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The Crown Prince of Germany. THE news that the CROWN PRINCE of GERMANY has had a relapse, and that the growth which SIR MORELL MACKENZIE removed some months ago has made its appearance again lower down the throat, has been received everywhere throughout England and Germany with a deep feeling of regret. His Imperial Highness has borne himself so admirably through life in the exalted sphere in which he moves as to have secured the affection of many, and the respect of all. In his domestic circle, in politics, and as a soldier, he has exhibited the best qualities of the man, and of the prince, or leader of men, and the sympathy of all classes of society will be with him, his wife and children, and his sovereign and father, the illustrious and aged Emperor WILLIAM of Germany, in the present grave condition of his health. And this feeling will be especially fervent among the members of the Society of Freemasons, into which his Imperial Highness was introduced by his father, then Prince of Prussia, just 34 years since—on the 5th November, 1853, and over which, in his capacity of Deputy Protector of the three Grand Lodges in Prussia, he has long exercised a most beneficial influence. May the G.A.O.T.U. look down with favour upon the efforts of his medical advisers, and enable them to overmaster speedily and completely the serious malady from which his Imperial Highness is suffering.

The New Lord Mayor of London. WE congratulate Bro. Alderman DE KEYSER on his accession to the ancient and honourable office of Lord Mayor of London. It must needs be that those who attain to the highest position in such a city as ours—the wealthiest and most densely-populated, as well one of the most ancient, among the capitals of the civilised world—are men of exceptional ability, and have proved themselves as such through a long course of years devoted wholly and solely to business. Fortune smiles upon such men because they start in life with a determination to deserve her favours. They seldom waver in this resolution, and they still more seldom fail of ultimate success; indeed, failure in the case of men so constituted is almost an impossibility. Thus the Lord Mayoralty of London is not an empty honour, which any one may aspire to, neither is it a well-paid sinecure, the duties of which any one may discharge with credit. Only the cream among our citizens can hope to win it, and, when won, its duties and responsibilities are most arduous and exacting. However, with such a record as Bro. Lord Mayor DE KEYSER can point to already, we doubt not he will prove worthy of the position to which his fellow citizens have raised him, and that when he lays down his office he will stand as high in the world's esteem and respect as the best and most successful of his predecessors.

Masonic Jubilee Celebration at Shanghai. WE gather from the printed proceedings of the meeting of the brethren held in Shanghai under the auspices of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China on the 21st June last, in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, that there was a strong muster, not only of the D.G. Officers and members of the three English Lodges—Nos. 501, 570, and 1027—at Shanghai, but also of those of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428 (Scottish Constitution), and of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, holding under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Bro. J. I. MILLER, D.G.M. Northern China, presided, and among those who supported him were Bro. CORNELIUS THORNE, Past District G.M., and Bro. C. H. DALLAS, Past District G.M. of Japan. The proceedings in D.G. Lodge were merely formal, and the visiting lodges having been received in the accustomed manner, a procession was formed, and the brethren marched under their respective banners to the Cathedral, where divine service was held in honour of the event. There is no doubt as to the strong feeling of loyalty to our gracious SOVEREIGN which prevails among our lodges wherever they may be distributed throughout the British Empire, but it is not the less incumbent on us to congratulate the D.G. Lodge of Northern China, the Shanghai Lodges, and their visitors of the Scottish and Massachusetts Constitutions, on the success of their celebration of her MAJESTY'S Jubilee.

It does not often happen that we are able to obtain glimpses into the proceedings of the Craft in remote or unfrequented jurisdictions. Thanks, however, to a communication published in the current number of *La Chaine d'Union*, we are in a position to lay before our readers some brief particulars which shows that Freemasonry in the Republic of Hayti must be in a tolerably flourishing condition, and that, as its rulers are animated apparently by a sincere love for, and appreciation of, the principles of our Society, there is every reason to hope that it will continue in this state for many, many years. We gather from this report in our worthy contemporary that, for reasons which seemed good to our Haytian brethren, Bro. F. DUPLESSIS, recently Grand Master of this Grand Orient, not long since received his dismissal from office, and that, with the full approval of Bro. SALOMON, President of Hayti and Grand Protector of the Craft in that Republic, Bro. F. A. BOIS had been chosen his successor. On the 5th October a grand meeting of the brethren was held at Port-au-Prince, when Bro. BOIS was solemnly installed as Grand Master by acting Grand Master AUBREY. The ceremony appears to have been well carried out. The address of the Installing Grand Master had about it the true Masonic ring, and Bro. BOIS, after being placed upon the throne, delivered a speech, which was characterised throughout by great good taste and delicacy of feeling, and on which we take leave to offer him our hearty congratulations. Bro. BOIS spoke modestly, yet firmly, of his desire and intention to see that the principles of Freemasonry were strictly observed, and its affairs duly and systematically administered, and he expressed his belief that in his endeavours to promote the well-being of the Order, he should receive the loyal support of the lodges and brethren under his authority. From such a beginning we are justified in auguring well for the future of the Craft in this Republic.

The Canadian Craftsman. It is to be regretted that our excellent contemporary, the *Canadian Craftsman*, whose monthly issues invariably contain much interesting and valuable reading, does not always see its way to representing our arguments accurately. Our reference to the existence of an English lodge in the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was not made for the purpose of bolstering up our theory of the beauties of perpetual concurrent jurisdiction in the Colonies of the British Empire but to support our argument that, assuming the conditions to be about the same in all cases, what is done in Nova Scotia and what was done in Canada before 1869 ought not to be impossible in the Province of Quebec. The existence of the friendliest relations between the Nova Scotian lodges and the English lodge, No. 398, in Nova Scotia is an indisputable fact, nor is it possible to deny that the same relations existed between the Canadian lodges and the English lodges in Canada before 1869, when Quebec separated Masonically from Canada, and exist still. Hence we asked, naturally enough, why what is possible in these cases should be impossible in the third case of Quebec? and the only answer that is ever likely to be forthcoming we are left to supply for ourselves, namely, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec will not sanction it. But in what we have said there is no attempt on our part to support a "tottering constitution." But says the *Canadian Craftsman*, "we have never heard of any objections being raised anywhere in the Empire on account of the existence of a transient military lodge," and consequently, "the Halifax Military Lodge" is not a case in point. To this we reply that "the transiency" of a lodge which has been stationary for many years—if not during the whole of its existence—is not very apparent, and that the Royal Standard, No. 398, which is the style and title of the English lodge at Halifax, is not a Military lodge, there being only six such lodges on the roll of our Grand Lodge and, No. 398 not being one of them. We advise our contemporary, should it again revert to this subject, to summon a little accuracy to its arguments.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual session of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., in the Town Hall, Eccles, near Manchester. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.P.G.M., presided over a company numbering about 600, a special train having conveyed by far the greater portion of that number from Liverpool. The proceedings were inaugurated under the banner of the Bridgewater Lodge, No. 1213, and most of the brethren having assembled in the large hall by one o'clock the Prov. Grand Officers were received as follows:—

Bros. Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.P.G.M.; M. W. Pearce, P.J.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; S. Wallhead, P.J.G.D.; T. Nevitt, P.G.S. of W.; J. B. Andrew, P.G.D.C.; J. Lawrence, P.G.S.B.; A. D. Hesketh, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Greaves, P.G.O.; A. Hall, P.A.G. Sec.; H. Callwood, P.A.G.S.; C. P. Roberts, P.G.S.; Rev. W. H. Marsden, P.G.C.; J. Mossop, P.G.P.; J. C. Mather, P.G.S.; M. Hart, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Beesley, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Firth, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Longbottom, P.P.A.G.P.; P. B. Gee, P.P.G.S.B.; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; D. W. Finney, P.P. G.D.C.; R. Davies, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Milligan, P.P.S.G.D.; M. Newsome, P.P.S.

G.D. W. Yorkshire; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.P.; H. L. Rocca, P.P.J.G.D. E. Lancashire; J. Andrew, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G.C. E. Lancashire; John W. av. P.G. Std. Br.; J. F. Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. J. F. Bailly, P.P.S.G.D.; J. T. allow, P.P.G.P.; W. Laughlin, P.I.G.W.; S. G. Sinclair, M.P., P.S.G.W.; J. S. Beaufort, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Hulton, P.S.G.W. East Lancashire; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; H. H. Smith, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Edward Pierpoint, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Whiteside, P.P.S.G.D.; Robt. Wylie, P.G.D. of England; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. of England; J. C. Gillman, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Tutton, P.P.G.D.C.; Edmund Johnston, P.P.A.G.D.C. Cheshire; R. W. Worrall, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; W. C. Erwin, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. W. Mycock, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. V. Earle, P.P.G.P.; Jas. Platt, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Buxton, P.P.G. Reg.; J. C. Hunter, P.P.G.P. Cheshire and Wales; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; H. Bagot, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Schofield, P.P.G.D.; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.D.; B. Taylor, P.P.G.T. East Lancashire; Rev. T. S. Spencer, P.P.G.C.; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; John Orr, P.P.G.D.; John Settle, P.P.G.D.C. Derry; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; John Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap.; Geo. Broadbent, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. Martin, P.P.G.T.; and others.

After his lordship had taken the chair the usual Prov. Grand honours were accorded to him, as well as to the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. T. Salter, P.P.S.G.D., &c.

Upon the roll of lodges being called it was found that 84 lodges were represented out of the 85, the only absentee being the Rowley Lodge, No. 105, Lancaster. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Wigan, were confirmed, on the motion of Bro. R. WYLIE, P.S.G.W. and P.G.D. of England.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treas., which were submitted by Bro. R. FOOTE, P.P.G.T., in the absence through illness of Bro. R. A. Davies, Prov. G. T., stated that there was a total balance in hand of £1012 15s. 8d. The disbursements to the Charitable Institutions included £105 to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; £105 to the Fund of Benevolence; £210 to the Hamer Benevolent Fund; £210 to the Alpass Benevolent Institution; £210 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and £305 by Charity Committee to widows and members of lodges of the province. The fees paid in amounted to £630 11s.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Bro. R. MARTIN, P.P.G.T., seconded by Bro. R. FOOTE, P.P.G.T.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY presented his annual report, which stated that Masonry in the province continued to prosper, but, at the same time, there were several points which called for the special attention of Masters and those united with them in the well-ruling and governing of the lodges. He reminded them that mere numbers did not conduce so much to the welfare of Masonry as the character of the candidate. The lodge returns had been made and the dues paid by all the lodges for the past year, but he found there was a large number of members "in arrear" in many lodges, there being no fewer than 114 in this position in connection with one lodge. If the tone of Masonry was to be preserved, too much care could not be exercised. After referring to two articles in the Book of Constitutions bearing upon Masonic points, and to the position of honorary members of the lodges, he said that in some parts of the province lodges did not realise the importance of united action in regard to the voting strength at the Charity elections. When each lodge had the privilege of electing a member of the Charity Committee, which had the disposal of the votes of the province, it seemed only just and reasonable to expect that lodges which elected such members should place their own lodge votes at the disposal of the Committee. There were, however, several lodges which gave their votes for other candidates than those selected by the Charity Committee, and this was scarcely equitable. The Prov. Grand Secretary then spoke of the present satisfactory position of the lodges consecrated in 1886, and stated that during the present year warrants had been granted for three new lodges, viz., Anfield, 2215, Liverpool; Egerton, 2215, Swinton; and the Lathom, 2229, Liverpool; the P.G.M. having consented to become the first W.M. of the last named, which was intended only to consist of Present and Past Grand Officers. In connection with the Jubilee contributions to the Masonic Charities, he begged to report that returns had been received so far from 20 lodges, which had contributed upwards of £1027, an average of more than £50 per lodge. If the remaining 65 lodges, which had not yet made their returns came up to the same average, over £4000 would be the result. This, with the grants paid from Prov. Grand Lodge funds, would equal £5000—a very worthy Jubilee offering. It a jewel of the character of the Charity jewel given for services rendered to Royal Masonic Institutions were sanctioned and presented to brethren eminent for their services to local Masonic Institutions, it would, he thought, be highly appreciated, and be productive of great benefit to such Charities. During the year grants had been made by the Committee of Benevolence to 18 petitioners, amounting to £305. The Educational Institution had expended £1663, an increase of £319 over 1886; the Hamer Fund annuities had been increased to £45 for the year; the Alpass annuities were now £110. In conclusion, Bro. Goodacre said the Prov. Grand Lodge had a considerable number of votes in the local Charities, and whereas the London votes had been placed at the disposal of the Charity Committee, no provision had been made for the disposal of the local ones. It would be well if a small Committee were appointed to consider and report on the subject.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER had one word to say with regard to the Centenary of the Girls' School next year in London. He had every reason to believe that H.R.H. the Grand Master of England would consent to preside on that occasion—(applause)—while he himself had been asked to act as Chairman of the Committee. (Applause.) Whatever other provinces might do, he felt perfectly convinced that the Province of West Lancashire would stand very high. (Hear, hear, and loud applause.)

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER subsequently announced that he would confer past rank upon certain brethren in the province as a Jubilee honour. By command of H.R.H. the Grand Master of England and the Grand Lodge, a certain number of P.P.G. Officers were allowed to be created in each province, and he hoped when the list was read out, it would be seen that they had done their best to distribute the honours as equally and as impartially as possible. The P.G.M. then made the following appointments:—

- Bro. D. Jones, 1070 P.P.G.D.
- " J. Williams, 1182 P.P.G.D.
- " E. Johnston, 1756 P.P.G.D.
- " H. Marshall, 1387 P.P.G.D.
- " W. Brassey, 823 P.P.G.D.
- " R. B. Preston, 333 P.P.G.S. of W.
- " R. Brierley, 2155 P.P.G.S. of W.
- " N. H. Hacking, 1213 P.P.G.S. of W.
- " H. M. Molyneux, 155 P.P.G.D.C.
- " Dr. Settle, 1225 P.P.G.D.C.
- " J. Sumner, 113 P.P.G.D.C.

- Bro. C. P. Richards, 1021 P.P.G.D.C.
- " T. K. Hughes, 1013 P.P.G.D.D.C.
- " J. C. Lunt, 1086 P.P.G.D.D.C.
- " T. Whitehead, 1313 P.P.G.D.D.C.
- " W. H. Wakefield, 1588 P.P.G.S.B.
- " T. Fozzard, 1035 P.P.G.S.B.
- " R. Bee, 314 P.P.G. Std. Br.
- " W. Riding, 1256 P.P.G. Std. Br.
- " W. Duff, 1561 P.P.G. Std. Br.
- " G. A. W. Phillips, 667 P.P.G.O.
- " G. L. Campbell, 1335 P.P.G.O.

Bro. T. SALTER, P.P.S.G.D., proposed, and Bro. T. FORRESTER, P.G. Std. Br. of Eng., Mayor of Chorley, seconded, the appointment of Bro. D. M. F. Gaskin, 897, as Prov. G. Treas., in succession to Bro. R. A. Davies. Bro. A. Bainton, 1213, was also nominated by Bro. Andrew, and upon a vote being taken, the first named was elected by an overwhelming majority.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER reappointed Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, explaining that his lordship's absence was caused by his official attendance upon her Majesty at Balmoral.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following officers:—

- Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, 1561 Prov. S.G.W.
- " Col. R. A. Farrington, 1335 Prov. J.G.W.
- " Rev. F. G. M'Nally, M.A., 995 Prov. G. Chap.
- " J. J. Lambert, 1387 Prov. G. Reg.
- " W. Goodacre, 155 (re-appointed) Prov. G. Sec.
- " D. M. F. Gaskin, 897 Prov. G. Treas.
- " Major Ormsby, 950 Prov. S.G.D.
- " C. Bargery, 1756 Prov. S.G.D.
- " E. T. Everett, 1140 Prov. J.G.D.
- " H. James, 203 Prov. J.G.D.
- " W. C. Freeman, 1354 Prov. G.S. of W.
- " W. H. Robinson, 148 Prov. G.D. of C.
- " J. C. Mather, 1345 Prov. D.G.D.C.
- " J. R. Bottomley, 1675 Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " W. Troughton, 343 Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " D. Jackson, 673 } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " R. Bowker, 1021 }
- " R. Burgess, 1609 } Prov. G. Org.
- " D. Cangley, 249 } Prov. A.G. Sec.
- " E. L. Littler, 1730 } Prov. G. Purst.
- " J. J. Ramsey, 1299 } Prov. A.G. Purst.
- " Dr. Martin, 1814 }
- " T. F. Hill, 220 }
- " F. H. Clark, 1398 } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " S. H. Hartley, 86 }
- " I. Turner, 594 }
- " J. H. Bradshaw, 1325 }
- " P. Ball } Prov. G. Tyler.
- " W. H. Ball } Prov. A.G. Tyler.

Jubilee Charity jewels were bestowed by the P.G.M. upon Bros. J. J. Lambert, J. D. Murray, and Crosby.

On the proposition of Bro. R. MARTIN, P.P.G.T., seconded by Bro. WYLIE, P.P.S.G.W., a slight alteration was made in By-law 17 of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. R. MARTIN, in accordance with a notice of motion, proposed "That the votes to which the Prov. Grand Lodge are entitled by virtue of its payments to the several local Charitable Institutions—viz., the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and the Alpass Benevolent Institution, be at no time utilised except by special resolution of Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. WYLIE moved as an amendment that all words after "Alpass Benevolent Institution" be omitted, and that the following be inserted instead, "be left in the hands of the Charity Committee of the Province."

The resolution was accepted as amended.

