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A FURTHER stage in the MOTION controversy was concluded on Saturday last, when a Special Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern. More than 300 brethren were present, and after a patient hearing had been accorded to the speakers to both sides of the question, the motion for a Special Committee to inquire into the circumstances of the case was defeated by the very large majority of 199 votes to 118 votes, tellers included. If the partisans of the boy are well advised, we shall hear no more of the matter. The controversy has already been carried beyond the limits of seemly argument, and if, unhappily, any further steps are taken to continue it in other forms or before other and less competent tribunals, it will be impossible to arrive at any other conclusion than that the object of the boy's friends is not so much to reinstate him in his old position—which, seeing that his time for remaining in the School expired on the 13th instant, is out of the question—as to inflict an injury, not, perhaps, on the Institution itself, but on the brethren who are most immediately concerned in administering its government. We say advisedly that the controversy has been already carried beyond the limits of reasonable argument. Had the Special Court of Saturday last been weak enough to accede to the demand for a further inquiry, we should have witnessed the ridiculous spectacle of a Special Committee appointed to examine into circumstances which were already known and admitted as established facts, and demanding reasons for the sentence awarded by the House Committee, which it would be in the power of that body to decline to furnish. It is not necessary we should pay attention to the minor details of the case which were so elaborately set forth in the memorandum issued by the boy's friends, and on which so much stress was laid by the principal speakers in his behalf on Saturday. It having been once admitted that young MOTION was guilty of the offence for which he was punished, it matters little whether he was or was not guilty of certain other acts of misconduct on certain other occasions, for which no punishment has been awarded. In the memorandum referred to, under the head of "Charges against the Boy," that of "Absconding" is "admitted," and though exception was taken by one of the speakers to the use of the word "abscond" as implying a greater or another offence than that of "departing without leave," it is clear that the intent and meaning of the admission thus made by the authors of the said memorandum was, that young MOTION had been guilty of the offence of "departing without leave." Hence it follows as a necessary consequence of this admission that he thereby rendered himself liable to the penalty of "expulsion" as prescribed in Law LXI. And as with Law XL. staring us in the face, it is impossible to deny that it is entrusted to the House Committee by that Law to "reward, admonish, or punish" the boys "at discretion," it follows as a further necessary consequence, that the said Committee were acting well within their legal right in awarding the boy a lesser punishment—one carrying with it no stigma into his after life—than that allowed by the Law. Therefore, so far as this—the material—part of the case is concerned, if a Special Committee had been appointed, its duty would have been to inquire into circumstances which, as we have before said, are already known and admitted as established facts. But it was urged with reference to the other charges laid against the boy, that in the case of some of them the evidence on which they rested had failed either wholly or in part, and in the case of others that it was distinctly proved that not MOTION, but another boy, was the real culprit; and it was argued that, as these charges had been included in the inquiry instituted into MOTION's conduct, the sentence passed upon him was unjust, as being founded on wrongful evidence; or, in other words, that the House Committee had improperly exercised the discretionary powers with which under Law XL. they are entrusted. As we have already pointed out, however, it matters not, as regards the principal offence, of which it is admitted he was guilty and for which he has been punished, whether he was guilty or innocent of these other and minor charges of killing bees, getting out of the infirmary window, setting bird traps, &c. Indeed, we have no objection, for the purposes of our present line of argument, to give the boy the

benefit of the doubts raised by his friends and hold him innocent of them all. But whatever may have been the opinion of the members of the House Committee as to the boy's guilt or innocence of these charges—and it is not in the power of any man to interpret what was influencing the minds of others on a particular occasion which has long since passed away—it stands out clear beyond the possibility of question, that the punishment inflicted is less, not greater, than the punishment prescribed for the single particular offence of absconding or departing without leave. Thus, the allegation that the House Committee improperly exercised their discretionary powers falls to the ground. But even if it had not so fallen, there is no tribunal in Masonry, nor do we believe there is any tribunal in the United Kingdom, or, indeed, in any civilised community on the face of the earth, at which it would be possible to inquire into the "discretion" exercised in accordance with the law by an individual or body of individuals. It must be borne in mind that, in this and all similar cases, "discretion" is the reasons which influence men to do or not to do certain things, of the justice or expediency of which they are careful to satisfy themselves by the means and to the extent they think proper, under certain conditions, of the nature and value of which they are the sole judges. The law and the facts as regards the offence of absconding and the penalty attached to it having been established, it would have been impossible for a Special Committee, had one been granted, to inquire into the House Committee's "discretion," which is as sacred from the inquisition of the outer world, as are the secrets of the ballot-box under the constitutions of Masonry. Thus, with nothing to inquire into but what is already known and admitted, there was no need for any Committee, and though we confess we are not over-sanguine in the matter, we trust that, for the sake of the boy MOTION himself, who will no doubt make his way in life if his family and friends will lend him a helping hand at starting, as well as for that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in whose welfare all of us are so deeply interested, we have heard the last of any attempts to continue this unhappy controversy.

WE congratulate our New Zealand contemporary on the success which thus far has attended its advocacy of Masonic interests in that remote colony. Its articles are instructive, its intelligence invariably interesting, and we trust its career may be prolonged for many years to the great benefit of the Craft, and its own advantage. But while we fully recognise the general merits of its articles, and the soundness of the opinions they express, it would be strange if we did not occasionally find it necessary to take exception to some of its views. For instance, in an early issue of the current year, it falls foul of a former article of ours on "Concurrent Jurisdiction," both as to its general tenour and in respect of sundry of its details. We will not now contest its utterances on the former, but with all deference to our worthy contemporary, we venture to say there are one or two remarks as to the latter which had better have been left unsaid. Thus it is not in keeping with its usual regard for accuracy, to find fault with our illustration of Victoria as a favourable example of "Concurrent Jurisdiction," seeing that it is in Victoria that one and the same distinguished brother—Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart.—has been chosen head of all three jurisdictions. A better illustration than this of the thorough harmony of feeling which prevails among English, Irish, and Scotch Masons in this colony seems hardly possible. Again, "concurrent jurisdiction," as we understand it, does not mean "the system by which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and all other Grand Lodges, have full right to establish lodges at will," the only Grand Lodges which have authority to do this being those of the mother country. A United States Grand Lodge, for instance, could not warrant a lodge in New Zealand or any other English Colony, nor could the Grand Lodge of Canada grant warrants for lodges outside the limits of its own jurisdiction. Again, in the case of our Colonial lodges, there are no remittances of large sums to the United Kingdom, the moneys remitted being for warrants and registration, while the brethren pay no quarterages as do the members of our Provincial and Metropolitan lodges. We trust our contemporary will enlighten itself as to these matters of every day information before it again essays to lecture us on the contents of our articles.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARROW LODGE, No. 2240.

An important and imposing gathering of the brethren took place at the Burton House Hotel, Kington, on Thursday afternoon, the 22nd inst., when the most skilful and leading members of the Provinces of Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, and Shropshire assembled for the consecration of the above lodge. The Province of Herefordshire, of which Bro. Sir Joseph R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., is the M.W. Prov. Grand Master, is not, in a numerical point, the strongest in the Kingdom, yet there is plenty of evidence that during the past few years Masonry has made rapid strides in the county, and Bromyard is now the only town which does not command the advantages of a duly consecrated lodge. The brethren resident in Kington have hitherto worked at Leominster, but their numbers having increased at a rapid rate, it was decided to form a new lodge in their own town. The happy title of Arrow, the name of the famous fishing stream

which runs through Kington, was selected, and the founders of the lodge, Bros. Robert Williams, F. R. Tidd-Pratt, E. T. Mitchell, Evan Williams, W. H. Cuthbert, Alfred Parker, F. J. Sheather, and Joseph Charlesworth, have every reason to be proud of the success which has attended their initial effort.

The brethren present were:—

Bros. Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Herefordshire; Rev. Richard Evans, D.P.G.M. Herefordshire; Capt. S. George Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Shropshire; C. J. Hampden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Octavius Edwards, P.M.; John Barnes, P.M.; William Mitchell, P.M.; C. H. Oliver, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Monmouthshire; T. Smith, P.M., P.Z., P.S.G.W. Herefordshire. Major T. G. Jones, I.P.M., P.G.S.D. Monmouthshire; W. Earl, P.G. Sec. Herefordshire; Edwin Gregg, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Tulton, Salopian Lodge of Charity; Charles Rootes, P.G.R.; R. Hayes, P.J.G.W.; Rev. David Wilks, P.A.G.S. Monmouthshire; A. S. Townsend, P.G.S.D. Salop; John Davis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Marchant, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.B.; Robert Parry, I.P.M. Caradoc, Swansea; W. Rowe, P.M.; Thomas Blinkhorn, I.P.M.; W. J. Dix, I.P.M.; Edward Maddison, P.M. Eastnor; W. R. Stafford, W.M.; C. J. Saxby, P.M.; Dr. T. O. Hant, P.S.W.; William Parby, Sec. Palladian; J. A. White, P.M.; T. D. Morgan, J.D. Vitruvian; Charles Weaver, P.M.; James S. Norton, S.W. Palladian; W. F. Taylor, W. T. Sale, T. G. Chance, I.G. Palladian; W. H. Oswin, J. A. Beebee, Col. R. H. Price, C. A. Stephens, W. Ware, T. Wainwright, W. V. Tuson, G. F. Colebatch, E. P. Lloyd, Edward Bellow, J.D.; John Collins, Peregrine Prince, W. C. Gathen, Wm. Margrett, Grey Friars; Edward Bowen, S.W.; T. J. Salway, I.G.; S. Mayor, Watson Morrison, Robert Williams, P.M.; F. R. Tidd Pratt, E. F. Mitchell, E. Williams, W. H. Cuthbert, A. Parker, F. J. Sheather, and Joseph Charlesworth.

The ceremony of consecration and installation was performed by Bro. Captain S. George Homfray, A.G.D.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Monmouthshire, his assistants being Bros. Thomas Smith, Prov. S.G.W. Herefordshire; R. Hughes, Prov. J.G.W. Herefordshire; Charles Rootes, John Davies, Walter J. Dix, I.P.M., D.C.; Rev. David Wilks, Chaplain; and C. H. Oliver, Organist.

The Consecrating Officer having opened the lodge in due form, and the hymn "Hail, Eternal" rendered, the Provincial Grand Master and his officers were received.

