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It will be seen from the long and elaborate report which is published in another part of our columns that for some time past the consideration of the question how to celebrate most appropriately the centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has been occupying the attention of a Special Committee, which has had the advantage of being guided in its deliberations by no less distinguished a Craftsman than Bro. T. Fenn, its Chairman. The present condition of the School premises, and more than one scheme for their improvement and extension have been carefully examined, and the result of such examination is now before our readers, who will therefore be able to judge for themselves whether or not the plans of the Committee—which met with the unanimous approval of the General Committee at their meeting on Thursday—for the re-arrangement and enlargement of the Building, as well as their proposals with reference to the Centenary Festival, are likely to prove generally acceptable. Taking the latter branch of the subject first, we find that already 175 brethren have volunteered their services as Stewards for the great Festival of next year, and there is small reason to doubt that between now and May next this number will be increased beyond all precedent and at the same time that the lists of contributions will be on a scale commensurate with the importance of the occasion. But the Committee are evidently, and very wisely, determined to leave as little as possible to chance. They have made up their minds that the Hundredth Anniversary shall be, as our American friends say, a "big" thing, and the inducements they offer to brethren to undertake the duties of Steward are many and various and above all things judicious. Just as the fact that "Christmas comes but once a year" is considered an ample apology for every thing in the way of extra jubilation and extra outlay at that festive season, so the Committee are already, in fact if not in words, reminding the brethren that "a Centenary Festival comes only once a century," and that if they wish to make the most of this event, and turn it to account in a manner that will prove permanently advantageous to the Institution, they had best enrol themselves forthwith on the Board of Stewards. "Aut nunc aut nunquam" is their gentle reminder to the Craftsmen. But this is not all, and the inducements which we have already spoken of, and which take the form of extra votes under certain conditions, and a proposal for a centenary jewel to be worn always, cannot fail to act favourably on the minds of those who think—and we venture to suggest, rightly think—that a Centenary Festival deserves some special distinction above all other Festivals, and that Centenary Stewards may reasonably claim some special privileges of their own. Then as regards the schemes for the improvement and extension of the buildings, they are too elaborate to enter into minutely in the brief compass of a single article. Our readers will no doubt study them carefully, and all we say therefore is that, though the choice made by the Committee as between the two proposals will necessitate a heavier expenditure, we think they have acted wisely in their recommendation. It is clear from the Medical Officer's Report and the statistics quoted by him that the School is overcrowded, and it is equally clear from the plans of improvement submitted that they will satisfy the condition indispensable of affording each child more dormitory and school-room space, while the plan favoured by the Committee possesses certain other advantages which are far too important to be lost sight of in the contemplated re-arrangement of the present buildings. However, what is proposed is very far from being beyond the competency of the Committee to carry out, if the Festival is as productive as every one hopes and anticipates it will be. We, therefore, take the liberty of again reminding the friends and well-wishers of the Girls' School that "a Centenary Festival comes only once a century," and that there will be no opportunity for them to see what the one now approaching is like, and then tender their services for the next. Those who are ambitious of being Centenary Stewards for the Institution for Girls must make up their minds to be such "either now or never."

The seventh Annual Report of the "Dorset Masonic Charity" is now being circulated, and will, we trust, lead to an enlarged support being extended to that excellent and beneficent Society. The appeal, by the PROV. GRAND MASTER OF DORSET, should be carefully studied by the members of his Province, for it is quite clear, as the R.W. Erother states, that if the 600 brethren on the roll can be induced,

by proper application, to add their names to the list of subscribers, a sufficient revenue will be secured—with the yearly interest on stock—to meet all the claims and demands for relief and educational assistance. Bro. S. R. BASKETT, of Evershot, a well known and zealous brother, has succeeded Bro. E. T. BUDDEN as Honorary Secretary, and we feel assured that Bro. BUDDEN'S "pet object" will not be neglected in consequence. On the contrary, from what we know of Bro. BASKETT'S energy and zeal, we anticipate continued and even increased prosperity for that noble Fund. The SECRETARY furnishes a list of all the "Cases" from July, 1881, to July, 1887, 28 in number, the total sum thus donated amounting to nearly £400. It is simply impossible for all the pressing Provincial applications to be successfully passed into the Metropolitan Charities or Institutions, so that unless local funds are started and generously supported, many worthy objects must of necessity remain unaided.

WE regret that on the occasion of the recent visit to this country of Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Dist. Dep. G. Master of No. 11 District, under the Grand Lodge of Canada—a visit which was abruptly terminated under circumstances so grievous to Bro. ROBERTSON personally—we missed the opportunity of discussing certain questions affecting the interests of the Craft generally. Bro. ROBERTSON has attained to a position of eminence in Canadian Freemasonry by reason of his great abilities, and it will be reciprocally honourable both to the Grand Lodge of Canada and our able brother when, as we trust will come to pass at no very distant date, the former elects him to the highest office in its power to bestow. The work which he has to do in his capacity of a District Dep. Grand Master—a rank which about corresponds with our Prov. Grand Master in England—is undoubtedly considerable, but Bro. ROBERTSON fulfils his duties thoroughly and conscientiously, omitting nothing, and so far as our knowledge of Canadian Freemasonry extends, committing nothing which could possibly be made into a grievance. We have seen his official report for the past year, which is reproduced in full in the *Freemason* of Toronto, Canada, for the month of August, and it is evident from the very detailed account he gives of his labours that he must have done his work, as we have said, most thoroughly and conscientiously. There are in the 11th District of which Bro. ROBERTSON has charge no less than 35 lodges, and during the year 1886-7 he visited everyone of these twice, five of them three times, and one four times; the number of miles travelled in his journeys to and fro being set down as 2160. Of the first round of visits he tells us no intimation was given, so that he had the opportunity of witnessing "the ordinary work of the lodge without the advantage of preparation." Subsequent visits were notified in advance, and forms of inquiry were sent to the different lodges with the request that the several Secretaries would have the questions they contained as fully answered as possible, and ready to be handed to the District Deputy Grand Master on his arrival. These inquiry forms, of which a specimen is given in the report, contain questions relating to almost every imaginable subject connected with the lodge organization and working, those of them, however, which refer to matters of opinion being marked to be filled in by the District D.G.M. himself, while the Secretary was to supply information only as to the matters of fact—such as the number of members in the lodge, the amount of its receipts and disbursements, assets and liabilities, the amount and nature of arrear subscriptions, the number of meetings held during the year, &c. And, on the assumption that full and sufficient answers to these inquiries were furnished, there is no doubt that the result would furnish in the case of every lodge, a complete history of its doings during the period dealt with, and a true account of its position and prospects, with the opinions of the D.D.G. Master ready at hand to enable the Grand Lodge authorities to determine whether, in their judgment likewise, the lodge, its officers, and members had so discharged their respective duties as to merit the approbation or disapproval of Grand Lodge. From the fulness of the particulars in these reports there might easily be compiled a history of the 11th District under the Grand Lodge of Canada for the year 1886-7, and we are pleased to be in a position to add that, if such a history were compiled, it would prove incontestably that the District which has the good fortune to be presided over by Bro. ROBERTSON is in a sound and healthy condition as regards numbers, finances, and work. We trust that Bro. ROBERTSON may retain his present position for many a year, surrendering it only that he may occupy a position of higher rank and greater responsibility, and for the sake of his District, that his annual reports may never be less encouraging than his report for the past year.

BUT while we cordially recognise that Bro. ROSS ROBERTSON has ably and conscientiously fulfilled the duties of his office as a District Deputy Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of Canada, in accordance with Canadian ideas of Masonic government, we are very much disposed to question whether a similar system of government

on the part of those officers of ours who correspond in rank with Canadian District Deputy Grand Masters, that is, our Provincial Grand Masters, would tend much towards consolidating and promoting the welfare of the Craft in this country. We are not one whit behind Canadian Masons in our anxiety to see that the principles of Freemasonry are scrupulously observed, that its laws are strictly obeyed, and that order is rigidly maintained among all bodies subordinate to United Grand Lodge. But we doubt if the inquisitorial method of dealing with the affairs of private lodges which appears to find favour in the jurisdiction of Canada, and among the Grand Lodges of the United States, would be tolerated for one instant by our English lodges. We imagine it would be seriously resented by the brethren in England if a Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy were to go about prying into the private affairs of the lodges under his authority, inquiring into the nature and value of their property, and whether it was insured or not, and classifying their respective Worshipful Masters and their officers in respect of their ability to perform their duties. It is undoubtedly the duty of a Provincial Grand Master, either in person or by his Deputy, to make himself, as far as possible, acquainted with the lodges on the roll of his province, and their members, and to see that the Book of Constitutions, the Provincial by-laws, and the lodge by-laws are obeyed. He can call for the returns of members and see to the payment of dues. If complaint is made against the conduct of any lodge, he can undoubtedly require it to produce its books, and examine them or have them examined. If the conduct complained of is proved and merits punishment, or if his authority in these matters is resisted, he can as undoubtedly inflict certain penalties as prescribed by law, on the offending lodge, and Grand Lodge will sustain him in the exercise of his lawful powers. But, in our opinion, it does not concern him to meddle in the private affairs of the lodge. It is no part of his duty to inquire whether a lodge rents a place of meeting or has a hall or rooms of its own, what is the value of its property, and whether the building—be it a hired one or the property of the lodge—and its contents are insured, and to what extent. As to his right of visiting the lodges in his province, in his official capacity of Provincial Grand Master or delegating that right to his Deputy, no one would for an instant deny it, and if he should find the duties of the lodge were carried out in a slovenly or perfunctory manner, he would be wanting in his duty if he did not call attention to its shortcomings, and require of the officers and members a stricter attention to their work. But lodges have the undoubted right to regulate their own affairs in their own fashion, provided that fashion is not contrary to the laws prescribed for the government of the Society. So long as they keep within the requirements of those laws, we do not see that it concerns anybody else what they do and how and why they do it. In fact, as we have said on previous occasions, the grand secret of success in governing a Society like our is to learn to let people alone as much as possible. There should never be any sort or kind of interference, and least of all any inquisitorial interference of the character we have indicated, with the conduct of private lodges, so long as they observe the laws. Nor are we denying the right of visitation on the part of the authorities, which is a wholesome one and well calculated to promote the interests of the fraternity if judiciously exercised. There is no need in Freemasonry for a complex system of government. Our laws must be obeyed, but we do not want them multiplied to such an extent as to subject every act and deed of a private lodge to a close official scrutiny. The work of a lodge must be done and it should be done well, but it is not necessary that our officers should be classified after the manner of boys and young men when they submit themselves to the ordeal of an examination by a University or Government Board.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE PROPOSED CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

The General Committee of this Institution held its monthly meeting on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. The other members present were Bros. J. H. Matthews, H. F. Nash, F. Adlard, Robert Grey, C. H. Webb, H. Massey, William Vincent, Arthur E. Gladwell, Robert Berridge, C. F. Matier, Col. James Peters, J. J. Cauly, Alfred C. Spaul, Thomas Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, W. Lake, and others.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, and the reading of the House Committee's minutes for information, grants recommended by the House Committee of £30 for apprenticing one pupil, and £40 for the further and higher education of another girl, who has shown exceptional aptitude for learning, so as to better fit her for a teacher, were confirmed.

On account of the death of Florence Weaver, a pupil of the Institution, an additional vacancy was recommended by the House Committee for the October election.

Two girls were approved as candidates for election in April, 1888—Wells, of Ipswich, and Pennington, of Bolton.

The following report of the Centenary Committee to the General Committee was taken as read.

REPORT OF THE "CENTENARY" COMMITTEE

to the General Committee on a reference to consider and draw up a Comprehensive Scheme for the Celebration of the Centenary of the Institution.

Your Committee in the first place requested the House Committee to draw up a Scheme for uniting Lyncombe House and the two houses recently purchased into an enlarged Junior School, with one general frontage, and also for any extension or improvements in the Main Building which they might consider necessary, and the construction of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium. The House Committee appointed a Sub-Committee for that purpose, availing themselves of the valuable professional services gratuitously offered by Bros. Clutton and Hunt.

In order to avoid unnecessary repetition, the Report of this Sub-Committee is presented herewith as part of your Committee's Report.

The first paragraph of this Report refers to the Junior School. Your Committee cordially endorse the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, and would urge the General Committee to apply for powers to carry it into immediate effect.

Your Committee entirely concur with the Sub-Committee in strongly recommending the Scheme marked B in the plans accompanying the Report, for the erection on part of the present site of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium, to be called "The Centenary Hall," and for the re-building of the whole of the Domestic Offices, with large and necessary additions, on part of the strip of land purchased about two years ago. The Scheme marked C your Committee do not recommend. Although less costly, it could not be carried out without virtually closing the Institution for a considerable time, and the result would, in their opinion, be incomplete and unsatisfactory.

Scheme B, by building the new Kitchen and Domestic Offices first, could be carried out and completed without disturbing the ordinary work of the Institution. The enlargement would give accommodation for 40 more children in the Main Building, and at a future time further accommodation could be provided without any great additional expense, so that Schemes A and B would provide for 75 children beyond the number at present in the School.

Besides providing for this additional number of children, the alterations recommended would enable the House Committee to enlarge the space allotted to each child in the Dormitories and Schoolrooms, which, according to the Medical Officer's Report on the overcrowded condition of those rooms, is imperatively necessary as essential to the preservation of the health of the children—see Medical Officer's Report appended.

This Scheme would also remove the defects of the present building, which have arisen from the additions made from time to time; it would give separate access to all parts, thus avoiding the necessity which now exists of passing through one room to another, obviously to the interruption and disturbance of the classes at work.

This Scheme will also provide much-needed facilities for egress in case of fire. This subject is specially referred to by the Sub-Committee in their Report on the defective condition of the windows, which your Committee recommend should be rectified at once, and they suggest that application be made to the next Court for the necessary power to carry out this object.

The following subjects were also considered by Your Committee, and their recommendation is appended to each:—

1. Centenary Premium Votes to Stewards.

Your Committee recommend that, in addition to the Premium Votes conferred under Clause 1, Law 24, every Steward at the Centenary Festival shall be entitled to Premium Votes in proportion to his personal donation, as follows, viz.: Two Votes for the first Ten Guineas subscribed, and one for every Five Guineas beyond that sum. They also recommend that, in lieu of the List Votes conferred under Clause 3 of the same Law, every Steward at the Centenary Festival be entitled to Two Premium Votes for every Twenty Guineas on the gross total of his List.

They further recommend that these Centenary Votes be so distinguished, yearly, on the Printed List of Subscribers.

2. Consecutive Annual Subscriptions.

Your Committee recommend that, in the case of Annual Subscriptions commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival, and continued at intervals of not less than 12 months, the completion of every Six Guineas so subscribed shall entitle the Contributor to all the privileges of a Donation of £5 5s., in one sum, notwithstanding he shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime.

3. Centenary Stewards' Badge.

Your Committee recommend that application be made for permission to wear the Stewards' Badge as a Centenary Jewel in perpetuity, and that it be of a special design selected for the occasion, to be submitted to the G.D. of C., and approved by the M.W. the G.M.

No less than 175 Brethren have, up to this time, consented to act as Stewards for the Festival, and your Committee are persuaded that if their recommendations are adopted, the inducements held out will result in such an unprecedented number of Stewards as to make it desirable that the Centenary Banquet should be held at the Royal Albert Hall.

Your Committee confidently expect that a sufficient sum will be forthcoming from the Craft fully to provide for the alterations and improvements proposed, without entrenching on the ordinary income, leaving a lasting memorial of the Great Centenary year of our noble Institution.

Your Committee, in conclusion, recommend that their functions be continued in force for the present, as they may probably have further suggestions to offer from time to time.

THOMAS FENN,

Chairman.

THE FOLLOWING IS THAT PART OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT REFERRED TO ABOVE—

For some time past the opinion has been gradually growing on me that our Dormitories were inconveniently crowded. To ascertain whether this were the case or not, I have lately taken measurements of all the Dormitories in both Schools.

To begin with, it may be as well to summarise what different authorities consider to be the proper amount of cubic and superficial space for an individual.

A. The Poor Law Board allow 300 cubic feet per pauper for Workhouse Dormitories. This is equivalent to a floor space of 25 square feet. I believe this amount is only allowed when the ventilation is most efficient.

B. The Barrack and Hospital Commission, in 1859, recommended 600 cubic feet per soldier. This is equivalent to a floor space of 50 feet, with inefficient ventilation. More is now allowed, sometimes as much as 80 square feet.

N.B.—"It is usual, in estimating cubic space, to disregard the height above 12 feet." (Corfield).

C. Dr. Dukes, the Medical Officer at Rugby, recommends that each boy should have a superficial area of 72 feet. This is equivalent to a cubic space of 864 feet.

D. Captain Douglas Galton recommends that for Nurseries and School Dormitories there should not be less than 50 to 60 square feet per occupant.

From the above it will be seen that from 25 to 80 square feet is recommended, the amount to vary with the means of ventilation at command.

Having stated in general terms what is thought necessary, I will now show what floor space our children are allowed.

The figures I shall quote are not absolutely correct, but nearly so.

In the large School two Dormitories have a floor space of 35 feet per bed; eight, a floor space varying from 47 to 43 per bed; the remaining two, a floor space of 45 and 40 feet respectively.

In the Juniors School, one Dormitory has a floor space of 56 feet, but no fireplace. One a floor space of 49 feet; another a floor space of 42 feet, but no fireplace; and the remaining three a floor space of 39 feet per child.

