod of metal, weighing a quarter of a hundredweight, and having been drawn so finely that 2,600 yards of it are represented in troy weight by only a single ounce of the metal. Here also may be seen specimens of 'purls,' cards, laces, and embroidered badges. In the wall case are several magnificent specimens of Mr. Kenning's work, one of them representing the Prince of Wales's arms and other tassels and scarves belonging to the degree of Royal Arch Masonry, and others the embroidered insignia of ecclesiastics. The grand Masonic apron, with its handsome and massive gold bullion and fringe is a facsimile of the one worn by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in his capacity of Grand Master of the ancient Craft. Elsewhere may be seen the arms, insignia, and trophies of the company itself, which received its charter of incorporation in the reign of William and Mary."

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

This is comparatively a young company, having been established some twenty years, but its business has fallen into good hands, and consequently it is already in a far more flourishing condition than many older companies standing, according to the official returns of the 116 other companies for the last twelve years, "sixth on the list for rapid increase of Premium Income." The figures, however, indicate far better still the progress which has been made. In 1872 its Premium income was £9343 5s. 11½d.; it is now £142,164 1s., the increase over the whole term being upwards of £132,820, and that of last year close on £16,000. The new Policies issued during the past year number 275,567, and represent a new annual Premium Income of £104,791 18s. 4d. Of £272,426 15s. 11½d. paid in claims and grants since the establishment of the company, the sum paid last year was close on £46,944. The assurance fund now amounts to £89,486 4s. 3d., and 1440 additional superintendents, assistants, and collectors have been engaged to fill vacancies that have occurred, and to conduct the company's business in newly-opened districts. These figures speak for themselves of the progress made by the Pearl Assurance Company, and we can only express the hope that a similarly successful future is in store for the Directors.

With the view of meeting the great addition of business anticipated when the sixpenny rate for telegrams comes into operation, four wires are being added to the west-coast system between England and Glasgow.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP.—"Money can buy many things, both good and evil; but all the wealth of the world cannot buy one genuine friend, and could not repay us the loss of one. We are but foolish spendthrifts if we let one friend drop off through inattention, or let one thrust another aside, or if we hold aloof from one for petty jealousy or heedless slight. One good friend, or one true Masonic brother, is not to be weighed against the jewels of earth. Will you lose one because he is unkind or unjust to you? Will you not remember your own failings and forgive him? If there come coldness or unkindness between you, do not revile him behind his back, but come face to face and have an explanation. Life is too short to quarrel in, or to carry black thoughts of friend or brother. Come together quickly before love grows cold; clasp hands and let the past be, for a friend or brother is too precious to be lightly thrown aside. A new one will not come for the calling, nor make up for the old one if he does come."



Bro. Geo. Phillips and Co. have removed from 69, High Holborn, to more commodious premises at St. Andrew's Distillery, Clerkenwell-road.

We understand that the chair at the Anniversary Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 27th November, will be taken by R.W. Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J. Warden.

Bro. Hopekirk was on Wednesday last presented, at a meeting of the Hairdressers' Guild at St. James's Hall, with an illuminated address on vellum, in acknowledgment of the services rendered to the guild during his year of office.

Bro. H. Baldwin, P.G.S.B., Middx., Secretary of the Royal Hanover Lodge, 1777, asks us to give notice that the installation of Bro. Walter S. Dunkley, W.M. elect, will take place at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 25th inst., and not at the Town Hall, as previously announced.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, Comp. J. T. Briggs, M.E.Z., installed Comp. Thomas Moody, W.M. 1512, as Haggai; and Comp. Joseph John Marsh, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., W.M. 1326, as Joshua of the chapter. John Alfred Wilson, 1326, was exalted.

Bro. George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., as we announced in a former issue, is to be presented, by a large circle of friends, with a testimonial, consisting of an illuminated address and a gold snuff box. The presentation is to take place on Friday, the 21st prox., at the Holborn Restaurant, where he will also be entertained at dinner.