The brethren of the new lodge then signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, and an oration on the nature and principles of the institution was delivered by Bro. the Rev. DAVID WILKS, Chaplain. He said—

It was the custom for the Chaplain to address a few words to the brethren on the consecration of a lodge on the principles of the Royal Craft, and it was with pleasure that he obeyed the Consecrating Officer's commands to conform with the ancient custom. He need not tell the brethren that the first principle of Masonry was brotherly love. In all the rites and ceremonies of the Craft the principle was continually brought under their notice. It was the great bond of union among the brethren—the very foundation of the Craft; and it was founded on another great principle, that of their being the children of one common Father, and therefore they were brethren. The fruit of brotherly love was relief. Masonry was universal amongst all civilised nations. All over the face of the earth they met with members of the Royal Craft. In that vast body were men in all stations and circumstances of life—some opulent and reared in the lap of luxury, others in humbler positions and of narrower means. They all knew how men's circumstances changed. A brother was summoned hence, the wife becomes a widow, and the children orphans. Then came the time to practise a noble principle of their Craft. Another principle was that of relief, and the brethren must take upon themselves the responsibility of aiding in the hour of need. A third principle of the Craft was truth. An upright life and dignity of conduct must ever be the constant care of every Mason. All those principles were to be cultivated by constant contact with Him who is the source of all love, relief, and truth. Let them seek to acquire those blessings by constantly bending the knee and bowing the head before Him who alone could keep them upright among so many pitfalls.

The consecrating ceremony having been completed, Bro. Capt. Homfray then proceeded with the installation of Bro. R. Williams, as the first W.M. of the new lodge, and the latter subsequently invested the following as his officers, viz.: Bros. F. R. Tidd-Pratt, S.W.; E. F. Mitchell, J.W.; Parker, Treas.; Charlesworth, Sec.; E. Williams, S.D.; J. F. Sheather, J.D.; W. H. Cuthbert, I.G.; and Evans, Tyler. Thirteen new members were proposed for initiation and joining.

The banquet was held at the Burton House Hotel in the evening, and the catering of Bro. Sheather gave every satisfaction. Bro. Williams, W.M., presided, and telegrams of congratulation were received from the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, Gretna Green Lodge, from the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. John Buckle, of Ashperton; Bros. Shellard, Hereford; Hewitt and Yeates, Ross.

"The Queen and Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were given from the chair.

Bro. T. SMITH proposed "The M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the R.W. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. Venables, Salop.

Bro. VENABLES, in reply, said he believed every Mason would fervently re-echo the words of Lord Lathom in Grand Lodge the previous evening with reference to their illustrious brother the Crown Prince of Germany. He hoped that the newly-formed lodge would, like the beautiful river from which it derived its name, go on for ever.

Bro. Captain HOMFRAY proposed "The R.W. Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, P.G.M.," saying he highly valued the honour of being allowed to propose that toast, for he knew he had only to mention Sir Joseph's name for it to be well received. He (Bro. Homfray) had the pleasure of being present when Sir Joseph was installed, and since that time he had always taken a great interest in the province, and was pleased to render any assistance he could. He did not think it was possible for any province to have a better representative than Sir Joseph, or one who had the interests of Masonry more at heart. He (the speaker) was glad one more lodge had been added to the province, and trusted it would go on and prosper.

The toast was drunk with cheers and musical honours.

The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir JOSEPH BAILEY, in reply, said that, living out of the province, he could not visit it so much as he could wish. He was a public man, and it was only late the night before that he knew he could attend that gathering. He was in the House of Commons the previous day, and the exigencies of public life compelled him to say a few words there, but by sleeping in Gloucester he was enabled to be amongst them. He (Sir Joseph) wished to add his congratulations to those of Bro. Captain Homfray on the formation of the Arrow Lodge, and hoped it would grow and go as straight as an arrow. Drawing a further simile from the arrow, Sir Joseph applied it in a Masonic sense, amid the applause of the brethren.

Bro. TIDD-PRATT proposed in eulogistic terms "The D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. Richard Evans, and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. EVANS, in response, said Masonry was a circumscribed subject, for religion and politics being excluded, they were bound to speak of Masonry proper. Still they had a religion, for they all bowed to the Great Architect

of the Universe. He endorsed what had been said by previous speakers as to the river Arrow, but, as a Welshman by birth, he thought the name should have been spelt Arw, which meant swift. He was sure the pace at which they had commenced that lodge was swift; and, while he hoped it would not kill, he trusted they would go on and become one of the largest in the province. If another lodge was started in Bromyard they would be better represented in the Grand Lodge.

The remaining toasts were "Bro. Capt. Samuel George Homfray, D.P. G.M. Monmouthshire, the Consecrating Officer;" "The Worshipful Master;" "The Visitors;" "The Lodges of the Province;" "The Masonic Charities;" and the Tyler's toast.

The able assistance rendered by Bros. W. Dix and C. H. Oliver were highly appreciated.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE MONTEFIORE LODGE, No. 753 (S.C.)

An important event in the annals of Scottish Freemasonry was consummated on the 19th inst. by the erection and consecration of the first Jewish lodge in Scotland. This interesting ceremonial was most impressively performed by Bro. John Graham, S.P.G.M. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir Wm. Pearce, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M.), who was ably assisted by Bros. James M. Oliver, P.S.G.W.; G. C. H. McNaught, P.J.G.W.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Lodge Office Bearers. The Substitute P.G.M. was supported by the Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Bro. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D., P.G. Chap.; Major F. W. Allan, Proxy Prov. Grand Master of Gibraltar; George Fisher, Past Grand Bible Bearer; John C. Mitchell, District J.G.W. Bengal (E.C.); Chas. Reis, P.M. 120 (I.C.); David Reid, Prov. G. Sec.; Colin Galletly, Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas Halket, Provincial Grand Benevolent Fund Treasurer, and others.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bro. Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., M.W.G.M. of Scotland; Sir Wm. Pearce, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Glasgow; Wm. J. Easton, D.P.G.M., and others.

There was a very large number of brethren present by special invitation, and amongst those were: Bros. Major T. Johnston, R.W.M.; Major Menzies, P.M.; John Anderson, jun., P.M.; Jas. McMillan, P.M. of 3; John Gordon, R.W.M.; A. B. Thorburn, P.M.; and F. W. Larter, of 4; Jas. Dick, R.W.M.; and J. Kelso Hunter, of 27. The other lodges in the province were, in most cases, respectively represented by their R.W.M.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony of consecrating the lodge was at once proceeded with, the musical portion of the service being rendered by a selected choir under the able direction of Bro. J. B. Dunbar, Prov. G. Org. The oration delivered by Bro. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, Prov. Grand Chaplain, was specially appropriate to the occasion. In the course of his remarks he said that it was scarcely necessary to mention that that lodge was named, after the justly well known name of Sir Moses Montefiore, a name which was not only revered in this Kingdom but in the most distant parts of the Globe. Sir Moses had ever taken the deepest interest in the well-being of his co-religionists, and was always striving to do all in his power to alleviate the persecutions and sufferings to which they, a few years back, were exposed to. He was the first Jew ever knighted by a British Sovereign, and we should all rejoice to think that it was our gracious Queen who had conferred upon him that honour. Sir Moses and his nephew, the Baron Rothschild, the first Jew who sat in our Imperial Parliament, were ever ready and willing to extend their charity to all in distress, and he hoped that the Lodge Montefiore, animated by their example, would stand out conspicuously in the province for its philanthropy and its usefulness. They had selected for their Master a citizen of Glasgow already well known and respected by the community, and it augured well for the lodge that that gentleman had gone hand-in-hand with the other workers in the getting up of the petition for the charter to be granted to the lodge. He had no doubt that the lodge would prosper under such a Master and such Office Bearers as they had elected. Their Master stood out in a locally prominent position as the first Jew who had had the honour of being placed on the bench as a Magistrate of that city, and from the good work he had done since being placed in that honourable position they may be quite certain that there is that in him which went towards making a successful Master.

After the oration the concluding portion of the consecration ceremony was proceeded with, on the conclusion of which the Master and Office Bearers elect were duly installed into office as follows: Bros. Bailie M. Simons, R.W.M.; J. Brodie, D.M.; I. Gershon, S.M.; H. J. Humphreys, S.W.; M. Jacob, J.W.; J. Pinto, Sec.; S. Levenston, M.D., Treas.; I. Isaacs, S.D.; B. Wohlgeimuth, J.D.; Salmon and W. Kuttner, Stwds.; J. Fox, I.G.; and J. S. M. Adamson, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Halket acting as Installing Master.

Bro. JOHN GRAHAM then delivered an exhortation to the Office Bearers charging them as to the conscientious discharge of the duties of their various offices.

The R.W.M., in his reply, said they all knew that the Montefiore Lodge was under Jewish auspices. That was a comprehensive term, but he rejoiced to think that a lodge so constituted could be nothing less than a lodge conducted in accordance with the highest and best principles of Masonry. In the sister kingdom there were numerous lodges under Jewish auspices, and they were pleased to know that these lodges were for the most part presided over by Masters who were not of the Jewish persuasion. They might, therefore, rest assured that there was nothing in those tenets of Judaism, so touchingly referred to by Bro. Tulloch, which were in any way inimical to the highest and most sacred professions of Masonry, or the highest duties of citizenship. There was nothing to prevent them extending the right hand of fellowship in all truth to all those who recognised, as they did, the Supreme authority of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Bro. MURRAY LYON briefly expressed the very great pleasure he felt in being present on such a very important occasion, and promised his counsel and support whenever called upon to give it.

After a few congratulatory remarks from other speakers, the R.W.M. most generously invited the whole company to adjourn to his house in the close vicinity, to partake of such refreshment as it could provide.

The lodge was then closed, the brethren retiring to the address indicated, where Bro. Bailie Simons again took the chair, while Bro. H. J. Humphreys, a gentleman who, by the way, has taken a very great deal of the hard work of getting everything in proper working order into his hands, and who

richly deserves the highest congratulations for the manner in which everything passed off at the installation, &c., occupied the position as croupier. The board was most lavishly filled with the creature comforts, and the brethren enjoyed themselves for some two hours with toast and song. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were pledged, as also those of "The Three Grand Lodges," "Prosperity to the Lodge Montefiore, No. 753," "The Visiting Brethren," and others.