In addition I have made calculations as to how many children we could accommodate; (one) allowing 50 square feet per child, i.e., the minimum allowed by Barrack Commission; (two) allowing 60 square feet per child; (three) allowing 72 feet per child.

At the present moment we have 206 beds in the large School, and according to calculation (one) we ought to have 172 beds; calculation (two) 143 beds; calculation (three) 119 beds.

In the Junior School we have 39 beds. According to calculation (one) we ought to have 31 beds; calculation (two) 25 beds; and calculation (three) 20 beds.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

appointed to consider and draw up a scheme for uniting the three buildings, consisting of Lycombe House and the two houses recently purchased, into an enlarged Junior School with one general frontage; also, with any general improvements in the main Building; and the construction of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium.

The Committee have held several meetings, and beg to report as follows:—

The first subject to which they gave their attention was the two houses, lately purchased, adjoining the Junior School. Many suggestions were made and, after giving full consideration to each, the Committee recommend that the Junior School and the two new houses be made into one large Junior School—the communications, &c., being adapted as laid down on the plans marked A, prepared by Bros. Clutton and Hunt. By this scheme, a large extra School-room, Dining-room, Play-room with lockers, extra Dormitories to accommodate about 35 more children, greatly-improved kitchen arrangements, enlarged Lavatories, Baths, Bed-rooms for extra staff, &c., are obtained, and at an approximate cost of under £2000, which includes drainage, water supply, ventilation, &c., and they further recommend that this work be carried out at once.

The Committee then went into the consideration of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium, which has, for years past, been a want in the School, the present Hall not giving room, during the Calisthenic exercise, for more than about 160 children. It is also desirable that not only the whole of the Senior but the Junior School should, on occasions, meet together. They have also had under their notice the very cramped state of the Domestic Offices which were originally planned to supply 80 children only, whereas, in consequence of the increase of the School, it now very inadequately supplies the wants of 205 in the main building only. Bearing in mind these facts, the Committee think that in building the new Drill Hall and Gymnasium, these two matters should meet with the anxious consideration of the General Committee. They find that it is impossible to carry out an enlargement of the Domestic Offices without very considerable alterations, and they have had, therefore, under their examination two Schemes, which they beg to submit.

The first Scheme (plan marked B) is for the removal of the whole of the Domestic Offices to a convenient building in the new ground lately purchased by the Institution and bounded by the public road. The new building will contain:

1. New Kitchen Offices with Matron's room, Cooking Class-room, House Dining-room, and Servants' Bed rooms.
2. Converting the present large School-room in the Alexandra Wing into a Dining Hall; this is urgently required, as at present the children are crowded into two rooms during meals.
3. Converting the present Dining Hall and Cooking Class-room into one large School-room, by removing the intermediate wall, and thus enlarging the Dormitory over, and gaining space for eight more beds.
4. Building a new large School-room about 76 feet by 22 feet adjoining the last with—
5. Large Dormitories over, capable of affording sleeping accommodation (with 45 feet superficial area to each) for 76 children, with the necessary Lavatories, &c., &c.
6. Constructing new wide hard wood staircases, in place of a small circular staircase, and a stone staircase with many winders.
7. Building a large Hall, for drill assemblies of the whole school, and recreation.
8. Covering the present Asphalted Court with wide and airy passages, Day Lavatories, Latrines, and Boot-room.

The Main Entrance to the Building would lead through a Cloister direct into the new Drill Hall and Gymnasium, which would then be available for the Stewards' Day and Distribution of Prizes, in lieu of the present most inadequate accommodation. This scheme would cost about £20,000, without lighting and warming, but will provide accommodation for about 40 additional children, besides giving increased space to the others.

The Committee have also had before them an alternative scheme marked C, which, shortly stated, is to alter the present Kitchens, nearly doubling them in size, and building over them extra Dormitories, containing about 17 beds, Work-rooms, extra Servants' rooms, which are much needed, also a Cooking Class and Work-room combined, and building the new Drill Hall and Gymnasium on the ground lately purchased by the Institution. This scheme would cost about £5000, without the large Hall, and about £12,000, including it; but in this scheme the Drill Hall must be somewhat inconveniently placed, the approaches and detached design rendering it more expensive in building; and, after providing additional space for those children already in the building, there will be room for ten more beds only.

In any alterations made, the Committee suggest that better means of egress should be provided in case of fire. They take this opportunity of drawing attention to the fact that the windows as at present arranged are set in fixed iron frames, no part of which can be opened sufficiently wide to admit of the escape of a child much less an adult, and they recommend that the whole of the windows in the Institution be inspected with a view to meet this difficulty.

It appears to the Sub-Committee that in the interests of health and cleanliness, and safety from fire, that electric lighting should be used instead of gas. This is, however, a matter for consideration on some future occasion. They also think there should be some system of warming the corridors, which, during the winter months, are far too cold.

The Committee have given both these schemes very careful study, and although not wedded to either, would strongly recommend the adoption of the former, for, although the cost is more, it is a perfect scheme in itself; it will place the whole building in greater uniformity, and give the means of increasing the number of children at a future period, without overstraining the Domestic arrangements, whereas the latter scheme, though sufficient for present wants, would, in case of increase of the number of children, involve very large additional expense.

The Committee have also to report that they have lately had submitted to them a very full report from their Medical Officer as to the state of the School, and they regret to find that, according to the Government calculation, the establishment is overcrowded. This embraces also the Junior School. They are happy to state that this danger can be overcome by the adoption of the plans A and B or A and C, whereby they will be enabled not only to take in an increased number of children, but to give increased space to those already in the Institution. The calculations in this report are based on this hypothesis.

The Committee cannot conclude this Report without referring to the invaluable assistance they have received from Bros. Clutton and Hunt, who have unreservedly placed their valuable professional services at their disposal.

FRANK RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

15th September, 1887.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON (Chairman), in moving that this report be approved and referred to the Quarterly General Court with a recommendation that the suggestions contained therein for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution be adopted, said he thought it would be necessary to make some few remarks about the contents of the report, which he considered very full and complete. Those who knew the Institution well as the House Committee did were aware of the enormous disadvantages under which the Managers of the Institution would be working for several years past. One difficulty they had now to contend with in connection with the domestic affairs. These were planned years ago, when there were only 80 children in the establishment. Some years afterwards part of these were taken away, and the accommodation was thereby decreased, and now they had to do the work for 206 children with these diminished offices and an increased staff of servants. For a long time past it had been felt almost impossible to do it, and the children might be said to suffer from the want of proper space to cook the meals in, therefore that was one of the principal considerations the Committee had in their minds. They found also that the School accommodation itself was insufficient and most inconvenient, for at the present time if they wanted to pass into the Alexandra wing from other parts of the building there was no possibility of getting there without disturbing the classes in the large class room. It must be obvious to anyone that a disturbance of the classes for the sake of passing from one room to another must be an enormous disadvantage. Last Tuesday night while he was in the middle of one of his science lectures all the children who were not engaged in those classes who were in the other room had to pass through his class room to go to prayers. Well, however quietly they went—and they were very good indeed—they must make some amount of noise, and as the passage occupied some few minutes, everyone's attention was drawn off the studies. The Committee, therefore, had all come to the conclusion that the time had arrived for remodelling the Institution. All of it was inconvenient. For the large number of children now in the Institution they had only one little stone staircase winding round in front. There was another, certainly, at the left hand of the building, but it really would be a death trap if a fire were to take place were the children to come down to the spiral staircase. But in the Alexandra wing there was a good staircase. The majority of the children were housed in the other part. The Committee proposed to take away this, and to make one large wide staircase so as to prevent any loss of life, and then have another refuge staircase in the middle of the room. Various schemes were suggested, and the Committee thought it would be much better to recommend to the General Committee and to the Quarterly Court some perfect scheme, even although it might cost more, rather than go on continuing to do patchwork at a less expense. By this arrangement, as recommended by the Centenary Committee, if approved, it could be carried out. There would be room to take in 40 more children, and if at any future time it should be necessary, the building could be altered at very little expense so as to accommodate more children. So the scheme was a perfect one of itself. With regard to that part of the junior school which was referred to, it was—if these houses were thrown into one large junior school they would be able to take in 35 more children. Therefore, though the sum proposed to be expended, £30,000—might appear to be a large sum of money, it would really enable the Institution to accommodate 75 more children—a number which was really a school in itself. But irrespective of this, the House Committee had been advised lately by the Medical Officer of the Institution that the school was enormously overcrowded. That gentleman had gone very carefully into the statistics of the space allowed by Government for hospitals, for workhouses even, and he found the Masonic Girls' Institution had more children in the dormitory than they had any right to have. In the case of an epidemic or illness—of course they knew it was the conduct of the excellent staff they had there who kept the school so scrupulously well cleaned and ventilated which averted its dangers, otherwise they would have a very serious outbreak; but if they had 75 more children they would be able to give to every child in the building a proper amount of air space. With these few remarks he begged to move "That the report of the Centenary Committee be approved, and referred to the Quarterly General Court, with a recommendation that the suggestions contained therein for celebrating the centenary of the Institution be adopted."

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN having enquired whether any brother desired to make any observations on the report,

Bro. C. F. MATIER said he did not think it was at all necessary. They all had confidence in the House Committee, who from time to time had been elected and re-elected, and they saw it was fit that these things should be done, and therefore he most earnestly supported the motion of the Chairman.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., President Board of General Purposes, then gave notice of the following motions he would propose at the Quarterly Court on Saturday, October the 8th.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

On the presentation of the Report of the Centenary Committee as approved and recommended by the General Committee by Bro. THOMAS FENN, President Board of General Purposes, Vice-Patron.

1. "That the Report be received."
2. "That Scheme A be adopted, and be referred to the House Committee to carry out at a cost not exceeding £2000."
3. "That Scheme B be approved, and that the Craft be and are hereby earnestly solicited to furnish the necessary funds at the forthcoming Centennial Festival to enable this Scheme also to be carried into effect."
4. "The windows of the Institution be inspected forthwith, with the view to the provision of a means of egress in case of fire."
5. "That in addition to the Premium Votes conferred under Clause 1,

Law 24, every Steward at the Centenary Festival shall be entitled to Premium Votes in proportion to his personal donation, as follows, viz.:—Two in consideration of the first 10 Guineas, and one for every five guineas beyond that sum."

6. "That for the purpose of the Centenary Festival, Clause 3 of Law 24 be suspended, and that in lieu of the 'List' Votes conferred thereunder, every Steward at this Festival shall be entitled to two Premium Votes for every 20 guineas on the gross total of his List."
7. "That in the case of Annual Subscriptions commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival, and continued at intervals of not less than 12 months, the completion of every six guineas so subscribed shall entitle the contributor to all the privileges of a £5 5s., paid in one sum, notwithstanding he shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime."
8. "That the 'Centenary' Premium Votes be so distinguished yearly in the printed List of Subscribers."
9. "That application be made for permission to wear the Stewards' Badge as a Centenary jewel in perpetuity, and that it be of a special design selected for the occasion, to be submitted to the G.D. of C., and approved of by the M.W. the Grand Master."

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron—

"That, in consequence of the death of Florence A. Weber, one further Vacancy be declared for this Election, making 16 in all."

The Committee then recommended to the Quarterly Court an additional vacancy at the October election, created by the death of Florence A. Weber.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

OLD WARRANTS.—II.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

The oldest original warrant preserved that was issued by the Grand Lodge of England is that of No. 39, Exeter, and is dated 11th July, 1732. It is a remarkable fact that the seal thereon—as with some others I shall mention hereafter—bears the extraordinary motto—"In the beginning was the Word" (in Greek), the "arms" else being the same as those adopted by that Grand Lodge. There may have been a number on the document, but I think not. Its measurement is 15 inches by 12.

COPY OF THE WARRANT OF "ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S" LODGE,
No. 39, EXETER.

Montague, G.M.



Greeting.

WHEREAS, a Petition has been presented to us, and signed by several Brethren residing in and about the City of Exeter, humbly praying that they may be constituted into a regular Lodge.

THESE are therefore to Impower and Authorize our Right Worshipful and well-beloved Brethren, John Bury, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, or either of them, to convene our Brethren at Exeter, aforesaid, who have signed the said Petition; and that the said John Bury, Esq., or Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, do, in our place and stead, constitute a regular Lodge in due form (they the said John Bury, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jeffreys taking special care that they and every of them have been regularly made Masons), with like Privileges as all other regular Lodges do enjoy; and that they be required to conform themselves to all and every the Regulations contained in the printed Book of Constitutions, and observe such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted to them by us, or Thomas Batson, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master, or his Deputy, for the time being: And that they do send to us, or our Deputy, a List of the Members of their Lodge, together with the Rules agreed on to be by them observed, to the end they may be entred in the Grand Lodge Book. And upon the due execution of this our Deputation, the said John Bury, Esq., or Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, is hereby required to transmit to us, or our said Deputy, a Certificate, under both or either of their hands, of the time and place of such Constitution, in order that it may be entered in the Book of regular Lodges.

GIVEN under our hand and Seal of Office, this Eleventh day of July, 1732, and in the Year of Masonry, 5732.

Will. Reid, Secretary.

By the Grand Master's Command.

Thos. Batson, D.G.M.

Geo. Crook, } G. Wardens.

Jr. Smythe, }

The first minutes of the lodge are lost, unfortunately, but so early as December 27, 1736, it is noted in Grand Lodge Records as follows:

"The curious *By Laws* of the Lodge at Exeter were publickly read and applauded, and a Letter of thanks was order'd to be sent to them for their handsome beneficence to the General Charity." *

The first number was 97, but it has had nine in all, its present No. being 39, in other words junior to the old Lodge at Bolton, which is now No. 37, though the Charter—also happily preserved—is dated October 23rd, 1732. This precious document will form No. 3 of the series. Those familiar with Bro. Lane's "*Masonic Records*," will be aware why such is the case, but for the information of those not so favoured, I may state that the present No. 37 was originally 105 on the Roll, whereas the Lodge at Exeter was 97. In 1754 the latter was erased, but was restored in 1759, being placed at the bottom of the List, the new numeration in 1770 witnessing its reinstatement in almost due chronological order. I have always felt very sorry as a Devonshire Freemason, that our oldest lodge in the county fell through for these four years. Its partner, at Bolton, however, has continued on the Roll from 1732 to the present year, as its historians, Bros. Brockbank and Newton have proved. Bro. Lane cites some 20 places of meeting at Exeter from 1732, when the "New Inn" was selected for the purpose.

It is now located at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-street, and is well supported by many of the most enthusiastic Masons in the county, though it is not always so much to the front as some of us would like, as the *Mother Lodge of the Province*.

Its Centenary Jewel is of special design, and is representative of the name of the lodge, viz., "St. John the Baptist." The warrant for this distinctive privilege was issued on 9th May, 1864.

The oldest records preserved begin on January 14th, 1777, and refer to the *Third Degree*, it being the custom for the minutes of the Master Masons' Lodges to be kept distinct from those of the ordinary lodge, just as with others that I have met with in this country.

The Summonses now issued by the lodge are in part from the same plate as the members were notified of their duties so early as December 16th, 1764. It has a representation of "Solomon's Temple," within an oval,

and the Arms of the Grand Lodge (without Supporters and Motto) with other appropriate features.

The remainder of the trio of the old lodges in Devonshire were chartered at Plymouth in 1748, the senior of the two meeting originally at the "Bishop's Head," (or "Pope's Head," Bro. Lane suggests), afterwards known as the "Prince George Lodge," in which H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence was initiated; and the junior assembled at the "Mitre," but its career was brief and uneventful, so far as we know.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

FROM ITS ORIGIN, 1788, TO ITS CENTENARY, 1888.

Curiously enough, one of the great difficulties which the authorities had to contend with in their endeavours to maintain discipline and order in the School was caused by the visits and interference of the children's relations and friends. Instances of the annoyance and even scandal thus caused are to be found from time to time in the minutes. Thus a Special House Committee was summoned in August, 1798, owing to an entry in the Visitors' Book by one T. Kegan, describing himself as a surgeon in the Royal Navy, who alleged that he had found his sister to be "every thing but a Prisoner in Irons." The Matron explained what had occurred at the visit to the satisfaction of the Committee, and orders were consequently given that Mr. Kegan, in the event of his again presenting himself, should not be admitted. In October, 1805, an attempt was made by the mother of a girl, assisted by a male relative, to remove her child by force, and the disturbance was such as to cause a crowd to assemble. Fortunately, the House Committee were sitting at the time, and were able to prevent the removal; but ultimately the girl was given up to her mother, the money payment for her maintenance during the time she had been in the Institution, as required by a law of 1794, having been made. On another occasion a father complained of the indifferent character of the education his daughter received, and he was allowed to remove her. However, the Committee protected themselves to the best of their ability against these acts of interference by passing resolutions restricting the right of visiting, and as time went on, and the character of the Institution became better understood and appreciated, their efforts proved successful, and they were able to conduct the School in their own fashion. But it is impossible to note these frequent evidences of difficulties thus caused without coming to the conclusion that men of inferior social standing had no difficulty in obtaining admission into our Society—a conclusion which is amply confirmed by the fact that a large proportion of the children on leaving were apprenticed as domestic servants, and there is little doubt that the change which has since taken place, from a Charity School, in the most uncomplimentary sense of the expression, to a Middle-class School of high standing is due principally to the improved status of those who are now received into Masonry.