Five Past Masters were elected members of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Fund, and Bros. R. Foote and H. H. Smith were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The annual report relating to the fund showed that the support given to the Charity during the past 12 months had exceeded that of any previous year. The increase was mainly owing to the very generous grants made by Prov. Grand Lodge at the last annual meeting, the income from all sources being £619 1s. 2d., as against £529 0s. 4d. last year. The amount received from subscriptions and donations was £534 13s., compared with £246 15s. last year. The number of contributing lodges this year had been 39, as against 52 last year. There were now seven annuitants on the fund, against five last year. The present capital of the fund amounted to £2930 16s. 1d., as against £2457 12s. 7d. last year, showing an increase of £473 3s. 6d.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

At the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren belonging to the Grand Royal Arch Degree adjourned to the Conservative Club, where the R.W.P. Supt., the Earl of Lathom, presided over the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter, supported by Comps. R. Wylie, as H., and J. S. Beaufort, J., and a good number of companions. The first business was the consideration of the alteration of the by-laws, in order to bring them into conformity with those of the Craft; but on the motion of Comp. R. WYLIE, the matter was referred to a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter to be called for that purpose. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—

- Comp. Lord Stanley of Preston Prov. G.H.
- " Rev. Thomas B. Spencer, M.A. Prov. G.J.
- " W. Goodacre Prov. G.S.E.
- " R. Foote Prov. G.S.N.
- " Spencer Wallhead Prov. G. Reg.
- " H. Marshall Prov. G. Soj.
- " J. A. Orr Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- " J. C. Lunt Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
- " J. Mossop Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " J. W. Burgess Prov. G.S.B.
- " G. L. Campbell Prov. G.D.C.
- " J. W. Beesley Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " W. W. Wilde Prov. G. Org.
- " C. E. Hindley Prov. A.G.S.E.
- " P. Ball Prov. G. Janitor.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

At the annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset, Comp. Col. Adair, Grand Superintendent, presided. There was a good attendance of companions. The following are the officers invested for the year:—

Comp. R. C. Else (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. B. Moutrie ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Col. Long ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. O. Gardner ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Rev. J. Palmer ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" F. W. S. Wicksteed ...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" C. Becket ...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" B. H. Watts... ..	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Dr. Pringle ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. T. Elworthy ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. Hawkins ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Glover ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Rev. J. A. Lloyd ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. J. Salter ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" S. Bigwood ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Jan.

The dinner was held at the Christopher Hotel.

OLD WARRANTS.—V.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

The Lodge of Relief, No. 42, Bury, is almost in an enviable position, having all its Records intact from 1733 to now, even a copy of the Petition for a Warrant, which was granted and signed on 3rd July, 1733. Its History has been well written by Bro. Evans, with a capital Introduction by Bro. James Newton. The Petition was signed by the *Master, Wardens, and three brethren*, apparently of a lodge previously existing, who desired to be "formed into a regular Lodge." The Certificate, transmitted with the Petition to the Grand Master of England, is from the Master and Wardens (evidently of the (present) No. 37, Bolton, who answer for the Petitioners being "regularly made Masons," though they do not say where they received the "Light," and the document bears date 6 June, 1733. The brethren asked that Bro. E. Entwisle might be authorised to constitute them into a regular lodge, and in the warrant annexed, it will be found that their wishes were respected accordingly, the Brother so selected being raised to the dignity of premier Prov. G.M. of Lancashire, in the following year.

My attention was first drawn to motto on the Grand Lodge Seal—"In the beginning was the Word," in Greek—by examining a photo of the Warrant, but since then, as previously indicated, I have traced similar mottoes in connection with the G.L. Arms on other old Warrants. When it was first used, and when dropt, are interesting enquiries, but far from being easy of solution, but the fact of such a motto designating the Grand Lodge of England in the fourth decade of the last century, is curious and remarkable, to say the least.

Bro. Lane, in "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," notes that the engraved Lists give 26 July, 1733, as the date for the ancient lodge at Bury, and supposes the later period refers to the day when it was constituted. This is likely, but unfortunately the History is silent on the point. Will some member of the lodge kindly look at the old Minute Book, and enlighten us thereon? Probably Bro. Newton, who is preparing a History of Freemasonry in Lancashire, will so do. The first number of the lodge was 118, and eight others, in consequence of subsequent numerations, testify to the activity of this aged Masonic Body. The members celebrated the Lodge Centennial on 3 July, 1833, when a procession to Church, by dispensation of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, G.M., and dinner at the Masonic Hall (or room), musicians, ringers, and others doing their part to enliven the proceedings, duly commemorated that important event. No steps appear to have been taken for a Centenary Jewel Warrant until arrangements were being made for the Sesqui-Centennial of the lodge on 3 July, 1883, so that the members were too late to obtain the right to wear a medal of special design. From 1733 to 1883, the large number of 523 initiations took place, and 37 joining members were admitted.

COPY OF WARRANT OF THE "LODGE OF RELIEF," No. 42, BURY.

Strathmore Seal G.Mr.

Whereas a Petition has been presented unto us and signed by several Brethren residing in and about the Town of Bury, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, humbly praying that they may be constituted into a Regular Lodge.

These are therefore to Impower and Authorize our Worshipful and well beloved Brother Mr. Edward Entwisle to convene our Brethren at Bury aforesaid, who have signed the said Petition and that he do in our place and stead constitute them into a regular Lodge in due form, (He the said Mr. Edward Entwisle taking special care that they and every of them have been regularly made Masons) with like priviledges 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, Esqr., 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 entered in the Grand Lodge Books, And upon the due Execution of this our Deputation the said Mr. Edward Entwisle is hereby required to transmit to us or our Deputy a Certificate under his hand, of the time and place of such Constitution In order that the same may be entered in the book of regular Lodges. Given under our hand and Seal of Office at London this third day of July 1733 and of Masonry 5733.

By the Grand Master's Command,
 THO. BATSON D.G.M.
 JA. SMYTHE S.G.W.
 T. WARD J.G.W.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.—III.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

On the day of the Celebration, a special prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, appropriate to the occasion—much longer, I presume, than ordinary, and all embracing in character—after which the opening addresses by Grand Master Shryock, gave the key-note to the proceedings. General Shryock alluded to the unpretentious beginning of the Grand Lodge in 1787, when "a little band of eight lodges, with a smaller combined membership than a single one of the large lodges of the present day,

promised but meagre success. To-day 76 lodges scattered in almost every village in the State, with a membership of 5000, attest the wisdom of the enterprise. We assemble to-day to recount the history of a hundred years among the Craft, to tell of its successes and its failures, its joys and its sorrows, to close with reverence the portals of the past, and enter with bright expectations upon the new era already begun."

Then followed the address of welcome by the Mayor of Baltimore, who is not one of the initiated, but evidently is thoroughly conversant with the beneficent character of our ancient Fellowship. The special Hymnology for the great assembly—composed by Bro. J. R. Brewer, P.M.—one of the hymns being sung by the audience, flowed most pleasantly, and doubtless put the participants in good humour and eager expectation for the oration by M.W. Bro. J. M. Carter, Past G.M. It was not disappointing, as many are, on such occasions, but dealt as it should with the History of the Maryland Craft from its inception to the centennial year, and being based mainly on the labours and publications of the Grand Lodge Historian, Bro. Schultz, the matter was as accurate as it was interesting. As the paper extends to some 15 pages of the Report, I can only present a short digest thereof.

It seems that the earliest official account of the origin of a lodge in Maryland, is of the one warranted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at Annapolis, on the 12th August, 1750. The brethren had assembled prior to this date, however, but for how long is uncertain, and their St. John's Day was celebrated on 25th June previously, when the lodge attended Divine service in the Parish Church, a sermon being preached by the Rector. Nine years later a lodge was instituted at Leonardtown, but by what authority cannot now be determined. Bros. Gould, Lane, and myself have failed to trace it, and though Brother Schultz suggests that it might have been formed by the "Modern" Grand Lodge of England, there is not a scrap of evidence to attest that fancy in our English Records. The Governor of Maryland was a member of it, and served as Master for several years, its membership being of a distinguished character.

The only lodge registered in our books is that of "Joppa, No. 1," in Baltimore County, formed by authority of Lord Blaney, M.W.G.M., August 8th, 1765. The number was 346 on its origin, and though no returns were made after 1781, it was retained on the roll of England until 1813, just as with many other lodges, which had long before become part and parcel of independent Grand Lodges. Bro. Lane, in his "Masonic Records" mentions the Lodge at Joppa, taking another warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1782 as No. 35, to which fact also the orator alluded. This was under the "Ancient" authority, though the lodge was never registered on the roll of that Body. Singular to state, one of the by-laws of No. 346, Joppa, provided that no "Modern" Mason should be admitted without first being "healed," and yet its charter was obtained from the "Modern" Grand Lodge, which says little for the knowledge, Masonically, at least, of its members. Lodges existed, apparently, but not working by authority of any Grand Lodge in other parts of Maryland even earlier than the first named, and had the premier Prov. G.M., Bro. R. Molleson, been a resident of the State, it is likely that several of these old lodges would have joined the new régime, and petitioned for warrants, as did others similarly situated in Massachusetts and elsewhere. The second Masonic ruler was Sir Henry Harford, but he does not seem to have taken any trouble to discharge his important duties, and the home authorities did not betray any anxiety thereat, as his name is to be found in our Grand Lodge Calendars long after the lodges in Maryland had decided to form their own Grand Lodge, these mostly hailing from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. No. 15 of 28 June, 1770, from that source, became No. 3, when independence was the order of the day, this the "Washington" Lodge being still flourishing as the senior on the present roll. The orator is quite correct in declaring that the "Ancients," as at Pennsylvania, of "English Origin," had no legal pretension whatever to their claim of association with the ancient Grand Lodge of "York," the "Ancients" really having their head quarters in London, and were never connected with the York authorities in any way. After a spasmodic beginning in 1783, the Grand Lodge was permanently established on 17th April, 1787, John Coats being elected the Grand Master, and their mother Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was the first to recognise the new Body. On 18th September, 1793, the corner stone of the Capitol at Washington was laid under the auspices of the acting Grand Master of Maryland, assisted by the Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, Virginia, who yielded place to general Washington, President of the United States of America, who presided during the ceremony. In 1794 the "Atholl" Grand Lodge of England agreed to open up a correspondence with Maryland, as with Pennsylvania and New York. Incorporation was sought in 1797, but the petition did not succeed actually until 1822. A "Grand Stewards' Lodge" existed from 1799 to 1872, when it was superseded by a "Board of Managers." A special Grand Lodge was convened the day after the great Washington's decease, as a tribute of respect to his memory. But I must not prolong my notice of the oration, full as it is of interesting facts, so I conclude with best wishes to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

THE "MODERNS" AND ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

The communication from Bro. Herbert Crossley, relative to "Early evidences of the Royal Arch," has interested me exceedingly, and I congratulate him most sincerely on the opportune and important discovery which he has made of Records of the Degree of Royal Arch, of January 1765, in connection with the old Lodge at Halifax, Yorkshire. Brethren who are familiar with my "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," will be acquainted with the evidence accumulated down to 1884 as respects the earliest minutes which refer to Royal Arch Masonry under the "Ancients" (or Seceders) and the "Moderns" (or original Grand Lodge). It is as well, however, as that work is out of print for me to point out exactly how the matter stood prior to Bro. Crossley's "find," announced in the *Freemason* of October 29th, 1887.

The Degree is alluded to in the *Ancient Records* of March 4th, 1752, and it is noted as early as 1744, in Dr. Dassigny's "Serious and Impartial Enquiry" (*Dublin*—reprinted in "Memorials of the Masonic Union," London, 1874, by me), reference being made to its being worked at York as well as at Dublin. The first minute preserved is to be found in the Records of Royal Arch Masonry at York, bearing date 7th February, 1762, the meetings not being described as those of a "Chapter" until 1768. Clearly from the interesting account written by Bro. T. B. Whythead*,

* *Freemason*, November 5th, 1879.

the Degree was originally started under the wing of the lodge held at the "Punch Bowl," York, which was warranted by the "Moderns." As, however, "time rolled on" it was supported by the members of the "Grand Lodge of all England," held in the same city. The point to be noted being that no actual records exist prior to the year 1762, of Royal Arch Lodges or Chapters, and that save at York already noted, there are no other English Minutes extant of an earlier date than 1765. Those for the chapter at London begin 22nd March, 1765, and the first minutes relating to Royal Arch Masonry at Bolton is of the year 1767.

Bro. Crossley has traced an entry in the minute book of the Probity Lodge, Halifax, of January 9th, 1765, to the effect that the proposition which was made to establish "a Royal Arch Lodge," was adopted. For the 30th of the same month and year he has also found the actual minute of a Royal Arch Meeting, at which three brethren were made "Royal Archs." The minutes are continued in part to July 30th, 1766, when they cease, and are not to be met with again until the year 1790, when the chapter was worked for about 50 years.

The evidence is lacking at present respecting the means by which the Halifax brethren obtained a knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry. We know that the first minute of a "Modern" Royal Arch chapter in London is dated 22nd March, 1765, but the previous existence of that chapter is clearly established by reference to the same book of records. This chapter originated the Sup. Grand Chapter of the "Moderns," so its position and prominence lead me to consider that it may have been one of the sources, or the chief source, from which the other "Modern" chapters obtained "light" and information. Unfortunately, we cannot tell how the Degree was started under the regular Grand Lodge, either in London, or at York, Halifax, Bolton, and other places. Of course, it would be easy to be contented with the supposition that the brethren at Halifax got their information from York, but whether so or not that does not clear up the question, for we shall then have to decide as to the source to which the lodge of the "Punch Bowl" in that city was indebted for their knowledge of the Degree. The fact is, we now know of Royal Arch lodges, or chapters, at York, Halifax, London, and Bolton from 1762 to 1767, which, so far, have not been proved to have been working together as due to a common origin, and the mystery is not lessened when we remember, neither the chapter at Halifax nor the one at Bolton became connected with the Grand Chapter before mentioned until many years afterwards. The chapter started by the latter organisation at Bury in 1769 was composed originally of members *exalted at Bolton*, though the Bolton companions did not join that Grand Chapter until 1785! The first regular chapter at York was not warranted until 1778, and the Sincerity Chapter at Halifax—the one alluded to by Bro. Crossley as working from 1790—was not chartered by the same authority until the year noted (1790).

The information now afforded by Bro. Crossley tends to date back Royal Arch Masonry under the "Moderns" to a rather earlier period than has generally been assigned to that Degree under such auspices, and, moreover, is another link in the evidence which goes to prove that the "Moderns" were active supporters and workers of the "Royal Arch" at a period when the "Ancients" have generally been considered to have had the monopoly, or almost the exclusive ownership. It is curious that Yorkshire in two instances—York and Halifax—have earlier Royal Arch records than London or elsewhere, and, what is even more curious, they are—as all the oldest are—of "Modern" origin. The records relating to that Degree under the "Ancients" may not have been kept for some years after Royal Arch Masonry was worked by that body. On this point, as with others relating thereto, I have pleasure in referring my readers to "Masonic Facts and Fictions," by Bro. H. Sadler, as the best Book on the subject.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

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In the matter of health, we have already shown that every possible precaution was taken in order to prevent the admission of children who were radically unsound, and the same care was taken to preserve them in health when once they were admitted. There was an apothecary attached to the Institution, and the honorary medical staff were as strict in the fulfilment of their duty as the other members of the Committee. Yet, in spite of these precautions, the cases are not infrequent of children who were scrofulous or had some ophthalmic affection, and these, besides being most tenderly cared for, were either boarded out or placed at the sea-bathing infirmary at Margate; or they were returned to their parents or friends, an allowance of 3s. 6d. or 5s. per week being paid for their maintenance. There were also occasional outbreaks of measles, and such other diseases as children are liable to; but, generally speaking, the doctors were successful in arresting the spread of the disease, and no long time elapsed ere the Matron's reports as regards the children's health were as satisfactory as usual. Once there was a case of smallpox, and on inquiry it was found that the child had been inoculated in the ordinary way; while in February, 1801, a girl who was presented as a candidate was certified to have been vaccinated, Dr. Jenner's discovery of vaccination as a preventive of smallpox having been recognised by the medical faculty a few years previously. In this instance the Committee showed themselves strictly conservative, and insisted on having their rule as to a candidate being inoculated with smallpox adhered to. On one occasion also, Mr. Boys, a member of the medical staff, expressed it as his opinion that the children were too closely engaged in needlework, and as a result measures were taken that they should be allowed more time for recreation. Great care was observed as regards the sanitary arrangements, the drainage being well looked after, and attention drawn to nuisances in the vicinity that were likely to prove detrimental to health. The diet was regular, sufficient, and of the best quality; while on special occasions the children were treated to

extra fare, as on Christmas Day, the day of the Anniversary Festival, the Anniversary of the Matron's appointment; and in summer time there was supplied a dinner of green peas or beans and bacon, with gooseberry pies. On the 25th October, 1809, "being the day on which His Majesty" George III. entered on "the 50th (or Jubilee) Year of his Reign, and the same being intended to be celebrated as a Day of Public Thanksgiving," it was ordered that the children should attend Divine service, and "that an extra allowance of a dinner, to consist of Roast Pork and Plum Puddings be provided for them, and also a Holiday on the occasion." For purposes of rest and recreation the children seem to have had only the usual weekly half-holidays and whole holidays on state occasions, the Midsummer and Christmas vacations, which are the lot of most school children, being unknown. Indeed, from the time they entered until their term expired the Girls appear to have been kept as far removed as possible from home associations, nor were they allowed to visit or be visited by their friends and relations, except by the special sanction of the authorities, or in accordance with certain stringent regulations, to which reference has already been made, and which from the social standing of those from whom the School was recruited, do not strike us as being unnecessarily harsh or severe. In fact, our Girls' Institution, for considerably more than the first 50 years of its existence, was nothing else than an ordinary Charity School, such as was then, and is still, common enough in England. The children wore a uniform dress of coarse material, with mobb caps and pinbefores, and when going to church or out walking with their friends, they appeared in long cloaks with badges affixed, and plain straw bonnets. They were provided with the plainest of food, and their instruction was confined to reading, writing, and arithmetic—the Secretary being for a time their instructor in the last two subjects—needlework, and domestic duties. They were also taught the catechism of the Church of England, and every now and then we find batches of the elder girls were confirmed, a Grand Chaplain assisting them in their work of preparation, and a bishop of the said Anglican Church administering to them the rite. But this inferiority in the character of the School originally must not be allowed to detract from the merit of Bro. Ruspini in founding it, or of the Governors who administered its affairs. They found a number of Masons destitute, and they did their utmost to alleviate their necessities by maintaining and educating their female children according to the station in life to which they mostly belonged. Their care for these "objects," as they are spoken of repeatedly in the earlier minutes, extended even further. They apprenticed the children on leaving to domestic service or minor trades, watched over and protected their interests while they were apprentices, and when their terms of service had expired they rewarded them, if their conduct had been satisfactory. There is no doubt they greatly benefited the children who were admitted, but they were benefited in accordance with the station in life in which God had placed them. We are doing no more—though what we do is on a more ambitious scale—than the founder and his supporters proposed to themselves to do; and if the tone and character of the School are higher than they were, it is because, as we have pointed out already, in the majority of cases the parents and friends of the Girls who are admitted stand higher in the social scale than did those of the earlier pupils.