It deserves to be recorded that the whole of the clothing, jewels, and working tools were expressly designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London and Glasgow, and that the office bearers are clothed in a manner unsurpassed by any lodge in Scotland. During the evening it was announced that on the first meeting of the lodge eleven candidates (nine of whom were proposed by Bro. Humphreys) would be balloted for.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst., Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, the R.W.P.G.M., held a Provincial Grand Lodge in Vaughan's Mansion (the Old Museum), College Hill, Shrewsbury. Those present were—

Bros. R. G. Venables, D.P.G.M.; Tom Collins, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. H. K. Southwell and Rev. J. T. W. Claridge, P.G. Chaps.; J. P. White, P.G.T.; J. H. Cooksey, P.G.R.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; Arthur Marston, P.S.G.D.; Charles Drew, P.J.G.D.; J. Vine, P.G.S. of W.; T. Whitefoot, jun., P.G.D.C.; J. Machin, P.A.G.D.C.; John Millington, P.G. Swd. Br.; E. A. Hicks, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Belton, P.G.O.; J. H. Parsons, P.A.G. Sec.; T. Ginders, P.A.G.P.; A. S. Townsend, H. E. Roberts, H. G. U. Elliott, T. J. Barnett, and J. England, P.G. Stewards; G. Bonner, P.G. Tyler; W. L. Southwell, P.P.G.W.; the Rev. J. B. Meredith, P.P.G. Chap.; V. C. L. Crump, P.P.G.R.; R. A. Craig, P.P.G.R.; Thomas Roberts, W. Putman, G. J. Morgan, E. C. Peele, and J. H. Williams, P.P.G.D.'s; J. C. W. Lister, P.P.G.D.C.; John Smith, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; L. E. Wollstein, P.P.G.P. J. Avery, W.M.; the Rev. G. M. Ashdown, Chap.; J. E. Smith, J.D.; T. C. Southam, and J. D. Southam, of 262; H. Major, W.M.; H. Darlington, J.W.; W. Baxter, I.G.; and H. F. Newman, of 117; W. E. Sharp, S.W.; R. McBean, J.W.; T. J. Salwey, I.G.; and E. J. Robinson, of 611; F. Chubb, W.M.; W. Holmes, and T. Allen, J.D., of 1120; A. R. Lowrey, J.D. 1124; W. Westcott, W.M., and T. Bromwich, J.D., of 1621; T. C. Bird, W.M., and R. Williams, of 1896; and W. J. Ogg, 2181.

Letters expressing regret at their inability to be present were read from Bros. Sir Watkin Williams, W.M. 1121; R. H. Giles, J.W. 1131; J. Bodenham, P.P.G.W.; Col. G. G. Warren, P.S.G.W.; Royle, P.P.G. S.B.; E. J. Webb, P.P.G.D.; Pratt, P.G.S.B.; John Sewell, P.P.G. Org.; R. Millington, P.P.G.D.; Thomas Pratt, P.G.S.B.; A. T. Ake-royd, P.P.G. Org.; and J. Jinks, P.P.G.S.B.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. G. VENABLES, reported that the members of the lodges in the province numbered 323, an increase of eight; that the amount subscribed to the Provincial Fund of Charity was £42 17s., an increase of £21 10s., and the amount subscribed to the London Charities was £1054 18s., an increase of £933 6s. This was chiefly owing to Sir Offley Wakeman's presiding at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in London in May last.

Bro. J. P. White, who had been P.G. Treasurer for 35 years, having signified his wish to retire from that office, his resignation was accepted with great regret, and Bro. V. C. L. Crump was unanimously elected Treasurer in his place.

In consequence of last year being Jubilee year, the Grand Lodge of England had conferred the power on the R.W.P.G.M. to confer past rank on whom he might esteem worthy of the honour, the R.W.P.G.M. said he had decided to confer the past rank of Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden on Bro. W. H. Spaul for the services he had rendered to that province and the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, especially for his services at the dissolution of the old Province of North Wales and Shropshire and the establishing the Province of Shropshire.

This concluded the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Previous to the Provincial Grand Lodge, a meeting of the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association was held, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell; Vice-Presidents, Bros. J. Bodenham, T. Roberts, and W. Belton. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary were re-elected, viz., Bros. V. C. L. Crump, W. H. Spaul, and F. R. Spaul. The Committee elected were Bro. J. C. W. Lister, W. E. Harding, T. P. Deakin, E. A. Hicks, T. Collins, and T. J. Salwey.

The Treasurer's accounts were read and adopted, showing a balance in hand for the Provincial Fund of £6 19s. 3d. and a County Bond for £200, and for the London Fund of £82 18s.

The following were successful in drawing life subscriberships to the London Charities: Bros. H. J. U. Elliott and J. Bodenham, and the W. Masters of the Clive, Audley, and Castle Lodges.

It was resolved to adopt the cases of a daughter of a deceased brother in Oswestry, and the son of a deceased brother in Ironbridge, as candidates to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys at the next elections.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough. The principal feature in the day's proceedings was the installation of Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, as Grand Superintendent of the province. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., who was assisted by several members of Supreme Grand Chapter. Comp. Major Cook, P.G. Std. Br., &c., acted as D.C., assisted by Comp. Baylis, G. Std. Br.

The Grand Superintendent elect having sent in his patent for inspection, a deputation of Past Principals was requested to retire and introduce his lordship to the chapter. After having been duly obligated and addressed as to the nature of his duties by the Installing Officer, he was invested and installed as ruler of the province.

The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months:—

Comp. Butler Wilkins, P.Z. 360	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" C. H. Percival, P.Z. 360	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" F. G. Buckle, P.Z. 442	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. L. Gooch, 466	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. U. Stanton, P.Z. 360	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. B. Vergette, N. 442	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Capt. B. H. Russell, H. 442	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.

Comp. A. Cockerill, 360	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" G. C. Caster, 442	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. Haviland, 360	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. W. Harrison, 442	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. Ellard, P.Z. 360	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. C. Clarabut, 442	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Cook, 442	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Janitors.
" Coulson, 466...	...	...	...

The necessary business in connection with the working of the province having been transacted, P.G. Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Great Northern Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was prepared by Bro. Moore, 442, and which elicited remarks of high commendation from all present. The usual toasts were duly honoured.

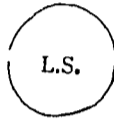
Comp. Carman, J., 548, contributed in a very large degree to the enjoyment of the evening by his excellent rendering of numerous songs.

The companions present were:—

Comps. the Earl of Euston, G. Supt.; Butler Wilkins, P.G.H.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; E. J. Baylis, G. Std. Br.; Major Cook, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., &c.; C. F. Matier, P. Dep. D.C.; Sir Lionel Darrell, P.S. 1591; E. Darrell, P.Z. 1591; F. Mead, 259; Clement Godson, H. 1591; H. Carman, J. 548; Benner, P.Z. 272; E. J. Orford, P.Z. 466; F. G. Buckle, P.Z. 442; J. U. Stanton, P.Z. 360; J. Bentham, P.Z. 466; H. Hart, H. 466; F. L. Gooch, 466; A. Cockerill, 360; J. Stinn, 360; E. Roberts, 360; J. Wheeler, M.E.Z. 442; B. H. Russell, H. 442; J. W. Kirby, J. 442; W. Dixey, E. 442; J. B. Vergette, N. 442; E. Vergette, jun., P.Z. 442; W. Wells, P.Z. 442; J. C. Lound, P.Z. 442; A. G. Gamble, P.S. 442; G. C. Caster, 1st Assist. Soj. 442; T. W. Harrison, 2nd Assist. Soj. 442; R. C. Clarabut, 442; J. T. Smith, 442; G. W. G. Beaumont, 442; C. Foote, 442; and T. Cooke, 442, and J. Coulson, 466, Janitors.

OLD WARRANTS.—No. VII.

BELL, P.G.M.



To all and every our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren, We Stephen Bell (by virtue of a Deputation from the Grand Master) Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and accepted Masons in the County of Cornwall—Send Greeting

Know ye, That we of the great trust and confidence reposed in our right Trusty and Well beloved Brother Henry Rosewarne of Truro, Esqr., and at the humble petition of several brethren residing in or near the said Town of Truro

Do hereby Authorise, Constitute, and appoint him the said Henry Rosewarne to convene our brethren who here signed the said petition, in the manner and form of a Free Masons Lodge, And furthermore of our own will and pleasure Do Nominate and appoint him the said Henry Rosewarne Master presiding in the said Lodge, taking for his assistance Jams Dagge of Killiganoon Esqr for his Senior Warden, The Revd Cornelius Cardev of Truro Clerk, for his Junior Warden, Thomas Warren of Truro Gentleman for his Treasurer, and Thomas Clutterbuck of Truro Gentleman for his Secretary of the said Lodge—Also we hereby do Confirm the Deduction of the said Lodge by the Style and Title of the Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence pursuant to the prayer of this said Petition, and that from this day forward they have full power to Have and to Hold a Regular Lodge in the said Town of Truro, to Make, Pass, and Raise Masons and do such other work as belongs to the Craft, taking especial care that all and every the said brethren have been regularly made Masons, admitting no persons into the said Society but such whose lives and Conversation may justly entitle them to become Members, And Also that they do observe, perform, and keep, all and every the rules, orders and regulations contained in the book of Constitution, (except such as have been or may be repealed or altered at any quarterly communication or other general meeting) Together with all such rules, regulations and instructions as shall from time to time by us or our Deputy William Pryce or by any of his successors taking care punctually to attend such quarterly Communication as shall by us be called, and so give a just amount of their proceedings, Bye Laws, and other Regulations, they shall covenant to make for good government of the Craft, and as soon as may be transmitting to our Deputy in ACCOUNT of what house they meet at, and what days to the end that it may be inserted in the List of Lodges, &c.

Given at Falmouth under our hands and seal of Masonry this first day of January, A.D. 1779, A.L. 5779.

STEPH. BELL, P.G.M.

Witness, WM. PRYCE, D.P.G.M.

The above transcript represents an old Provincial Warrant, of which several of the same kind were issued in the second half of the last century. They were quite regular, but often enough the particulars of such "Constitutions," or "Consecrations" were not promptly forwarded to the Grand Lodge, hence many were working for months and sometimes years before due recognition was accorded at head quarters. Not a few abroad were never returned, and consequently did not get on the "Union" List, in 1814. This lodge was numbered 523 when it was duly entered in the Grand Lodge Books, on the 12th April, 1780. Owing to the delay in forwarding the fees, possibly, the date on the Grand Lodge Records—so Bro. Lane tells us in his "Masonic Records" is the 1st January, 1780. Although erased in 1788, it had three numbers in that brief period, viz., 523, 428 and 429. Its name was the "Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence."

W. J. HUGHAN.

GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND, 1887.