In 1802, owing to the increase in the number of children, it was considered expedient that an Assistant Matron should be appointed, and a Mrs. Crook, who was highly recommended by the Governor of St. Pancras School, was chosen to fill the office, and a series of rules for the management of the School, under the new régime, was drawn up. That such additional assistance had become a necessity must have been obvious for some time prior to its being obtained, but we imagine the immediate consequences of this step must have had a disturbing effect on the minds of the Committee. Mrs. Crook entered on her duties on the 25th of March, and on the 3rd April a Special Meeting of the House Committee was held for the purpose of inquiring into what for a Girls' School must be regarded as a general rebellion. It is hardly worth while stopping to inquire whether this disturbance was due to laxity of rule on the part of Mrs. Lovekin, the Matron, or to excessive strictness on the part of Mrs. Crook. It is enough that on the appearance of the latter as occupant of the newly created office a spirit of insubordination manifested itself throughout the whole School, and even the intervention of a member of the House Committee was found insufficient to bring the girls to a sense of their duty, nor was it till nearly a month had elapsed that the Assistant Matron felt herself justified in reporting that the conduct of the girls had improved materially. One of the servants, who, it is evident, had had much to do with promoting disorder, was summarily dismissed, while the children were deprived of their usual Festival dinner in consequence of their misconduct. It was further resolved that in future only two persons should be permitted to visit a child, and then only after obtaining the sanction in writing of one of the House Committee. These and the other measures adopted had the desired effect, and it was very long after all ere Mrs. Crook was able to report to the Committees that once again order reigned in St. George's Fields. It is probable that this event must have shaken the confidence of the authorities in Mrs. Lovekin. It is certain that after its occurrence she more than once fell into something like disrepute with them. The gratuity which before had been annually awarded to her was once deferred, and on another occasion withheld altogether. She was also found irregular in paying into the Treasurer's hands the money received for the children's work, and a stringent rule was passed requiring her to pay it over monthly. However, she retained her office till the last, and died of paralysis, but not in such "odour of sanctity" as might have been perhaps, on the 13th July, 1807, after a service of 15 years. She was succeeded by Mrs. Crook, while Elizabeth Jack—who had been educated in the School—was elected Assistant Matron.

(To be continued.)

BANQUET TO BRO. SIR HENRY MORLAND, G.M. OF ALL SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

On Saturday, the 3rd ult., a large number of Freemasons of Bombay, both European and native, met at the Masonic Hall, Byculla, to congratulate Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, on the honour of Knighthood conferred upon him by the Queen-Empress on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration. A banquet and entertainment were provided on the occasion, and covers were laid for 130 persons. The bungalow and its environs were brilliantly illuminated with gas and *buttee* lights; and the grounds were gaily decorated with bunting and bannerets. A large transparency, with the illuminated words "Welcome Sir Henry Morland," surmounted the main gateway. The ground floor was transformed into a large reception hall decorated in a tasteful manner with flags and bunting and plants. Over the walls were displayed numerous Masonic designs wrought in evergreens and flowers. In the centre of the banqueting table was placed a beautiful silver tray exhibiting a pile of fruits and flowers so arranged as to display the design "Sir Henry Morland, Kt." At some distance from this tray was placed a silver boat, the oarsmen of which were skilfully worked in fruit and flowers. Over the Grand Master's seat was exhibited the banner of the Grand Lodge covered with a trellis-work of jessamine. The Union Jack and the banners of the different Scottish lodges were also placed on the walls. The Grand Master, on his arrival, was received with floral offerings at the porch, where the principal officers of the Grand Lodge, and the members of the Managing Committee (Bros. D. R. Chichgar, Hodges, Allan Russell, and J. Young) were assembled, and was conducted to the upper hall, where he exchanged cordial greetings with those assembled to honour him. The Committee were unremitting in their attentions, and deserve credit for the admirable arrangements they had made for the entertainment. A European band was in attendance, and played selections of music during the evening. Bro. J. Y. Lang, Deputy Grand Master, presided at the banquet.

After the excellent dinner had been done justice to, the CHAIRMAN, who was received with loud cheers, gave the toast of "The Queen-Empress," which was most loyally and enthusiastically received.

The CHAIRMAN again rose amidst loud and prolonged cheers to give the toast of the evening. He said: Brethren—After the very excellent dinner that we have enjoyed, I will not try your patience with any lengthy remarks from myself in proposing the toast of the evening—(loud cheers)—the more so, because I feel that, like myself, you are all anxious to hear again the eloquence of our Most Worshipful the Grand Master—(loud and prolonged cheers)—which has so often in the past charmed us in this hall. (Renewed cheers.) Brethren, when first the news reached us of the honour which has been bestowed by her Majesty the Queen-Empress upon our Grand Master, it was the unanimous wish of your Grand Committee that on his return to Bombay the Freemasons should be invited, at least all those who were serving under his banner, to join in an entertainment in his honour. The influential and numerous gathering which I see before me, which comprises brethren from up-country lodges, who have come down here at a great expense of money and also time to do honour to our Grand Master, must be a signal proof of the esteem and respect in which our Grand Master is held by all of us. (Loud cheers.) And it is also a proof that his labours in the cause of Freemasonry are appreciated. Brethren, in this very hall, where the praises of our Grand Master have been so often sung, it is very hard to say anything new. The beautiful lessons in the First Degree of Freemasonry have taught us three great duties, namely, our duties as Freemasons, our duties as citizens, and our duties as individuals. I can say, brethren, without any fear of contradiction, that I know of no man in Bombay who has so nobly acted up to those duties. (Loud cheers.) As a Freemason, brethren, I know our Grand Master has for years past devoted his time, his leisure, eye and his money, to the great cause of Freemasonry—(loud cheers)—how much he has done to strengthen the brotherhood in this country. (Hear, hear, and renewed cheers.) Brethren, as a citizen of this great city, we all know that for years he has taken an active part in the management of its affairs, and now that he has attained to the highest post that the Municipal Corporation of this great city could confer upon him, his efforts are worthily directed towards the bringing together of all classes of the community. (Cheers.) And, lastly, as an individual, there is not a brighter example than our esteemed and respected Grand Master—(cheers)—of the great Masonic ornaments, namely, Benevolence and Charity. (Renewed cheers.) Brethren, if we go on as at present, we will, before many years have passed, have this hall surrounded on all sides with portraits—some of which now grace the walls of our hall—of our Grand Masters and also of other Masons, who have rendered good and distinguished services to the cause of Freemasonry in this presidency. But, brethren, I venture to say that in the distant future, when time shall have passed its verdict, there is no name among Freemasons of Bombay or of Western India that will stand higher than his in whose honour we are assembled here to-night—Most Worshipful Bro. Sir Henry Morland. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) Nor, brethren, should we on this occasion forget to pay a passing tribute to Lady Morland. (Loud cheers.) We all know, brethren, that she is blessed by the Almighty with abilities with which but few are endowed, and we all know that her accomplishments are placed willingly at the service of her fellow-citizens. (Hear, hear, and loud cheers.) I know of no institution in Bombay which in its hour of need has turned to Lady Morland for assistance—(cheers)—and has applied in vain. (Renewed cheers.) Brethren—I will not detain you longer, but let us, in drinking to the health of our Grand Master, wish him long life—(cheers)—and prosperity (renewed cheers), our allegiance in the future as in the past remaining loyal and enduring, and our efforts always tending towards assisting him in the discharge of his high office. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, before I resume my seat, I may say that I have received a number of telegrams expressive of the sympathy and good wishes of the several daughter lodges in different parts of India, which I will read for your information. One telegram was just handed to me by Bro. Pestonjee N. Wadia from

Lodge Royal Jubilee, of Sholapore, and it is as follows:—"Lodge Royal Jubilee desires most heartily to join in Bombay brethren in honouring Sir Henry Morland, Knight, Grand Master." The next telegram is from the son of an old distinguished Mason, a name dear to all of us, namely, that of Balfour—(cheers)—who is following in the foot-steps of his late lamented father, who at one time occupied the proud position of the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. The telegram sent by Bro. L. C. Balfour from Calcutta is as follows:—"Hearty good wishes; this evening salute Grand Master." Another telegram has been received from the Right Worshipful Master of Lodge St. Paul, from Mhow, stating:—"Please convey to Sir Henry Morland hearty congratulations of brethren for well-earned distinction conferred." Besides these telegrams I have received several letters of congratulations which I will not detain you by reading. Now, brethren, with these observations, I give you the toast of "M.W. Bro. Sir Henry Morland."

The toast was most enthusiastically received. The Chairman gave three cheers for Sir Henry and three more for Lady Morland, the band playing an appropriate tune.

The CHAIRMAN then called upon Bro. J. Young, Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, to recite an ode, which he had composed in honour of the occasion.

M.W. Bro. Sir HENRY MORLAND rose amidst enthusiastic cheers, and a shower of flowers from a basket which was suspended over him, to respond to the toast. He said: Worshipful Brother Chairman, and Brethren,—I feel that words fail me to express to you my sentiments on this occasion, received as I have been by this large assembly with such demonstrations of affection and enthusiasm. The thrilling words that have fallen from our Chairman and from our Grand Secretary in his ode have deeply touched me. As I have just observed, words fail me to express all that I now feel. I feel that this night will be impressed on my memory to my last days. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, my association with Freemasonry having stimulated your affection and feelings to the manifestation of so warm a welcome is an earnest that my labours in connection with our Order have not been in vain. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) The grand principles of Freemasonry are well-known to you all, and it is a happy thought to me that during the time it has been my honour to be associated with the Craft, castes and religions have been brought under its sway, lodges having come into existence composed of native brethren who co-operate in disseminating the principles of our Order throughout this vast Empire. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, as you know, I have just returned from the celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, which will constitute one of the grandest episodes of modern history. (Cheers.) I believe that the functions that have taken place in England are unparalleled in the history of the world. The special ceremonies have already been described to you in the public press far more eloquently than I could depict them; but I may give you what my impressions were when I went home to my motherland and saw the grand impressive ceremonies that then took place. I wish you could have seen London as I saw it in preparation for the ceremony, with festoons, garlands, trophies, and flags suspended in every thoroughfare, the whole of the West End being a scene of magnificent display to welcome the advent of that auspicious Jubilee. (Loud cheers.) Coming to the day itself, what could equal the magnificent procession, a procession brilliant with all the dignity which the presence of Royalty could confer. I wish you could have seen the ancient classical building, Westminster Abbey, fitted as it was with seats in stages for the gorgeous ceremony. (Loud cheers.) It was a happy circumstance that on my arrival in England I found that the wishes of the citizens of this city had been heartily reciprocated by Government. My mission was anticipated. Government had addressed the Secretary of State concerning my mission, and the India Office accorded me a most courteous reception. (Cheers.) The officials were ready and willing to give me every assistance. I may say that the highest official of this land, the Viceroy himself, had telegraphed home with reference to my mission to the Secretary of State—(loud cheers)—which resulted in a marked attention towards me. I will not attempt to describe in detail to you the scene in Westminster Abbey, where my wife and myself were accommodated with seats. I was in a position which commanded a view immediately overlooking the imperial dais. I had a close inspection of the peers of the realm as they took their seats on arrival. In front of me were ranged Royalty and Deputations from all parts of Europe, and I was so close that I had a perfect observation of her Majesty the Queen-Empress. (Cheers.) I do not think that there was one English heart in that vast assembly that did not leap with joy and pride on that occasion, that did not feel joyful allegiance to that Queen whose Jubilee was being celebrated, and to attend which all the nations of Europe had sent representatives to be present on that grand occasion. I know for myself that the glow that was in my heart was one which I will never again experience, as I beheld Majesty enthroned before me—Majesty swaying the destinies of the world. The ceremonies, as I have before observed, in connection with her Imperial Majesty's Jubilee have been described fully by the public press, and do not call for special details on my part. I will only say that on the night of the celebration of the Jubilee the illuminations were exceedingly grand. They carried me back in memory to the splendid illuminations of this city, when a similar ceremony was observed. But I could not but think that, splendid as the illuminations of London were, the illuminations of this city excelled them in magnificence. (Loud cheers.) True, a vaster concourse of people was gathered together in the great Metropolis, but not a more loyal assemblage than that which celebrated the Jubilee in Bombay. (Loud cheers.) It may interest you to know that I was present at a ball given by the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall. An enormous crowd met in that magnificent building, comprising the free Guilds of London and the Royal dignitaries who were present on the Jubilee day. I will not attempt to draw a comparison between that great municipal institution the Guildhall and our own petty municipality. (Laughter and cheers.) But in our humble way it cannot be denied that our municipality in Bombay does a certain amount of useful work. Passing on I may mention that it was no object of mine to put myself in the way of the great festivities of the occasion. But it is needless to say that circumstances drew me into the vortex of those festivities. A word as to the climate of England as compared with that of Bombay, and in this connection

I may assert that I infinitely prefer the latter. I was very glad, indeed, to experience the more congenial temperature which awaited me on my return to Bombay, infinitely more pleasant as it was than that I left behind. (Laughter and cheers.) I omitted to mention that I attended a grand function at Windsor on the 30th June, though to me that was the most memorable one in connection with the Jubilee celebration. It was then that I received the honour of knighthood at the hands of her Imperial Majesty. It is difficult to describe the ceremony that took place on that occasion; the Princes of India were congregated there, and were welcomed, along with the representatives from India, as the honoured guests of their Sovereign at Windsor Castle, that royal palace of honourable and ancient fame in the history of England. Her Majesty was especially pleased with the address of this city, and with the casket which enclosed it, and which it was my honour to convey to England. (Cheers.) I feel that in conferring the distinction of knighthood upon me her Majesty did not confer it upon me personally, but that it was a mark of royal favour towards this second city of her vast empire—(loud cheers)—for its loyalty, for its progress, for its enlightenment, and for its advanced civilization. (Renewed cheers.) I do not for one moment attribute exclusively to myself the honour that has been conferred upon me, but I feel that in accepting the loyal tribute of the citizens of Bombay her Majesty intended to do honour to this city. (Cheers.) There was one more function that I had the honour to attend, which was the Naval Review. I prolonged my stay in England on purpose to attend that grand display, and I was honoured with an invitation to a ship which was set apart for the Indian dignitaries. I can only tell you that the heart of every Briton who witnessed that display must have filled with pride in the consciousness that England possessed in her fleet a vast power to defend her interests, and to assert her supremacy on the seas when occasion might require her to do so. (Cheers.) To a sailor like myself it was a gladdening sight to witness the manœuvring of the ironclads and the armour ships—a sight which could only be appreciated thoroughly by those possessing a certain knowledge of naval matters. The first congratulations I received at home from India were telegrams and letters from the Freemasons of India, and I assure you that their receipt gave me the greatest possible satisfaction. I had hundreds of congratulatory letters, but none were more welcome than those from the Freemasons and citizens of Bombay. (Cheers.) I thank you, brethren all, for your very kind welcome. I feel that it is due to those principles of Freemasonry which rule us, and which guide us in our action towards each other. I feel that not the least of these is Charity, to look over our mutual shortcomings, according to one another the fullest credit for the good we may be able to effect in the interests of Freemasonry. It is now many years since I first assumed the hiram of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and time begins to weigh upon me, and the duties of my office to prove too much for me. I feel I must now ask you to look for a successor to me. (Cries of "No, no.") I will carry on my duties until the end of next year, when my term of office expires, and I trust that you will then relieve me of them. (Cries of "No, no.") I find that telegrams have reached us from all parts of India from those who sympathise with this movement, and I am glad to know that deputations have also come down from Ahmedabad and Hooolee. I thank the lodges who have sent me their congratulations most heartily, and fully appreciate the kindly wishes which they have evinced. If anything were needed to prove the bond of sympathy which exists between the Fraternity under my jurisdiction and myself, this large gathering, comprising Mahomedans, Parsees, Hindus, and Europeans, would suffice to do so. It remains for me to thank the Committee who have organised this entertainment in my honour. The beautiful decorations of this hall give ample evidence of the pains which they have taken. In particular, I have to thank Bro. Darasha Chichgar—(cheers)—who is ever ready and willing to take an active part in matters Masonic, and whose co-operation is to us indispensable. Bro. Hodges and Bro. Russell also deserve my grateful acknowledgment, and in this connection I must not omit to mention the valuable assistance which has been rendered by the ladies of their household—(cheers)—in decorating the hall. On behalf of Lady Morland I thank you most sincerely for having associated in the toast you have received my own name with that of the one who is nearest and dearest to me. (Loud cheers.) Allusion has been made to the active part she frequently takes in public movements which have Charity for their object. I need not say that she is at all times most happy to devote the talents with which she has been blessed to laudable objects. In conclusion, I thank you once more for the high honour you have done me, and I can only reiterate what I have already stated, namely, that this evening will never fade from my memory. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

The Chairman here presented to the Grand Master a silk sash, on which was worked, in silver thread in big letters, the words "Sir Henry Morland, Kt.," in the name of Bro. D. R. Chichgar, Substitute Grand Master of the Scottish Grand Lodge of India. The Grand Master accepted the present with thanks.