As may well be imagined, in so protracted a period as 18 years, many changes occurred of which it is necessary we should take notice. In the first place, the number of children, which was originally 15, and which, when the occupancy of the house in Somers Place East came to an end, had about doubled itself, was slowly augmented by small accretions of two or three at a time, until by the middle of the year 1802 it reached 60, and in August 1808 was further raised to 62, at which it remained for a long period. Among the changes caused by death, resignation, or dismissal in the staff of officials it has already been stated that Bro. Adam Gordon was appointed acting Treasurer in July, 1795, during the absence on duty at Portsmouth of Sir Peter Parker, Bart., D.G.M. and Treasurer, and the two were elected joint Treasurers annually until 1800, when owing to ill-health Bro. Gordon resigned, and was succeeded by Bro. W. Forssteen. For the brief remainder of his life Bro. Gordon held the office of Trustee, and at his death he bequeathed a legacy of £100 in order to constitute his son, William Gordon, a Life Governor. Sir Peter Parker, too, on becoming Trustee in 1804, resigned the Treasurership, and Bro. Forssteen had the office to himself, retaining it till 1816, when he in turn resigned on the score of ill-health. In 1804 Bro. C. Cuppage, who had creditably fulfilled the duties of Secretary for close on 15 years, died, and was succeeded by Bro. W. Dignam, who did not, however, continue in office long, as in January, 1806, he sent in his resignation, and the following month was succeeded by a former rival, Bro. James Cole. Six years later Bro. Cole retired, and Bro. J. W. Hucklebridge became Secretary, the duties of writing-master, which had heretofore been discharged by the Secretary, being entrusted to a separate officer in the person of Mr. Shorman. Fortunately, these numerous changes in so important a post do not seem to have greatly impaired the efficiency of the business arrangements. The Committees were regular in their attendance and scrupulous in the discharge of their duties. The Treasurer, too, was almost always at hand to give advice, and many of the most prominent Masons of the day took a delight in rendering such services as were in their power, while the Countess of Loudoun and Moira, who had succeeded the Duchess of Cumberland as Patroness, and her noble husband, the Earl of Moira, A.G.M., materially assisted by their example and the direct personal interest they took in the children in promoting the success of the Institution.

(To be continued.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. William Roebuck, Trustee, in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. Roebuck, J. L. Matler, Thos. Griffiths, Rev. Richard Morris (Head Master), F. Adlard, H. Massey, A. E. Gladwell, J. S. Cumberland, Edgar Bowyer, Charles F. Hogard, Stephen Richardson, W. Maple, H. Webb, G. P. Gillard, Thos. Cubitt, T. Hastings Miller, Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, H. Venn, James Moon, W. A. Scurrah, Glass, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. BINCKES informed the Committee that, resulting from the conclusion come to at that meeting that the thanks of the Institution should be sent to the Prince of Wales for the cheque for £2160 as this Institution's share of the receipts for admission to the Royal Albert Hall on the occasion of the Jubilee meeting, he had consulted the Grand Secretary as to the mode in which the acknowledgment should be conveyed, and, acting on the Grand Secretary's advice, the acknowledgment had been made.

The House Committee's and the Audit Committee's reports were read. By the former, as well as by the Secretary's statement, it appeared that there had been 47 cases in the infirmary suffering from the epidemic of fever. Some of the cases had been very critical, but by the great care and attention of the medical and nursing staff all the patients were convalescent.

Bro. BINCKES stated, in answer to a question, that the £2000 voted by Grand Lodge had not yet been received by the Institution on account of some formalities which were necessary. The powers of the Bank of England expired after five years, and when the authorisation was sent in to pay £2000 to each Institution the powers had expired. It was essential then to send out papers to Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon in Australia, and they were sent. They might be back before the end of the year, in which case the money would be received. He had seen the Grand Secretary on the subject, and he said they hoped to pay £1000 out of the £2000 before the end of the year. There was a balance in hand.

Four petitions were then examined, and the children placed on the list for the April election.

Three grants of £5 each and one grant of £10 were made to former pupils of the Institution for outfit.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD having asked Bro. Binckes what was the financial position of the Institution at the present time,

Bro. BINCKES said he had intended to inform the Committee of this when he made his statement about the £2000 voted by Grand Lodge. Although the Institution fortunately had sufficient money in hand to meet present demands on them, he questioned very much whether they would have quite enough for the year, failing the receipt of the £2000 from Grand Lodge. They would commence the year 1888 not only very badly, but with bad prospects for the remainder of that year. It was, of course, within the knowledge of the brethren that the Girls' School centenary was to be celebrated next year, and that would absorb a large amount of support which in other circumstances would have been accorded to the Boys' Institution. An instance had occurred that day which bore out the soundness of the gloomy forebodings. A brother gave him his name four months ago as Steward for the Boys' Festival of 1888; but he sent him a letter that day stating that, in consequence of the Master of his lodge going to be a Steward for the Centenary Festival of the Girls' Institution, he was obliged to withdraw his own name from the list of Stewards for the Boys'. He was afraid they would have other withdrawals for the same reason; but unquestionably the Boys' School would not have the support it would have under ordinary circumstances. How to meet the emergency he did not know. He was doing all he possibly could. The Institution had the support of the Province of Devon, and he had great pleasure in saying they were to have the support of Jersey. They might hope that, while providing what might be necessary to celebrate properly such an important event as the centenary of the Girls' School, the Craft would take care that the other Institutions should not suffer. He would hope that their friends would bear in mind that, while the managers of that Institution did not wish in any shape or way to interfere with the exceptional case of the Centenary of the Girls' School, the wants of the Boys' School would be borne in mind to some extent in order that the School might be kept in its present state of efficiency.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

This Society—which consists, as the name implies, of ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—commenced its second season at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 4th inst. The proceedings took the form of a social evening, and the entertainment provided fully justified the title, and caused a very large attendance of members and friends, over 100 being present.

Mr. C. Heward Uwins, occupied the chair, fulfilling the duties with geniality and tact. Mr. E. A. Morris opened the evening with a capital pianoforte solo, and accompanied the various pieces with ability. Mr. Oscar Parisot sang "Our crew" in an admirable manner, as did Mr. Wm. M. Collins the "Bedouin love song." Mr. Ernest Graham received a well merited encore for his splendid rendering of "Come into the garden, Maud," and Mr. W. Parker gave "The late watch." The instrumental music was supplied by Mr. Herzfeldt, who was very successful in a violin solo, as was Mr. J. Hutton with a good banjo solo. Mr. J. P. Dickson gave, with excellent point and humour, his original travestie, "Cinderella," which was heartily appreciated by all present. The buffo element was well represented by Messrs. L. H. Palmer and V. Wightwick, the former receiving two encores during the evening for his grotesque and really funny character songs. Mr. Richard Haynes recited "Clarence's dream" with good effect, and Mr. Alex. R. Macbeth surprised all present by an exhibition of sleight of hand tricks in his entertainment entitled "Gems of Mystery."

The company separated soon after eleven o'clock, after having spent a very enjoyable evening that reflected the highest credit on the executive.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., in the chair. The following brethren were also present: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Puist.; James Brett, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, H. Cotter, J. J. Berry, E. Wall, W. J. Daniell, C. Lacey, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; C. J. Perceval, C. H. Driver, A. H. Tatter-hall, W. Belchamber, C. Kempton, I. Newton, W. H. Perryman, A. Fish, J. E. Dawson, D.P. G.M. Hertford; W. H. Murlis, and J. Terry, Sec.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the deaths of two male and two female annuitants were reported; after which the Warden's report was submitted. In this was contained the information that Alderman Layton, Mayor of Croydon, gave a most agreeable entertainment to the old people at the Institution, on Monday, 25th ult.

The report of the Committee for considering an alteration of the Quarterly Courts of the Institutions. This recommended that the Boys' Courts should be on the last Friday in January, April, July, and October, and the Girls' on the Saturday following. It also recommended that the annual meeting of the Benevolent Institution should take place on the Monday following the last Friday in April each year.

After a short discussion, in which the inconvenience of the proposed change was canvassed and explained, but the motion of Bro. LACY, seconded by Bro. PERCEVAL, it was resolved that the report be received, but that no action be taken on it. Bro. TERRY explained that nothing could be done by this Institution in the report till the annual meeting in May, 1888.

Authority was then given for signature of cheques for annuities and salaries. One widow was granted half her late husband's annuity, he having just died. There were six male and seven female petitioners on the list as proposed candidates for election to the annuity of the Institution. One widow was rejected. The remaining cases were placed on the list.

Bro. NEWTON enquired whether any vote of thanks had been presented to the Mayor of Croydon for his entertainment to the old people?

Bro. TERRY said there had been no vote of thanks from this Committee, but anticipating what the Committee would do, he tendered the thanks of the Committee, and wrote to him also to that effect.

Bro. NEWTON proposed, and Bro. PERCEVAL seconded, a resolution that the Secretary's action be approved.

Bro. TERRY then asked in what way the engrossed vote of thanks, which had been handsomely framed and glazed, should be presented to Grand Lodge, conveying the sense of the Committee for the vote of £2000 to this Institution? He would venture to suggest that at next Tuesday was the meeting of the Board of General Purposes, and the money came from the Fund of General Purposes, it would be best to ask the Board to accept it on behalf of Grand Lodge.

On the motion of Bro. MURLIS, seconded by Bro. LACEY, it was resolved that this course be adopted.

Bro. TERRY next said the brethren were aware that the Festival of this Institution was coming on, and unfortunately there were 57 Stewards less than there were at this time last year. With the largely increased annual expenditure, it was perfectly certain that unless they could get a great addition to the present number of Stewards it would be almost impossible to get an election of candidates next May. It was impossible they could raise £19,000 next year. They must be prepared for a drop of £800 in that amount. He wished it to go out from this Committee to the various lodges that they were urged to do as far as they possibly could. The Girls' School was absorbing a large amount of attention.

Bro. PERCEVAL asked what was the annual amount laid out on annuities.

Bro. TERRY said £14,600. At present there were no vacancies for women, and only one for men, and it was only by death that vacancies could be created.

Bro. NEWTON thought that when the Institution raised such very large subscriptions, they should not put so many extra annuitants on the funds.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., the brethren of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, Romford, presented Bro. E. West, P.M., and P.M. 1076, P.P.S.G.D. Herts, P.Z. 13 and 1472, with a handsome solid silver salver, suitably inscribed, on his retiring from the position of Treasurer, and in recognition of his services to the lodge in that position for the last 11 years.

The W.M., Bro. HUMPHREYS, P.S.G.W. Essex, made the presentation, and dwelt eloquently on the merits of Bro. West, and earnestly hoped he might long be spared to be with them, and lend them his assistance and counsel in the direction of the lodge.

Bro. WEST, in response, thanked the brethren for their great kindness. As one of the founders and first J.W., and afterwards Master of the lodge, he naturally felt a very great interest in its welfare. Now that it was safely based on a sure foundation, he willingly resigned the trust to younger hands, and felt sure that in Bro. White, P.M., they would have a good and trusty officer.

Bro. West, who is exceedingly popular with the brethren of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, leaves his position with hearty and universally expressed regret.

On Tuesday, Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., sitting for the last time in the Mansion House Court as Chief Magistrate, availed himself of the opportunity of thanking the officials of the Court and the bar on the able assistance he had always received from them during his year of office. In the afternoon of the same day the outgoing and incoming Lord Mayors presided together at a luncheon in the Egyptian Hall, to the Aldermen, Sheriffs, Recorder, and high officers of the City, and after due honour had been paid to the two Presidents, the party proceeded in carriages to the Guildhall, where Bro. Alderman De Keyser was formally sworn into office, while Sir Reginald, in a neat but effective speech took leave of his brother Aldermen.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

A Grand Council of the Order was held on Thursday, the 3rd instant, at the Masonic Hall, 5a, Red Lion-square. There were present M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., P.G.M.M., Grand Master; R. W. Bros. Robert Berridge, Deputy Grand Master designate; C. H. Driver, Past Deputy Grand Master; Alfred Williams, Past Deputy Grand Master; Charles Fitzgerald Marier, Past Deputy Grand Master; Frank Richardson; Bros. Rev. H. Cummings, Dawson, F. Cunit, James Moon, Treas.; Dr. E. M. Lott, R. L. Loveland, Shitcock, Robt. Roy, Percy Wallis, W. A. Scurrah Charles Bolton, Stephen Barton Wilson, T. C. Walls, James Terry, George Kenning, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a report of the progress of the Order was read and circulated, from which we learn that the following warrants have been granted during the year:—

No. 17, Raymond Portal, Bengal.

18, Veran, Reading.

19, Zealandia Marine, Port Chalmers, N.Z.

The Grand Master desired to explain his sense of the eminent services rendered to the Allied Degrees by R.W. Bro. Charles H. Driver, the retiring Deputy Grand Master. A statement of accounts was submitted to the council, showing a considerable balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

The M.W. the Grand Master then invested his officers as follows:

- Bro. Robert Berridge ... Deputy G.M.
- Charles Belton ... Grand S.W.
- Stephen Barton Wilson ... Grand J.W.
- James Moon ... Grand Treas.
- Charles Fitzgerald Matier ... Grand Sec.
- H. C. Heard ... Grand S.D.
- W. Johnson ... Grand J.D.
- James Terry ... Grand D.C.
- T. C. Walls ... Grand A.D.C.
- R. B. Seddon ... Grand Std. Br.
- F. F. Bennett ... Grand I.G.
- Dr. E. M. Lott ... Grand Org.
- W. A. Scurrah ... } Grand Stwds.
- C. Vincent Cotterell ... }
- A. Woodiwiss ... }
- E. J. Mills ... Grand Tyler.

The brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a most liberal menu was in readiness, to which justice was done. The toasts of the Order were given by the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, ably assisted by Bro. JAS. TERRY. G.D. of C. Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott presided at the piano.

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

JUBILEE HONOURS.

The D.P.G.M., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain of England, was empowered by the Provincial Grand Master to confer the special Jubilee honours at Reading, on Tuesday, the 8th instant, and in doing so made the following remarks:—

Brethren,—I am desired to-day by the Provincial Grand Master to confer upon four brethren of this province the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, in commemoration of the fact that for fifty years her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen has reigned sovereign, not merely over the persons, but over the affections of her people. So much has been said and written of this happy event by the tongues and pens of the eloquent and the able that I shall not venture to mar the happy recollections of this great year by any utterances of my own. I will only briefly allude to the services of those upon whom the honours are about to be conferred—honours which I am sure they will value, and which you will acknowledge to be justly deserved. Let me say, first, that the selection was one of great difficulty. When so many are deserving it is difficult, almost impossible, to make the choice without seeming to pass over many who are deserving. Believe me, great thought and great care has been bestowed upon the matter—no personal friendship or feeling has been allowed to intervene, and certain broad lines having been laid down, it has been endeavoured to select those amongst the Past Grand Officers whose services past and present seemed to demand some special honour.

As regards the first name there was not so much difficulty. For more than a quarter of a century to the Rev. Oliver James Grace, Past Provincial Chaplain, has been known to many of us a leading member of the province. I feel almost ashamed to invest him. I feel by rights that he ought to be to-day, not the recipient, but the distributor of our Provincial Grand honours. I remember when I was a very young Mason my race came to my lodge, the Isaac Newton University Lodge, a Past Master of some standing. I have always felt that he not I, ought to be your D.P.G.M., and I can assure you that it was in no slight degree owing to his friendship, his generous withdrawal of his own claims, and his too favourable appreciation of my small work in the province, that I to-day hold an office of which I am justly proud.

Bro. Grisbrook is one of the mainstays of the Craft in the royal borough of Windsor. An old member of one of our most important lodges. I feel sure that every member of that lodge will ratify the decision of the Prov. Grand Master that he richly deserves to be honoured.

It was evident from the first that some brother from Reading must be included. There is no town in the kingdom which in Masonry as well as in every other social advance is so prominent in the present history of our country, and, I ask, confident of your approval, is there any brother in this town who better deserves advancement than Bro. Ferguson, of the Lodge of Union?