The "Proceedings" of the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the year 1887, have lately been published, and as some portions of the handsomely got up volume are of special interest to us in the "Old Country," I shall refer in brief, to these, mainly, in my rapid sketch of its contents

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held on October 14th, 1887, with R.W. Bro. G. L. Mc Cahan, D.G.M., in the chair, "to give a fitting reception to our Grand Master Shryock who had just returned from his European tour." The Grand Master, after the Grand Lodge had been opened in due form, was received with Grand Honours, and was presented with an "Address of Welcome," which was couched in the most appropriate terms. The M.W. Bro. T. J. Shryock then took the chair, and responded in a most felicitous manner to the good wishes and most fraternal welcome tendered by the Grand Lodge. Evidently though we did our best to "spoil" him, when in England, he is quite invulnerable, for he declared to his brethren that the result of his trip was that whilst he had learnt something in the "new science and customs," yet the "great lesson gleaned was that America is the greatest and best land on earth." He was not insensible, however, to the hearty reception tendered him wherever his footsteps travelled. "In every land he was heartily welcomed and hospitably entertained by brother Masons. In England and Germany this was particularly the case."

With respect to this country in particular, the Grand Master stated that "he was received and honoured as became his high office, and far beyond his personal deserts." To this, I must take exception; He was honoured both on personal and official grounds, and certainly, if any motive predominated, it was in consequence of personal charms, as they became apparent during his too brief sojourn in this

country. The Grand Master regretted that he had not "the honour of meeting the Prince of Wales, who takes great interest in the work and progress of the Order, and to his energy and tact is due the immense growth of Masonic membership in England."

The Grand Master did not fail to particularise one or two of the more memorable instances of Masonic Fellowship, e.g., "At the Anglo-American Lodge I was accorded a brilliant reception, as also at York; our brethren exerting themselves to show me the interesting antiquities of that historic place, its great Cathedral, and its Masonic monuments. It would tire you and seem vain in me to detail all the kindly attentions with which I was officially greeted and personally complimented."

Then followed the inevitable banquet, at which "several hours were spent in a happy re-union and most enjoyable feast."

The Annual Communication was held on November 15th, when Grand Master Shryock delivered an address of considerable length and conspicuous ability. Of course, the centennial celebration was referred to, and such was the management on that occasion that it was rightly styled "an unqualified success." This Grand Lodge completed its hundred years with the youngest Grand Master in America on its throne; but youth and zeal combined achieved all that could be desired. The Grand Master thus referred to his receptions in England:—

"On September 21st I received a special invitation, tendering me a reception at the Anglo-American Lodge in London; the Master of this lodge is Bro. Brackstone Baker, the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of England [Bro. Shryock was accompanied by three brethren]; we were handsomely received and entertained by the lodge and brethren present. This lodge was formed some time since for the purpose of furnishing a Masonic home to American brethren, who might be sojourning in London, and met with the greatest success from the moment of its formation. The American brethren are greeted with a cordial and fraternal welcome. On the 25th of October I was handsomely entertained by the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. I received an invitation, as your representative to visit the ancient Masonic city of York, and upon my arrival there was met by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., who extended to me every courtesy and attention in his power. Eboracum Lodge and Ancient Ebor Preceptory also both tendered me receptions. I trust the Grand Lodge will take suitable action in acknowledgment of these fraternal courtesies extended to me as its representative."

The "Committee on the Address" gracefully noted "the fraternal courtesies and attentions extended their M.W. Grand Master," and gratefully accepted the kindnesses as "bestowed upon the whole Fraternity in Maryland," besides recommending the adoption of resolutions expressive of the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which have doubtless been forwarded in due course.

In conclusion, I desire to state that the Grand Lodge of Maryland is both vigorous and healthy, Masonically speaking, and, though not a large body, its 5137 Master Masons form a compact Society of Free and Accepted Masons, to rule over whom any brother may well feel proud. The Grand Master is the Representative of our Grand Lodge at Maryland, and highly appreciates the distinctive decoration, sent by command of our Royal Grand Master, on his appointment to that honourable position.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

(Continued from page 181).

For the few years that immediately followed the death of the Duke of Sussex, the records contain but little of general interest. The curious plan of multiple and cumulative voting at the election of children, which had been adopted at the instance of Bro. McMullen in July, 1838, was abolished, and the old plan reverted to in April, 1843. In 1844 a piano was presented to the School by Bro. Stephen G. Lee, to assist the children in learning to sing; while later in the year a resolution was passed to the effect "That in all cases where a child shall be sent from the School on account of illness, without a definite period being named for her return, that she cannot be again admitted without a certificate from a medical officer and permission from the House Committee." An unusual application is entered in the Minutes of the House Committee in January of the next year, the father of a girl in the Institution requesting that another of his daughters might be admitted on payment, but the Committee, having no power to grant such a request, refused it. It may well be, however, that from this circumstance, though so trifling in itself, the idea originated of receiving children into the School on payment of a sum to be agreed upon. In April, 1845, a proposition was made that a portrait of the Matron, Mrs. Crook, who had been in the employ of the Institution 45 years, should be painted and placed in the Hall as a memorial of her services, and a Committee was at once appointed to take the necessary steps for the purpose. In July an honorarium of 50 guineas was voted to Bro. Crew, the Secretary, whose official conduct had been above reproach, and the grant was confirmed in October; but the fact of the money having been voted without previous notice of motion, was condemned, and in January, 1846, the Court of Governors, on the proposition of Bro. Baumer, resolved, "That in future no gratuity be voted at a General Committee without previous notice having been given at a Quarterly General Court or General Committee." In the following year a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Dr. Granville—who a short time previously had tendered his resignation as one of the Physicians of the Institution—for his valuable services during a period of 25 years, and about the same time a similar compliment was paid to Bro. W. H. White, G. Secretary, who had found it necessary to resign his membership of the House Committee. In October, the Matron's conduct in receiving Agnes Ruspini again as an inmate on the completion of her apprenticeship, was approved under the special circumstances of the case, but "at the same time"—as the Minutes tell us—the Court felt it "necessary to declare that it is not competent to the Matron or any other officer of the Charity to receive into the School any person without the order of the House Committee." The year 1847 was likewise an uneventful one, the only noteworthy resolution being one passed by the Quarterly Court in April, constituting the Treasurer and Trustees *ex-officio* members of the House Committee, while in December, Bro. Hardwick, G. Sup. of Works, was requested to seek an interview with the proper officer of the London Corpora-

tion for the purpose of consulting him as to the renewal of the lease of the School premises, which would expire on Lady Day, 1853.

It is clear, however, that during these years it must have been gradually dawning upon the minds of the Authorities that the School was not quite keeping pace with the times and the amazing improvements that had been taking place in the social life of the people. At the Quarterly Court in January, 1848, a Bro. Natusch suggested that the scheme of education, which had been the same from the very foundation of the School, should be improved and enlarged to include sundry accomplishments so that the girls, on leaving, might be fitted to undertake situations as nursery governesses or in other capacities above the rank of mere domestic servants. But the House Committee at its next meeting summarily rejected the idea on the ground that they did not "consider it expedient to make any alteration in the system of education in force." Three months later a motion by Bro. Stephenson—"That it is the opinion of this Court"—of Governors and Subscribers—"that the education given to the children should be improved by instructing them in French and Drawing, and that the House Committee be requested to carry this resolution into effect"—met with a similar fate, it being urged that the School had been prosperous hitherto, and that such branches of education were not necessary, considering the character of the situations to which the majority of the girls on leaving were appointed. It is not surprising that these resolutions should have been defeated. It is in the nature of all governing bodies to move slowly and to abhor and indeed resist with all their might and main anything in the shape of an innovation, but the brethren who made them are none the less deserving of credit for their courage in suggesting such necessary improvements. Equally meritorious was the proposal laid before the House Committee in a letter from Bro. Gaskoin, one of the medical officers of the School, in which he suggested that a vacation of two or three weeks should be allowed to the children, both in summer and winter, so that they might go home to their parents or friends, and that the girls who were unable to avail themselves of these advantages should have picnics and other similar treats during the absence of their school-fellows. However, the House Committee, though it could not question the propriety of Bro. Gaskoin's advice, do not seem to have done more than continue the plan of more recent years of allowing the children for whom their parents or friends asked leave to go home for a time, while the letter itself was entered on the minutes.* But, as will be seen hereafter, the advice so forcibly tendered by their own medical officer was attended at no very distant date with beneficial consequences. A minor change in the children's diet, proposed by the Matron, was more successful, and the House Committee raised no objection to her proposal that "tea or coffee, with bread and butter," for the evening meal, should be substituted for "cheese and beer." The experiment had been tried in 1847, we presume with satisfactory results, and in September, 1848, the House Committee resolved that beer should cease to be supplied to the children "until further notice."

(To be continued.)

* The letter is as follows—

32, CLARGES STREET, PICCADILLY,
31st July, 1848.

GENTLEMEN,

I have intended addressing you for some time past, and hasten to do so now lest the season should become too far advanced to render my application of any advantageous avail.

Medical men have always observed the injurious effects of congregation on the health, especially in that of children. I have, therefore, sought always the amelioration of the evil results, where congregation becomes inevitable as is the case in all schools, the mischief of which is much averted by two vacations in every year of some weeks' duration. Such a plan, however, is not practicable in an Institution like that of our School for two reasons—1st, It might not be in the power, without great inconvenience, for the Parents to receive the Child for any period, and the air of the residence might be insalubrious and the situation more crowded than that she would leave. But there are many instances of an opposite description where the Parents live in healthy positions out of town, and where circumstances and affection for their children would render the sojourn of a few weeks together a comfort and a happiness to both, and a very material advantage to the child in a mental and corporeal point of view. I am and have for some time been most anxious that all those Girls whose friends are placed as I have just described, should be permitted once in each summer or autumn to visit their homes, being convinced of the great importance such a proceeding would be to their general health. Even as it is, the necessity of so doing to individuals is of frequent occurrence in consequence of ill-health, and which, the adoption of this plan existing, most probably would not have been required. The objections I have heard to this plan are quite insufficient for its hindrance—1st, That it would create discontent in those who might be unable to be received by their friends; but surely this might be easily dissipated by allowing all those who could to proceed to their home at one time, and those left at the School might have a day's excursion to Greenwich Park or elsewhere and enjoy there the novelty of a Pic-Nic two or three times, at a most trifling expense to the Institution, to the great enjoyment of the children, and the infinite advantage to their health. 2dly, The dwelling a few weeks with their parents might be to afford them scenes or associates detrimental to their morals, but if this argument have any weight at all, how much more powerfully must it tell when the children leave the School at a more susceptible age to reside entirely among such scenes and such associates, and too, with minds, from their entire seclusion from the world and its snares, the more likely to become the dupes of the insidious or the victims of cupidity or depravity.