A new lodge, to be called "Lodge La France," the membership of which is to be confined to brethren of French nationality, will be consecrated at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Monday next, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec. Bro. E. H. Thiellay is the W.M. designate, and the Senior and Junior Wardens are Bro. E. Monteuis and H. Bué.

Ill. Albert Pike, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council A. and A. S. Rite, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, has taken the Pope's Bull against Freemasonry by the horns and wrenched off its head. His scathing review of the encyclical letter is grand and unanswerable. Its great length precludes its publication in this paper, otherwise we would be pleased to lay it before our readers.—*Masonic Advocate*.

We are requested to announce that the Lodge of St. John, No. 1306, will be resuscitated, and the first meeting will take place on Thursday, the 6th of November, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Couture. It is intended to hold an inaugural supper on the above-mentioned occasion. Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, has consented to be the Preceptor, and the meetings are intended to be held on Thursdays, from 8 till 10, at the Three Crowns, Mile End-road.

On Tuesday morning last the Middle Templars opened their gardens to the general public to witness the splendid show of chrysanthemums of the present season. The flowers were in beautiful condition, although they are exhibited, owing to the remarkably genial weather of the last few months, three weeks before the usual time. The blooms in each class are remarkably fine, and visitors will enjoy one of the richest floral treats of the year. The Inner Temple-gardens, where the flowers are in a forward state, will be opened next Monday.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., who is now employed as Naval Aide-de-Camp to Bro. Lord Wolsley, G.C.B., Commanding-in-Chief in Egypt, is about to have published his recent lectures on machine guns. Lord Charles was educated for the Royal Navy at Mr. Foster's establishment at Stubbington House, near Fareham, Hants, a school which has of late furnished the greater number of officers for the service, and is most popular amongst naval and military men. There are sons of many distinguished Masons at Stubbington House, amongst whom, we may mention, are three sons of Lieut.-General Sir G. Graham, V.C., K.C.B. The popularity of this school is due to the good feeling existing amongst the pupils and the principal, and the excellent arrangements of the establishment, as well as the result of the various examinations.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, on the 26th inst., at the Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, Mile End. Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, will preside, supported by Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, as S.W.; and Bro. J. T. K. Job, P.M. 1076, as J.W. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. Price, 1623; Second, Bro. H. Marks, S.D. 1349; Third, Bro. Loane, S.D. 1421; Fourth, Bro. J. Taylor, S.W. 554; Fifth, Bro. J. Lee Dale, 933; Sixth, Bro. Richardson, 174; Seventh, Bro. B. Stewart, J.D. 1278. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. H. Hirst, 1306; Second, Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; Third, Bro. W. J. Musto, S.W. 1349; Fourth, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; Fifth, Bro. J. H. Pringle, S.W. 781. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; Second, Bro. J. T. K. Job, P.M. 1076; Third, Bro. P. McCarthy, P.M. 1076. Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623, is the Hon. Sec.

250 to 2500.—Tobaccoists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4, 1/1, 14 stamps. [ADVT.]

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Mr. Deputy Stapleton has been elected Master of the Fletchers' Company for two years.

Bro. F. Kent, solicitor and parliamentary agent, in consequence of his late offices having been acquired by the Commissioners of Sewers, has removed from 91, Queen-street to 111, Cheapside.

The election for clerk and solicitor to the Tallow Chandlers' Company will take place at their hall on Thursday, November 6th next. Bro. H. W. Henniker Rance is a candidate for the office.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. J. Cox, P.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, P.Z. of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, and P.M. of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge, No. 144.

Dr. Woodman has resigned the post of Secretary to the Metropolitan College, and brethren of the Craft desiring to study Rosicrucian lore and the occult sciences should communicate by letter with Dr. Wynn Westcott, M.B., S^c, 4, Torriano Avenue, Camden-road, London, N.W.

The well-known actor, Bro. Maclean, in the early part of the current week was presented with a handsome chimney clock and pair of vases to match, together with a beautifully illuminated address on vellum, in recognition of the signal services he had rendered in his capacity of Preceptor of the Logic Club of Instruction.