But it is not only great towns but also our smaller centres which deserve notice. There is a cluster of lodges up in the far north of our province, which are all bright lights in our Masonic firmament. With those lodges I have a special and peculiar sympathy. I know almost every one of the brethren in each of those lodges, and I can tell you, as their representative, that had the choice lain with us, the brother whom we should have chosen is the one whom the Provincial Grand Master has to-day ordered me to invest—Bro. Robinson, of the Scientific and Watling Street Lodges.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has arranged to visit Dublin and address a conference of Unionists at the close of the present month.

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Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that, upon this occasion, owing to the large number of Applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent Income only £3600.

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The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—York, No. 236; St. Germans, No. 506; Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574; Pattison, No. 913; and Elliot Lodge, No. 1567.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the financial table of this Institution in your issue of the 25th ult., I see the total amount contributed by the London lodges to be £50,921 16s. 3d., and, by casting up the several years as given in the same table, I find the amount to be £40,901 16s. 3d. I hope the larger sum is the correct one.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

T. P. ASHLEY, P.M. 41.

Bath, November 7th.

CAN A WARDEN CONFER DEGREES?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Numerous discussions having arisen relative to the interpretation of Rule No. 141 of the Constitutions, I would feel greatly obliged by your informing me whether, under any circumstances, it is Masonically legal for a Warden to give a Degree in a lodge in which he holds office. There seems to be a certain amount of ambiguity in the wording of the latter part of the above quoted rule.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

OSWALD WOOD.

Cairo, Egypt, October 29th.

[If our memory serves us right, Bro. McIntyre, P.G.W., when holding the office of G. Registrar, ruled that a Warden, or indeed any member of a lodge below the chair, could confer a degree, but the brother so conferring it must occupy, not the Master's chair, but a place conveniently near to the Master's pedestal, to signify that he is merely the mouthpiece of the presiding officer, whether W.M. or acting W.M.—Ed. FM.]

BROWNE'S MASTER KEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Sorry I cannot lay my hands on the key at present, and the shortest way will be to send me a copy of the work, and it will be easy for me to make a fresh one for "X.Y.Z." Or if he does not care to send the book, I am willing to write out for him certain translations from the work that will enable him to make a key from them. I should very probably destroy mine, not being much gratified with the result of so much labour as it required. The cypher is not Masonic, and the best disguise I have ever met with.—Yours truly and fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

I do not possess a copy or I would not have troubled "X.Y.Z." to send his.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

753] AN OLD CERTIFICATE.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 7, New York, referred to under this heading by Bro. Hughan last week, does not appear in any "Engraved list" of lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, and was never on the English Register.

JNO. LANE.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF UNITY (No. 183).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, when there were present Bros. G. R. Langley, W.M.; E. A. Francis, H. Hooper, G. P. Britten, G. W. Speth, J. W. Oliver, A. E. Johnson, S. Richardson, G. W. Pinnock, A. J. Hirsch, R. Corsham, and S. C. Hester. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Roberts, P.P.J. G. W. Middx.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G.O. Surrey; J. E. Harding, P.M. 30; T. Poore, P.M. 720; H. M. Williams, P.M. 1986; J. D. E. Tarr, W.M. elect 1293; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, 1446; G. M. Clifton, 913; J. C. Phillips, 1185; and G. W. Castle, 1050.

Bro. S. C. Hester was raised to the Degree of a M.M. Bro. Richardson, who had filled the chair for two successive years, and been of infinite service to the lodge, was invested with a P.M.'s collar and jewel, which had been voted to him by the members. Bro. Lindsey-Renton was proposed as a joining member. The resignation, through ill-health, of Bro. L. E. Mawer was received, much to the regret of the lodge. Bro. Francis offered to represent the lodge as Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and to guineas were voted towards his list from the Charity Fund of the lodge. Bro. Corsham was appointed to the office of S.D., vacant by the resignation of Bro. Mawer, and invested. The petition of Alice Vasey, relict of Bro. S. Vasey, an old P.M. of the lodge, for the benefits of the R.M.B.I., was signed, and the brethren pledged themselves to secure her election if possible, leaving the management of the matter in the hands of Bro. G. P. Britten, P.M. and Treas.

The proceedings at the banquet were enriched by unusually good music, two of the visitors—Bros. Phillips and Clifton—contributing most charming and excellently rendered vocal music to a first-rate accompaniment by Bro. Cambridge, also a visitor. Of the members' contributions, we must not forget to mention the violin solos of Bro. Pinnock. The Charity-box also realised a handsome amount, and the whole evening must be pronounced a decided success, both in lodge and at table.

ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319).—This celebrated lodge of members of the dramatic and musical profession held its annual installation meeting on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Henry J. Tinney, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. L. B. Wooldridge, S.W.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; George E. Fairchild, P.M., S.D.; J. D. Beveridge, T. de B. Holmes, D.C.; W. S. Penley, Org.; Henry M. Edsall, I.G.; F. Delevanti, P.M.; W. A. Tinney, P.M.; W. J. Kent, I.P.M.; E. Swanborough, P.M.; John Maclean, P.M.; C. Wellard, P.M.; E. Frewin, P.M.; W. Meyer Lutz, P.M.; James Weaver, P.M.; C. S. Jekyll, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. Guilmartin, Charles J. Cockerell, C. H. Stephenson, J. E. Tinson, Frank Stewart, A. W. Cornish, J. E. Hambleton, F. H. Macklin, F. G. Hambleton, John J. Solomon, Alfred Bishop, H. Herman, James A. Hamilton, S. Redfern, T. E. Warren, Edward Humphrey, Julian Cross, G. Powell, R. A. F. Rochester, C. H. Fox, H. Bracey, James C. Hambleton, Harry T. Randall, H. J. Calcott, Arthur Blackmore, Robt. Dodson, A. Woodhouse, C. Harper, jun., A. E. Harper, J. Egerton, Richard Temple, J. Griffiths, G. R. Egerton, J. Baker, Robt. F. Goodwin, Charles Coote, Victor Tussaud, F. Kendall, W. J. Hill, Osmond Yearsley, W. J. Castell, W. H.

Cremer, W. L. Barnett, C. Alias, G. W. Clement Smith, J. Lloyd Simon, G. H. Allen, and the following visitors: Bros. Harry Nicholls, I.G. 2127; Henry Wilson, S.W. 502; William Rignold, 1937; W. J. Pilcher, 442 and 2201; W. Wilkins, P.M. 902; Henry Scott Kitchie, 1466; Robert White, 101; W. M. Terrott, 2190; Geo. Bishop, I.P.M. 231; J. R. Jekyll, Temple, L. Down, 507; W. Sidney Young, 248; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Oscar Barrett, 2127; James A. Brown, 1672; Robert Grice, 1399; Edmund Dalzell, P.M. 1549; James Kift, 1791; Sir J. R. Somers Vinc, 87, S.W. 2190; T. W. Harrison, I.P.M. 442; W. H. Richardson, 1507; W. H. Causton, P.M. 162, 860, and 2149; H. Gillard Glindon, 1196; James Fitzgerald, J.W. 2168; A. C. Macklin, P.M. 95; J. W. Morrow, W.M. 742; W. S. Webster, P.M. 231; Richard Eve, G. Treas.; F. J. Potter, 1321; S. Hughes, 1228; James Terry, P.G. Swd. Br.; Arthur Adams, 1673; Thos. J. Boulting, J.W. 173; Robert F. Cummings, 2168; H. L. Osman, 72; W. H. Baker, P.M. 2030; and R. P. Stewart, S.W. 901.

After the formal opening of the lodge, the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, the Worshipful Master installed Bro. Lestocq Boileau Wooldridge (W. Lestocq), S.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing, and the following brethren were invested by the new W.M. as his officers: Bros. G. E. Fairchild, S.W.; J. D. Beveridge, J.W.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; H. M. Edsall, J.D.; A. Bishop, I.G.; J. J. Solomon, Org.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Penley, Stwd.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The work was all admirably performed, and at the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren partook of a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, after which the usual toasts were proposed and honoured.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that it had unfairly been said that the Queen did but little now for the drama and music, but to that it had been answered that in her early days she was constantly a patron of both, and she taught her children to patronise the drama as they still did. England owed much to the mothers, and Masons owed much to the Queen, who was the mother of their Grand Master.

The W.M., in giving "The Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," said his Royal Highness at the great Jubilee ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 13th June, made a remark which he (the W.M.) proposed now to repeat for the benefit of those of the brethren who did not happen to be present on the occasion. Masons of the present day owed a great deal to the Mastership of the Prince of Wales; many men owed a great deal to him as a man and a friend; but if the M.W.G.M. had never done anything for Masonry but make the remark referred to, he deserved not only their respect, but their thanks. On that memorable occasion the Prince of Wales took the opportunity of saying that Freemasonry, although a secret society, was by no means a dangerous one. At the present time, when the political atmosphere, the social atmosphere, our very press, were assailed by men who worked in secret, such a remark as that flashed to all quarters of the world as it was—none of us were able to estimate the value of such a remark coming from the future King of England, and the Grand Master of Freemasons.

The W.M. next gave "The Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and again referred to the Jubilee meeting of the 13th June, and said the brethren heard the Earl of Carnarvon speak on the occasion, and even with a very small voice he made himself heard all over the Royal Albert Hall, although he was suffering from severe illness. He spoke very feelingly, and the Earl of Lathom, who in height, was a great contrast to the Earl of Carnarvon, said that though her Majesty the Queen approved of Freemasonry, she did not want to know anything about it, but she was assured of its usefulness and goodness, and that it was what men ought to belong to; that her sons and grandsons were Masons, and that her relations in the past had been Masons. Crowded as the hall was from floor to ceiling, the management of the Grand Officers was admirable, and the welfare of Masonry was safe in their hands. Those who were not there, but who were actors or musicians knew something of stage business, and he (the W.M.) as an old actor, who knew something of stage management, and thought he knew more, might say it was the most gigantic stage management concern he had ever looked upon. There was no hitch from beginning to end, and that would exemplify to them all that the details of the business part of Freemasonry were looked after by the Grand Officers.

Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, said it was a peculiar privilege to be present that day among the brethren of the Asaph Lodge for the first time, and he felt great pleasure in meeting so many brethren belonging to the dramatic and musical world, and where he found he was brought into the society of the "Mikado" on the one side, and the "Private Secretary" on the other. He was glad to find the lodge had one Grand Officer among the number of its members (Bro. Jekyll, P.G. Org.) He felt it an honour to respond to this toast on behalf of the brethren who acted so important a part in the social life of this country, and who held such high positions in the administration of the affairs of the country. The W.M. was full of kind references to Grand Lodge and the meeting at the Albert Hall, and one felt that those occasions when he was present had made deep impressions on his mind, which he did not say was of an impressionable character. The W.M. referred to the way in which the affairs of Grand Lodge were carried on, but he probably did not happen to be present on an occasion early in this year when brethren did not think things went without a hitch, when Grand Lodge was crammed with brethren from all parts of the country who attended for an express purpose. There was a great deal of discomfort on that occasion, and he trusted they would not be put to such discomfort again. However, he had met with so many kind friends on that occasion that he had a grateful remembrance of them. With reference to the Grand Lodge ceremonial the other day, the Grand Master had, with his great power of discrimination conferred office upon a great number of distinguished brethren—men distinguished in art, literature, and science—men of all professions, and even among the dramatic and musical professions, and he was able to recognise the value of their services in the past to Masonry, and he hoped in future years the W.M. would be remembered. The great occasion in the Albert Hall showed what the Grand Officers could do. But however

much the Grand Master had the power to confer offices, there was this consolation, that he could not make a large number of Grand Treasurers. He (Bro. Eve) felt that he was essentially a servant of the Craft as a G. Officer on the dais for the year, and he felt the honour immensely. The W. Master had referred to the political atmosphere. Now, Masonry had no political atmosphere; its atmosphere was neutral with reference to religion, because it embodied all religions, and that was one of its greatest features—that all men who recognise the G.A.O.T.U. in whatever form or phase was always able to be elected to the position of a Freemason. Masonry recognised no colour—red, black, white, or yellow could all work under the great banner of Masonry, and be present at Masonic meetings. As to politics, they knew they were eschewed, because they found men distinguished in the affairs of the State who sat on both sides of the Houses of Commons and Lords, and who recognised that feature as one of the characteristics of the Order. He hoped this would be continued, because it was only by having such an extension of the Order that they were able to preserve its landmarks, and blow away the distinctions which existed in the outer world.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., also replied. He was perfectly certain, after the graceful observations addressed to them by the Grand Treasurer, very few words would suffice for him. He did not happen to be in that most enviable of all positions, the Grand Officer of the year, whom the Craft had to elect to the blue ribbon of the Order, which Bro. Eve had the privilege of wearing. He (Bro. Terry) was one of those who had received his honour from the Grand Master himself, in which character he now appeared. He hoped and trusted that as in the past so in the future it might not be many years before there would be an accession among the Past Masters of the Lodge of Asaph to the ranks of Grand Officers of Grand Lodge of England. He was happy to find that a brother was present who was the son of a Past Grand Officer of England (Bro. Webster).

Bro. Henry J. Tinney, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he just informed Bro. Wooldridge that it was no use shedding a tear of sympathy over his failings because he had not any. Those brethren who had had the pleasure of attending the ordinary meetings of the lodge must have been struck with the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the various offices; and not only so, but the brethren must have been struck with the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair that night. He was perfectly certain that the W.M. would acquit himself of his responsible duties to the entire satisfaction of the members of the lodge. His qualities as a good Mason were equalled by his amiable and fraternal regard to all, and they might fairly anticipate a most successful year under his capable and genial sway.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he proposed at the audit meeting that it would be a very good thing if he could distribute the toasts between himself and the two Wardens. The proposition did not meet with the approval he expected. Bro. Tinney was a little hard upon him when he said he had no failings, because it made him think he had a great number, and he could not think what they were. With regard to Bro. Tinney's reference to the way in which he (the W.M.) had discharged the duties allotted to him, he could not thank him enough. When he was S.W. he said that the P.M.'s of the lodge had made it very difficult for the officers who came after them, the offices had been so well filled, the ceremonies so well performed in the Lodge of Asaph since he had the honour and privilege of joining it, that the great fear he had in occupying that position was that he might not be able to come up to the standard they had set. Without affectation he could say that that day was one of the proudest days of his life. It was an ordinary phrase to use, but there was no other to express his meaning. It would be a great grief to him if at the end of his year he felt and the brethren felt he had not kept up the traditions of the Asaph Lodge. He should endeavour to stifle that inner consciousness by striving to do his duties with all his heart and soul.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. H. J. Tinney," and said he had to perform the pleasing duty of presenting that brother with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren of the manner in which he did the work of the year. There were three Tinneys members of that lodge; but it was of Bro. Henry Tinney he was now speaking, and to him they owed a debt, which it was now his pleasant duty to discharge. On behalf of the members of the Lodge of Asaph, it was his great pleasure to ask Bro. Tinney to accept the jewel as a sincere expression of the brethren's admiration of him as a man, and of his efficiency as a Master. He had also to present Bro. Coote with a handsome jewel for his faithful services to the lodge as its Treasurer for the last 17 years.

Bro. Coote, in acknowledging the gift, said it was the first that had adorned his breast. He was very glad the brethren had recognised his services, which he had performed faithfully for 17 years.

Bro. Henry Tinney, I.P.M., in thanking the brethren, said excellent examples had been set him by his predecessors in the chair. He had endeavoured to the best of his ability, and he hoped to the satisfaction of the lodge, to emulate them. He took the present opportunity of thanking his brother officers for the very valuable help they had rendered him during the year. This handsome jewel unanimously voted to him, and which he should prize very much, would serve to remind him of the very many happy hours he had spent in Masonic work, and also of the proud and honourable position he had held in this lodge.

In giving "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. said the brethren knew the valuable work and the real work which the P.M.'s had done. They had set an example for every incoming officer. That the lodge owed them a great deal was of itself evident from the prosperous state of the lodge, financially, socially, and numerically, and he hoped that in years to come, as the number of the P.M.'s increased, it might be said of them, as he had just said, that the Asaph Lodge owed much to its P.M.'s.

Bro. J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., and Sec., replied. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said the brethren of the lodge were proud to receive visitors because they were justly proud of their working. The visitors were always pleased to come because they knew they were welcomed by their immediate host, and by the members of the lodge, who were grateful for their presence on that day, and on other occasions. Sir J. R. Somers Vinc of the Savage Club Lodge was present. The Savage Club Lodge contained many literary men, and that lodge they felt was affiliated with the Asaph. Bro. Webster, another

visitor, from St. Andrew's Lodge, held a name honoured among actors. It was pleasant to feel and to know that the family talent—the mantle of the grandfather had fallen on the grand-daughter and promised to be honourably and artistically carried. It was always a pleasure to find among them brethren who were in accord with them in spirit as well as in art in Masonry.

Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, in acknowledging the toast, said the W.M. had been kind enough to remark that the Savage Club Lodge was affiliated to the Asaph Lodge. The brethren of the Savage Club Lodge had every reason to bear out his words, because they owed it to one of the P.M.'s, Bro. John Maclean, who was a tower of strength in the Savage Club Lodge. He did not know what they would have done without him, because from circumstances they were compelled to select by the voice of the lodge one distinguished brother to act for them, and the brother selected was John Maclean. As S.W. of the Savage Club Lodge he might say he was sure they would always recognise brethren of the Asaph Lodge as more than brethren in the ordinary sense of the word, because they had a great many of the members of the Asaph Lodge as members of the Savage Club Lodge. They would be glad to know that a lodge so restricted as that lodge would be able to report a very successful year for the first 12 months. At their next installation he hoped they would see as many members of the Lodge of Asaph as could make it convenient to attend.

Bro. W. S. Webster also replied. Some three or four years ago he was a visitor at this lodge, and he found now that the lodge had not lost any of its character for hospitality. The visitors had enjoyed themselves. It was very kind of the W.M. to ask him to respond from the peculiar fact that he happened to be the son of that particular Benjamin Webster, who was an actor, and who was known to most of the members of this lodge, and who was an old Grand Officer of England.