Bro. HORNUSJEE DADABHOY said that he had been asked to propose the toast of the visiting brethren. He felt sure it would meet with their cordial acceptance. He was particularly glad to see before him an array of vocalists. They had enlivened the hall with the strains of music. That was an additional claim upon the sympathetic appreciation of the brethren. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He (the speaker) had a notion that men gifted with voice had a supreme contempt for the conventional rules of society. Their careers were eccentric. (Laughter and cheers.) It was their prerogative to disown all human laws. They cared not much for the Divine law either. He was happy to be disillusionized, for he never saw more sober, staid, and businesslike men than the phalanx of the sons of song who graced the banquet table. (Laughter and cheers.) In this age of scepticism on the one hand, and cold remorseless materialism on the other, it appeared to him that song was the most potent thing to keep alive and even to rekindle the higher and the more spiritual aspirations of the human race. It was no disparagement but a recommendation that music was sensuous in some of its aspects. He warmly welcomed Bro. Geary and Bro. Ferneaux. Bro. Curwen was unavoidably absent. He asked the brethren to drink to "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of their esteemed townsman, Bro. Geary.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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

CHIEF PATRONESS:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.,
M.W.G.M.

GRAND PATRONESS:

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

FOUNDED 1788.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION, 1888.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.

5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

THE FIRST MASONIC FESTIVAL
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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., M.W.G.M.,

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Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street,
LONDON,

ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY, 1888,

Upon which occasion

Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. Prov. G.M. South Wales (East Division),

Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the HALL OF THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1887, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to receive and consider Reports and Notices of Motions, as under, and to Elect 15 or (in the event of the undermentioned Motion being carried) 16 girls into the School from a List of 30 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual Business is over.

REPORTS.Report of Committee, *Re* Alteration in Date of Elections.

Report of Centenary Committee approved and referred by the General Committee with the recommendation "That the suggestions contained therein for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution be adopted."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

On the presentation of the Report of the Centenary Committee, as approved and recommended by the General Committee, by Bro. THOMAS FENN, Pres. Board General Purposes, Vice-Patron—

1. "That the Report be received."
2. "That Scheme A be adopted, and be referred to the House Committee to carry out at a cost not exceeding £2000."
3. "That Scheme B be approved, and that the Craft be and are hereby earnestly solicited to furnish the necessary funds at the forthcoming Centenary Festival to enable this Scheme also to be carried into effect."
4. "That the windows of the Institution be inspected forthwith, with the view to the provision of a means of egress in case of fire."
5. "That in addition to the Premium Votes conferred under Clause 1, Law 24, every Steward at the Centenary Festival shall be entitled to Premium Votes in proportion to his personal donation, as follows, viz.:—Two in consideration of the first Ten Guineas, and one for every Five Guineas beyond that sum."
6. "That for the purposes of the Centenary Festival, Clause 3 of Law 24 be suspended, and that in lieu of the 'List' Votes conferred thereunder, every Steward of this Festival shall be entitled to two Premium Votes for every Twenty Guineas on the gross total of his List."
7. "That in the case of Annual Subscriptions commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival, and continued at intervals of not less than 12 months, the completion of every Six Guineas so subscribed shall entitle the contributor to all the privileges of a donation of £5 5s., paid in one sum, notwithstanding he shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime."
8. "That the 'Centenary' Premium Votes be so distinguished yearly in the printed List of Subscribers."
9. "That application be made for permission to wear the Stewards' Badge as a Centenary jewel in perpetuity, and that it be of a special design selected for the occasion, to be submitted to the G.D. of C., and approved of by the M.W. the Grand Master."

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron.

"That, in consequence of the death of Florence A. Weber, one further Vacancy be declared for this Election, making 16 in all."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I quite agree with the point laid down by your correspondent "Espoir" in his letter of last week, that the tabular view of "J. 174," is not in accordance with the generally received idea of Masonic benevolence, and that "the plea 'that the rich provinces ought to help the poor ones'" should be admitted. Let praise be given to those who contribute to the support of our Institutions, irrespective of any benefits they may derive from them in returns, and by all means let everything approaching to censure be withheld from those which, being poor, contribute little or nothing, and yet send up many candidates for election. But how about the provinces which can contribute, but do not? It must not be forgotten that it is the Freemasons as a body who have enlarged our Charities to their present vast proportions, and if every lodge and province in England bore its share in maintaining them, there would be little need for the constant appeals for support which now have to be made, and still less for such comparisons as are set forth in "J. 174" 's table. It is notorious, however, that all do not bear their part, and there is one province I could name with over a score of lodges, which for years past has done but little for the Institutions and yet has received much from them. If I am told in answer to this statement, that the whole of the lodges in this province and their members are poor and can do nothing, there is nothing further to be said. Their mites which they occasionally bestow are to the full as worthy tributes to the grand principle of Masonic benevolence as the richest gifts bestowed by our wealthiest provinces and lodges. But is this failure to support our Charities always due to lack of means? Is there not occasionally a lack of will; or are we to suppose that the whole of the lodges in this particular province are differently constituted as regards membership from all the other provinces in England?—Yours fraternally, ZETA.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. Coop, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Hakim, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Wetzel, J.D.; Langdale and Cursons, Stwds.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Jordan, P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. C. Taylor, P.M.; and Bellerby, S.W. 2021.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Jones was passed as a F.C., and Bro. Ryan raised to the Degree of M.M., both ceremonies being exceeding well performed by the W.M. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Hudson. Bro. Carter was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaff, Tyler. The members of the Audit and Benevolent Committees having been appointed, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for the very excellent manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his term of office.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were fluently given from the chair.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Fromholtz in flattering terms.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the members generally, and the Past Masters and officers especially, for the great support that they had given him during his tenure of office. Upon the whole he had had a successful year, and he should ever look back upon his Mastership of No. 141 as one of the most pleasant events of his life.

"The W.M. Elect" was next proposed, and Bro. Hudson expressed his thanks in a neat speech.

Bros. Taylor and Bellerby replied on behalf of "The Visitors."

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when amongst those present were Pros. G. Osborne, W.M.; W. Miller, J.W.; F. Trinder, P.M., Sec.; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M., Treas.; Eyles, S.D.; Coffin, J.D.; Robinson, I.G.; Ososki,

D.C.; Whiting and Styles, Stwds.; Asher, Org.; Bates, Assist. Org.; Jacob, McCulloch, Bint, Dr. N. J. Goodchild, and several other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Coplestone, Potter, Scattergood, Brickdale, Freeman, Donnelly, Mulvey, Sheppard, Sharp, and Burgess.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. Owing to the late arrival of the W.M., Bro. Coffin, J.D. (W.M. of the St. John's Lodge), occupied the chair. A ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen—Messrs. H. W. Coplestone, W. A. Newland, H. J. Hayter, M. Isaacs, and T. J. Dray as new members, and resulted unanimously in their favour. The ceremony of initiating this large addition to the lodge was performed by Bro. Coffin in a most able and effective manner, which could not fail to create a favourable impression upon the candidates. The W.M. having arrived, occupied the chair, and passed to the Second Degree Bros. Phillips and Mandy, Bro. Barrell was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, both ceremonies being performed in a most excellent manner.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, where a substantial repast was served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given and warmly received, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bros. Coplestone and Scattergood, who thanked the members for the kind hospitality shown the visiting brethren, and commended the good work witnessed.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, which was greatly contributed to by a musical programme, under the directorship of Bro. Asher, Organist.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

—This very flourishing lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 15th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. B. Greenwood, there being also present Bros. Brickdale, S.W.; Brasher, J.W.; F. J. Rumball, S.D.; Renaut, J.D.; H. R. Clisby, I.G.; J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Sec. The following also signed the signature book: Bros. J. Howes, P.M., D.C.; T. M. Butt, P.M.; W. Malthouse, P.M.; Mallett, P.M.; Cooper, E. Roberts, P. H. Clisby, C. J. Smith, W. Worrall, T. G. Hodges, Linck, O. Damm, E. Hoar, E. J. Attwood, G. C. Chatwin, F. Goering, A. B. Langman, W. J. Short, J. Billings, A. W. Price, W. H. England, A. Bolander, D. Jones, B. F. Linnett, G. Higgins, C. W. Finck, W. A. Hayward, F. H. Linnett, A. Arnstein, E. Bradsell, B. E. Obergethman, F. C. Smith, J. C. Pratt, C. A. Barter. Visitors: Bros. Goodchild, P.M. 904; Coffin, P.M. 167; N. P. Lardner, 1745; Cross, D.C. 1076; Birch, P.M. 1223; Forss, P.M. 917; Butt, P.M. 907; Hill, P.M. 1355; Lewin, P.M. 1695; Salmon, W.M. 917; Williams, W.M. 72; Green, 1567; Dunckley, 201; Lewis, 493; Hooper, 1597; Redman, 1597; Sandeman, 1597; Glass, 860; and Robinson, 757. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the following gentlemen, viz.: Mr. Chas. Pratt, Mr. Cecil A. Barter, and Mr. Frank A. Smith, in each case successful, and those gentlemen being present, were admitted into the mysteries of the Craft. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. F. Brickdale, S.W., having answered the ancient charges in the affirmative, was duly obligated W.M. for the ensuing year, and afterwards installed into the chair of K.S., and regularly saluted by a large Board of Installed Masters. After the usual congratulations, the W.M. closed the Board, and the brethren were admitted in regular order and saluted in due form. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. C. Brasher, S.W.; F. J. Rumball, J.W.; J. J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; S. Renaut, S.D.; H. K. Clisby, J.D.; F. G. Cooper, I.G.; J. Howes, P.M., D.C.; P. K. Clisby, A.D.C.; H. J. Smith and W. Worrall, Stwds.; Edgar Robers, Org. Smyth, Tyler. The I.P.M., then delivered the ancient addresses, the working throughout by him being well rendered, and he met with a hearty reception at its termination. The I.P.M. was presented and adorned with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), for which he expressed his gratitude to the brethren. The Auditors gave in their satisfactory report, which was accepted, and the thanks of the lodge voted them. The usual enquiries were made for the good of the Craft. £10 10s. each were voted to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and Stewards elected to convey the same. Other charitable donations were made to distressed brethren. A vote of thanks to the I.P.M. for his admirable working, and the usual congratulations to the newly-installed Master and his officers, brought the labours of the lodge to an end, and the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The Worshipful Master then rose and proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally responded to; also that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. G.M.," followed by that of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers, Present and Past," each toast getting a hearty reception.

The I.P.M., Bro. Greenwood, assuming the gavel, remarked that all knew what that was for, namely, to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Brickdale." Most of them knew that their W.M. was among the earliest of the initiates of the lodge, and had, like himself, worked every minor office until he had reached the height of Masonic ambition—the W.M.'s chair. All the duties yet assigned to him had been faithfully discharged, and they might look forward with every confidence to Bro. Brickdale discharging the duties of the chair, he hoped, with pleasure to himself and satisfaction to the lodge.

The toast having been received with enthusiasm,

The Worshipful Master rose and replied by first thanking the brethren for the kind reception the toast had received at their hands, and also thanking previous W.M.'s for appointing him step by step until he had been elected and placed in the proud position he now occupied, and assured them no one had been left turned on his part to fit him for the duties of W.M. He also felt that in occupying the chair of the West Smithfield Lodge he was following in the wake of some of the most distinguished workers in the Craft, and if not able to come up to their high standard working, yet hoped to give them satisfaction. Such would be his endeavours, and he begged the co-operation of the P.M.'s and brethren during his year of office for a successful continuance and termination. Before sitting down he drew attention that the next toast was that of

"The Installing Master, Bro. Greenwood, I.P.M." He thought few Masters could boast of a more successful Jubilee year. He had had 13 initiations, numerous passings and raisings, the Charities had been ably supported, and they had a good balance in the Treasurer's hands for himself to commence his Mastership of the lodge. To compliment him was a dutiful pleasure, but to praise him for his great efforts on behalf of the lodge he did not know how; but could assure him that he and all the members of the lodge tendered their fraternal good wishes, and trusted they would long have him with them. He was so well known to them all that further observations on his part would be quite superfluous; he would only ask for a bumping toast.

Bro. Malthouse, C.C., P.M., rose and said he had the permission of the W.M. to say a few words, and a pleasing duty to perform. First, he would tell them that he had known Bro. Greenwood, I.P.M., almost from childhood, and had had great opportunities of learning the principles by which he was actuated, and it was gratifying to him as a P.M. of the lodge to bear testimony to the great integrity and noble actions which governed both his private and Masonic career. The pleasing duty entrusted to him by request of the brethren was to pin on his breast that valuable Jubilee jewel, which had been unanimously subscribed for by the brethren to celebrate the Jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty, and in presenting him with it they all wished him long life, health, and prosperity, and a strong desire for him always to be among them.

The toast met with a brilliant reception.

Bro. R. B. Greenwood, on rising, was received with applause. He first desired to thank their W.M. for the kind allusions he had made concerning himself, and the brethren for the fraternal reception they had given the toast, but he felt all at sea owing to the flattering manner Bro. Malthouse, P.M., had spoken of him, and assured them that if he only deserved half of what Bro. Malthouse had said of him he would be perfectly satisfied of himself. He certainly had in business, as in Masonic life, endeavoured to do that which was right between man and man, and as he had been, so he intended to continue for the remainder of his life, and it was a great pleasure for him to tell them he had the lodge's interests at heart, and hoped to be always with them at their meetings. The beautiful Jubilee jewel, and the P.M.'s jewel they had presented him with that evening would ever be treasured by him, and he should always look upon them as bearing the fraternal good will and wishes of the brethren of the lodge, and hoped his children and their children, if they had any, would hand them on to the other as heirlooms of the family; he failed in words to convey to them what he then felt, but his heart was full of gratitude to them and he thanked them one and all.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and after a good fire they individually returned thanks.

The toast of "The P.M.'s of the Lodge" was well received, and Bro. McButt, P.M., returned thanks for them.

The Worshipful Master next proposed, as he said, the very agreeable toast of "The Visitors." They had among them that evening brethren from many parts and many lodges. He assured them the West Smithfield Lodge gave them a cordial greeting. He then read the visitors' names and their lodges, and called for a hearty fire, which was given in bumpers.

Bro. J. Samun, W.M. Cosmopolitan Lodge, in returning thanks, expressed the great pleasure he felt at being among them. From what he had seen of the working in lodge, and the great hospitality at their banquet table, and fraternal greeting to themselves, he should think the West Smithfield was one of the happiest lodges in the Craft; for himself he could say he had never been more handsomely entertained, and had never spent a more agreeable evening. He wished continued success to the West Smithfield Lodge.

Bros. Forss, Coffin, P. Lardner, Crow, Sandeman, and other visitors replied in similar terms, all expressing their best thanks for the toast and entertainment.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. J. J. Howes, P.M., thanked them as their Treasurer, promising to look after their funds. Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., said as Secretary of the lodge he was glad that the members were satisfied with his services. It was also a pleasurable duty to be able to say that, whilst contributing to their Charities, and otherwise relieving indigent brethren, also paying all dues up to the present evening, they started their financial year with a satisfactory balance in hand. He trusted their W.M. would have as successful a year as their Bro. Greenwood. He was glad their old Secretary was present among them. He thanked the brethren one and all for their hearty reception of the toast.

The W.M. again rising, proposed the toast of his officers, and felt assured the selection and appointments he had made that evening would meet with their entire approbation, and felt certain that the duties assigned to each of them would be faithfully discharged. He expected their regular attendance; they had heard what their visitors had said regarding their high abilities, he knew himself what they could do. Nearly all of them were equal to the Master's duties. He offered them no compliments, but looked forward to their co-operation to sustain the reputable and unsurpassable working of their predecessors.

The toast was cordially received.

Bros. Brasher, S.W.; E. J. Rumball, J.W.; Renaut, S.D.; H. K. Clisby, J.D.; Cooper, I.G.; and minor officers each replied, and promised regular and punctual attendance.

Between each of the toasts harmony was interspersed by Bros. Arnstein, violin quartett, each piece being encored, songs by Bros. Egbert Kuberts, which were greatly enjoyed by all. Other members and visitors also contributed, and the Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful West Smithfield meetings to a close.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).

—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Lister, W.M.; H. Herbert, S.W.; Schultze, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.O. Surrey, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Suskind, S.D.; Webber, J.D.; Snerer, I.G.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., &c. (Hon. Org.); N. Prower and F. Kent, P.M., Stewards; I. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., D.C.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, I.P.M.; N. P.

Lardner, H. R. Bennett, W. Mills, E. S. Lardner, H. Herbert, and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. O. Harding, M.A., Kift, and Begbie.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Herbert was passed as a F.C., and Mr. H. J. Thomas initiated into Craft mysteries by the W. Master. Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge at the Boys' Festival in 1888. Bro. Walls, P.M., gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of five guineas be voted from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to be placed on Bro. Lardner's list." Apologies for non attendance were received from Bros. H. B. Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas., &c.; A. Aldous, and others.

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

Bro. Dr. Lott responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Harding and Kift for "The Visitors."