Bro. Henry Brett and Co. notify that the unsatisfactory condition of their senior's health has decided them to sell their wholesale bulk business to Messrs. Seager, Evans, and Co., and that they will in future confine their attention solely to the manufacture and sale of the "O.D.V." brandy, and "Negro-head" ginger brandy and liqueurs.

The Royal College of Surgeons of England will shortly be called upon to consider the best means of applying, for the professional and public good, and the honour and usefulness of the college, the munificent bequest of Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, which will probably ultimately exceed in value £200,000.

The Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Misses Fowler, paid a visit to the British Home for Incurables, Clapham, recently. Her ladyship was received and conducted round the institution by the Secretary, Mr. R. G. Salmund. The Lady Mayoress spoke most kindly to the many helpless sufferers in the home, and expressed her satisfaction with the charity.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted the invitation of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, to deliver his lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the entire ceremonies of the First Degree, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 31st inst. The highly eulogistic expressions of opinion which Bro. Stevens has received from provincial lodges which he has visited as lecturer, as well as metropolitan lodges of instruction, will justify our recommendation to brethren in the neighbourhood of Kew to attend on the above-named occasion.

The Alhambra (Leicester-square) is announced to be re-opened on Saturday next, Oct. 18th, as a "theatre of varieties." The new form of entertainment will consist principally of operatic and other selections by the orchestra (to be conducted by Mons. G. Jacobi), grand ballets on the same magnificent scale as heretofore, and a miscellaneous performance, introducing novelties and varieties from the chief places of amusement on the Continent and elsewhere. The prices of admission will be upon a reduced and popular scale. The directors have appointed Mr. Charles Mouton as acting manager.

It is with great pleasure we have to announce that R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., has consented to preside as chairman at the 97th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May next. Our R.W. brother's consent was made the subject of congratulatory reference at the annual meeting on Thursday last of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, and as we all know how largely the province has of late years assisted our Institutions, we may anticipate a very signal success at the next festival. We congratulate Bro. Hedges on having secured the services of so distinguished and popular a brother.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, at the East London Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road (near the London Hospital), on Monday, the 20th inst. Bro. B. Stewart, J.D. 1278, will preside, supported by Bro. W. Richardson, 174, S.W.; W. McDonald, P.M. 1445, J.W. 5; and W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, Preceptor, I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. T. Loane, S.D. 1421; Second, Bro. Twinn, S.D. 1306; Third, Bro. Percy, P.M. 1227 and 1093; Fourth, Bro. Robson, W.M. 1445; Fifth, Bro. C. Robson, 960; Sixth, Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; Seventh, Bro. McDonald, P.M. 1445. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. R. Brittain, I.G. 1278; Second, Bro. Kimbell, S.W. 1445; Third, Bro. J. Dale, 933; Fourth, Bro. W. Richardson, 174; Fifth, Bro. J. West, J.W. 933. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; Second, Bro. D. Moss, S.W. 1275; Third, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421. Bro. J. A. Robson, W.M. 1445, is the Hon. Sec.

LIBERALITY AND CONSERVATISM.—P.G.M. Bro. John W. Simons, Masonic editor of the *New York Dispatch*, and the Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., editor of the *London Freemason*, are each liberal and conservative, but after a different manner—that is to say, where the one is liberal the other is conservative, and where the other is conservative, the one is liberal. For example: Bro. Woodford is liberal enough to justify the reception of applicants for initiation who are physically ineligible according to Bro. Simons' views; while Bro. Simons is liberal enough to advocate the public installation of lodge officers, contrary to Bro. Woodford's confirmed opinion. Neither one of these eminent brethren is truly conservative in these particulars, according to our understanding. We would have neither public installations of lodge officers nor fragmentary men, physically made Masons. Brethren beloved, pool your issues, and both of you come over and join us.—*Keystone*. Guess not.—J. W. S.