Bro. George E. Fairchild, P.M., S.W., in reply to the toast of "The Officers," reminded the brethren that there was a lodge of instruction connected with the Lodge of Asaph, founded by Bros. George Buckland and Kent. All the officers appointed by the W.M. that day were members of that lodge of instruction. They were proud to receive the W.M.'s acknowledgments. They had all worked together, and he felt sure that in following the W.M. they were following one of the highest ornaments of the Asaph Lodge. He hoped they would all work with the same enthusiasm and earnestness as the W.M., feeling sure that it would be to the advantage of the Lodge of Asaph.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. R. C. F. La Feuillade, W.M.; Linglev, S.W.; Foalé, J.W.; George Everett, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Westley, S.D.; Koch, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; C. H. Kohler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Stranger, P.M.; and others. Bro. Telling, 2182, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Elliston and Thornley, being in attendance, were ably passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. G. Everett, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," congratulated him upon the manner in which he had carried out his respective duties. His year thus far had been a fairly prosperous one, and he hoped that that happy condition of things would continue.

The Worshipful Master having briefly replied, then gave the toast of "The Visitor."

Bro. Telling, in reply, spoke of the excellent way in which the ceremony had been performed that day, and particularly thanked the W.M. for the cordial manner in which he had spoken of him, and for the hospitality he had dispensed.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M., who duly acknowledged the compliment.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master expressed his gratification at seeing Bro. Everett there that evening, and looking so well after his protracted illness. He (the W.M.) had also to thank Bro. Stuart for his kindness to him during his year of office.

Bro. Everett, in reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the reception they had given him that evening, after his severe attack of illness. He had thought of resigning his Treasurership, but really they seemed so pleased to see him that he had determined to hold on a little longer. The lodge during the past year had been away from its local quarters consequent upon the rebuilding of the Horns Tavern, and no doubt that that had somewhat operated against the introduction of fresh blood. Their worthy host could now give every accommodation, and, in conclusion, he predicted for No. 1381 a most brilliant future.

The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Fox and Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. Strong, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Wing, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Harding, S.D.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Oliver, I.G.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Collick, I.P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Mansell, P.M.; Parcoe, P.M.; and about 25 other brethren of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Sugg, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, P.M. 726, 1624; Causton, P.M. 726, 1624; Radford, P.M. 1420; Heath, D.C. 1642; Thrash, 65; Bishop, 1319; and Williams, I.G. 834.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Godwin, Stern, Jamieson, and Gordon, were duly raised to the Third Degree according to ancient custom. Bros. Kettle, Croker, Cunningham, and Steeden, were passed to the Degree of F.C. Messrs. J. T. Grover and G. S. Hunt, having been duly balloted for, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. To the surprise and sorrow of the bulk of the brethren present, Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M., D.C., announced his wish to become a country member. After some discussion it was proposed,

seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Collings be elected a honorary member in appreciation of his past services to the lodge. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Whitley, P.M. 1585, was also carried unanimously, several P.M.'s and brethren speaking in support of the resolution.

Necessarily the banquet was very quiet considering the loss the lodge had sustained. But here as in the lodge the good properties of Bro. Whitley was very feelingly spoken of, and all musical harmony was for that evening suspended.

The Tyler's toast closed the meeting at quite an early hour.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 4th inst. Present:—Bros. J. H. Jarvis, S.W.; A. A. Rumsey, J.W.; C. E. Soppet, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; C. Loope, S.D.; W. Bellamy, J.D.; Hay, P.M.; E. Delacoste, P.M.; H. G. Hale, E. Pouard, Cuson, H. T. Pitt, Batistia, Daoust, and L. Thomas. Visitors: Bros. E. St. Clair, J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; W. D. Young, W. Dodd, P.G.D. Middx.; E. Miles, W. Lake, J. Cary, J. E. Shand, A. Lawrence, A. Hawling, W. T. Tyrrell, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Sid. Br.; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the reports of the Auditors received and adopted. The ceremony of the installation of the W.M., Bro. J. H. Jarvis, was next proceeded with, and very ably carried through by Bro. Stevens, P.M. and Treas., assisted by Bro. J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C., as D.C. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Charles E. Soppet, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Jno. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; A. A. Rumsey, S.W.; C. Loope, J.W.; Leo P. Thomas, S.D.; Wm. Bellamy, J.D.; E. J. N. Pouard, I.G.; and H. T. Pitt, D.C. The lodge was then closed. A banquet afterwards took place under the presidency of the Worshipful Master.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master" having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed that of "The Grand Officers," and called on Bro. J. L. Mather to reply, who said he felt it a great privilege to be called on to respond for the Grand Officers, especially when that toast included such names as the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. Those who read the *Freemason* must be aware how much of their time and ability was devoted to their Masonic duties. He had for years past acted as D.C. in the Royal Kensington Lodge, and it had afforded him much satisfaction to again render them that little service.

Bro. Soppet then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Jarvis," and said that although he considered it a privilege to propose the toast he regretted taking the place of one whose duty it would have been had he been present. He hailed with great delight the attainment by Bro. Jarvis of the W.M.'s chair. From the commencement of his Masonic career Bro. Jarvis had done all he could to promote the interests of the lodge, and he was emphatically the right man in the right place when he filled that chair. He felt sure that under his rule they would have, as a lodge, a glorious and successful year.

The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Soppet for so kindly and cordially submitting the toast of his health. He felt he could never be deserving of the praise bestowed on him by the speaker, but he would do his best to keep up the good name of the Royal Kensington Lodge, and would leave it to the brethren to say at the end of the year whether he had deserved one half the praise bestowed on him by Bro. Soppet.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Stevens." They all know what a bright and useful member of the lodge Bro. Stevens was. Six years ago that evening he was initiated by Bro. Stevens, and he should never forget the impressive manner in which he carried out that and the two following ceremonies, and he thanked him heartily for performing the ceremony that evening.

Bro. Stevens, in reply, said it was true he had felt a great interest in the Royal Kensington Lodge from his first connection with it, and he made up his mind when he initiated his friend Jarvis six years ago to make that lodge one of the best in London for working. He was always glad to assist in any part of the lodge work, and the ceremony had afforded him as much pleasure in giving as the lodge in listening to it. He wished before sitting down to notify one fact, the lodge wanted a Steward for one of the coming Festivals, and as he had never before acted in that capacity he desired to offer his services, and would do all he could for Bro. Binckes' boys. They would be glad to hear that since they had been in that room he had succeeded in putting on his list the sum of £70. That showed how the Royal Kensington Lodge desired to support the charitable institutions connected with Masonry.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," whom he heartily welcomed. During the six years he had been a member, they had never been without visitors at any of their meetings. That evening they had the company of several distinguished brethren, Grand Officers and others, and he called on Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., to respond.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was then proposed, coupled with the names of Bros. Delacoste and Hay.

Bro. Hay, in response, thanked the W.M. for the toast, and referred to the very excellent manner in which Bro. Stevens had performed the installation ceremony. Bro. Delacoste, too, had been an exceptionally able worker, and he concluded by expressing a hope that the Royal Kensington Lodge had entered on a very prosperous year under the new W.M.

Bro. Delacoste also replied.

The toast of "The Charities" next followed. It was, the W.M. said, always a very important toast in the Royal Kensington Lodge, and he was very pleased to say it had always done its best to support the Charitable Institutions, and from what the Treasurer had stated there was not likely to be a falling off during the coming year.

Bro. Binckes, on being called on to respond, returned his warmest thanks for the reception the toast had met with at their hands. As he had been such a constant visitor, he was very much afraid that his observations would be a wearisome recapitulation of the arguments he had previously used, but what could one say now on that topic? He had been very despondent at the commencement of the meeting in consequence of the apparent

failure to procure a Steward for the Boys' School Festival next year, but the Treasurer had come nobly to the rescue, and he was now assured that success was certain. If so early as November, they had so endorsed his action by giving £70, he felt sure that the ultimate result would be very considerable. He felt that the coming Centenary of the Girls' School was an important event, and he said God speed that Institution, and they all hoped it would be a marvellous success. He for one would help it in every way, but it should not be forgotten that there were other claims. The Boys' Festival would take place late, and he would only say don't let us be left out in the cold altogether. He desired to thank the Royal Kensington Lodge for what they had done for all the Institutions.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," next followed, and the W.M. said he had the good fortune to have two of the best officers to be found in any lodge. Bro. Soppet they looked on as the father of the lodge, and Bro. Stevens had acted as Treasurer for four years.

Bro. Stevens thanked the W.M., and said that as long as they reposed confidence in him he would take care of their funds as on former occasions.

Bro. Soppet thanked the brethren for receiving the toast, as on so many previous occasions, so heartily, and expressed a hope that the future of the Royal Kensington Lodge would be as happy and prosperous as those that had passed.

The toast of "The Officers of the lodge" was next given and duly responded to, and the brethren separated.

A musical party, conducted by Bro. F. H. Cozens, rendered some excellent songs during the evening.

ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst. Bro. E. Walker, I.P.M., presided, in the absence of the W.M. The business included the passing of Bro. J. Ungar, and the unanimous election of Bro. F. Matthews, S.W., to the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Very, Tyler. On the motion of the W.M. elect, the usual P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. R. Drysdale, the out-going Master. Bro. Matthews signified his intention of representing the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School, and the following members were requested to act as Stewards at the Festival for the Girls' School: Bros. Brand, P.M., Funston, P.M., and Shurmer, P.M. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

DRURY LANE LODGE (No. 2127).—The last regular meeting for the year was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Drury Lane Theatre. Bro. Augustus Harris presided, and there was an unusually large muster of Grand Officers, members, and officers present. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Victor Stevens (actor), which proved unanimously favourable. Bro. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for India, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bros. Fleming and Goddard were re-elected to the office of Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who had only just returned from a short stay in Germany, and had travelled from Berlin with the express purpose of attending the meeting, then assumed the chair, and went through an amount of work which very few Masters can boast of having performed in the same day. He first initiated Messrs. Stevens, Russell Gole, A. R. Phipps, and Percy Lyndal, and then passed Bros. Beerbohm Tree, E. F. M. Lennon, G. H. T. Thomas, and E. Gardner, and then raised Bro. Sidney Brough. There being no further work the lodge was closed.

The installation of Bro. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., as W.M. will take place on Tuesday, February 13th, and it is expected that the installation meeting of the lodge, like that of last year, will be one of the most important events of the coming season, as several of the most distinguished members of the Craft have already promised to attend.

REGENT'S PARK LODGE (No. 2202).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate, N.W., on Saturday last. There were present Bros. D. P. Cama, W.M.; E. E. Mulvey, S.W.; J. K. R. Cama, J.W.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; N. J. Goodchild, S.D.; John Powdrell, J.D.; W. H. Hosegood, I.G.; J. Kew, Stwd.; A. Gidding, D.C.; W. Hall, A.D.C.; H. G. Marsden, Org.; J. Passingham, A.M.D.; G. Lane, A.W.S.; H. Jordan, J. P. Poynter, G. Clappitt, J. Bangs, F. J. Holden, and W. J. Holden. Visitors: Bros. W. E. Gamble, P.M. 857; D. P. Banajee, 255; J. N. Frost, P.M. 704; E. Pitt, 228; H. Halliday, S.D. 2168; B. Lyons, P.M. 1227; and R. Whiting, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened in due form, letters of apology were read from Bros. G. Lambert, Dr. N. Goodchild, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. D. P. Banajee, 255, was passed to the Degree of a F.C., and Bro. W. J. Holden raised to the Degree of a M.M. Bro. James Kew, acting as W.M., performed the ceremonies in his usual impressive manner. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

FAREHAM.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 309).—The above lodge held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Red Lion Hotel. Bro. W. A. Hill, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. H. Cooke, S.W.; E. T. Crouch, J.W.; Rev. A. A. Headley, P.M., P.P.G.C., Sec.; G. Harry, S.D.; T. W. Haydon, D.C.; C. O. Smith, I.G.; W. H. Bolitho, Stwd.; E. Goble, Prov. G. Sec.; D. G. Gilmour, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; J. W. Gieve, P.M.; T. H. Williams, P.M.; R. Eames, P.A.G. Tyler, Tyler; and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, Bro. S. M. Williams, late of 1096, was duly elected a joining member, and Messrs. J. Homan, E. Penton, and G. J. Congdon were also initiated. A few other minor matters were disposed of, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The lodge is in mourning for their late respected Bro. W. Lee, Org., whose death took place, after a few days' illness, at his residence at Southsea. He leaves a widow and six children.

MANCHESTER—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. J. Garside, W.M.; R. R. Lisenden, I.P.M.; Prov. G. Stwd.; W. B. Akerman, S.W.; J. Robinson, J.W.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; E. Wormleighton, Sec.; E. Chesworth, S.D.; J. M. Vultchoff, J.D.; C. Daber, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; Wm. Nicholl, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; J. Dawson, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. Wolstencroft, J. Read, and others. Visitor: A brother from Lynwald, 1243, I. of Man.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no business, the lodge was duly closed.

GLOUCESTER—Royal Lebanon Lodge (No. 493).—The installation festival of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, at the Bell Hotel, on the 2nd inst., when Bro. Renwick, S.W., was installed in the chair by Bro. S. Bland, Prov. S.G.D., assisted by other Past Masters of the lodge, in the presence of a very large gathering of the Craft. The W.M. appointed and invested as officers as follows: Bros. Bland, I.P.M.; W. Edwards, S.W.; R. J. Weston, J.W.; A. V. Hatton, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. G. Woodward, Sec.; C. G. Clark, S.D.; J. Herbert, J.D.; C. L. Wilson, I.G.; A. Woodward, P.P.S.G.D., D. of C.; and Moss, P.P.S.G.D., and G. H. Gould, Stwds.

Among those present were Bros. J. Brook Smith, D.P.G.M., P.G.D.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, Prov. G. Charity Sec. (Mayor of Gloucester); J. L. Bretherton, W.M. 839; T. C. R. Taynton, Pierrepont Harris, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; and others.

An incident of the evening's proceedings was the passing of a resolution congratulating the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., on his restoration to health.

MANCHESTER—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1009).—The usual meeting of this lodge took place on the 28th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. J. Rome, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Halden, S.W.; W. Brooks, J.W.; G. Hunt, P.M., Treas.; G. Carter, P.M., Sec.; G. Everett, S.D.; E. Evans, J.D.; E. Crossland, I.G.; W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; G. Enticknap, I.P.M.; C. S. Allott, P.M.; G. F. Pringle, G. Capnel, J. Quail, and A. Helton. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Jefferis, P.M. 1161, P.A.G.D.C.; E. W. Irving, P.M. 1170, P.G. Stwd.; A. H. Williams, W.M. 2156; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D.C. 204; J. E. Boden, P.M. 1588; J. L. White, 237, 1573; P. B. Welch, J.W. 992; R. W. Baker, W.M. 1126; and R. R. Lisenden, I.P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.

The lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Pandeli G. Zolas and Mr. Constantine Kyriaco Hazzopulo, and declared successful in each case. The W.M. initiated Mr. Zolas into Freemasonry, and Bro. C. S. Allott, P.M., initiated Mr. Hazzopulo. The W.M. presented the working tools to both candidates, and Bro. George Hunt, P.M., delivered the E.A. charge. Prior to the lodge closing a P.M.'s gold jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Enticknap, for his services during the past year. Bro. Enticknap acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. The jewel was purchased from Bro. George Kenning's establishment in Manchester. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

At the social board Bro. Everett proposed "The Health of the two initiates, Bros. Zolas and Hazzopulo," which was heartily drunk, after which Bro. C. S. Allott sang the "E.A." song, and the initiates responded.

Bro. George Hunt, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Visitors" in felicitous terms, and Bros. A. H. Jefferis, Irving, Williams, and Lisenden responded.

An enjoyable evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

SALFORD—Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The twenty-first anniversary of the consecration of this lodge was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi House, Adelphi-street, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., there being a good muster of provincial officers, brethren of the lodge, and visitors from East and West Lancashire. The working of the lodge was most creditable to all concerned, and from the excellent manner in which the W.M., Past Masters, and officers performed their various duties, and the harmony and good feeling evinced, we are sure there is a bright future before the Newall Lodge.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was performed by Bro. Holroyd, W.M., and that of passing by Bro. Nichol, P.M. The S.W.'s chair was then taken by Bro. Souter, P.M. 815, the chair of J.W. being occupied by Bro. Smith, P.M. 1313. Bro. Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. East Lancashire, presented Bro. Waring, S.W., W.M. elect, who took the usual obligation. The brethren below the rank of Past Masters retired, and Bro. Waring was installed into the chair of King Solomon in a most admirable manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. Holroyd. The brethren were re-admitted, and Bro. Waring, W.M., was proclaimed in the Three Degrees by Bro. Barker, and saluted. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers—Bros. Aylard, S.W.; McClelland, J.W.; Nichol, P.M., Treas.; Barker, P.M., Sec.; Duffin, S.D.; Hambleton, J.D.; Dr. Anderson, I.G.; Eckersley, Waterhouse, and Driver, Stwds.; and Kirk, Tyler. The duties of their respective offices were explained by Bro. Nichol, P.M. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Barker, P.M., and that to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Nichol, P.M. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from Lodges 148, 204, 815, 852, 1313, 1345, and others.

The lodge was closed in due form. A banquet followed, at which the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" was proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured by the singing of the National Anthem.

The toasts of "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" and "The Prince of Wales" were also given by the W.M., that of the Prince of Wales being received in a most enthusiastic manner by the singing of "God bless the Prince of Wales."