I shall offer no apology for intruding these observations to your notice, as they are written but with the same spirit which I know actuates every Member of the House Committee, namely, the welfare and comfort of the Children.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your faithful Servant,

JOHN S. GASKOIN,

Surgeon to the Institution.

To the Gentlemen
of "The House Committee."

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. H. BULLOCK.

An act of bravery in saving life, under the most hazardous and extraordinary circumstances on the part of a young Liverpool sailor was duly acknowledged by reward by the Liverpool Local Marine Board at their meeting recently, when there was presented, on behalf of the Board of Trade, a bronze medal to Bro. W. H. Bullock for saving life at sea.

The CHAIRMAN, in addressing the gathering, said that when the last presentation was made in that room the occasion was a somewhat showy one, as it had reference to the saving of several lives. If the proceedings that day were of a somewhat quieter nature, they had elements of heroism also altogether of an individual character. He then read a communication from the Board of Trade directing the presentation to be made, and also a letter from the rescued boy, in which he gave an account of the rescue, which is fully detailed in the following statement forwarded by the Board of Trade:—On Sunday, the 5th December, 1886, the barque Athelstan, of Liverpool, Captain Dunn, was lying at the port of Chawaral, Chili. The son of the captain (who was on board), accompanied by a young friend, took one of the ship's boats and started seawards for a row. They had got about half a mile away, when young Dunn stood up to scull, but the oar slipped from his hand and he and it fell overboard. His companion was too terrified to render any assistance, but fortunately the occurrence was noticed from the ship, when the carpenter, Wm. Svendsen, of Foss, Norway, jumped overboard, fully dressed, and swam off to the rescue. Being an elderly man and an indifferent swimmer, and hampered with his soaking clothes and boots, he was soon in danger himself, and when he reached young Dunn the latter grappled him, and were both in imminent danger of either going down or being devoured by sharks, which swarmed round about them, but fortunately aid was at hand. As soon as Svendsen had gone overboard, the second mate, W. H. Bullock, threw off all his clothing and followed him. On the way to his drowning shipmate he made a detour for the purpose of picking up the drifting oar, and swam with it to their aid. The pair were locked in a death struggle, and it was with the utmost difficulty Bro. Bullock could keep them up. He could not have done so had he not taken the oar with him. This he deftly slipped under them, and with his disengaged hand struck out for the drifting boat, which he reached safely not a moment too soon, however, as just then an immense shark showed his fin only a few yards off. The task of getting into the boat himself and then pulling his charge after him taxed all his skill and strength, and he was greatly relieved when he had all safely on board. A boat from the ship now came up and took them in tow, and their arrival on board was hailed with delight. It was a long time before young Dunn recovered consciousness. The Board of Trade, having had the circumstances reported to them, awarded their bronze medal for gallantry in saving life to both Svendsen and Bullock, but the medal cannot be presented to the former, as he has been lost sight of.

In making the presentation the Chairman said that although the medal was only bronze, it was of considerable value on account of the rarity of the presentation. In that room presentations more frequently took place of awards from foreign Governments rather than the British Governments; but latterly the British Government had been waking up, and in cases of this kind had seen the desirability of marking their appreciation of them. Everyone envied Bro. Bullock's conduct and the pleasure he must have in having done his work so well and gallantly.

Bro. BULLOCK, in reply, expressed his grateful thanks to the Board of Trade for conferring upon him the great honour they had done. It was an honour that the officers of the mercantile marine coveted. When he jumped overboard he did just what any English officer would have done, and he knew that if he had himself fallen overboard there would have been plenty willing to risk their lives for his. He thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks in making the presentation.

The proceedings then terminated. It is gratifying to know that Bro. W. H. Bullock, jun., is a member and the first initiate of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128. He is held in high esteem by the brethren of his lodge, who recently presented him with a Master Mason's apron. He has also been the recipient of a magnificent Bible, the gift of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, the first W.M. of No. 2128, by whom Bro. Bullock was initiated, passed, and raised.

THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

The installation of the new Master of the above Company, Bro. Horace Frederick Stewart, took place at The Albion on Friday, the 23rd inst. The Master and Wardens made their respective declarations of office. A vote of thanks was passed to the late Master, Bro. Jas. Knapton Abel, and the following motion was made and carried: "That the sum of 12 guineas be expended in the purchase of a Past Master's Badge to be presented to him for his valuable services as Master of the Company during the Jubilee year." Bro. Newton, a candidate, nominated by Bro. the Lord Mayor for the office of Sheriff, and Bro. Alderman Renals was proposed by Bro. Past Master Major Joseph, and seconded by Bro. Past Master George Kenning, to become a members of the Company. Bros. Past Masters D. H. Jacobs, George Kenning, and Mr. E. W. Streeter, F.R.G.S., were re-appointed Auditors.

A banquet afterwards took place of the most recherché character. The Master was ably supported by Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Under-Secretary for India, Lieut.-Col. Alderman Cowan, Sheriff Higgs (Warden), Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, Alderman Evans, J.P. (Warden), Lieut.-Col. Sir A. Kirby, J.P., Ex-Sheriff; Major Geo. Lambert, F.S.A., Master of the Goldsmith's Company; Thomas Clarke (Ex-Sheriff), (Past Master), J. R. Brown, Under-Sheriff Beard, W. Sweetland, George Kenning (Past Master), J. Llewellyn Jones, F. Sweetland, C. F. Matier, J. S. Cumberland, H. Squire, C.C., H. von Joel, D. H. Jacobs, (Past Master), E. Fenner, Sir John Puleston, M.P., J. Knapton Abel, Immediate Past Master, Col. T. Davies Sewell, Geo. Davncport (Past Master), H. W. Johnson (Past Master),

Major Joseph, C.C. (Past Master), John Bertram, H. W. Henniker Rance, LL.D., E. F. B. Fuller, Barrow Emanuel, Gabriel Lindo, C.C. (Warden), James Bishop and others, the company numbering nearly 200.

After dinner the loving cups were passed round, and the speech making commenced at half-past nine, there being on the toast list 13 toasts and 28 speeches.

The loyal toasts were submitted by the MASTER, who observed that Prince George of Wales had just taken up his freedom by patrimony in the Mercers' Company.

Bro. Warden HAYS proposed "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces."

Admiral MAYNE said it was the opinion of every naval officer that the Navy was in a most unsatisfactory condition at the present moment.

Bro. Colonel Sir A. KIRBY responded for the Reserve Forces.

The MASTER, in proposing "Her Majesty's Ministers," said although their gatherings were non-political they were all glad to unite on one common ground of patriotism and duty. It was because her Majesty's Ministers in the face of unexampled difficulties were earnestly striving to do their duty and to uphold the cause of law and order that he gave that toast without the slightest hesitation. He referred to the importance of the Merchandise Marks Act and to the brilliant foreign policy of the present Government.

Bro. Sir J. GORST (Under Secretary of State for India) said he recognised in the cordiality with which the toast had been received the popularity which her Majesty's Government enjoyed, and he believed the reason of that popularity was not the predominance of any political party, but the recognition, as their Master had said, that they had set before themselves the task of fulfilling their duty, and what they conceived to be their duty was the maintenance of the Queen's authority abroad and at home. Obedience to her Majesty's authority was a very laudable practice, which had somewhat fallen into desuetude. He might congratulate them and himself on that day having brought to a satisfactory termination, he thought, the only little war in which the present Government had been engaged. It began a few weeks ago, for the purpose of turning out of British India some Thibetans who had obstructed the road in Thibet with the object of preventing trade. Our troops advanced purposely slowly in order to give the enemy ample time to run away. News arrived that day that on March 20th the fort was taken, the enemy promptly running away, and it was satisfactorily occupied without the loss of a single life on our side, and, as far as he knew, without the loss of a single life on the side of the enemy. The Thibetans were now safe in Thibetan territory, and the fort had been abolished.

Bro. Major JOSEPH, C.C. proposed "The Houses of Parliament."

Bro. Alderman and Warden EVANS proposed "Her Majesty's Judges."

The MASTER gave "The Lord Mayor and Corporation."

Bro. the LORD MAYOR said he agreed with the Master that the Corporation was a national as well as a municipal institution. Greater London and the country appreciated what the City of London had done for art, science, education, and Charity. He was certain, whatever might be the attempts of those who disregarded the laws of property, they would find it impossible to rob the Corporation of its own, and he believed there was a brilliant reign before it. As Chief Magistrate he would do everything he possibly could to maintain its honour and dignity. In proposing the toast of "The Company, and the Health of the Master and Wardens," his Lordship said the guild was fortunate in possessing some ancient charters and privileges, and it had done a great deal for learning and art. Only the other day they honoured the Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House by presenting her ladyship with one of the finest specimens of their art, and he invited those present to call at the Mansion House and see it. They were originally associated with the Girdlers, but they had shown that they could hold their own. The Lady Mayoress asked him to thank the Court for the great compliment they had paid her, and to thank Mr. Kenning for giving her the opportunity of inspecting his wonderful manufactory of gold and silver wire drawing, and for the skill shown by him in manufacturing the splendid work presented to her—a skill which showed that the art of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawing was not forgotten. In conclusion, his Lordship wished prosperity to the guild.

The MASTER, in replying, referred to the fact that this was the first time they had included a Lord Mayor amongst their distinguished members.

Bro. LINDO gave "The Health of the Visitors," and several other toasts followed.

A choice selection of music was given under the direction of Mr. Lester. Mr. Cooper was toastmaster.

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD HAMILTON TOWNEND.

With much regret we have to announce the death of another good old Mason, Bro. Richard Hamilton Townend, P.M. and P.Z., who departed this life on the 12th instant, at his residence, Tabley House, Ealing, in his 79th year. Bro. Townend was for many years the proprietor of Kennan's Hotel, Cheapside, from which he retired a few years ago with an ample fortune. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Friendship, Manchester. In the year 1845 he joined the Castle Lodge, No. 36, London, and in due course became W. Master. He also joined the Stability Lodge of Instruction, of which he was an active member for several years. In 1849, Bro. Townend, in conjunction with his friend Bro. Henry Muggidge and a few brethren, resuscitated the Neptune Lodge, No. 22. He was exalted in the Mount Zion Chapter, now No. 22, and, after having served the subordinate offices in an admirable manner, attained the high dignity of First Principal or M.E.Z. Bro. Townend was equally distinguished for his excellent working as for his benevolence. He was a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Bro. Townend was well-known in the Wesleyan Connexion. He was a member and Past Master of the Haberdashers' Company, of which his son, Bro. James Hamilton Townend, is the esteemed Clerk.