The musical efforts of Bros. Dr. Lott, Kift, Young, H. J. Lardner, N. P. Lardner, and others were greatly appreciated.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th ult., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, W., when there were present Bros. C. A. Walter, P.M. 865, P.P.G.D. Middx., W.M.; R. H. Williams, I.P.M. 865, P.P.G.D. Middx., S.W., and W.M. elect; A. J. Barclay, J.W.; T. W. Barker, P.M., Treas.; G. Read, P.M., Sec.; Norman, S.D.; Olliver, J.D.; Kirk, acting I.G.; Schofield, P.M., Tyler; and many other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G.T., on entering the lodge was saluted in the customary manner, and thanked the brethren. Three candidates were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being rendered in a most impressive manner. Bro. G. Read acted as Installing Master. Bro. R. H. Williams, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. C. A. Walter, and took the office of Master elect. All brethren below the rank of Installed Masters having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed as follows: Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G.T.; C. A. Walter, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. H. Williams, P.M. 865, P.P.G.D., W.M. elect; G. Read, P.M. 1767, 511; T. Hancock, P.M. 1767; W. C. Williams, W.M. 865; J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642; A. H. Strong, W.M. 1585; J. Sims, P.M. 834; Foakes, P.M. 1891; Game, P.M. 511; W. H. Causton, P.M. 1726; Room, P.M. 2090; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; S. Parkhouse, P.M. 511, 1642; S. Cochrane, P.M. 1056; T. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; F. J. Olliver, P.M. 834; Rev. C. D. Reade, P.M. 1642; and R. Schofield, P.M., Tyler. Bro. R. H. Williams having been installed into the chair of K.S. in Bro. Read's usual impressive manner, the W.M. invested Bro. C. A. Walter as his I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, and the brethren admitted, they saluted the W.M. in the usual manner. Bro. Read having explained the working tools, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. J. Barclay, S.W.; A. Norman, J.W.; J. W. Barker, P.M., Treas.; G. Read, P.M., Sec.; F. Olliver, S.D.; J. Wiggins, J.D.; J. MacKay, D.C.; J. Freeman, I.G.; H. J. Kirk and G. Vassie, Stwds.; F. J. Olliver, Org.; and R. Schofield, Tyler. The W.M. concluded the investment of each officer with a short complimentary address, which was well received. Bro. Read then gave the charges to the officers and brethren in a manner that is seldom excelled and rarely equalled. The I.P.M., Bro. C. A. Walter, informed the lodge that it was his intention to stand as Steward at the next Festival of the Girls' School, asking the lodge and the brethren in general to give him all the support possible on that occasion. The W.M. rose the usual number of times and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided for their enjoyment, which appeared to be much appreciated after the two hours spent in the lodge room.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to propose the first toast, said it was one that was always well received amongst Englishmen, but more particularly amongst Freemasons, as was evinced by the large meetings that had been held this year at the Albert Hall and other places. They all knew how much the Queen interested herself in our Order. She was also related to many Past Grand Officers, and the mother of present Grand Officers; was also Patron of our noble Charitable Institutions; which they, as Masons, were all so proud to support to the utmost of their abilities. He then called upon them to be upstanding, and drink to "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft." The toast was, as usual, enthusiastically received by the brethren. Bro. Barker, accompanied by the Organist, sang the National Anthem.

The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." This, the W.M. said, needed no comments from him to ensure a hearty reception. As Masons they all knew how hard their M.W.G.M. worked for the welfare of the Craft, and the admirable manner he discharged his duties at the great meeting of Freemasons in the Albert Hall and many other places. This toast was heartily received by the brethren. Bro. Olliver sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The toast of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G.T., who thanked the brethren for the honour of coupling his name with such distinguished Masons, saying the Grand Officers were always ready to do anything for the good of the Craft. He also alluded, in a kindly manner, to the assistance the members of the Kensington Lodge had given in placing him in that exalted position.

Bro. C. A. Walter, I.P.M., on taking the gavel, said that he considered it as one of the greatest pleasures of his life to have the honour of proposing the health of so zealous and distinguished a Mason as their present W.M., one of the founders of the lodge; he had watched him through the various offices, not only in this lodge but also in the Dalhousie Lodge, of which he was at present the I.P.M., and having filled all those offices in such a thorough and efficient manner, he was sure that the Kensington Lodge might look forward to a happy and prosperous year under his rule. He asked the brethren to join with him in a bumper in drinking "The Health of the W.M. of the Kensington Lodge."

On the W.M. rising to respond, he received such applause that must have convinced the visitors that he was a very popular member of the lodge. He said that he begged most cordially to thank the brethren for the hearty reception they had given to the toast, and for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him their W.M. He assured them that if the G.A.O.T.U. gave him health and strength, he would use every endeavour to carry out the duties with honour and credit to the lodge.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was considered the toast of the evening by the members. On the W.M. rising to propose it there was such continued applause that must have shown the greatest stranger that Bro. G. Read was a very popular Mason. Indeed, few are better known for their perfect working of every part of our beautiful ritual than Bro. Read. There is the same kind and genial manner wherever you meet him, either in or out of the lodge, and from the many kind things said by the W.M., there is no doubt he is as great an admirer as the rest. As a preceptor, Bro. Read is well known to be one of the kindest and most painstaking, particularly with the younger brethren, always ready to assist them with an encouraging nod or missing word. Of this great truth the brethren may have ample proof any Tuesday evening, at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington.

Bro. Read (as soon as he could obtain a hearing), thanked the W.M. for the many kind things he had said of him, and the brethren for the hearty manner they had received them. He did not know that he deserved such remarks. What he had done for Freemasonry was because he could not help it; his heart was wholly with the Craft, and he hoped would always continue so. He was very proud of the lodge, being one of the founders, a Past Master, and at present their Secretary, and as long as they continued to elect him to that important office he should continue to work for the good of Freemasonry in general, and the Kensington Lodge in particular.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was next given, the W.M. remarking that he felt especially privileged in having the opportunity of proposing the health of so old and dear a friend as Bro. C. A. Walter, who had also filled the important office of W.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge, and after doing his best in that position and assisting those who followed him, the Provincial Grand Master (as a reward of merit) had been pleased to invest him as P.S.G.D., after which the Kensington Lodge elected him as their W.M. two years in succession. He also had to thank Bro. Walter personally for introducing him into Masonry and assisting him to obtain provincial honours, but that which gave him the greatest pleasure was the privilege of pinning on his breast the handsome jewel presented by the lodge, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and long life to wear it, and that it would be an incentive to younger Masons to aspire to the high and honourable position he now held.

Bro. C. A. Walters thanked the W.M. for his very kind and flattering remarks, and the lodge for the splendid jewel just presented to him. He said he should always wear it with a great deal of pleasure and pride, and should study at all times to maintain the reputation and welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Visitors," extending to them all a hearty welcome in the name of the lodge.

The toast was very ably responded to by Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G.T.; W. C. Williams, W.M. 865; J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642; A. H. Strong, W.M. 1585; H. Room, P.M. 2090; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; and S. Cochrane, P.M. 1056, each complimenting the W.M. on his very able working in the lodge, as well as the banquet table, and wishing him a pleasant and successful year of office.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. T. Hancock.

"The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G.T.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was replied to by Bros. Barker and Read.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. A. J. Barclay, S.W., and others.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Several clever recitations were given by Bros. Read and Mayne, whilst Bros. Barker, Freeman, and the Rev. P. J. Davis contributed to the vocal part. Bro. Olliver deserves a word of praise for the musical part of the evening, he being in himself a tower of strength to any lodge. He is not only a good organist and good pianist, but a good singer, and must certainly be a great acquisition to the Kensington Lodge.

Among the visitors, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. Rutherglen, 1642; Lansdowne, 1541; Attenborough, 34; Crook, 1461; Kenyon, 2012; Mayne, 1238; and Cockerell, 211.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE (No. 2128).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at 8a, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Thursday, the 8th ult. The lodge was opened by the I.P.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland (the W.M., Bro. W. F. Smithson, being unable to be present at the opening), assisted by Bros. Masters, P.M., S.W.; Cooke, J.W.; Potts, S.D.; Theo. Carr, J.D.; Bullock, Sec.; Bolas, I.G.; Mills, Tyler; and the Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, G.C., acting as I.P.M. Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes (Hon. Member), and many other brethren were present.

The minutes of the last regular lodge in June and of a subsequent emergency lodge were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. E. R. Brunt and R. P. Keates, candidates for initiation, which proved successful. Bros. W. H. Bullock, jun. (the first initiate in the lodge, who had just returned from a voyage to the Colonies), J. Lockett, and G. H. Hallam were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the acting W.M., and Bro. Col. Totham by Bro. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, G.C.—old army friends—the traditional history being given by the W.M., Bro. Smithson. Mr. Keates, one of the candidates for initiation, being present, was initiated into Freemasonry by the I.P.M., Bro. Cumberland. The revised by-laws were considered and approved.

"Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge closed in due form. The brethren afterwards had supper together at the Inns of Court Hotel, the W.M. presiding in his usual genial manner. Several Masonic toasts were proposed and musically honoured.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, an Hon. Member of the lodge, responded to the

toast of "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a very happy manner, giving the brethren some useful and fraternal hints and advice.

During the evening Bro. W. H. Bullock, jun. (the first initiate in the lodge), was presented by the brethren with a Master Mason's apron and Russia case complete, properly inscribed.

Songs were contributed by several of the brethren, and a most happy and enjoyable evening was spent.

HIGHBURY LODGE (No. 2192).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. There was a good attendance of brethren present to witness the important feature of the evening, viz., the initiation of Messrs. G. W. and A. P. Bowyer, by their father, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., W.M. It is an interesting fact, and one worthy of mention, that the two first initiates of the lodge should be the sons of the esteemed W.M. The chair was occupied by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. Hastings Miller, P.P.G. Org. Middx., J.W.; Major W. H. Baker, Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; James Terry, P.G. Swd. Br., S.D.; John Barnett, jun., J.D.; W. Shurmur, D.C.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; R. D. Baker, H. Sprake, A. E. Sarti, A. P. Bowyer, and G. W. Bowyer. The visitors included Bros. Major Geo. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br.; E. Lindsay Pembroke, Org. 1974; Chas. Townley, 2190; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; Joyce Murray, P.M. 1706; J. Larkin, S.D. 3; W. J. Crutch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; James E. Terry, J.W. 1964; G. P. Gillard, P.M. 657; G. A. Fletcher, P.M. 180; W. G. London, S.D. 1580; T. Willis, 11; Edgar H. Bowyer, 1964; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the consecrating meeting were read and confirmed. The by-laws were submitted, and, after some discussion, were unanimously adopted. Ballot having been successfully taken in favour of Messrs. G. W. and A. P. Bowyer as candidates for initiation, they were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by their father, the W.M. Ballot was also taken for the following brethren as joining members, and resulted in their favour: Bros. Herbert Sprake, 813, and A. E. Sarti, 180. Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G. Swd. Br., having been invested with the collar of S.D., and letters of regret for non-attendance having been read from Bros. P. Forge, Maple, and J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., the lodge was closed in due form.

An adjournment was then made, and the brethren having partaken of a sumptuous banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been given, and warmly received,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Grand Officers," expressing the pleasure it afforded him to see so distinguished an array of Grand Officers present.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., in reply, said that as he was present at the consecration meeting, and the brethren had therefore heard him before, he would far rather hear those young and blushing Grand Officers, whose youthful beauty was coming to the front, for it was to them they should look to hear what the Grand Officers thought of themselves. New ideas and new sentiments were at all times pleasing, and he should therefore wish to hear their youthful friends thank the brethren for the way in which they always thought of the Grand Officers. He spoke the feelings of the distinguished brethren around him when he said that he was pleased to see so many present, for it had been a great pleasure to him to be with them at their first meeting of that lodge, which he had consecrated, and which was starting under most favourable auspices. He congratulated the W.M. upon initiating his two sons, who would no doubt follow in their father's footsteps and become good and distinguished Masons. He had now had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Bowyer initiate three of his sons, and he hoped to be spared to witness the initiation of the remainder. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the reception given the toast.

The Grand Secretary then said that that lodge being new and not possessing an I.P.M., and he being the godfather, and therefore supposed to occupy that position for the moment, he would ask them to drink to "The Health of the Worshipful Master." It would be an impertinence on his part to tell them of the Masonic merits of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, for they were so well known to all. Their distinguished W.M. was the best of Masons and the best of friends, and the Highbury Lodge was very fortunate in having such a brother for its first W.M.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., W.M., having briefly returned thanks, proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and said he was as pleased to give them to Masonry as the brethren were to receive them. He was sure they would make good members not only to their lodge, but to Freemasonry generally.

Bros. G. W. and A. P. Bowyer responded in suitable terms, thanking the brethren for the cordiality with which they had been received, and expressing their determination to become useful members.

Bro. Major George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and said it gave him a great deal of pleasure to be present, and to see, firstly, how their lodge was progressing, and what they were doing since the consecration; and, secondly, to see the W.M. initiate his two sons, the brothers Bowyer. In the short time in which the members had been connected together they appeared to be making good progress, which was due most entirely to the officers the W.M. had around him. If they would keep to the rules and regulations, and observe the principles of the Order, they would prosper for many years to come. It was very necessary and proper that lodges should be founded in the suburbs of London, for when they left the City to seek suburban houses it was but natural that they should wish to establish lodges near their homes. At the same time they should not forget the City lodges which had flourished in days long since gone by, but should remember that these old lodges had a prestige that the young ones could not assume, for they made the Union in 1813 and laid the foundation of the three great Masonic Institutions of which they were all so proud. As a visitor he tendered his best thanks for the kindness he had received from the W.M. and brethren, not only in this, but also in other lodges.

Bros. Britten, P.M. 183; Murray, P.M. 1706; J. L.

Mather, A.G.D.C.; and W. J. Crutch, P.P.G.S.B. Heits, also replied.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given by the W.M., who observed that in Bro. Baker, their Treasurer, they had a brother who would take care of their funds, and that in Bro. Hogard they had a very energetic Secretary, in whose hands the work of the lodge was safe.

Bro. Major W. H. Baker, Treasurer, returned thanks, and said that the duties of Treasurer at the present time were necessarily light, but he was pleased to say that, although this was their first meeting, they were quite solvent. While he was connected with the lodge he would do his utmost to advance its best interests.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec., also replied, and said that as the Secretary of the lodge he was pleased to know they were in a very good position. The position of Secretary was a very proud one to occupy, and as he had performed the work elsewhere, he hoped to carry out the duties in such a manner as to gain the confidence of future W.M.'s. Their W.M. had kindly invested him with the collar of Secretary, and he trusted that he had thus far not abused that confidence. He believed the members were satisfied with what had been done, and he hoped that the future would be as bright as the present.

"The Charities" having been proposed by the Treasurer, Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., replied, and said it was not the first time in the short history of the lodge that the toast had been given, for it had been most practically responded to by Bro. Alderman J. Savory, who nobly took up nearly £50. The history of the Charities in the past was a glorious one to record, and he thought that when the total for the year was made it would not be far short of £60,000 contributed to their three Masonic Institutions. They could not forget the fact that Grand Lodge had given £11,000, and it was something to know they were so ably supported by that body. The first Festival of the year would be that of the Benevolent Institution, and the Chairman would be Bro. Sir George Elliot, when he trusted they would be supported as they always had been. Looking forward to next year, he would remind them the Girls' School would hold their Centenary Festival, when he expected the other two Charities would have to stand by. He hoped they would support the Institution he represented and take up the case of the aged. If report spoke truly, the Girls' School would have a large sum, and he hoped they would realise £35,000—that being the amount they were anxious to raise—which was a total that had never yet been realised. He had no doubt it would not be long ere the Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys visited them again. He hoped that as the lodge progressed the brethren would continue to practically support the Charities.

In response to the appeal of Bro. Terry, the Secretary intimated his willingness to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a close.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 24th ult., when there was a good attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. E. Shevbrooks presided, and was supported and assisted by Bros. W. M. Pybus, I.P.M.; A. Rhagg, P.M.; J. Mout, P.M.; J. Wood, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Courbitt, P.M., Treas.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; W. Dalrymple, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; W. F. Raeburn, Sec.; T. Thompson, S.D.; T. Spedding, as J.D.; M. R. Wright, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; E. Carr, Stwd.; and J. Curry, Tyler. Among the members present were Bros. W. H. Denton, T. S. Hall, R. C. Tate, R. Swanston, J. W. Porter, T. Swan, G. C. Potts, T. Wright, W. W. Ferguson, J. T. Harrison, P.M.; and J. Bulmer. The visiting brethren were strongly represented by Bros. J. T. Ridley, W.M. 406; J. Page, P.M. 406; R. G. Salmon, P.M. 406; J. S. B. Bell, P.M. 406; W. M. Lyon, I.P.M. 406; F. W. Pittuck, W.M. 1643; D. Broadhurst, P.M. 406; N. Latinga, Sec., 406; R. S. Naylor, I.G. 406; T. R. Jobson, J.D. 1664; T. A. Moffit, J.W. 424; W. Mathieson, 451; J. A. G. Ross, W.M. 481; G. Hurdy, P.M. 1743; and many others. Mr. G. Hibbert, Adam Dodds, and J. D. Murton were duly elected by ballot, and being in attendance, were initiated by the W.M. Bros. C. E. Carr and W. Gardner were afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the work being ably performed by the W.M.

After other business was transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshments.