During the evening a jewel, the gift of the members, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Holroyd, I.P.M., in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge. The jewel, which was of excellent workmanship, was manufactured and supplied by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

The enjoyment of the brethren was much enhanced by appropriate music rendered during the evening by Bros. Cuthbert, Blacow, A. Lewtas, and other members of the lodge and visiting brethren.

MARKET RASEN.—Bayon's Lodge (No. 1286).—The brethren of this lodge held a very interesting and most enjoyable lodge of emergency in the Corn Exchange, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was honoured with the presence of several distinguished officers of the province, among whom were Bros. W. H. Smyth, D.L., P.G.M.; Major Locock, J.P., D.P.G.M., P.G.S.B.; Gerard Ford, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.D., D.P.G.M. of Sussex; J. Fowler (Mayor of Louth), P.P.S.G.W.; J. M. Wilkinson (Sheriff of Lincoln), P.P.S.G.W.; H. E. Cousins, P.P.G.W.; B. Vickers, P.G. Sec.; W. Mortimer, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and H. A. Cottingham, W.M. 1386.

After the business of the lodge had been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren retired to the Swan Hotel to partake of refreshments, prepared in Bro. Goodson's well known excellent style, and spent a very pleasant and agreeable evening.

RIPLEY.—Okeover Lodge (No. 1324).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Town Hall. The chair was occupied by Bro. Douglas Upton, W.M., and was supported by all his officers except Bro. F. C. Corfield, J.W., who was unavoidably absent, and a number of members and visitors as follows: Bros. Henry Lomas, I.P.M.; J. H. Day, S.W.; H. Barker, as J.W.; Geo. Day, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; Wm. H. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Joseph Cook, S.D.; John Jealby, J.D.; Frank Allfrey, D. of C.; Wm. Oakland, I.G.; Wm. Sutton, Org.; John H. Lomas, and Thos. Farnsworth, Stewards; John Stour, Tyler; John Clark, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Goodwin, P.M.; Jas. Crossley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Alfred Arthur, Frederick Geo. Clark, Arthur Day, Frederick Tarr, William Charles Briggs, W. Abbott, J. Cooper, J. B. Slack, Thomas Cox, P.M. 253, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Treas.; J. Bland, P.M. 731, P.P.G.S.D.; Edgar Horne, I.P.M. 731, P.P.G. Org.; G. R. Turner, P.M. 506, P.G.S.B.; H. B. Boaz, W.M. 1495; John Dawes, 1495; J.W.; C. Trollope, 1495; John Archbold, P.M. 1493; J. Woodward, 731; B. W. Pike, S.D. 1085; Chas. Shaw, 1028; J. N. Turner, P.M. 506; W. L. Dodd, 1085, P.P.G.O.; Geo. Wild, 1028; Wm. B. Woodforde, W.M. 787; Thos. Stacey, J.W. 1739; E. J. H. Haskyns, I.P.M. 787; Thos. Hardstaff, S.D. 1028; J. T. Shardlaw, J.D. 1028; Thos. Salisbury, P.M. 1179; Wm. Elphinstone, W.M. 506; R. Wilkes, 506; W. B. Taylor, 1028; J. Lee, 1028; John Holbrook, 506; A. C. Brentnall, 1028; S. Taylor, J.W. 731; and C. W. Southern, J.W. 787.

The lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the installation ceremony was then proceeded with, when Bro. John Henry Day, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect by his father, Bro. Geo. Day, P.M. and P.P.S.G.D. Derbyshire, and Bro. T. N. Turner, P.M. 506. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive and efficient manner by Bro. Upton placing Bro. J. H. Day in the chair with that solemnity and power that was very gratifying to all the brethren present. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. Upton, I.P.M.; F. C. Corfield, S.W.; Joseph Cook, J.W.; Rev. H. F. Goffe, Chap.; Geo. Day, P.M., &c., Treas.; W. H. Fisher, P.M., &c., Sec.; John Jealby, S.D.; Frank Allfrey, J.D.; William Oakland, D. of C.; Arthur Day, Org.; W. Sutton, I.G.; J. H. Lomas and Frederick Tarr, Stewards; and John Stour, Tyler. Four names were then proposed as candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed in due form, when 51 of the brethren adjourned to the White Lion, where one of those substantial and well-served banquets was laid by Mrs. Chamberlain, so well known for her catering to Masonic brethren.

The W.M. then gave "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master; the Pro Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," "The R.W.P.G.M. of Derbyshire, Rt. Hon. Marquis of Hartington; the R.W. Dep. Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire, Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.P.G.W. Eng.; and other Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Thomas Cox, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Treas., responded, remarking on the very able and efficient manner in which the ceremony had been conducted by Bro. Upton.

"The Health of the W.M.," proposed by Bro. Douglas Upton, I.P.M., brought out some of those worthy remarks on Masonry and the duties of Worshipful Master and Officers, also the qualities of the newly-installed W.M. The remarks were very appropriate and well received.

The W.M. responded in very feeling terms, thanking the I.P.M. and brethren for the honour conferred upon him, remarking on the pleasure it gave him to be W.M. of the Okeover Lodge, also on the difficulty on succeeding Bro. Upton in the chair, but with the assistance of his officers and brethren he hoped to leave the chair on his term of office expiring satisfactory to the brethren of the Okeover Lodge.

The W.M. called upon Bro. J. B. Slack to propose the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Douglas Upton."

Bro. Slack said no toast could have afforded him greater pleasure to propose than that. Bro. Upton was a true and faithful and worthy Mason. He (Bro. Slack) rejoiced in his elevation to the chair a year ago, and they all testified to the zeal and ability with which he had discharged his high and important functions during his term of office. On leaving the chair that day he (Bro. Upton) had installed his successor—a worthy successor. The manner in which Bro. Upton had conducted the ceremony that day reflected credit upon the lodge and honour upon himself. The ceremony of installing the W.M. of a lodge was in itself a very solemn and impressive one, and Bro. Upton's eloquence and ability that day had done justice to that ceremony. We must not, however, in our admiration of the efficiency and earnestness of the officiating Master forget that all the ceremonies of Freemasonry have a significance which is both real, deep, and secret. We describe our Craft and Art as "a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." But, alas, whilst of course the meanings of our ceremonies, and allegories, and symbols are dark and veiled mysteries to the outside world, their true significance is at the same time often almost as much hidden from many of those who

have been regularly initiated amongst us. If we study the principles of our Craft we shall find that there is a deep meaning in all its rites and forms, and that every sign, and symbol, and jewel, and insignium had its own deep meaning. Freemasonry was old: how old, they knew not. Some enthusiasts claimed that its traditions had been handed down from Adam, the father of their race. It would, he thought, be difficult to trace the pedigree. But Freemasonry based its claims and rested its influence not upon its venerable antiquity, but upon its own intrinsic worth and its innate usefulness. It had not always basked in the sunshine of the favour of those in high places as it did that day. In 1740, Philip V., the King of Spain, committed the brethren of their Order to the galleys for life—a punishment worse than death itself—or to death and torture. Ferdinand VI. made Freemasonry high treason, with death as the penalty. Then, after a period of cruelty, Ferdinand VII. persecuted Freemasons with relentless cruelty. The 17th and 18th centuries recorded persecutions of Freemasons in many lands, in Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, and in Poland. But that day Freemasons were to be found the wide world over.

The days of persecution were almost ancient history; they could afford to laugh at Papal denunciations, and they reckoned their brethren by millions. The fires of persecution, whilst they intensified the zeal and ardour of their victims, acted as purifying and ennobling influences upon the system. That day they could see, if they looked carefully, that their principles had a beneficent and humanising tendency wherever they had play. The Freemasons amongst the Turks were, they were informed, more civilized, more moral, more religious than other orientals. Their views of religion were higher than the doctrines of Islam or the creed of Mahomet. They rejected polygamy and respected woman. They were told that at their banquets their wives appeared unveiled, though, as a rule, no Turkish woman would unveil herself before any other man than her own husband. Such was the confidence and trust which that system of brotherly love inspired. Freemasonry regarded neither political parties nor religious sects. Neither the differences of politics nor the modes of religious faith and practice could be discussed there, but Freemasonry could produce a powerful and blessed result outside by causing those of them who took an interest in those debatable matters to argue them without bitterness, without acrimony, without personalities, and without ill-will or ill-feeling towards one another. Let it accomplish that, as it would, and it would have done much even for their England of that day in a direction not generally considered to be immediately within its aim. The ethics of their morality were simple—"Love to God and love to man." Their maxims were clear, distinct, religious, namely, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." It should be their high aim to be ever actuated by those ethical motives and inspired by the spirit of those maxims in their every day relationships. Benjamin Franklin said well that the tenets of Masonry had produced good effects, which "were established by the most incontestable facts of history." They have stayed the "uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancour of malevolence, and broken down the barrier of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions rush to the aid of each other, and feel special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a brother Mason." They inherited those tenets; they had been handed down faithfully to them. Could they not in their lodges instruct each other more than they had done in the art and morals of that high philosophy? Could they not do more to explain and unfold the revealed beauties and hidden meanings of their impressive rites? Surely after such a service as that they had attended that day, a service at which Bro. Upton was the officiating minister, they must, the humblest and lowliest of them, be encouraged to persevere and to prove themselves worthy of their heritage of privileges. He asked them to show their appreciation of the zeal, skill, worthiness, and success of their I.P.M. by heartily and gladly accepting the toast of his right good health.

Bro. D. Upton responded to "His Health" by thanking his Past Officers for their attendance on all occasions he wished to meet them, and to the brethren generally.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by Bro. Cooper, and responded to by Bros. Edgar Horne, I.P.M. 731; W. Elphinstone, W.M. 506; Thos. Salisbury, P.M. 1179; J. Archbute, P.M. 1493; B. W. Pike, S.D. 1085; and Thos. Hardstaff, S.D. 1028. Bro. Salisbury's remarks on our Masonic Charities were exceedingly well timed and well received.

The W.M. then gave "The Officers," which was responded to by Bro. J. Cook, J.W.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful meetings to a close that has ever taken place at these Anniversaries.

The evening's proceedings were enlivened by an unusually varied and meritorious programme of vocal and instrumental music, which gave great satisfaction.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—At the usual weekly meeting of this lodge, held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, Bro. H. Jenkins, J.W. 800, occupied the chair of W.M. There were also present Bros. C. J. Fox, P.M. 201, as S.W.; H. Bleakley, 1287, as J.W.; Gregory, Case, Thwaites, Ferguson, Silvester, and Dimsdale as the other officers; and a very large muster of other brethren.

After preliminaries, the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. Jenkins in an excellent manner, assisted by the following brethren: Bos. F. W. Dimsdale, R. Ross, W. H. Messer, F. Silvester, J. Thwaites, W. J. Ferguson, T. G. Hodges, H. E. Case, J. Hill, A. Giddings, C. J. Fox, P. Sharpe, N. Salmon, and H. Bleakley. At the conclusion, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the brethren who worked the Sections, and the principal officers were unanimously elected honorary members. Several other brethren having been elected joining members, lodge was closed.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at this lodge on Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. W. E. Ditley, W.M.; Leng, S.V.; Daudridge, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Dixon, S.D.; Penrose, J.D.; Vacky, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; Keylock, Faulkner, and Jenkins.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the con-

firmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keylock personating the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Faulkner being the candidate. Lodge was called off, and, on resuming, was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The annual banquet is fixed to take place on Thursday, the 1st prox., at Bro. F. Morgans', the White Swan Hotel, Deptford.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford. Present: Bros. Talbot, W.M.; Akehurst, jun., S.W.; Akehurst, sen., J.W.; Milbourn, Preceptor; Vellenoweth, Sec.; Borrett, S.D.; J. G. Dale, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; Faulkner, Walters, Leng, Lazarus, Keylock, Cracknell, and Priest.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, by the W.M., Bro. Lazarus personating the candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Lazarus, Walters, Borrett, and Milbourn respectively, each assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Priest, 1446, was unanimously elected a member, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Akehurst, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The annual election of officers then took place, Bros. Milbourn, Dale, and Vellenoweth being unanimously re-elected as Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Sheppard, P.M. 1366, 2202, W.M.; T. Casley, 1693, S.W.; J. K. R. Cama, 2105, 2202, J.W.; E. R. Smith, 1044, S.D.; W. F. Hall, 193, J.D.; John Bartlett, 1637, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, 179, 788, 2202, Preceptor; C. A. Itter, 1897, 2191, Sec.; C. Parsons, W.M. 1607; W. F. Higgins, 1563; C. Blumruder, 179; O. Enderlein, 179; H. J. Hazel, 1693; F. J. Holden, 2202; and J. J. Robinson, 788.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. C. Blumruder acting as candidate. Bro. Otto Enderlein having offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bros. C. Parsons, W.M. 1637, and H. F. Higgins, 1563, were unanimously elected joining members. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week; the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Collings, P.M., W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; J. Sims, P.M., J.W.; W. J. Coplestone, Treas.; D. S. Long, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; J. Davis, 169; R. H. Williams, W.M. 1767; G. Swan, S.D. 805; D. Stroud, W.M. 2045; J. Bates, 1512; P. Cronin, 1512; and N. Mitchell, 1275. Visitors: Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M. 1056; G. Ebbutt, 2090; T. S. Thornton, 2090; G. E. Higginson, 1971; R. Jourdan, 1201; and H. W. Coplestone, 704.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The First Lecture was then worked, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. having risen, all the visiting brethren were unanimously elected members of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

The Sections of the Second and Third Lecture will be worked to-day (Friday).

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642, W.M.; J. R. Allman, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; A. W. Thompson, S.D.; H. Moss, J.D.; W. Chapple, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; W. J. Mason, acting Preceptor; Dr. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; W. Thomas, W.M. elect 2045; F. E. Vowler, P.M. 1603; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; T. C. Thomson, W.M. 1697; M. Speigel, P.M. 188; J. Smith, and M. Rosenberg. Visitors: Bros. Thomas Grant, 1425; and A. Fleischheuer, 1744.

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. Grant being candidate. Bro. Geo. Read was re-elected Treasurer and Preceptor, and Bro. H. Dehane Secretary for the ensuing twelve months, and the bye-laws were read. Bros. Battley, Mason, and Allman were elected Auditors, and Bros. Grant and Fleischheuer were elected members. Bro. Thomas presented the lodge of instruction with a set of tracing boards, and received a vote of thanks. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Williams, W.M.; E. Fullick, S.W.; T. Brady, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; W. Steele, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; Grace, I.G.; Oliver, H. V. Lloyd, H. Chapman, Renault, and McCulloch.

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. H. V. Lloyd being the candidate. Bro. F. Williams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brady. Bro. Chapman having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Chapman candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. 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 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; A. Clark, J.W.; J. L. Culpin, S.D.; H. G. Marsden, J.D.; E. Nice, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. Lane Campbell, T. A. Seary, W. Brindley, P. J. George, Angelico Cogliati, Walter Hancock, T. A. Dickson, C. J. Mitchell, Charles Lambert, F. Dusterwald, G. H. Reynolds, and Vernon Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st, and Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Vernon Smith having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. F. Kedge, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. F. M. Noakes, acting as Secretary, read a letter from Bro. C. Corby thanking the lodge for its vote of condolence. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. M. Speigel, P.M.,

W.M.; C. R. Cross, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; F. Austin, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Hagan, S.D.; Woodard, J.D.; L. Cox, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; Cavers, Cotton, Walker, Johnstone, Jennings, Head, Sansom, Stonnill, Wood, and D. Stroud.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree. Bro. Johnstone having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Johnstone being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the Preceptor and the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked. Bro. S. Cochrane was elected an honorary member. Bro. C. R. Cross was elected W.M. for next meeting.

EARL OF IATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—The first meeting since the recess was held at the Station Hotel, Camberwell-green, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. J. R. Johnson, W.M.; Spencer, S.W.; Maxted, J.W.; Bailey, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; Bevan, I.G.; Paton, Sec.; Blenkarne, Sims, Treacher, Grey, and Lafeuillade.

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 closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Bailey as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Blenkarne was elected a joining member, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Spencer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Spencer thanked the brethren, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and with regret informed the lodge that, having removed to the north of London, he would not be able to attend regularly, and must finally resign his position at the end of three months. He proposed that Bro. J. Andrews be elected Assistant Preceptor—this was seconded by Bro. Spencer, who expressed the appreciation of the valuable services of Bro. Johnson; the motion was carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

BRINTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this successful lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. Present: Bros. Francis, Preceptor, W.M.; Burridge, S.W.; Tarr, J.W.; Richardson, P.M., as I.P.M.; C. J. Axford, P.M., Treas.; G. R. Laugley, Sec.; G. W. Castle, Asst. Sec.; Hicks, S.D.; Boyce, J.D.; Newland, I.G.; Poore, P.M.; H. M. Williams, P.M.; R. R. Johnston, Rowe, Lindsey-Renton, Spicer, R. Bott, Nichol, Loney, Stokes, Monk, Hooper, Lee, and Miller, 1221 (visitor).

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual able manner, Bro. Loney impersonating the candidate. Bro. Burridge, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary having announced that the funds in hand amounted to upwards of £10 10s., a ballot was taken, in accordance with by-law No. XI., between the 12 members who had been most regular in their attendance during the preceding 12 months, and proved in favour of Bro. Boyce, and was placed by him upon the list of Bro. Francis, Steward for the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. H. M. Williams made an affectionate farewell to the brethren previous to his departure to Australia, and spoke of the Masonic knowledge he had obtained in this lodge of instruction, of which he was a founder, and of the many social evenings and pleasing acquaintances it had been the means of his gaining. The W.M. having paid a warm tribute to the services of Bro. Williams as the first Secretary, and, on behalf of the members, wished him "God speed," trusting that all present would, at some future time, be able to greet him on his return to the old country. The lodge was then closed.