Miss Genevieve Ward and Mr. W. H. Vernon come to the Lyceum for Easter week, when "Forget Me Not" will be reproduced. We have such a distinct remembrance of being charmed years ago at the Olympic with this play, rendered by Miss Ward and Mr. Vernon, that we shall make an early pilgrimage to resume those pleasant reminiscences, and we confidently recommend "Forget Me Not" to our readers.

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The productions, re-openings, and revivals, this Easter, are legion by name. The Haymarket on Saturday with Wills and Grundy's "La Pompadour;" the Novelty with T. G. Warren's "Nita's First," which met with so much success here a few years ago; Drury Lane with "A Run of Luck," withdrawn in December, 1886, for the pantomime; the St. James's with "A Scrap of Paper," the last week; Toole's, "The Don," "Ariane" at the Opera Comique; and next week Mr. Willie Edouin at the Strand is to produce a burlesque entitled "Airy Anne." The Royalty re-opens at the end of the month with "Bootle's Baby," under Mr. Edgar Bruce's management.

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We cordially congratulate Bro. Edward Terry, P.G.S., on securing for his theatre Mr. Pinero's new play, "Sweet Lavender," which the author terms a domestic drama. This charming play overflows with the milk of human kindness. There is not a nasty character in it; everything about is clean and healthy, morally speaking. It interests alike young men and maidens, old men—we might almost add, children—for we should have no hesitation in taking to see it one of tender years who is old enough to understand its story. "Sweet Lavender" is a relief after the terribly realistic drama or the farcical comedy which relies upon improprieties for its fun. "Sweet Lavender" is brilliant and mirth provoking, at the same time replete with pathos, which the most cold-blooded cynic must enter into. It has for its story a touching sadness, which Mr. Pinero works out with great skill. Lavender is the daughter of Ruth Rolt, a "laundress" of the Temple. The scenes all take place in the chambers of Mr. Dick Phenyl and Mr. Clement Hale, at 3, Brain-court. Hale is the adopted son of Mr. Geoffrey Wedderburn, a rich banker at Barnchester. He is reading for the Bar under the tuition of Mr. Phenyl, who is an eccentric individual, too much given in moments of weakness to a taste for strong drink. Clement falls in love with Lavender, and helps her in the evenings in adding learning to her neglected education. Ruth Rolt consents to their marriage, but suddenly discovering that Clement's foster father is the man who, 18 years ago, ruined her life, she persuades Lavender to leave the Temple with her, where they had been so happy for 15 years. Mr. Wedderburn's sister, Mrs. Gillilian, has plans for a union betwixt Clement and her daughter Minnie, and on discovering Clement making love to Lavender telegraphs to her brother to come at once from Paris and put an end to such nonsense. Geoffrey Wedderburn recognises in Ruth Rolt the woman he wronged, and being much out of health, added to which comes just then the news that his bank has stopped payment, he has a fit, and is laid up for some weeks. Dick Phenyl is at heart a good, kind friend, and resolves to stand by Clement, and not to allow two young lives to be blighted. Ruth has fled with Lavender, but he, with the assistance of an Irish doctor, brings back Lavender to Clement, by hiring a nurse for Mr. Wedderburn, who, of course, is Ruth Rolt. The banker only then learns that he is the father of Ruth Rolt's daughter, and makes all the amends in his power by seeing the couple united. Phenyl suddenly comes into a large fortune, which, however, is in shares in the bank, but being one of the principal shareholders he persuades the other shareholders to set the bank up again. Minnie Gillilian marries an American, one Horace Bream, who has courted her most honourably and persistently. She is a lovely character, for she owns to once having had an affection for Clement and to having always expected him to marry her. But when she learns that time and distance have worn out the boy and girl attachment, and that Clement loves another, Minnie resolves to become Lavender's friend. Bro. Edward Terry, as Dick Phenyl, gives another and rather new specimen of his style of acting in eccentric comedy. Every one forgives his weakness, disagreeable and horrid though it be. His heart is in the right place, and he is always thinking of others and never of himself, except it be his craving for drink. With Clement Hale's help he often makes amends, but falls through, at last he resolves not to be conquered by that demon. Bro. Terry seems to revel in his part, and perhaps is even more effective in the sadness than in the whimsical fun. Miss Norreys is the heroine, and arouses every one's sympathy in the auditorium, though she is not nearly so clever in this play of Mr. Pinero's as in the three last farcical comedies of the same author at the Court. Miss Maude Millett, as Minnie Gillilian, makes every one—men and women—fall in love with her. She is "all English you know, quite English," and is simply perfect in her rendering of a thoroughly frank, unaffected, English girl. Mr. Bernard Yould is a natural Clement Hale. Bro. Alfred Bishop, as always, is faultlessly particular in his "make up" as the doctor. Mr. F. Kerr plays the American lover with ease and sprightliness. There is not a bad artist in the cast. "Sweet Lavender" is a picco to go and see over and over again and never get tired of, for Bro. Terry has got in Mr. Pinero's latest work the best play he has yet produced, and the most money in it. It will severely try the ingenuity of his acting manager, Bro. H. T. Brickwell, to get the public accommodation in this little theatre.

A Drawing Room was held, by the Queen's command, by the Princess of Wales at Buckingham Palace on Saturday last, presentations to her Royal Highness being deemed equivalent to presentations to her Majesty. The Royal Circle included, in addition to the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince George and Princess Victoria of Wales, the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, Princess Christian, and the Duke of Cambridge.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1888.

Your Vote and Interest are earnestly requested on behalf of

FRANCES NORAH WELLS,

No. on List 37.

Daughter of the late Bro. GEORGE WELLS, who was initiated in the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, in 1862, joined the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, and subsequently the Oak Lodge, No. 190, of which he was Senior Warden at the time of his death, and was also exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter, United Pilgrims, No. 507, to which he subscribed for nine years.

He was a Subscribing Member of the Order over 20 years, and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, to whose funds he was a frequent contributor.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1888.

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.]

THE ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, At the Masonic celebration of the Royal Jubilee in June last every Province in England received at least one honour—that is, either the D.P.G.M. or the Prov. G. Sec. received past rank; and, deducting certain brethren of prominent social position, very few honours fell upon the rank and file of the Craft in London, taking into consideration the number of lodges and members.

May I, therefore, most respectfully suggest that a few honours for London brethren would be a gracious act on the part of our beloved Grand Master, and a suitable commemoration of his Silver Wedding.—Yours, &c., OBSERVER.

THE APPEAL FROM CANTERBURY DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

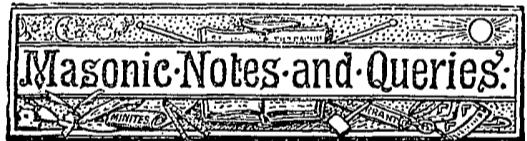
Dear Sir and Brother, It is with great surprise, and some dismay, that I observe that Grand Lodge seems without protest to have adopted the Grand Registrar's reasons for dismissing this appeal, and with still greater surprise do I note that as yet no protest has been made in your columns.

As I understand the report, the Grand Registrar lays down that for no amount of immorality or crime, however flagrant, can a Masonic authority inflict Masonic punishment. If this be so—How can Masonry be a "system of morality?" I hope I have mistaken the effect of the ruling; but I am glad to hear the matter will probably be brought before the next meeting of Grand Lodge, for the report of which I shall anxiously look.—Yours fraternally, B.



FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF OXFORDSHIRE, &c., 1888-9.

With or without the support the Editor deserves, our friend and brother W. R. Bowden continues the good work, and year by year publishes his excellent Masonic Guide for Oxfordshire. The one now before us has increased slightly in bulk, notwithstanding it was even too large before, for the nominal subscription, and the arrangement of its 103 pages is all that could be desired. We like the feature of a brief sketch of the progress of the Craft during the past year, as it enables the brethren, locally, to preserve an abridged report of the doings of their own particular Province as the years roll onward. The Editor refers to a deceased "worthy," as follows: "The announcement of the death of Bro. Thomas Randall, J.P., who had been for more than a quarter of a century Prov. G. Treasurer of Oxfordshire, and who had done so much for the Craft in general, was received with every sympathy, and a vote of condolence was agreed upon to his widow and immediate relatives." We note that Bro. W. G. Emberlin, P.M. 340, was elected as his successor. A new chapter (No. 599, Banbury), was consecrated October 10th, 1887. The "Jubilee" Masonic Meeting at the Albert Hall, on 13th June, is alluded to in a most appreciative manner, the address is duly reproduced, and various interesting matters referred to which more immediately concern the Oxford Craftsmen. The retirement of a Masonic Veteran is feelingly noted by Bro. Bowden. We refer to Bro. H. Houghton, P.M. 340 (so far back as 1857), and Prov. Asst. G. Sec. from 1881. He has been one of the most efficient workers in the Province for many years, and we are glad to see that it is intended to raise a testimonial to mark the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, with whom, and for whom, he has so long laboured. The calendar portion appears to be carefully compiled, and the information respecting the lodges, chapters, &c., is so varied and extensive that we cannot understand any member of the Province being without a copy of such an accurate and exhaustive compilation. There are now 10 lodges in Oxfordshire, with 562 members, but though not a large Province, the donations to the Charities are on a most generous scale, £3686 19s. 6d. having been presented to the Institutions from 1875 to 1887. Bro. Bowden not only furnishes a number of particulars respecting the Central Masonic Charities, but prominently notices the Mark Benevolent Fund as well, so that he has proved a good friend to all these noble Societies. Bro. W. R. Bowden is also the publisher of the capital History of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire, by Bro. E. L. Hawkins, P. Prov. S.G.W., &c., which should be circulated far beyond the Province, the facts noted therein being of permanent interest to the English Craft.



766] HISTORY OF AN OLD LODGE.

I should like to direct the special attention of brethren interested in the Histories of very old lodges to the volume in preparation relating to the famous "Canongate Kilwinning Lodge," Edinburgh, dating from the year 1677. Particulars may be read in the advertisement which has appeared in the Freemason for the last few weeks, and subscriptions may be sent to Bro. A. Mackenzie, P.M., 17, St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh. The List will be closed on April 10th unless at a considerable advance in the price. "A word to the wise is enough!" In my friend Lyon's History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, from 1599, is a facsimile of the original minute of the "Mother Kilwinning Lodge" of the 20th December, 1677, authorising certain operative Masons from the Canongate "to enter, receive, and pass any qualified persons" in the "name and behalf of the Lodge": thus began the old lodge whose eventful History is now being written, and which has been at work for a period extending over two hundred years. The Lodge of Burns, Hoegg, and other Masonic Poets-Laureate cannot fail to interest a wide circle of brethren.