MANCHESTER.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 663).—The first meeting since the vacation was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. J. Duncan, W.M.; S. D. Broadbent, S.W.; W. Cartwright, P.M., Sec.; S. Kay, J.D.; F. H. Davidson, P.M.; G. R. Swann, P.M.; E. Nathan, P.M.; W. H. Hughes, P.M.; J. R. Johns, H. E. Darwen, H. Booth, T. Dalziel, J. Miller, and J. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: A. H. Jefferies, P.M. 1161, Prov. G.A.D.C.; G. Hunt, P.M. 1009; S. Lewis, 1161; E. Broadbent, 2109; and R. R. Lissenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Johns was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. W. Cartwright, P.M. The S.W., Bro. S. D. Bradbent, presented the working tools. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th ult., when there was a good muster of members and visitors. Bro. Thos. Brackenridge, W.M., was in the chair, and the lodge was opened at 5 p.m. in place of 7, there being rather more work than usual, viz., six to ballot for, and five to be raised to the Third Degree. All the candidates were accepted, and four were initiated, and the five were raised. The W.M. was ably assisted by the following: Bros. G. Morton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Cowman, P.M., P.P.G. Svd. Br.; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Glessal, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Huddleston, P.M.; and T. Studholme, W.M. 119. The officers were Bros. W. D. P. Field, S.W.; J. S. Moffatt, J.W.; Dr. Muir, Sec.; J. M. Clarke, S.D.; D. Atkinson, J.D.; B. Taylor, I.G.; and J. Sewell, Tyler. One candidate was proposed, and with other general

business the lodge was closed, after having been at work over five hours, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall for refreshments, and a very agreeable hour was spent.

We cannot but offer our hearty congratulations to the W.M. of 872 on his success, and trust that the lodge that has been for over a quarter of a century one of the first lodges in the province will go on and flourish in numbers and quality combined.

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The final meeting of the season was held on Saturday, the 17th ult., at the Railway Hotel. Punctually at three o'clock p.m., the W.M., Bro. James Laurence, opened the lodge. There were present Bros. J. J. Marsh, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., as S.W.; C. W. Baker, J.W., J. W. Baldwin, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; W. Walters, S.D.; W. H. Davey, as J.D.; J. A. Wilson, I.G.; F. Dunstan, Org.; J. C. Goslin, D.C.; W. R. Vassila, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; and very many others. H. Duff, 1339, was amongst the visitors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies were received from candidates excusing and regretting their non-attendance, also from Bros. S. Page, Treas.; E. A. Smith, S.W.; W. H. Walters, J.D.; A. Lawton, Stwd.; J. R. Cox, Assist. Stwd.; and others. The Secretary, Bro. J. W. Baldwin, stated that in consequence of a slight attack of paralysis, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., could not attend. Every good wish was expressed for his speedy recovery. No business of any importance was done, and after several names for initiation were given in, the lodge was closed.

Refreshments followed; Bro. James Lawrence, W.M., presided.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 21st ult., when the attendance of the members and visitors passed all previous record. The W.M., Bro. John Drewett, opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, viz.: Bros. G. Moorman, S.W.; W. Drewett, J.W.; H. W. Humphreys, S.D.; T. Montagu, J.D.; H. W. Willis, I.G.; and W. Lane, Tyler. The other officers present were Bros. A. Laurence, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Oldridge, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Hunt, Org.; and John Horne, Steward. The Past Masters were represented by Bros. J. W. Moorman, I.P.M., Francis Buckland, W. Youldon, and W. Lane. In addition to those named, 39 members of the lodge and 32 visitors signed the book. The visiting brethren included Bros. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; Pearce, W.M. 1872; J. B. Stevens, P.M. 1627; H. Wheatley, W.M. 1512; W. Chapman, W.M. 889; B. Colbron, P.M. 355; R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201 and 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; F. Croaker, P.M. 185 and 1981; G. L. Kipling, P.M. 1981; T. Higgs, P.M. 106; T. Long, P.M. 889; Jas. Shilcock, P.M. 449, P.P.J.G.W. Herts; C. Phillips, P.M. 820; A. Luff, P.M. 946; Gifford T. Salmon, P.M. 820 and 1260; T. Weaver, P.M. 889; J. Youldon, W.M. 1981; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was saluted as became his rank, and routine business incidental to this meeting was first transacted. The only feature in which calling for note is that the report of the Audit Committee was very satisfactory. Bro. Thurgar was advanced to the Degree of F.C. The ballot had been taken for and proved in favour of Mr. W. Robinson, but as he was not in attendance so early as expected, the W.M. proceeded to install his successor in the chair of K.S., Bro. G. Moorman, upon whom the choice of the lodge had fallen by an unanimous vote, was presented by Bro. J. W. Moorman, I.P.M., and the ceremony proceeded in the way so well known to our readers. The Board of Installed Masters, in which Bros. W. Youldon and J. W. Moorman occupied the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs respectively, was formed of 23 qualified brethren, and the work therein was as ably carried out by the Installing Master as was that in open lodge. On the return of all below given, led by the Installed Master, who also acted the rank of Installed Master, the customary salutes were as D. of C. throughout. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren generally were very fine displays of elocution, and elicited the warmest approval of all privileged to hear them. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Drewett, S.W.; Humphreys, J.W.; A. Laurence, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Oldridge, P.M., Treas. (previously elected); Montagu, S.D.; Bowers, J.D.; H. W. Willis, I.G.; J. Horne, D.C.; H. Taylor and S. Rumbelow, Stewards; and W. Lane (previously elected), Tyler. The accepted candidate was now in attendance, and the newly-elected W.M. gave an early proof of his ability and proficiency in the ritual by initiating Mr. Robinson. The ceremony was rendered with commendable accuracy and care throughout, and the Senior Warden, by command of the W.M., gave the charge to the initiate. There were over 60 brethren in lodge at this time, and all were favourably impressed with the excellent working shown. The W.M. then presented to his predecessor in the chair a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted to him by the lodge, and, in doing so, remarked that it gave him pleasure to do it. Bro. J. Drewett had shown the deepest interest in the welfare of the lodge, and had set them a bright example, which it would be his constant endeavour to follow. The I.P.M. thanked the brethren for this token of their esteem, and said he was sure his successor would not suffer the lodge to deteriorate in any way. A vote of three guineas was made from the lodge funds towards the memorial to be erected in memory of the late Bro. Greenwood, for many years P.G.S. for Surrey, and at the time of his death the D.P.G.M., and this was subsequently increased by the members to £5.

After a shower of "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Sun Hotel, where Mrs. Fraying had awaiting them the annual banquet in which the lodge indulges, and of which 73 partook, being the largest company entertained by the Brownrigg Lodge. To the great pleasure of all, the Deputy P.G.M. was able to stay to this part of the "business before the lodge." The usual list of toasts was gone through. A very gratifying tribute was paid to the I.P.M. and the W.M. for their correct and excellent rendering of the ceremonies which had fallen to their lot to perform by the D.P.G.M., who also said that, after an experience of many years in London and other lodges, he was proud to be able to say that the lodges of the Province of Surrey were worked as well as any he had seen.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. Chapman, W.M. of the Dobie Lodge, said he congratulated himself upon the fact that the I.P.M. and S.W. of the Brownrigg Lodge were his own principal officers.

Bro. Buckland, P.M., who, from ill-health, had not been present at the lodge for two years, and is now resident at Southsea, thanked the brethren for having elected him an honorary member, and assured them that, though absent in the flesh, he was present in the spirit at all the gatherings of the lodge of which he was one of the founders. He also advised the younger brethren to copy the example set them by Bro. J. Drewett, if they wanted to rise in the Order.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very suitable terms by the I.P.M., and Bro. G. Moorman, who is very popular in the lodge, received a very flattering reception.

We must not omit to mention that Bro. J. Drewett was warmly congratulated by the brethren upon his first appearance in provincial purple and gold.

SUNDERLAND.—Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—On Friday afternoon, the 23rd ult., the annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, by special dispensation of the P.G.M., R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. There was a very large attendance, especially of Provincial Grand Officers and Past Masters. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. John Deans, and there were also present Bros. J. C. Moor, I.P.M.; the Rev. J. J. Brown, M.A., S.W., W.M. elect; W. A. Priestly, J.W.; B. Levy, P.P.J.G.W.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.C.; Rev. W. P. Swaby, P.G.C.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Shadforth, P.S.G.D. G. B. Morgan, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Beattie, P.M.; J. Ayre, P.P.G.P.; J. Richardson, P.M. 661; the Rev. D. W. James, P.P. G.C., W.M. 661; Kinmond, P.P.G.P.; W. Dawson, W.M. 94; T. Atkinson, W.M. 80; R. Singleton, W.M. 97; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G.S.; D. Huntley, P.M. 80; J. E. Nelson, P.G.P.; the Rev. R. H. Yeld, P.P.G.C., W.M. 1389; the Rev. W. C. Harris, P.P.G.C.; J. R. Smart, P.M. 94; M. Douglas, P.P.G.D.; L. Booth, I.P.M. 1334; J. J. Wilson, P.M. 80; F. Maddison, W.M. 949, P.P.G.D.; M. A. Lax, W.M. 1274; T. G. Garrick, P.M. 94; J. G. Kirtley, P.P.G.D.; J. D. Todd, P.M. 94; P. Watkins Clerke, 1643; G. Harbottle, 406; C. J. Seaman; J. Nicholson, S.W.; James Hudson, J.W. 80; G. W. Bain, J.W. 949; F. Wade, Capt. Peters, 1389; R. A. Brown, S.D.; H. Liston, J.D. 2038; J. Moses, 87, and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. J. J. Brown, M.A., was presented for installation by Bro. John Deans, W.M., and in the absence of Bro. Robert Hudson, P.G. Sec., P.P.G.S.B. England, the ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. B. Levy, P.P.J.G.W. The following were afterwards appointed as officers: Bro. John Deans, I.P.M.; W. A. Priestly, S.W.; R. A. Brown, J.W.; J. R. Pattison, P.M., P.A.G.S., Treas.; F. S. Cowper, P.S.G.W., Sec.; Henry Liston, S.D.; Rev. W. P. Swaby, P.G.C., J.D.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D. of C.; James Hudson, J.W. 80, Org.; Wm. Scott, I.G.; Todd, Stwd.; and J. W. Brown, P.G.T., Tyler. The good wishes of a large number of visiting brethren were expressed to the W.M., Bro. the Rev. J. J. Brown, M.A.

The lodge was afterwards closed. The annual festival of the lodge was celebrated by a high tea in the banqueting room of the Masonic Hall. The tables were beautifully adorned with flowers, and the room was suitably draped.

The W.M. presided, and was supported by the following among others: Mrs. Brown, Bro. J. and Mrs. Deans, Bro. Dr. and the Misses Morgan, Bro. the Rev. W. P. and Mrs. Swaby, Miss Marshall, Miss Haslewood, Bro. the Rev. R. H. and Mrs. Yeld, Bro. B. and Mrs. Levy, Bro. J. and Mrs. Potts, Bro. J. E. and Mrs. Nelson, Bro. J. J. and Mrs. Wilson, Bro. Collin Smart, Bro. T. and Mrs. Atkinson, Bro. J. C. and Mrs. Moor, Bro. J. J. Clay, Bro. J. R. and Mrs. Pattison, Bro. the Rev. D. W. James, Bro. W. and Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Taylor, Bro. W. and Mrs. Dawson, Bro. R. and Mrs. Redpath, Bro. R. Singleton, F. Maddison, F. S. Cowper, Sec.; Bro. Thomas and Mrs. Hutchinson, Bro. R. and Mrs. Shadforth, Bro. J. G. and Mrs. Kirtley, Miss Miller, Mrs. Jones, Miss Stephenson, Miss Gibson, Bro. C. J. Seaman, P. W. Clerke, Bro. James and Mrs. Hudson, Bro. W. Haddock, Mrs. Jameson, Bro. W. and Mrs. Vincent, Bros. S. Curle, Hoey, and others. The loyal and Masonic sentiments were duly proposed and responded to, the refreshments being entirely of a temperance character.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. Willes, W.M.; Telling, S.W.; Mullens, J.W.; Harper, J.D.; Farmer, I.G.; J. Hill, Preceptor; and Bates.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Farmer being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and closed down. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. Telling be the W.M. for the ensuing week, the work to be—the initiation, the charge, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. S. J. Humphreys, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; J. Page, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. J. Stratton, S.D.; J. Thwaites, J.D.; R. Dillon, I.G.; J. Webster, Stwd.; G. Weston, R. T. Redfearn, J. Round, and J. M. Chapman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Round candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Weston answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Weston candidate. Bros. Redfearn and Weston answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. J. M. Chapman was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 23rd ult. at the Six Bells Hotel, Qu-en-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; Aslett, S.W.; Swann, J.W.; Coplestone, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; H. Oliver, I.G.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; Coat, Over, Hopkins, and Stroud. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last

meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. Bro. Hopkins offering himself as a candidate for passing was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Aslett was unanimously elected W.M. for the 7th inst., the Preceptor having intimated his intention of working the installation ceremony as per bye-law to-night (Friday). The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. Albert Austin, W.M.; H. J. Chapman, S.W.; S. Renaut, J.W.; W. Roots, acting Preceptor; Fred. Williams, Hon. Sec.; W. Steele, S.D.; Gomm, J.D.; Grace, I.G.; C. R. Williams, G. Clapham, J. Hattersley, S. Ellis, Dr. Jaquet, J. Block, E. Fullick, W. Belchamber, and Emblyn.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. C. Williams having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Austin vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. R. Williams, W.M. 72. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Austin candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Ellis having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. Bro. C. R. Williams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Austin. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Ellis candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. F. H. Williams proposed, and Bro. Roots seconded, that Bro. G. H. Clapham, 72, become a joining member—carried unanimously. Bro. Clapham returned thanks. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Roots announced that the W.M. was elected for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; J. R. Harnell, S.W.; J. B. Grieve, J.W.; Charles Lambert, S.D.; James Rowe, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; W. Brindley, acting Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. C. Mulvey, J. Rayner, R. Kirk, A. Clark, G. W. Nightingale, Walter Hancock, and John Mitchell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. Hancock, W. Brindley, and E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture respectively. Bro. E. C. Mulvey having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that Bro. J. R. Harnell, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elected appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that Bro. W. Brindley, P.M., be elected an honorary member of this lodge of instruction, as a recognition of his services in acting as Preceptor during the absence of Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, while at Buxton for the benefit of his health. He felt sure the brethren would be pleased to hear that their worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith, had received much benefit from the change. Seconded by Bro. J. B. Grieve, J.W., who endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of their Secretary. Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; Swann, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M.; Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); G. E. Wilton, S.D.; Heath, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; and Fayre.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fayre candidate, the charge being given by the W.M. in a truly masterly manner. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, W.M.; Fisher, S.W.; Mander, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M.; Sec.; Hardy, S.D.; Child, P.M., J.D.; Gilbert, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; Jno. Davies, Preceptor; Cochrane, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Wood, L. Cox, E. Cox, Higginson, Woodard, Marsh, Hagan, Wiles, Stroud, Litchfield, Craggs, Head, Harding, Johnston, Allman, Stonnill, Cotton, Cross, and Coombs.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Litchfield candidate. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Woodard candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair. Bro. Coombs occupied the chair, and invested the officers. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 24th ult. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; W. G. Coat, S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; Steers, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Sims, P.M.; Tipper, P.M.; Cockrane, Stroud, Wood, and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wood offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Tipper offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, Bro. Long putting the questions. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. A. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, 23rd ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Gibson, P.M., Treas., W.M.; Arnold, jun., S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Green, P.M., S.D.; Coleman, J.D.; Brindley, P.M., I.G.; Mason, P.M.; Arnold, sen., Forscutt, Brandon, Hainbling, Baughan, Kent, Holland, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Forscutt, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Forscutt being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Holland, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Holland being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Holland, 1604, and Hambling, 2030, were unanimously elected joining members. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the W.M. and officers of the parent lodge should have the several offices of the lodge placed at their disposal on the last Friday in each month. Bro. Arnold was unanimously elected W.M. for Friday fortnight. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 26th ult. Present: Bros. Pugh, W.M.; Esling, S.W.; Beavan, J.W.; Noble, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; Lissimore, I.G.; J. G. Johnson, Preceptor; Wistley, Treas.; Andrews, Sec.; Walker, Williams, Partridge, Dawson, Pennel, Luckhurst, Russell, Gibbs, Grover, Oates, Stubbs, and Folkard.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Pugh, with Bro. Grover as candidate. The 4th and 1st Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Andrews and Lissimore respectively, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bros. Williams, W.M. 72, and Pennel, 1658, were elected joining members. Bro. Williams expressed the pleasure which the evening work of the ceremonies and Lectures had afforded him. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was carried, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Pugh for his able conduct in the chair for the first time in lodge of instruction. Bro. Esling was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Esling thanked the brethren, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. Johnson informed the lodge that he was about to remove to the north of London, and, in consequence, must regretfully tender his resignation as Preceptor. Bro. Esling alluded in a feeling manner to the great advantage to the lodge of Bro. Johnson's services, and moved that his resignation be accepted with the deepest regret; and this being seconded by Bro. Dawson, P.M., was carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176.)—The election meeting of this well established chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, 173, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 24th ult. The chapter was opened by Comps. W. R. Morton, M.E.Z.; F. Elder, H.; R. P. Tebb, P.Z., as J.; J. B. Sorrell, P.Z., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; and I. C. Strong.

The minutes of the last regular convocation were read and confirmed. All the elections were unanimous. The results were: Comps. F. Elder, H., as M.E.Z.; J. E. Cockett, J., as H.; H. F. Paget, S.N., J.; J. B. Sorrell, P.Z., Treas. (re-elected); Frederick Walters, P.Z., S.E. (re-elected); M. Slaughter, P.S., S.N.; T. H. Wilson, P.S.; T. C. Strong, 1st A.S.; A. L. W. Moore, 2nd A.S.; and R. W. Goddard, P.Z., Janitor. The usual P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. W. R. Morton, M.E.Z. The names of several candidates for exaltation were given in.