Bro. Francis then presided over the usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association, and sufficient funds being in hand, ballots were taken for four sums of £5 5s. each, to be paid to the Masonic Institutions. All of which sums were ordered to be paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the lists of Bros. Francis and Hooper, the latter being Steward for 1888 for the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986. It is well worthy of record, that although this Association has only been in existence about four years, it has been the means of collecting and paying to the Masonic Institutions upwards of 650 guineas. The President, Bro. Francis, the energetic Secretary, Bro. Hooper, and in fact all the members may be heartily congratulated on the success of their united efforts in the great cause of Masonic Charity.

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, 4th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Dotteril, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Arnold, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Harvey, S.D.; Brindley, P.M., J.D.; Gibson, P.M., I.G.; Green, P.M.; Hambling, Christian, Arnold, Purnell, Edwards, Coleman, Brandon, Richards, Chilcott, and Hobbs.

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. Richards being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Chilcott, 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 was rehearsed, Bro. Chilcott being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hobbs, 177, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Bull Hotel, when there were present Bros. F. Snowden, W.M.; C. D. Mears, S.W.; H. H. McNaull, M.B., P.M. 299, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M. 299, Preceptor; Charles Hind, Sec.; P. Jones, P.M. 1837, S.D.; T. Jenkins, J.D.; E. T. Lancaster, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; T. Wills, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; and Wm. Greig, W.M. 299, P.G.P.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Greig being the candidate, after which the charge was very impressively given. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Wills, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Greig seconded, that Bro. C. D'Oyley Mears occupy the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Mears returned thanks, and promised to work the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

FIDELITY CHAPTER (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 4th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. the Rev. J. Amos, M.E.Z.; Pearce, H.; Heming, J.; Weeks, P.Z., Treas.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.E. Surrey, Treas.; S. E. Collens, jun. S.N.; Williams, P.S.; Radcliffe, 2nd A.S.; Graves, P.Z.; Birch Craig, Withers, T. C. Walls, P.P.G. Soj., Middx.; Goddard, Janitor; and others. Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Mapleton, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly and impressively exalted by the M.E.Z., most ably assisted by his officers. The election of officers for the year ensuing resulted as follows: Comps. Pearce, M.E.Z.; Heming, H.; C. Greenwood, J.; Weeks, P.Z., Treas.; Collens, jun., S.E.; Williams, S.N.; Birch, P.S.; Radcliffe,

1st Assist. Soj.; Craig, 2nd Assist. Soj.; Withers, D.C.; and Goddard, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to the M.E.Z., and correspondence from honorary members received, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions partook of an excellent banquet.

The customary toasts received full justice, and the proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable nature, then terminated.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).

Convocation of the above took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., it being installation night there was a full attendance of members and visitors. There were present Comps. Fullwood, M.E.Z.; Ferguson, P.Z., H.; Smith, J.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., Scribe E.; Edmonds, S.N.; G. W. Knight, P.S.; H. Dickey, 1st A.S.; R. W. Fraser, 2nd A.S.; Dimsdale, D.C.; Sylvester, Stwd.; and Whiting, Janitor.

Chapter was opened in ancient form, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. James Terry, P.G. Swd. Br., then proceeded to install the Principals elect, Comp. J. C. Smith was very impressively installed into the Z. chair, Comp. G. W. Knight into the H., and Comp. H. Dickey, J. The M.E.Z. was then pleased to invest the following officers: Comp. J. Willing, jun., P.Z., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., Scribe E.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; R. W. P.S.; F. Dimsdale, 1st A.S.; Sylvester, 2nd A.S.; Emblen and Little, Stwds.; and Whiting, Janitor. The M.E.Z. presented and pinned on the breast of Comp. Fullwood, I.P.Z., a handsome P.Z. jewel voted by the companions for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the chapter during his year of office. Comp. Stiles, P.Z., then proposed a vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes to Comp. J. Terry, P.G. Swd. Br., for his valuable services rendered to the chapters in installing the Principals, carried unanimously. Comp. J. Terry thanked the companions in a very affable speech, saying this was the ninth year he had installed the Principals in this chapter, and hoped it would be many years before he should sever his connection with them, for they had done good suit and service to the Charities. Comp. Ferguson, P.Z., then offered himself as Steward for the next Festival of the R.M.B.I., and hoped the companions would subscribe liberally to his list. Bro. F. W. Hadden, 1744, and Bro. A. Swerzl, 435, were then exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in a most admirable manner by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by his officers.

The chapter was then closed, and the M.E.Z. presided at the banquet table.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Fullwood, I.P.Z., and received a very hearty response.

The usual toast list was gone through, and some excellent singing was listened to by the companions from Comp. Sylvester, R. W. Fraser, Dimsdale and others, Comp. Day, a visitor, kindly presided at the pianoforte.

BURNLEY.—Chapter of Nativity (No. 126).

The installation meeting of this old chapter was held at the Bull Hotel, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Present: Comps. Oldman, Z.; Harrison, P.Z., acting in place of his deceased brother as H.; Sharrock, J.; Witham, S.E.; Ratcliffe, as S.N.; Omalley, P.S.; B. Whitaker, P.Z.; Reever, P.Z.; J. E. Wright, Prov. G. Reg. East Lancashire; Bolland, P.P.G.S. Br.; R. Nelson, P.P.G. Std. Br. East Lancashire; and others. In the absence of Comp. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H., Comp. R. Nelson, P.P.G. Std. Br., installed the principals and invested the rest of the officers. The Auditors gave their report. After a proposition for a new member, the chapter was closed.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. E. Child, P.Z. 538, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, H.; M. Speigel, 834, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 890, S.N.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, P.S.; F. E. Vowler, 1043, 1st A.S.; G. March, 733; and G. N. Watts, S.E. 1196.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. March being the candidate. Comp. Nicols promised to give the interesting traditional account of the life of Nehemiah at the next meeting. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. Dean M.E.Z. Comp. Vowler thanked the companions for their kindness to him during his stay in London, and wished them farewell on obtaining an appointment in Canterbury. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

CHELTENHAM.—Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge (No. 10).—The annual festival of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. An advancement having been performed by the W.M., Bro. G. Norman, the ceremony of installation was undertaken by Bro. W. Forth, D.P.G.M., and Bro. J. S. Carleton, I.P.M. 340, S.W., was duly inducted to the chair. He appointed as his officers Bros. Norman, I.P.M.; the Rev. Dr. Kynaston, S.W.; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, J.W.; W. R. Porcher, M.A., Chap.; H. J. Ferris, P.M. 218, M.O.; C. L. Sweeting, S.O.; S. Moss, J.O.; Dr. Gregory, Treas.; J. Belcomb, P.M., Sec.; W. Heath, S.D.; J. A. Huband, J.D.; and J. Bevan, I.G. Among those present were Bros. J. Walker, M.A., R.W.P.G.M. Gloucestershire; J. Brook Smith, M.A., P.G.M.O.; H. Jeffs, G.I.G.; and others.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. David W. Cangle, assisted by Bros. D. Davies, I.P.M.; J. Hayes, P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; W. Brackenbery, P.M.; H. B. Browne, S.W.; J. C. Spurr, J.W.; J. L. Houghton, M.O.; T. Wilcock, S.O.; J. Keet, Reg. of Marks; John C. Robinson, Secretary; J. White, S.D.; W. Hewson, J.D.; A. S. Ramage, Org.; J. B. Parker, I.G.; G. B. Lloyd and R. Owens, Stewards; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Molloy, W. E. Anderson, J. Milne, J. Ward, P. Evans; J. Pittaway, J. Gertrey, D. Matthews, R. Forbes, E. Routledge, P. Pedersen, and G. Nicholson. Visitors: Bros. R

Young, W.M. Lebanon (T.I.), and W.M. 53; E. King Ellison, formerly 65; and Dr. Napier (S.C.).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to advance Bro. Geo. Hulse to the Degree of M.M.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. John Hayes, P.M., and the W.M. elect, Bro. H. B. Browne, was presented by Bros. W. Cangle, W.M., and J. Williams, P.M. After Bro. Browne had been installed in a very efficient manner, he proceeded to appoint the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. D. W. Cangle, I.P.M.; J. C. Spurr, S.W.; J. L. Houghton, J.W.; T. Dilcock, M.O.; John C. Robinson, S.O.; J. White, J.O.; W. Hewson, R. of M.; J. Hayes, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Parker, Sec.; J. B. Lloyd, S.D.; R. Owens, J.D.; J. Pittaway, I.G.; D. Davies, P.M., D.C.; P. Evans, Steward; A. S. Ramage, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The three visitors, having expressed a desire to become members, were duly proposed and seconded. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

During the evening the I.P.M. was presented with a gold P.M.'s jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 355).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th ult., at the Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C. Present: Bros. Allen, W.M.; Pulman, P.G.I.G., S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; T. C. Edmonds, M.O.; C. J. Knightley, S.O.; C. J. Axford, J.O.; G. Gregory, S.D.; R. Whiting, I.G.; and W. M. Stiles, Sec.

The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, and Bro. Pulman, P.G.I.G., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, when a good attendance, as usual, is expected.

CONSECRATION OF THE FIRST TEMPERANCE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS—THE KING SOLOMON, No. 385.

The consecration of the Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029 (Craft), and one or two other semi-Temperance lodges has done much to dispel the popular notions that Masonry is opposed to Temperance, and that no consistent teetotaler can become a Mason. The consecration of the King Solomon Mark Lodge, as a purely Temperance lodge, is an evidence that Masonic opposition to such lodges is on the turn, and we hope to see many Masonic gatherings in which our teetotal brethren can work our beautiful ritual and ceremonies with those of their own persuasion; and we are sure that no true-hearted Mason will grudge them their festive board at which Bacchus has no part.

Of the founders, Bro. E. J. Mills, A.G.I.G., P.M. 350, may be mentioned as most energetic in the work, and the one to whom the credit of founding the lodge is chiefly due. Of the advances, Bro. Lieut. T. W. Richardson, J.W. 2029 (Craft), has been most active. The latter took a great liking to the "beautiful little keystone" when he was still in his teens, and quite made up his mind to be a Mason if his Temperance principles were not a bar to it.

The consecration took place on Saturday evening last, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C., the Consecrating Officer being R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., A.G. Sec., who was assisted by R.W. Bro. Col. A. W. O. Saunders, P.P.G.M. Madras; V.W. Bro. R. Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C.; W. Bro. Alfred Williams, P.G.D.; W. Bro. C. H. Driver, P.G. I. of W.; and V.W. Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Kent.

The founders were Bros. Harry Tipper, M.O. 315; E. J. Mills, A.G.I.G., P.M. 350; Robt. Roy, 115; Chas. Lee, 139; C. J. Axford, P.M. 234; and W. Beasley, P.M. and Sec. 199.

A lodge having been formed, the ballot was taken for the following candidates: Bros. T. W. Richardson, T. P. Baptie, J.P., Dr. Williams, R. A. Gowan, W. Matthews, and A. Wells, all of 2029, and, proving unanimous, they were duly advanced to the Degree of a M.M.

The Consecrating Officer having been received with Grand honours, assumed the chair, and the first part of the anthem "Mark Masters all appear," was heartily rendered. The founders of the new lodge were then arranged in order, and the Consecrating Officer addressed them on the nature of the meeting, after which he called on the G.D. of C. to state their wishes, and the proceedings they had taken in respect to the lodge.

The G.D. of C. read the prayer and petition, which had been duly approved by the Pro G.M.M., and also the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and the brethren signified their approval of the officers named therein. The second part of the anthem was rendered, and the usual ceremonies of consecration were then proceeded with, the wine used being the pure non-alcoholic "blood of the grape," in deference to the principles of the members of the new lodge, all of whom are teetotalers.

A splendidly rendered oration by Bro. the Rev. HAYMAN CUMMINGS was listened to with great pleasure by all.

Bro. Harry Tipper having been installed as W.M., was saluted according to ancient custom. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Axford, I.P.M.; Roy, S.W.; Lee, J.W.; Richardson, M.O.; Baptie, S.O.; Dr. Williams, J.O.; Gowan, S.D.; Matthews, J.D.; Wells, I.G.; Beasley, D.C.; and Mills, Sec.

The Grand Lodge Officers, who had so ably performed the consecration ceremony, were unanimously elected hon. members, and Bro. John Strachan, P.M. 346, was proposed as a joining member. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. The toasts of "The Queen," His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., "The Officers," and "The Prov. G. Officers," were honoured with the usual loyalty and enthusiasm, after which a quartett "Comrades in Arms," was well rendered by Bros. James, Wise, Tomes, and Tipper. The remaining toasts were interspersed with music. Bro. Jones sang "The last watch," which was followed by a piano solo, "Tarantella," by Miss Tipper, another quartette "Sailors," was followed by "The Red Cross" by Bro. Tomes, and "I wish to tune" quartette.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and the new lodge bids fair to have a prosperous career.

THE NEW LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.

There was the usual pageant in honour of "Lord Mayor's Day" on Wednesday under conditions of weather which could not well have been more unpropitious. However, what under the circumstances must be considered large crowds assembled along the line of route to witness the procession, and in the evening the usual grand banquet was held at the Guildhall, under the presidency of the new Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman De Keyser. Her Majesty's ministers were strongly represented, and there were also present representatives of the judicial bench, of the bar, and of the foreign ministers. Among the speakers were the Prime Minister, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., who replied for "The Navy," Bros. Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., the retiring Lord Mayor, and Bro. Sheriff Higgs. Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser is to be congratulated on the brilliant success of his inaugural banquet, which certainly made some amends for the discomforts of the weather. He proved himself a most capable president and a fluent speaker, the brief remarks with which he prefaced the several toasts he proposed being conceived in excellent taste and very much to the point, and the hearty applause with which they were greeted must have been very gratifying to his lordship.

The new Lord Mayor stands alone among the citizens who for a long series of years has attained the position he now occupies in two particulars. He is a Roman Catholic and he is a naturalised Englishman, not an Englishman by birth. He is the son of Mr. C. de Keyser, the founder of the business now carried on at the corner of the Thames Embankment, and known as the Royal Hotel, and was borne at Termonde, in Belgium, on the 13th December, 1832. Originally it was intended that he should follow the medical profession, but the fates had willed it otherwise, and in 1860 he took upon himself the management of his father's business, with what success may be judged from the development which has since taken place under his auspices. After 15 years service in the Court of Common Council as representative of the Ward of Farringdon Without, Bro. De Keyser was elected its Alderman in 1882, on the retirement of the late Alderman Figgins. He served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex the same year, Bro. Alderman Savory being his colleague on the Shrievalty, and Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight being the occupant of the Civic Chair. On Michaelmas day last, he attained the object of his ambition, and was unanimously chosen successor to Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart. His lordship is a member of the Guilds of Spectacle Makers', Loriners', Butchers', Innholders, Poulterers', and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers', a Fellow of the Society of Arts, the Royal Geographical Society, and the Statistical Society, a Governor of Bridewell, Bethlehem, Christ's, St. Thomas's, and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals, and a member of the City Liberal and Junior Travellers' Clubs. He is an excellent linguist, and while a member of the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers, attained considerable proficiency as a marksman. He is an officer of the Royal Order of Leopold of Belgium, a distinction which was conferred upon him on the occasion of a visit paid to Brussels by a deputation from the City of London, of which Bro. De Keyser was a member, during the Mayoralty of Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., to congratulate the King of the Belgians on the steps his Majesty had taken for opening up the Congo District, the distinction being in the nature of a promotion from the grade of Knight of the same Order, which he had previously received.

Among those present either in the procession or at the banquet, or at both, were Bros. Lord Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of England; Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., and others.

"LADIES' NIGHT" AT THE SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE, No. 1539.

On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., a most successful "ladies' night" was held in connection with the above lodge. The idea originated with Bro. W. G. Cannon, P.M., and was heartily taken up by the present W.M., Bro. J. James. A Committee was formed, consisting of Bros. E. J. Williams, W.M. elect; J. Burn, Org.; Cureton, W.S.; Cannon, P.M.; Huffer, Bromley Smith, J.W.; G. J. Venables, J.D.; and J. Morgan, Sec.; and to these brethren certainly is attributable the genuine success of the undertaking. The entertainment took the form of a banquet and concert. About 40 ladies and gentlemen sat down, and all seemed to enjoy the excellent fare provided by Bro. G. J. Venables, the popular caterer. After a slight interval, the musical portion of the programme was commenced by the singing of the grace. The speeches were short and pithy, and the singing all that could be desired, the following contributing several items each during the evening: Madame Maud Cameron, Miss Mary Horton, Bro. Arthur Weston, Mr. James Budd, Mr. A. J. Slade, Bro. John Morgan, and Bro. Cannon, P.M. Bro. J. Burn presided at the pianoforte.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MAINE.