W. J. HUGHAN.

767] GRAND LODGE SEALS.

Bro. Hughan's short article on these seals interests me, and I would like to know if my esteemed friend is quite certain about "Institutions" in the legend round the seal No. 63 of 1757. As is probably widely known, the phraseology of the Athol certificate and its seal differ—the former (above the English and Latin wording of the certificate itself) giving "Constitutions," and the latter, so far as my experience goes, not "Institutions," but "Institution." Although I have seen many Athol Grand Lodge Seals, I have never yet met with one (1775-1813) that gave the word "Institutions" in the legend; and as a seal collector I am naturally very anxious to see, and if possible to possess, that variety. I have noticed, as a peculiarity of "Ancients" certificates, "according to the old Constitutions," and "according to the old Institution," are the phraseology employed when either are printed or engraved. I have found the plural expressed in written documents, on which, re this point, no reliance could be placed; but never on an original seal, of which I possess several.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



Craft Masonry.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE (No. 60).

—A meeting of this old lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 23rd instant. Among those present were Bros. A. S. Josling, P.G.S., W.M.; Layton, S.W.; Dr. Kempster, acting J.W.; H. Young, P.G.S., P.M., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.G.S., P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; Altman, C.C., P.M., S.D.; Moon, G.S., P.M., J.D.; Rogers, I.G.; Barton, P.G.S., P.M.; Kent, P.G.S., P.M.; T. C. Walls, H. J. Lardner, G. H. Kenning, Kempster, jun., Polenz, J. T. Cotton, Altman, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Clark, P.G.P., &c.; Heald, P.M. 163; Barnby, 66; Turly, 1130; Harrison, 1589; and Rekal, 1601.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. O. C. L. W. Polenz was ably passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. T. Cotton raised to the Third Degree, both ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Layton was unanimously elected W. Master, and Bro. H. Young unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Dr. Kempster and Rogers were elected Auditors. Ballot having been taken for Mr. C. Robinson, he was impressively initiated by the W.M. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the W.M. by acclamation, it was referred to the Audit Committee to make arrangements for the due celebration of the 150th anniversary of the lodge on Thursday, the 3rd of May next.

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

"The Health of the W.M." was ably proposed by Bro. Kent. He said that their W.M., both in the lodge and out of it, had proved himself to be a good Mason and accomplished Chairman. He hoped that the brethren who were coming on would follow in the footsteps of Bro. Josling, whose working of the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft had left but little to be desired.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his acknowledgments to Bro. Kent, and said that he had endeavoured to discharge his responsibilities to the best of his ability. He had been ably supported by the Past Masters and the officers generally, and that he should always look back to his occupancy of the chair of No. 60 with unqualified pleasure.

"The Initiates" followed, and drew in response from Bro. Robinson an excellent reply.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was duly acknowledged.

"The Health of the Past Masters" came next in order, and Bros. Kent and Barton replied in appropriate terms.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. spoke highly of the services of those two officers. He said that he owed a great deal to the exertions of Bros. Young and Binckes, and that he was pleased that the first named had elected to remain as Treasurer, notwithstanding the distance he resided from town. In Bro. Binckes they had one who was the beau ideal of a Secretary, and one whose name was a household word in Freemasonry. In conclusion, he hoped that both would be spared many years to assist with their valuable advice the brethren of the lodge.

Bros. Young and Binckes replied.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Rogers, who replied, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

DRURY LANE LODGE (No. 2127).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Grand Saloon of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on Tuesday, the 27th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Sir John Gorst, O.C., M.P., when Mr. Lawson, the proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, his son, Mr. Lawson, jun., and Mr. Slaughter, the well-known musical conductor, were severally initiated into the early mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being most ably and impressively carried out by the W.M., who proved himself a complete master of the spirit and language of our ritual.

When the duty was concluded, Bro. A. M. Broadley, Secretary, read a list of brethren to be proposed as joining members of the lodge, and the brethren having, at the kind invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris, I.P.M., adjourned and partaken of light refreshment, lodge was resumed, and Bro. Thorndike sang "The Entered Apprentice's Song," all present joining heartily in the chorus of that well-known song.

We congratulate the lodge on these further additions to the long array of public men who have enrolled themselves among its members, either as initiates or joining brethren, in the two years that have elapsed since its establishment, and we trust it will be our privilege to record many more such pleasant and beneficial meetings during the Mastership of Bro. Sir J. Gorst.

The following members and visitors were present, viz.: Bros. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., W.M.; Augustus Harris, I.P.M.; Jas. Fernandez, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Chap.; J. S. Fleming, Treas.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; S. B. Bancroft, S.D.; Harry Nicholls, J.D.; W. A. Baskcomb, D.C.; T. Catling, I.G.; A. J. Caldicott, Org.; G. F. Bashford, Stwd.; Sir George Elliot, P.G.M. South Wales; R. Eve, G. Treas.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; G. Cooper, S.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; R. G. Glover, P. Dep. G.D.C.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Major A. B. Cool, P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; F. R. W. Hodges, P.G. S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Admiral the Hon. A. A. L. P. Cochrane, C. J. Smith, Col. Hughes Hallett, M.P.; W. E. Chapman, J. S. Wood, E. Lawson, M.P.; P. C. Javal, G. Farquahar, V. Stevens, L. Hervé, Albert Levy, Henry Pettitt, F. Lutz, C. J. Phipps, C. M. Duplaney, C. W. Mathews, A. Yates, C. Martin, Sir G. T. Goldie, L. Rignold, Herbert Campbell, G. H. Heywood, Percy Lyndal, H. L. W. Lawson, Hon. W. Massey Mainwaring, W. Lake, Lennox Browne, E. L. Blanchard, R. R. Murchison, John Northcote, A. R. Carter, E. J. Beale, A. J. Newton, W. H. L. Bailey, E. M. Money, and G. Everett.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry

(No. 48).—The annual gathering of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th instant, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The retiring W.M., Bro. E. Shewbrooks, presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. M. Pybus, I.P.M.; A. Rhagg, P.M., D.C.; J. Moulton, P.M., P.G. Reg.; J. G. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John Wood, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; R. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; R. Wightman, P.M.; Wm. Dalrymple, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. Brown, J.W.; W. F. Raeburn, Sec.; W. Richardson, J.D.; M. R. Wright and E. Carr, Stwds.; R. Ferry, Org.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; J. T. Corking, W. J. Campbell, C. E. Carr, J. T. Harrison, P.M.; H. Carrick, J. D. Murton, G. C. Potts, D. W. Bagnall, W. H. Knowles, G. Hibbert, A. Dodds, R. C. Tate, N. J. Jobson, W. Stafford, T. L. Hall, J. Patterson, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors present were Bros. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.C.; C. S. Lane, P.M. 764, P.P.G.D. Durham; John Spearman, P.M. 481 and W.M. 1712, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Duckitt, P.M. 481, P.P.G.D.; W. F. Carmon, P.M. 481, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. M. Lyon, I.P.M. 406, P.P.G.S.; J. McKay, P.M. 481; Tom Spedding, J.W. 1643; R. W. Dees, 481; T. Watson, 406; J. Todd, P.M. 1274; R. J. Milburn, S.W. 406; T. W. Lovibond, 2041; E. Turnbull, S.W. 481; T. R. Jobson, Sec. 1664; J. A. G. Ross, W.M. 481; J. G. Greener, W.M. 424; T. A. Moffitt, S.W. 424; T. Pearson, 424; J. Johnson, 424; W. Gibson, 1342; W. Salmon, 1643; and others.

After the preliminary business was concluded, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. Shewbrooks doing the duties of Installing Master in a highly creditable manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Dalrymple, was duly presented by Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., and afterwards inducted into the chair. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. E. Shewbrooks, I.P.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; W. F. Raeburn, J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; W. Richardson, Sec.; H. F. Dryden, S.D.; M. R. Wright, J.D.; W. M. Pybus, P.M., D.C.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; R. Ferry, Org.; Edmund Carr, I.G.; W. J. Jobson and George Craighill, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the annual festival was held, and a recherché dinner was supplied by Bro. J. S. Tait. Dessert being put on the table, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In response to that of "The Grand Lodge," Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Std. Br., responded.

Bro. J. Moulton responded for "The Prov. G.L.," and Bro. J. Duckitt for "The sister Province of Northumberland."

Bro. E. Shewbrooks proposed "The W.M.," who, in his reply, hoped that he might be able to give his P.M.'s some share of the work to do.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was duly toasted, and Bro. Shewbrooks returned thanks.

Bro. J. G. Smith, P.M., proposed "The Charities," and Bro. C. S. Lane, P.M., replied, and explained the working of the London Charities, as well as the Durham Educational Fund.

"The Past Masters" were next toasted, and Bros. D. Sinclair, Robert Whitfield, J. G. Smith, and W. M. Pybus, responded.

Other toasts followed. A very agreeable time was spent in harmony, and the proceedings closed.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).

—A regular meeting of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Assheton Arms Hotel, when there were present Bros. John W. Lees, W.M.; T. Entwistle, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; T. Lawton, Sec.; R. Hilton, S.D.; J. Thorpe, J.D.; P. Lawton, P.M., D.C.; E. Dodds, P.M.; W. D. Dunkerley, R. Hamson, J. Smethurst, T. Chapman, J. Garlick, W. Valentine, J. W. Jones, W. H. Vickers, T. Y. Taylor, R. Hartley, S. Hall, A. Boyd, H. Millallieu, and W. H. Hanlon, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Glover, W.M. 1868, and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Steward.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. W. Jones, F. Y. Taylor, and A. Boyd, and was declared favourable in each case. Subsequently all three were initiated, Mr. Jones by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Lees; Mr. Taylor by Bro. W. H. Wethington, P.M.; and Mr. Boyd by Bro. Peter Lawton, P.M. The working tools were presented by Bro. T. Entwistle, J.W. The E.A. charge was delivered to five initiates by Bro. Peter Lawton, P.M. Bros. S. Hall and H. Millallieu were passed to the Second Degree—Bro. S. Hall by the W.M., and Bro. H. Millallieu by Bro. J. Hatton, P.M. The whole of the work was well done, and reflected credit on all concerned. On the motion of Bro. Peter Lawton, P.M., the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Notification having been received from the Town Clerk that the foundation stone of a new Free Library would be laid in Middleton on Saturday, the 7th prox., at 3.30, and inviting the members of the lodge to take part thereof, it was resolved, after some discussion, to accept the invitation and apply to the R.W.P.G.M. for a dispensation to wear Masonic clothing, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all after such a long spell of labour.