The chapter was then closed. Apologies were received from all officers who were absent and from many of the P.Z.'s. The usual banquet followed.

INSTRUCTION.

PYTHAGOREAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 79).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 23rd ult., at the Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, to elect a successor to Comp. Bumstead, P.Z., who has for many years acted as Preceptor to this chapter of improvement. A resolution was passed expressive of the regret of the companions in losing the valuable services of Comp. Bumstead. Comp. F. Hilton, M.E.Z. 1275, was unanimously elected Preceptor. The convocation was then adjourned. Companions are cordially invited to attend.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 23rd ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Sims, S.N. 834, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, 733, H.; M. Speigel, 834, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 864, S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, 890, S.N. 1507, S.N.; C. R. Wickens, P.S. 704, P.S.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, 1st A.S.; E. Vowler, 1043, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 890; and A. Haray, 185.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hardy being candidate. The first ballot was drawn pertaining to the funds of the chapter of improvement, no less than 12 participating. The companions expressed satisfaction, considering the short time the chapter has been in existence—its speaks well for its future prosperity. Companions are invited to attend. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. J. Davies as Z. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Queensland.

BRISBANE.—General Gordon Lodge (No. 2119 (E.C.))—The installation of the W.M. elect of the above lodge took place on Monday, August 1st, in the Masonic Hall, Alice-street. When the lodge was opened by the retiring Master, Bro. J. H. Daniells, there was a very large attendance of Past Masters and visiting brethren, who, between them, represented more than twenty lodges in various parts of the world. Representatives of the District Grand Lodges under the English and Scottish Constitutions respectively, and of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Irish Constitution, were also present. The ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. A. F. Luya, P.M., was conducted by Bro. Daniells until he himself was installed in the chair of the Immediate Past Master. From that point the ceremonies were conducted and the impressive charges delivered by Bro. J. D. Reeve, P.M., who also assisted the newly-installed Master to invest his officers, who were as follow: Bros. J. H. Reeves, S.W.; H. Stanwix, J.W.; W. T. Clarke, Treas.; C. Pritchard, Sec.; F. G. Wilson, S.D.; E. B. Lindon, J.D.; H. W. K. Martin, I.G.; and J. Harlen, Tyler.

Before the lodge closed, Bro. J. D. Reeve, P.M., presented to the retiring Master—who had served for two years since the consecration of the lodge—a very handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing on the reverse side a suitable inscription.

Bro. Daniells, who was completely taken by surprise, replied in a few sentences full of feeling and thanks.

After the lodge had closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a cold collation was served by Mr. E. Diezmann.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by the songs of several brethren, including the well-known basso, Bro. J. T. Gordon. Great assistance was rendered at the piano by Bro. H. J. Pollard.

Bro. General Sir F. S. Roberts, Bart., V.C., G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief in India, has been gazetted Honorary Colonel of the 2nd London Rifle Volunteers.

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The toast was cordially received. Bro. GEARY, in responding to the toast, said that it had afforded him great pleasure to be present there that night on the occasion when they welcomed back Sir H. Morland from London. They had all heard with great interest his reminiscences of his experience of her Majesty's Jubilee, and he was sure they all shared the happiness which he experienced in witnessing the great homage which the English public paid to her Majesty on that occasion. It was a matter of great gratification to them that her Majesty had been pleased to do honour to one of their foremost citizens. (Cheers.) It was a great satisfaction in his humble capacity as a candidate for a seat in the Corporation to know that her Majesty in honouring Sir Henry Morland had honoured the Chairman of the Bombay Municipal Corporation. (Cheers.) Sir Henry Morland in his speech compared unfavourably the municipality of Bombay with that of London, but he (Bro. Geary) most certainly and emphatically ventured to contradict him upon that point. The Corporation of Bombay, he said, could look in the face of the new Municipal Bill and the Government of Bombay as well as the Municipality of London.

Bro. K. R. CAMA then proposed the toast of "The Daughter Lodges." He said that they did not meet there to honour the Grand Master under any particular banner, there being both Scotch and English Masons present on the occasion. The two Constitutions—English and Scotch—had now been working together for a number of years past, with goodwill and friendly feelings. Travellers coming to Bombay from all parts of the world spoke highly of the working of the several lodges in Bombay. The two Grand Masters had been pleased to admit into their lodges the natives of this country, who had been doing their very best to promote the interests of Freemasonry in this country. He was glad to know that deputations from Ahmedabad and Mhow had come down to Bombay to do honour to the occasion. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Capt. Babington Peile, who was an enthusiastic Mason, and Bro. Alfred King.

Bro. BABINGTON PEILE, in responding to the toast, tendered on behalf of the daughter lodges his best congratulations to the Grand Master for the honour done to him by the Queen-Empress. He endorsed every word that had fallen from the Chairman regarding their Grand Master. He said that the time had now come when they should place administrative Masonic posts in the hands of the natives of this country. (Cheers.)

Bro. ALFRED KING also made a brief reply. Sir HENRY MORLAND then gave the toast of "The First Native Freemason on this side of India, Bro. Manockjee Cursetjee," with whom, he said, he had been associated for the best part of a third of a century. Bro. Manockjee was the father of Freemasonry amongst the native gentlemen of Western India. (Cheers.) He was a glorious specimen of the old Parsee gentleman of Bombay. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk amidst loud cheers. Bro. MANOCKJEE briefly returned thanks. Bro. MANOCKJEE then proposed the toast of "The Chairman," and, in doing so, alluded to his devotion to Freemasonry and his kindness and courtesy to all who came in contact with him.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. The CHAIRMAN briefly replied. He then proposed the toast of "The Committee," and in doing so he alluded to the indefatigable zeal and industry of Bro. D. R. Chichgar in making the occasion a success. He said that Bro. Chichgar had not only worked himself, but he brought the ladies of his family to assist him in the several decorations which they all admitted were very neatly and tastefully done. The Chairman also thanked Bros. Allan Russell and Hodges for the great sacrifice of time and labour in making the entertainment a success. These two brothers, also like Bro. Chichgar, brought the ladies of their house to give the finishing touch to the floral and other decorations. (Cheers.) The Chairman also spoke about the services rendered to the Committee by Bro. Young.

Bros. CHICHGAR, ALLAN RUSSELL, HODGES, and YOUNG, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which their humble services were appreciated. Bro. Russell said that the decorations and other arrangements would not have been so complete without the assistance the Committee received from Bro. Chichgar.

During the intervals between the toasts a number of musical selections were given by the European brethren, and their efforts were loudly applauded.

The brethren dispersed at a late hour in the night.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND CHAPTER OF LOUISIANA.

The proceedings of the 40th annual convocation of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Louisiana showed that the meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, New Orleans, on the 15th and 16th February of the current year. Comp. Denison Stocking, G.H.P., presided, and among those present were Comps. Richard Lambert, D.G.H.P.; M. E. Girard, P.G. H.P., as G. King; Rev. H. C. Duncan, G. Scribe; S. M. Todd, P.G.H.P., G. Treas.; J. C. Batchelor, G. Sec.; Rev. W. T. D. Dalzell, G. Chap.; W. T. Benedict, G.C. of H.; S. Jones, G. Pr. Soj.; H. Hamburger, G.R.C.; T. J. Heard, as G.M. 3rd Vail; P. B. Wright, G.M. 2nd Vail; O. L. Collins, G.M. 1st Vail; John W. Maguire, G. Gd.; several Past G. Officers, the representatives of other G. Chapters, and members of subordinate chapters. There is nothing that calls for notice in the G.H.P.'s address beyond the announcement that he had given orders for the issue of an edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter and Mark Grand Lodge of England on account of the disputes in Quebec. This may be a misprint as regards the G. Chapter, but if not, it inclines us to believe that Comp. Stocking cannot be very well informed about English Constitutional Masonry. The G. Treasurer's Report gives the Receipts, including balance of over 1238 dollars from previous year as 1821 dollars, and the payments as 1082 dollars, the balance remaining in hand at close of account being over 738 dollars. The following are the G. Officers for the year, namely, Comps. R. Lambert, G.H.P.; Rev. H. C. Duncan, D.G.H.P.; W. T. Benedict, G. King; G. J. Pinckard, G. Scribe; S. M. Todd, G. Treas.; J. C. Batchelor, G. Sec.; Rev. W. T. D. Dalzell, G. Chap.; H. Hamburger, G.C. of H.; L. F. Reynaud, G. Pr. Soj.; T. J. Heard, G.R.A.C.; F. M. Brooks, G.M. 3rd Vail; O. L. Collins, G.M. 2nd Vail; F. P. Stubbs, G.M. 1st Vail; and J. W. Maguire, G.G.



The Emulation Lodge of Improvement will resume its meetings on Friday, the 7th Oct., at Freemasons' Hall, when the First Degree and Installation Ceremony will be worked. We call special attention to this announcement because, for the first time in the history of the lodge there has been a summer vacation, and a reminder is, perhaps, not unnecessary.

Bro. Justice Straight and Mrs. Straight left Paris on their return to India on Saturday last.

Bro. C. W. Hutton, of Newgate-street, has been elected a director of the Moldacott Royalities Trust.

Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox have returned to Gordon Castle, after visiting at Dunrobin Castle and Langwell, Caithness-shire.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught visited the Emperor William at Berlin on Friday, the 23rd ult., and was invited to dine with his Majesty the same afternoon.

The Lord Mayor's Masonic dinner will be to meet the Earl of Lathom (Deputy Grand Master) and the Grand Officers of the year.

The Board of Scotch Whisky Distillers' Company has been strengthened by the addition of Bro. Deputy Beard, who has long held a substantial interest in the undertaking.

Bro. Thos. Sutherland, M.P. (of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company), has been elected a director of the City Bank, subject to confirmation at the next ordinary meeting.

The thirty-second year of the Crystal Palace Concerts commences on the 8th of next month, a rather earlier date than usual. There are to be 21 concerts in all, eleven before and ten after Christmas.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., has consented to lay the foundation-stone of Christ Church, Wood-green, this afternoon (Friday), on which occasion an address is to be delivered by the Bishop of Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. German Reed's entertainment will re-open for the autumn season on Monday evening, October 3rd, with "The Naturalist," by J. Comyns Carr, and an entirely new holiday sketch by Mr. Corney Grain, entitled "So Quiet."

Bro. Charles Dickens will very shortly leave our shores for his long-contemplated lecturing tour in the United States, where he is engaged to deliver a course of readings in various cities from his father's works. He is sure to receive a very hearty welcome from our American cousins.

The premises having been re-built, the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, will resume its meetings at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., the first Tuesday in January, February, March, October, November, and December. The Kennington Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetings at the same place every Friday evening at 7.30.

By the Queen's desire the Exhibition of her Majesty's Jubilee Presents in St. James's Palace will be kept open so long as daylight allows. It was her Majesty's wish that the exhibition should be open after working hours in the evening, in order that the working classes might avail themselves of it, but there are no means of providing sufficient light for this purpose at St. James's Palace.

The exhibition of the Queen's Jubilee presents at St. James's Palace has proved so attractive, that her Majesty has given orders for it to be kept open to view so long as there is daylight, and, if possible, lighting arrangements will be made, so as to enable them to be seen in the evening. Last week not short of 56,000 persons inspected the presents, being an increase over the previous week of nearly 17,500.

A daring burglary was committed at the residence of Bro. Alderman Evans, at Ewell Grove, Surrey, early on Tuesday morning, the 20th ult. The Alderman, Mrs. Evans, and their servants had retired to rest, nothing unusual being heard, but the next morning it was found that the house had been entered and some of the rooms ransacked. In the dining room a secretaire had been forced open, and the contents extracted. The door of an artistic cabinet had also been opened, but without result. On the sideboard stood a silver epergne, worth at least £200, but they did not remove it. The thieves took a valuable silver cup, however, and a brass-mounted work-box, and the latter was found smashed under a tree, and its contents scattered about. The billiard room window was forced, and an oak box, containing money, and some cigars, taken away. It is believed that the thieves were not old and experienced hands, but as yet no arrests have been made.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will resume its meetings at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Thursday next, the 6th instant. The arrangements for the ensuing quarter have been made with a view to provide work, and a social hour, on each occasion of meeting; and visiting brethren will be heartily welcomed both at and after labour. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has consented to continue the Preceptorship, and Bro. J. K. Pitt, P.M., will officiate as Assistant Preceptor. The second Charitable Association in connection with this lodge of instruction has been formed, and members can be enrolled next Thursday, or at any subsequent meeting. A synopsis of the Masonic work for the next three months will be forwarded to any brother on application to the Hon. Sec., Bro. W. J. Ball, "Ctohelstone," 12, Darent-road, Stamford-hill, N.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Watch the Weather.—This is perhaps the best counsel that could be circulated at this season. Will all follow it? Will everyone change his raiment as the temperature varies? The next best advice is to have in readiness a box of Holloway's Pills, and with them to oppose the first intrusion, or stop the advancing symptoms of disease. No cold, catarrh, or cough should be left to itself, either may lay the foundation to danger, if not undermined by suitable means, and none can surpass Holloway's for efficacy. Hay fever, Asthma, Diarrhoea, and a host of other complaints, waylaying the weak and delicate, when the day is hot with cool mornings and evenings, are cured by Holloway's medicine.—Advr.

Bro. Dresser Rogers, C.C., we are glad to hear, is progressing favourably.

Bro. John Lobb, M.L.S.B., has removed to Carlton House, 75, Victoria Park-road.

The number of steamers existing in the world last year was estimated at 9969, of an aggregate burthen of 10,531, 843 tons.

Bro. Robert H. Crowden has been appointed a churchwarden of Holy Trinity, Lennard-road, Penge, in the room of Mr. Watson Osmond, resigned.

Bro. Wilson Barrett has taken the lease of the Globe Theatre from Lord Kilmorey for seven years, and will enter into possession at Christmas.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction will resume regular work on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30 p.m.

Bro. Lord Robert Cecil has left town in order to join the family party now staying with the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at the Chalet Cecil, near Dieppe.

The public are cautioned against approaching too near to the red deer in Windsor Great Park during the present month, as the animals are dangerous at this season.

Some burglars attempted an entry at the residence of Bro. John Lobb, M.L.S.B., in South Hackney this week, but failing so to do they removed two rugs and other articles which had been left out by the servants.

Water-colour drawings representing the progress in shipbuilding during her Majesty's reign are now on exhibition at the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company's offices, Leadenhall-street.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., sold the Plymouth Promenade Pier, by auction, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., the property being knocked down, after some spirited bidding, to Mr. W. H. Kay, of Plymouth, for £12,000.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., arrived at Mulgrave Castle on the 23rd ult., on a visit to Lord and Lady Hillington; and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn have returned to Lady Anne's House, near Stamford.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Ballater on Monday afternoon. A guard of honour was at the station and received his Royal Highness with the customary salute, and the Prince at once drove off to Balmoral on a visit to her Majesty.

A handsome memorial has recently been placed in Brompton Cemetery over the tomb of the late Bro. J. P. Knight, who was at the time of his death, and had been for many years, Manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.

Bro. Vice-Admiral Sir W. Hewett, V.C., K.C.B., commanding the Channel Squadron, has telegraphed to the Admiralty stating that the announcement in the press that a gun had burst on board H.M.S. Curlew and injured four men has no truth in it whatever.

Lady Ellis, wife of Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., visited Dungeness, on Saturday last, for the purpose of christening the new lifeboat "R.A.O.B.," which has been presented by the Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and was launched on that day.

Bro. M. de Hérédia, Minister of Public Works in France, has been on a visit to this country during the present week, his object being to see London, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Edinburgh, and inspect the Docks on the Thames and the Underground Railway.

Pheasant shooting begins to-morrow (Saturday), and, from all accounts, the prospects in West Norfolk and elsewhere are very promising, while in Yorkshire they are said to be exceptionally good, the birds on Bro. the Earl of Londesborough's and other estates being in fine condition. Ground game is also plentiful.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., attended and addressed a large political meeting at Whitby, on the 23rd ult., among the principal personages on the platform being Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., G. W. Elliot, M.P., Christopher Sykes, M.P., and Sir Geo. Wombwell, Bart.

The remains of the Maharanee, wife of Bro. Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, were interred in Elvedon Churchyard, near Thetford, on Friday, the 23rd ult. Bro. Lord Henniker was present as the representative of her Majesty, who, with the Princess of Wales and others, sent magnificent wreaths "in memoriam."

The Prince of Wales arrived at Queensborough from Flushing on Friday, the 23rd ult., and left at once for London. On Saturday last his Royal Highness visited Aldershot for the purpose of presenting new colours to the First Norfolk Regiment.

Bro. Geo. R. Langley, W.M. Lodge of Unity, No. 183, will work the ceremony of installation in its entirety at the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949 (of which he is Secretary), on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when it anticipated there will be a goodly assemblage of the brethren, and a Board of Installed Masters will be formed. The Brixton Lodge of Instruction meets at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne-hill, S.E., every Tuesday evening, at 8 p.m. precisely.

The first of the America Cup Races between the Scotch yacht, Thistle, and the American sloop, Volunteer, was sailed on Tuesday, and ended in favour of the latter, which succeeded in obtaining a long lead in the earlier part of the contest, by some 18 minutes. Both vessels were well handled, and the enthusiasm of the Americans over the success of their champion was very great. The course was about 38 miles.