We have received copy of the proceedings at the annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Maine, held in the Masonic Hall, Portland, on the 4th May last. Sir Knight John O. Shaw, G.C., presided, and among the Grand Officers present were Sir Knights F. E. Sleeper, as D.G.C.; B. F. Andrews, G. Gen.; Wm. J. Burnham, G. Captain General; Marion Crosley, as G. Prelate; L. M. Fobes, S.G.W.; Edwin M. Fuller, J.G.W.; Charles Fobes, G. Treas.; I. Berry, G. Recorder; W. J. Landers, G. Std. Br.; John E. Avery, G. Swd. Br.; Horace H. Burbank, G. Warden; and W. O. Carney, G.C. of G. There were also present several Past Grand Officers and the representatives of subordinate commanderies and other Grand Commanderies. The address delivered by the Grand Commander related to matters almost entirely of local interest. The Grand Treasurer's statement of account showed receipts, including balance from previous account, amounting to nearly 1559 dollars, and expenditure, some 992 dollars, the balance which remained at close of year being nearly 566 dollars. The report of the Committee on Returns showed 16 subordinate commanderies, with an aggregate membership of 1940. The following are the Grand

Officers for the current year, viz.: Sir Knights William J. Burnham, G.C.; Joseph A. Locke, D.G.C.; Edwin M. Fuller, G. Gen.; Arlington B. Marston, G. Captain General; Marion Crosley, G. Prelate; John E. Avery, S.G.W.; Thomas P. Shaw, J.G.W.; C. Fobes, G. Treas.; Ira Berry, G. Recorder; W. J. Landers, G. Std. Br.; H. H. Burbank, G. Swd. Br.; H. W. Stewart, G.W.; W. O. Carney, G.C. of G.; and F. E. Sleeper, G. Lecturer. The installation ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Josiah H. Drummond, Past G.C. There is a full report on correspondence, in which the Proceedings of various Grand Commanderies for the year 1886 are carefully analysed.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT WHITLEY.

On Tuesday, the 1st inst., about 50 brethren assembled at Brompton Cemetery to pay the last tribute of respect to the late Bro. Robert Whitley, who died on the 26th ult., after only a few days' illness. Bro. Whitley was only 48 years of age, but had been a most indefatigable worker in the Craft, and was most highly esteemed for his geniality and ability. He was P.P.G.D.C. of Middlesex, P.M. and Sec. 946, and P.M. 1585, and M.E.Z. 946, and had served as Steward to two, if not three, of the Charities. Wreaths were sent from the Strawberry Hill Lodge and Chapter, Royal Commemoration Lodge, and one from the P.M.'s of the latter, besides numerous others from relatives and friends. Amongst those present we recognised Bros. Walters, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 865, &c.; Ford, P.G.O. Middlesex, P.Z. and Sec. 946; Strong, W.M.; Wing, J.W.; Robinson, P.M. and Sec.; Oliver, I.G.; Boehr, P.M.; Grundy, Howard, Wright, and Maddox, all of 1585; Simeon Jacobs, P.M. 946; Roe, P.M. 780 and 1612; Carter, P.M. 71; Larkins, 1637; Maltby, 319; and several others. Bro. Whitley will be very much missed in all the circles in which he moved, but nowhere more than in the Royal Commemoration Lodge, where for so many years he had been so popular. He leaves one son and a large family of daughters.

BRO. LORD WOLVERTON.

We regret to have to record the death, which occurred suddenly at the Bedford Hotel, Brighton, on Saturday last, of Bro. Lord Wolverton, who was initiated into Freemasonry, while a student at University College, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in the year 1844. His lordship formerly represented Shaftesbury in the House of Commons, succeeded his father in the peerage in 1873, having been the chief Liberal Whip in the Commons during the preceding five years. From 1880 to 1885 he was Paymaster General in Mr. Gladstone's administration, and last during the brief period of his third ministry was Postmaster General. His lordship was a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

- DRURY LANE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.45, PLEASURE.
- ADELPHI THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, THE BELLS OF HASLEMERE; at 7.15, Farce.
- ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, THE WITCH; preceded by PETTICOAT PERFDY.
- GLOBE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 9, THE ARABIAN NIGHTS; at 8, LADY FORTUNE.
- VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.50, CUT OFF WITH A SHILLING; at 8.45, HEART OF HEARTS.
- COMEDY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 9.15, THE BARRISTER; at 8.15, THE FIRST NIGHT.
- PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY; at 7.45, JUBILATION.
- OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, THE POINTSMAN; at 7.15, B. B.
- STRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, THE SULTAN OF MOCHA; at 7.30, A MERRY MEETING.
- TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, DANDY DICK; at 8, WOMEN'S WRONGS.
- ROYALTY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, French Plays.
- AVENUE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, THE OLD GUARD.
- TERRY'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, MEDDLE AND MUDDLE; at 8.45, THE CHURCHWARDEN.
- GRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, LARKS.
- SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, A DEAD MAN'S GOLD.
- ROYAL AQUARIUM.
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement.
- MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.
Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.
- ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.45, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.
- LONDON PAVILION.
Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment, &c.
- CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.30, Grand Variety Entertainment.
- PARAGON THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c., &c.
- TREVOR MUSIC HALL.
Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment, &c.



Bro. Lord and Lady Hothfield have returned to Hothfield-place, Kent, for the winter, having spent the autumn at Appleby Castle, Westmoreland.

His Highness the Maharajah of Kuch-Bihar, Past G. Warden of England, arrived at Sandringham House on Monday on a visit to the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Colonel Ellis and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, arrived at Sandringham House, on Saturday afternoon last, for the winter season.

Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, minister in attendance on the Queen at Balmoral, had the honour of dining with her Majesty on Friday and Saturday of last week.

According to the *Canadian Craftsman*, there is a prospect of the Grand Lodge of Canada being provided at an early date with a permanent home. We rejoice to hear such good news.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has contributed £1000, and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., £500 towards the fund now being raised to complete the sum required for the purchase of Parliament-hill, Highgate.

On Friday, the 4th inst., Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., entertained at dinner at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, the members of the central Committee of the National Association of Journalists and several members of the Birmingham press.

A handsome tablet was, last week, unveiled in Bideford Church in memory of the late Bro. Rear-Admiral Bedford Pim, and an international monument is about to be placed in the Seamen's Church, at Bristol, to commemorate the services rendered by the deceased to the pilots.

At a meeting of the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, at Gloucester, on Friday, the 4th inst., the Very Rev. H. D. M. Spence, Dean of Gloucester, was initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. L. Bretherton, the W.M. of the lodge.

At a meeting of the Sackville Lodge, held at East Grinstead, on the 1st inst., a resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of the W.M., offering the congratulations of the brethren to Bro. Farncombe, P.P.G. Swd. Br., on his election, for the third time in succession, to the post of Mayor of the county town of Sussex.

FAITH MARK LODGE, No. 137.—At the last regular meeting of the above lodge Bro. John Barker, P.M. 58, G.I. of Works, P.P.J.G.W. West Yorks, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and we hope that under his rule the lodge may have a happy and prosperous year.

The Prince of Wales and Bros. General Brownrigg, Major-General Sir R. Baker, General Lord Wolseley, and Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood were among the guests at the banquet given at the Hotel Metropole, on Friday, the 4th inst., by the military members of the United Service Club to H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge in commemoration of his having completed 50 years' service in the British army.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of East Lancashire will be held in the Free Trade Hall Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at 2.30. The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie will preside, and a large number of brethren are expected to be present. Business of a formal character will be transacted, and a lively discussion is expected on account of Bro. William Nicholl's, Prov. G. Treas., notices of motion, to alter some of the Provincial Grand by-laws.

After being present at the consecration, on the 3rd inst., of Truro Cathedral, the Prince of Wales left for Port Ebor, St. Germans, and remained the night as the guest of the Earl of St. Germans. The following morning his Royal Highness left Cornwall for Devonport, where, at the Raglan barracks, he presented new colours to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, among the distinguished personages present being Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the Ladies Albertha and Ernestine Edgcumbe, Bro. Lord Robartes, and others. At the close of the ceremony the Prince lunched with the officers of the regiment, and then drove to the Plymouth station to catch the train for London, hearty cheers being given for his Royal Highness as the train started on its journey.

Bro. A. M. Broadley entertained a large and distinguished party at the Hotel Bristol, Cork-street, on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., to meet the Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Polydore de Keyser. The guests included the Earl of Coventry, Master of the Buckhounds (whose ancestor, Sir John Coventry, was Lord Mayor of London in 1425); Bro. the Earl of Onslow (descended from Sir Thomas Foot, Lord Mayor of London, 1649); Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, Bart.; Bro. Alderman Sir J. Staples, K.C.M.G.; Bro. Sir J. Monckton, Lord William Nevill, Bro. Sir J. Puleston, M.P., Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie, Col. Curzon (2nd Life Guards); Bro. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., the Hon. C. B. Bellew, Bro. Edmund Yates, Bro. G. A. Sala, Bro. J. W. Maclure, M.P., Bro. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Bro. Robson Rouse, Bro. Augustus Harris, Mr. G. Edwards, Bro. Col. Edis, Mr. Anderson Critchett, Bro. Gen. Wortham, and Mr. Ernest Hart. At the conclusion of the dinner the company adjourned to the drawing-room where several excellent songs were sung by Bros. Harry Nicholls, Victor Stevens, and E. J. Lonnen of the Drury Lane Lodge.

Pertinent questions. What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy"? What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic as recommended by Medical Men? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of this unrivalled liqueur, and for whom a stronger quality ("Sportsman's") is prepared? Beware of imitations. Observe our branded corks and capsules. Sold by Wine Merchants, and by Thomas Grant and Sons, Maidstone, and 46, Gresham-street, E.C. Makers of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.

The newly organised Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick was recognised by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts on its Quarterly Convocation on the 20th September last.

Bro. Edward Leader Shepherd, P.M. 945, P.P. G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, has been elected Mayor of Abingdon.

Bro. Earl Granville addressed a political meeting which was held at Hanley on Monday evening, and over which Bro. Lord Burton presided.

The offertories collected in Truro Cathedral on the 3rd inst. at its consecration amounted to £1736 3s. 11d., those on the occasion of the foundation stone being laid, on the 20th May, 1880, having been close on £1592.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont has voted the sum of 100 dollars (£20) towards the monument proposed to be erected at Milton, Vt., to the memory of Bro. Noah Smith, whose remains lie buried there, and who was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

We regret to hear that a burglary was committed at the residence of Bro. Baron G. De Worms, Milton Park, Egham, on Tuesday night, when jewellery belonging to the Baroness and of the estimated value of £900 was carried off. As yet no trace of the burglars or of the stolen property has been obtained.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has joined the 9th Lancers at York, and has been posted as Captain of the B Troop at the York Cavalry Barracks. On Sunday his Royal Highness attended Divine service with his troop, and on Monday reported himself to the general commanding the district.

A deputation, introduced by Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., was received by Bro. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P., at the offices of the Board of Trade on Tuesday, on the subject of the oyster fisheries in the estuary of the Thames, and their threatened extinction, owing to the refuse, which of late it had become the practice to bring down to the Isle of Sheppey in barges and throw into the river.

The *Canadian Craftsman* is of opinion that the marvellous progress of Freemasonry under the United Grand Lodge of England is due to the establishment of Provincial Grand Lodges, and considers it would be a judicious step on the part of the Grand Lodge of Canada if it adopted a similar plan of local organisation.

Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, and Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Monday. The absentee ministers were Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, who is in attendance on her Majesty in Scotland, and Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.

Bro. Sir H. Bullard, on retiring from the office of Mayor of the City of Norwich, has been presented with the freedom of the city, beautifully engrossed and illuminated on vellum, and inclosed in a handsome silver gilt casket. At the same time Lady Bullard was presented with a diamond crescent brooch and a hair-spray of coralline pearls.

ONSLow MARK LODGE, No. 361.—The next regular meeting of this lodge will be held by special dispensation on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Criterion, at 5 o'clock, when the Earl of Kintore, P.G.M.M.M., the W.M. elect, and Bro. L. George Gordon Robbins, the W.D.M. nominate, will be installed. The ceremony of installation will be performed by Bro. Horace White, P.J.G.W. Middlesex and Surrey, the outgoing Master.

At the meeting of the Royal Gloucester Chapter, No. 130, held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on the 3rd inst., Comps. Henry Lashmore, H. Webb, and R. W. Lees were installed as first, second, and third Principals, in the presence of a numerous gathering. The ceremonies were ably performed by the retiring Z., Comp. M. Emanuel, to whom a hearty vote was awarded for his services in the first chair during the past year, and as the Installing Principal. The following officers were invested: Comps. C. Bemister, S.E.; S. Dacombe, S.N.; R. Sharpe, Treas.; W. Waters, D.C.; Mark Smith, P.S.; T. G. Dacombe and H. Mee, Asst. Sojs.; and Vare and Bigg, Janitors.

A capital sketch of the "Cornish See and Cathedral," with historical and architectural notes, has just been issued by Messrs. Heard and Sons, Truro. There are numerous engravings and full particulars of the new Truro Cathedral, and we feel persuaded the handy little volume will be welcomed by the members of the Craft who took part in the ever-to-be-remembered ceremony of the laying the foundation stones, in 1880, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M. A better guide could scarcely be, and it deserves a very large sale. Mr. Argall, artist, of Truro, has succeeded in taking some really very good photographs of the portion of the Cathedral which is completed, and likewise of the Bishop of Truro (Dr. Wilkinson), the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Chairman of the Committee, and other dignitaries, the style and accuracy of which do him credit.

At the close of his year of office as Mayor of Croydon, Bro. A. T. Layton, J.P., C.C., has entertained at a banquet the numerous staff of the corporation, including the inspectors, roadmen, dustmen, fire brigade men, and others. On another evening the retiring Mayor gave a musical and ventriloquial entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Layton has given several other entertainments during the past few weeks, at which several hundreds of the residents of the districts have been entertained. On this point a local journal remarks: "It cannot be said of Alderman Layton at the expiration of his term of office that meanness has been a cardinal failing of his. On the contrary, his mayoralty has been marked by a liberality and kindness of heart which will not soon be forgotten."

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Bro. W. J. Johns, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Treas., Cornwall, has been elected Mayor of the City of Truro.

Bro. Walter Besant, the novelist, has taken a residence near the Peoples' Palace.

Bro. J. Lobb has sent a parcel of magazines for distribution amongst the inmates of the City of London workhouse.

Bro. T. W. Oakshott, J.P., has been elected Mayor of Liverpool, as successor to Bro. Sir James Poole.

We are informed that the P.G. Mark Lodge of Lancashire will be held at Manchester, on the 1st December.

Seven tenders ranging between £1544 and £1342 have been received for the erection of Bro. James Willing's presentation clock-tower to the borough of Brighton.

Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blytheswood, M.P., has been ordered by his medical adviser to take a yachting cruise in the Mediterranean this winter for the recovery of his health.

We are glad to hear that the Princess Louise of Wales, who has, like her sisters, had a mild attack of measles, is rapidly recovering, and is already well on the way towards complete convalescence.

Her Majesty has sent £25 to Mr. James Lee, of Goole, who on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration there was so seriously injured by an explosion of fireworks as to have lost his eyesight. A local relief fund is being raised;

Bro. R. F. Gould, the well known Masonic historian, was on Tuesday last installed as W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, in succession to Bro. Sir Charles Warren. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P.G.D. of England, who was somewhat severely injured by stumbling over a portmanteau in a railway carriage last week, is progressing favourably but slowly, his injuries having turned out to be more severe than was originally supposed.

Wednesday being the 46th anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Wales, the occasion was marked by the firing of the usual salutes, while the principal thoroughfares at the West-end were illuminated. At Sandringham, the labourers on the Royal estate had their annual dinner in the Royal-mews.

We have received, but too late for review this week, Bro. Henry Sadler's promised work, entitled "Masonic Facts and Fictions." The exterior appearance of the volume is much to be commended, and will, no doubt, prove to be a just reflex of the worthiness of the contents. We shall give our attention to the latter at an early date.

Bro. Major George Lambert, Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, presided on Monday night at the twenty-first annual dinner of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, held at the Holborn Restaurant, when subscriptions amounting to £320, including £105 from the chairman, were announced.

The members of the Earl of Chester Lodge, No. 1565, held their annual festival of St. John at Lymm, on Thursday, 3rd inst. The W.M. elect was Bro. George Fairhurst, of Stretford, who invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Wm. Hooper, I.P.M.; W. H. Pugh, S.W.; W. Warburton, J.W.; John Marsh, S.D.; Ezra Morris, J.D.; W. Collins, I.G.; J. Rouse, Org.; and W. Groves, Tyler. There was a large attendance of brethren from surrounding lodges.

It has been settled that Bro. ex-Sheriff Clarke is to be the accepted candidate of one of the political parties at the next General Election for the Spalding division of Lincolnshire. Both Bro. Clarke and his wife were born near to the district in question, and this fact materially enhances the honour conferred upon him by the electors, in selecting him as their champion for the seat in the next Parliament.

Through the instrumentality of Bro. Dr. C. D. Hill-Drury the banqueting room of the Darlington Masonic Hall has just been thoroughly renovated and tastefully decorated. The cost of the work has amounted to about £85, and our Darlington brethren may now be congratulated upon possessing one of the handsomest lodge rooms and banqueting halls in the north of England. At the last monthly meetings of the Restoration and Marquess of Ripon Lodges votes of thanks were most deservedly passed to Bro. Dr. Hill-Drury, who had collected the subscriptions for the improvements and superintended the work.

A very great yet well-deserved compliment was made at the last meeting of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness, to Bro. Morphet, who is leaving England to establish himself with his wife and family in Melbourne. Bro. Morphet, who has been a member of the lodge for upwards of 22 years, and will retain his connection with it still, was presented on the occasion with an address beautifully engraved and illuminated on vellum, together with a handsomely bound album containing memorial photographs of his brother members, and also a gold locket and chain for Mrs. Morphet. The presentation was made by Bros. Cook, P.M., and Worrall, P.M., and feelingly acknowledged by the recipient, who was afterwards entertained at a farewell supper. We wish Bro. Morphet all possible success in his new sphere of life.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex went in state, on Saturday last, to open the new park between the Kensal-green and Queen's-park Stations on the London and North-Western Railway. They were received with great heartiness all along the line of route, and, on their arrival at the spot chosen for the ceremony, his lordship having opened the park, and with the Queen's permission bestowed on it the name of the "Queen's Park," the company returned to town, and in the evening dined at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. Sir John Monckton was among those present.

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.