We are pleased to announce that the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence its next session on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, and will continue to meet every Tuesday, at 6.30, until the end of May next. The respected Preceptor, Bro. F. Brown, requests us to call the attention of the companions to the fact that no notices are sent to individual members, and he respectfully requests that they will circulate the notice among their friends.

Bro. Polydore De Keyser has been elected Lord Mayor of London for the ensuing year.

Bro. Earl Granville presided at a meeting, held on Saturday last, of the Governors of the Royal Holloway College.

The Barrow Shipbuilding Yard will shortly be taken over by an influential company, with the Marquis of Hartington at its head.

Chatham will miss Bro. Sir John Gorst for some time to come, as he has just gone to Switzerland for the benefit of his health, and contemplates a voyage round the world.

The Temperance Lodge of Instruction will resume its weekly meetings—after the summer recess—at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-st., Deptford, on Friday, the 7th inst., at 8 p.m.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, will open the new Conservative Club at Dover on Wednesday, the 12th instant.

It is announced that Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., will address a political meeting at Nottingham on the 24th inst., when his lordship will be accompanied by several members of his party.

The proprietor of the Station Hotel, Margate, has hit upon a new idea for inducing visitors to patronize his hotel during the winter. From October to Easter no charge will be made for bed-rooms, and there will be a fixed tariff for all meals, with no extras or fees.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided a short time since at a meeting held in Calcutta for the purpose of considering a proposal for perpetuating the memory of Sir Charles Gregory. The Duke paid a handsome tribute to the services of Sir Charles, and a Committee was at once formed to carry out the desired object.

There are 36 chapters, with an aggregate membership of 4297 companions, under the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, of which Comp. Reuben H. Tucker is present G.H.P., and Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, G. Secretary.

The Inman steamer Atlas arrived at Queens-town from New York on Friday, the 23rd ult., and proceeded to Liverpool. She has on board the six weavers belonging to Coventry who were sent back by the American Government in virtue of the Labour Contract Law.

Bro. Col. and Sheriff Sir A. Kirby is to be congratulated on his corps (Lower Hamlet Engineers), as at the recent camp at Upnor they were successful in the tug of war with no less than six out of the eight pulls. Amongst the men who pulled against them were sturdy Scotchmen hailing from Lanarkshire and Aberdeenshire.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kansas has on its roll 67 chapters, with 3155 members, while financially it is making rapid progress, its receipts during the past year having been 2557 dollars, the total of its General Fund, 6940 dollars, and its expenditure only 1337 dollars. Comp. W. D. Thompson is G.H.P., and Comp. John H. Brown, G. Secretary.

The new Hahnemann Hospital at Liverpool, which has been erected by Mr. Henry Tate, J.P., sugar-refiner, of Liverpool, and Norwood, Surrey, at a cost of £20,000, was opened on the 23rd ult. by Sir James Poole, Mayor of Liverpool. The Hospital is a handsome building, and will contain 50 beds. Nearly £5000 has been subscribed to an endowment fund.

Bro. Lord Leigh, Lord Lieutenant and P.G.M. of Warwickshire, presided at a special meeting, held at Warwick on Saturday last, when it was decided that, owing to the losses sustained by the Warwickshire Agricultural Society through a recent bank failure, an appeal should be made to the principal residents in the county in order to prevent the Society from being extinguished. Nearly £150 was subscribed towards making good the deficiency of £600, before the meeting separated.

Specimen pictures (five sizes) of the Royal Masonic picture commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., &c., &c., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of England, at the Dome, Brighton, June 22nd, 1886, are now on view at George Kenning's Masonic Show Rooms, Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, London.

It seems that there are some dozen Grand Commanderies of Coloured Knights Templar in the United States, with an aggregate membership estimated at about 2500. The largest is that of Ohio, which has 17 subordinate commanderies, with a membership of 387, the jurisdiction extending over the states of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana. The other Grand Commanderies are in California, District of Columbia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and Virginia.

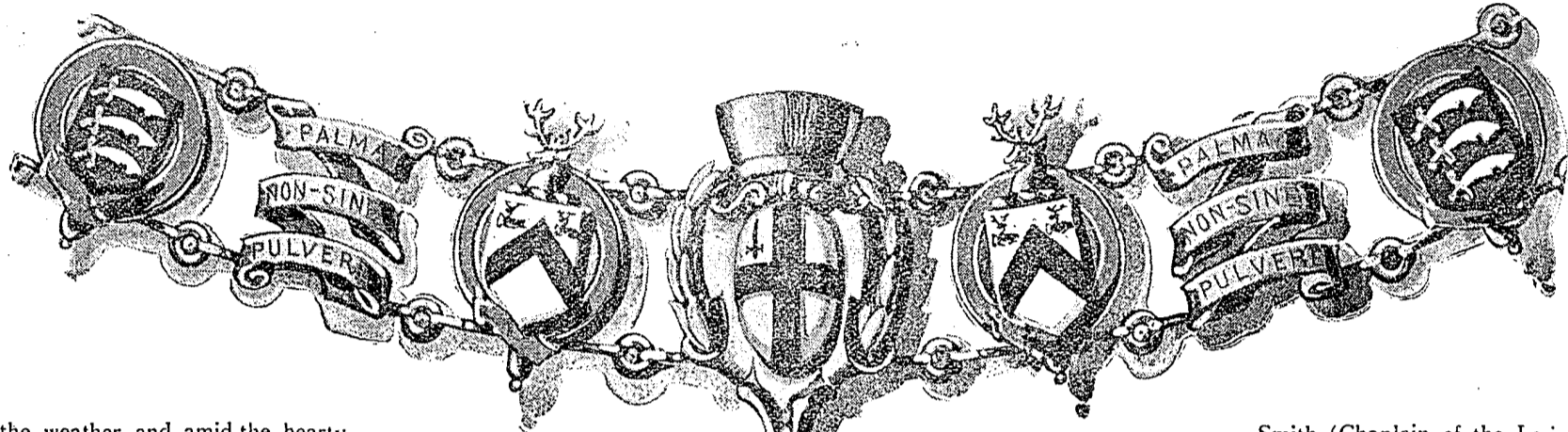
The Princess of Wales has become the Patroness of the Ladies Department of King's College. This department was set on foot about eight years ago at the instance of the Bishop of Sydney, the then principal of the college. An Act of Parliament was passed in 1882 to authorise this extension of the work of the college to women, and the department has since been fully incorporated with the college and established in freehold premises at 13, Kensington-square. Lectures and classes are now attended by about 400 ladies.

Among the other innovations which have recommended themselves to M. Bees, the designer of the new Flemish theatre at Brussels, is the rather startling one of the abolition of the footlights. He maintains that the present system of lighting the stage is altogether a mistake from the acoustical point of view; the thick stratum of heated air through which the voice of the actor has to pass before it reaches the audience necessarily tending to diminish its sonority. He has substituted for the familiar row of lights in front of the stage a triple range of gas-jets immediately behind the orchestra. They too will, of course, create a retraction of the atmosphere in their immediate vicinity; but its effects will be much less sensible than those of a single row of lights in the more limited cadre of the stage. The new system of stage-lighting was tested last week in the presence of a number of competent judges, and they pronounce it a decided improvement on that now in use.

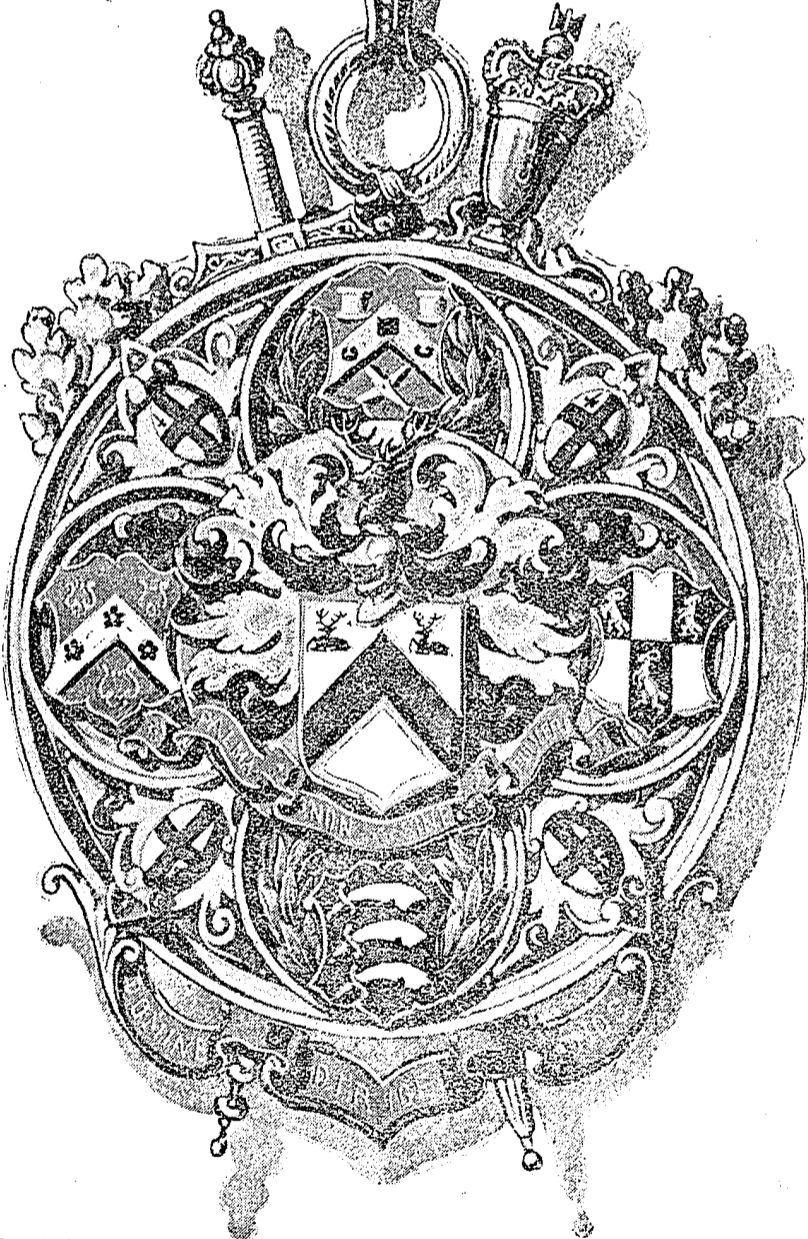
INAUGURATION OF BROS. W. A. HIGGS & MAJOR DAVIES AS SHERIFFS OF LONDON & MIDDLESEX.

The installation in office of the new sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Bros. W. A. Higgs and Major H. D. Davies, took place on Wednesday, with the accustomed ceremonial and more than the accustomed splendour. It has generally happened that the procession has been confined within the precincts of the city, and that the breakfast which follows has been held at some well-known city hostelry. But on this occasion, and with a view, no doubt, as has been suggested in other quarters to give a more Metropolitan character to the event, the procession started from a point without the sacred limits of the city proper, and returned to its usual festivity at an extra civic hotel. As a matter of course, this change gave additional éclat to the proceedings, the pageant was on a more ambitious scale than in previous years, there were greater crowds of spectators along the line of route, and on this account the reception accorded to the new Sheriffs was of a more imposing character. The arrangements provided for a general gathering at the Hotel Métropole, Whitehall, at half-past eleven, of all who were to take part in the ceremony and at noon the start was made under favourable conditions as regards

and among the company were Bros. Lieut.-Col. and ex-Sheriff Sir A. Kirby, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Alderman De Keyser, Alderman Whitehead, Alderman Evans, G. Burt (Master of the Shipwrights' Company), H. H. Crawford, City Solicitor (Master of the Glovers' Company), Capt. Fenner, F. Green (Chairman of the Finance and Improvement Committee), T. Pendered, J. Judd, G. Shaw (Chairman of the Bridge House Estates Committee), G. Manners, George Kenning (P.M. Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company); J. H. Anderson, A. Brookman, H. W. Johnson, Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, Major A. B. Cook (Warden of the Shipwrights' Company), J. A. Maliett, H. F. Stewart (Warden of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company), J. Salmon, G. Davenport, S. C. Hadley, W. H. Pannell, A. M. Broadley, J. Knaptun Abel (Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company), Under-Sheriff Rose-Innes, Under-Sheriff Beard, Major George Lambert (Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company), E. J. Altman, C. E. Soppet, Deputy Walford, A. J. Altman (Warden of the Glovers' Company), T. G. Beard, M. Webb, Deputy Saunders, Footit, W. S. Chapman, H. H. Lavington, W. J. Beard, Sir John Bennett (ex Sheriff), Rev. J. H.



the weather, and amid the hearty cheers of the crowd which had gathered together. First came a detachment of the 3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers, headed by their band, followed by the drums and fifes of the 1st London Artillery Volunteers, and the banners of the leading members of Shipwrights, including those of Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Lieutenant-Col. Sir Alfred Kirby, ex-Sheriff, Lord John Manners, and Bro. Major Davies, Sheriff elect. Next came the Loriners, with the band of the 11th Middlesex (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Rifle Volunteers. Among the large number of banners carried were the heraldic arms of Bros. Under-Sheriff Thos. Beard, Sir John Bennett, Sir H. E. Knight, Sir Henry Isaacs, Sir R. N. Fowler, M.P., and Alpheus Higgs, Sheriff elect. They were followed by the Master and Wardens of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, whose music was supplied by the drums and fifes of the Postal Telegraph. The next place was taken by the Spectacle-makers, who had with them the band of the Tower Hamlets Engineer Volunteers, and among whose banners were numbered those of Bro. Alderman De Keyser, Sir Wm. M'Arthur, Sir A. Lusk, Sir T. Dakin, and Bro. T. Clarke, ex-Sheriff. After the band of the First London Artillery Volunteers came a carriage containing Sir William James Farrer, High-Bailiff of Westminster, accompanied by the High-Constable, carrying his staff of office, followed again by the state carriage of Bro. Thomas Beard, Under-Sheriff designate, and the state carriage of Bro. George Rose-Innes, jun., Under-Sheriff designate, the latter accompanied by Bro. Deputy Under-Sheriff Burchell, and his mace. Next appeared the Sheriff's trumpeters in resplendent robes, their fanfare heralding the state carriages of the Sheriffs elect (Bro. Higgs and Bro. Major Davies), who were attended by their Chaplains. Altogether the procession was one of the most variegated that has been seen on any occasion of the kind for some years. The route taken was along the Embankment, Queen Victoria-street, and Queen-street to the Guildhall, where the new Sheriffs were met by Bro. the Lord Mayor (Sir R. Hanson) and the retiring Sheriff (Bro. Sir A. Kirby), who drove in state from the Mansion House. In the Great Hall the usual ceremonies customary on the day were duly observed. When the proclamations according to ancient form had been made, the Town Clerk administered to Bro. Major Davies and Bro. Higgs the oath whereby they undertook to well and truly perform the duties of Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. They then arrayed themselves in their official robes, and the chains of gold were put about their necks, and thus attired were declared to be duly invested with the Shrievalty for the next year. The procession was shortly afterwards reformed, and went back to the Hotel Métropole, where the "breakfast" was served at half-past two in the afternoon. The Sheriffs presided



Smith (Chaplain of the Loriners' and Spectacle Makers' Company), H. Winbybank, Capt. Youle, T. Loveridge, T. G. Vickery, J. Renals, W. J. Twigg, H. W. H. Rance, T. Tickle, H. Squire, Sir F. Perkins, Montagu Williams, C. J. Shoppee, and others. After the loyal and patriotic toasts, Bro. Sir William Charley replying for "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," and Sir Charles Lewis for "The Houses of Parliament," Bro. Sheriff Higgs gave "The Right Honorable the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London," congratulating the City on the fact that it had such a universally respected chief magistrate. Sir Robert Carden remarked that the enthusiasm with which they had been received in Westminster showed that the Corporation must be as popular in the West-end as it is within Temple Bar. Mr. Alderman Cotton proposed "The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex." Bro. Sheriff Davies, in reply, said he and his colleague entered upon their duties animated by one desire, namely, to discharge the work entrusted to them so as to satisfy those who had been responsible for placing them in the position. Bro. Sheriff Higgs thanked the electors for having done him the honour to elect him to the office, and promised that no zeal would be lacking on his side to do his part faithfully and well. Among the other toasts were, "The City of Westminster and County of Middlesex," to which Sir William Farrer, High Bailiff of Westminster, replied, "The City Companies," &c. Both the new Sheriffs are Masons of some standing, Bro. Higgs having been initiated in the City of London Lodge, No. 901, about the year

1861, and having filled the office of W.M. in 1866.

The 18 carat badge and chain for Bro. Sheriff Higgs, designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London, is a most artistic piece of workmanship. The chain consists of alternate links, taking the form of scrolls, with the enamelled mottoes—"Domine dirige nos" and "Palma non sine pulvere." Between each scroll, is a blue enamelled garter with shield, bearing the arms of Middlesex, Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers', Loriners', and Glovers' Companies, for Sheriff Higgs, with the arms of the City for centre of the chain; they are finely chased and enamelled. The badge is of a circular form, in the centre of which the arms of Bro. Higgs, richly chased and enamelled, on a fine engine-turned plate, produces a very pleasing effect. Under the arms is the motto in blue enamel; above the same are the enamelled arms of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, and under the arms of Middlesex, right and left of centre, are the arms of the Loriners' Company and Glovers', between each of the surrounding shields, on oval plates enamelled, with the arms of the City, and at the base of the badge is the City motto in blue enamel. The badge itself is supported by the Civic sword and mace.