"The Health of the Initiates" was proposed and drunk heartily, each brother responding.

"The Visitors" was proposed and responded to; and, in consequence of several brethren having to return to Manchester, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, on the 19th inst. Present: Bros. John T. Stewart, W.M.; W. H. Attlay, S.W.; Thos. Atkinson, J.W.; Geo. Elliott, S.D.; R. W. White, acting J.D.; Edward Smithson, I.G.; John N. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; B. Newbold, Sec.; T. W. Rensson, Org.; W. Clarkson, D.C.; W. Edwards, Steward; John Stevenson, P.M.; W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M.; J. S. Moss, P.M.; John Brooks, P.M.; J. W. Collier, H. Wald, George Wright, W. H. Tate, T. Smailes, and J. R. Beedle.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and con-

firmed, Bro. Matthew Walker was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. F. C. Winterburn, L. H. Watson, and Henry Robson were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A resolution was moved by Bro. W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. S. Moss, P.M., and carried unanimously, that a donation of 50 guineas be given by the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the ensuing Festival.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren supped together, and spent an agreeable evening.

SALFORD.—St. John's Lodge (No. 325).

—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Adelphi House. The W.M., Bro. Ramsbottom, occupied the chair, and the members present were Bros. Wm. Jones, I.P.M.; Evan Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Bagshaw, P.M.; F. Armstrong, P.M.; Thos. Davies, P.M., Chap.; H. Lord, Treas.; J. Sutton, S.W.; Jos. Hill, Sec.; Ed. Bowler, S.D.; E. Meggett, I.G.; and Wm. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, G.S. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Harrop, P.P.G.D.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Robert Williamson, P.M., P.A.G.P.; J. Andrew, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Fletcher, P.M. 350; J. Sudren, W.M. 935; W. H. Barrett, 1773; John Waring, W.M. 1134; Geo. S. Smith, P.M. 1134 and 1313; Willis, P.M. 1219; H. Slatter, I.P.M. 1219; H. H. Preston, W. R. Sharp, and J. B. Jenkinson.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, an initiation took place, after which Bro. Evan Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Installing Master for the occasion, took the chair. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with in a manner which gave satisfaction to all present. The newly-installed Master, Bro. John Sutton, then appointed, and Bro. Powers, P.M., invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Ramsbottom, I.P.M.; Bagshaw, S.W.; Bowler, J.W.; Lord, P.M., Treas.; Powers, P.M., Chap.; Hill, Sec.; F. Armstrong, P.M., D.C.; B. McEwen, S.D.; Meggett, J.D.; Shaw, I.G.; Sharpe, Org.; Jenkinson and Preston, Stwds.; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. The address to the W.M. and the working tools in each Degree were given by Bro. Jones, P.M.; the address to Wardens by Bro. Lord, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. Evan Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.

At the conclusion of the impressive ceremony, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. John Sutton, Bro. J. Ramsbottom, P.M., spoke in very high terms of the great ability displayed by him during his connection with the lodge, which he had no doubt would still be continued.

"The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. Ramsbottom, was proposed by Bro. J. Sutton, W.M., in a few well chosen remarks, after which he presented him with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, which had been presented by the brethren as a token of their great esteem for his services during his year of office.

Bro. Ramsbottom responded in a very humorous speech. Other toasts followed, and a very happy evening was spent.

The above jewel was specially made by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dobie Lodge

(No. 889).—This lodge met at the Griffin Hotel, on the 21st inst., when the brethren appeared in mourning for the late Bro. Buckland, P.M. Bro. W. Drewett, W.M., opened the lodge with his officers, viz.: Bros. W. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. Drewett, S.W.; B. Colbron, J.W.; F. J. Hayward, S.D.; and Metcalf, I.G. Bros. Long, P.M., and Elsam, P.M., were also in their places as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Bro. Herbert Clifford was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. gave way to Bro. Chapman, in order that he might complete what he had commenced, and by him the impressive ceremony was performed in an excellent manner. Mr. W. Walker having been duly elected, was then introduced into Masonry by the W.M., who was admirably supported by his officers, each one of whom proved their proficiency in the ritual. Ten guineas were voted to the Girls' Festival, at which the Dobie Lodge will be represented by Bro. Long, who, later in the evening sent round his list, which carried his total at that time to £54. A vote of thanks was given to the Immediate Past Master for his gift of a carpet for the lodge room, and then the S.W. delivered to the brethren a farewell message for Bro. Buckland, given him to convey to the brethren a few hours before his death. It was resolved that an expression of regret at the loss of so good and worthy brother be recorded on the minutes of the lodge.

While at refreshment, the brethren were asked to remember the case of Cable at the coming Boys' Election. This is a Surrey case, and has the support of the Provincial Officers.

WESTON.—Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 906).

—An emergency meeting was held on Friday, 24th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, Bro. Bartlett, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. Young, I.P.M.; Knight, P.M.; Glover, P.M.; Mercer, P.M. 41; Dingle, P.M.; Stuckey, P.M.; Stothert, P.M.; Bull, S.W.; Wadour, J.W.; Moutrie, Treas.; Beckett, Sec.; Strange, S.D.; Gayner, J.D.; Gill, I.G.; L. Howes, D.C.; Lovelace, Stwd.; Humphries, Org.; and Pinkett and Bigwood, Tylers.

The lodge having been opened, some formal business was transacted, and Bro. Bartlett having resigned the chair to Bro. Young, the ceremony of raising three candidates, namely, Bros. Goldsworthy, Tucker, and Canning, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason was proceeded with, and was performed with much impressiveness. Bro. Bull, S.W., invested and addressed the candidates, and Bro. Lovelace explained and presented the working tools very clearly, after which Bro. Moutrie gave the traditional history, and we think was never heard to do so in a more clear and impressive manner. It has been our pleasure to hear him for many years, but never remember to have heard him in better form; his retentive memory, clear enunciation, and correctness of ritual, rendering it perfect. A special vote of thanks to the visitors to which Bro. Stothert and others duly responded. Bro. Stothert gave

a resume of the voting prospects of the province for the Girls' Centenary, and a few particulars of the state of the voting powers in the past, thanking the brethren for their support accorded him as Steward at the forthcoming Festival, and eulogised the D.P.G.M. as most careful and efficient.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Knight kindly assisted at the organ during the ceremony. Visitors were Bros. Stothert, Mercer, Edgar, Preistley, 103; W. Hunt, W. H. Dill, P.M.; Hill, P.M.; Prestley, Cross, Mills, F. Smith, E. Harris, Jesse Hayward, Edwards, and several others.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., W.M.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, J.W.; A. S.B., S.W.; P. G. P., Sec.; T. Hood, S.D.; B. Lucking, P.M.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; A. Thomas, I.G.; E. J. Bowmaker, Org.; J. Heath, Vandeword, I.G.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; J. F. Harrington, P.M., S.W.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; D. P.P.G.P.; W. Trigg, and H. Cogill. Visitors: Bros. Col. the Hon. O. C. Lambart, P.M. 1460; and J. Hobday, 160. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. G. F. Vandeword as a candidate for initiation, and for Bro. E. B. Durham of 1039, as a joining member, and both were unanimously elected. Mr. G. F. Vandeword was then initiated. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

STONEHOUSE.—Metham Lodge (No. 1205).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Caroline-place, to install Bro. H. E. Sitters, the W.M. elect, as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. W. Kennedy, the retiring W.M., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. D. Cross, P.M., P.P.G.T.; T. W. Lemon, P.M., P.P.G.C.; S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G.T.; R. Pike, P.M., P.G.O.; G. Wilson, P.M.; W. Powell, P.M.; P. J. Dunn, P.M.; W. Coath, P.M.; T. Gibbons, P.M., P.P.G. Org. (all of the lodge); C. H. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Cornish, P.M. 223, P.P.G.T.; W. Browning, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Hifley, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; J. Osborne, P.M. 954; J. R. H. Harris, P.M. 230; J. Bray, P.M. 1212; F. R. Goodyear, P.M. 223; T. R. E. Oliver, P.M. 1247; A. E. Lean, P.M. 70; H. J. Kitt, P.M. 105; A. S. Hendry, P.M. 189; R. Selmon, W.M. 159; W. H. Williams, W.M. 1847; W. Lavers, P.M. 1235; and P. W. Watts, W.M. 1043. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. Kennedy, I.P.M.; A. Trout, S.W.; A. W. King, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; D. Cross, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; W. Powell, P.M., Sec.; J. Dymond, S.D.; J. Lugg, J.D.; G. Perrin, I.G.; G. Perkins, D.C.; G. Huxtable, A.D.C.; A. Revill, Org.; E. Hughes, J. J. Facey, and C. L. Blight, Stewards; and J. Gidley, P.M., Tyler. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon then presented to the lodge a large sized coloured framed portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., as M.W.G.M.; a framed photo-lithograph of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., M.P., &c., R.W.P.G.M. of Cornwall from 1843 to 1863, the panel of each picture bearing the inscription: "Presented to the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 (70, 1205, and 2025 honorary), P.P.G. Ch. of Devon, March 19th, 1888." The handsome gifts were most suitably acknowledged. On the proposition of Bro. Powell it was unanimously resolved to make Bros. W. Browning, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C., and J. M. Hifley, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C., honorary members of the lodge in appreciation of their services as founders of the lodge. Bro. P. J. Dunn, P.M., proposed "That the best thanks of the lodge be given to W. Bro. J. E. Poole on his leaving the district for the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge." This was unanimously agreed to.

INSTRUCTION.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 26th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Casely, 1693, W.M.; G. S. Russell, 1399, S.W.; W. Eaton, 788, J.W.; S. T. Hill, 1310, S.D.; J. B. Smith, 813, J.D.; H. Bangs, 2246, I.G.; B. J. Kew, P.M. 179, acting Preceptor; P. Recknell, P.M. 212, Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, 1366, Sec.; C. A. Ilder, 2246, Asst. Sec.; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2246; C. W. Rex, 2202; J. W. Smith, 1744; J. Powdrell, 2202; E. R. Smith, 1044; H. J. Hazel, 1693; T. Goldfinch, 1604; and F. J. Holden, 2202. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hazel acting as candidate. Bro. Goldfinch, having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting—April 9th. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Kew, P.M., for acting as Preceptor. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 733).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. R. Dillon, W.M.; J. H. Chapman, S.W.; J. Page, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; J. Stephens, P.M., S.D.; R. T. Redfern, J.D.; S. J. Humfress, P.M., I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; J. Millier, P.M. 173; N. Turner, P.M. 72; W. J. Mason, J. W. Manktelow, G. Weston, W. Chapple, L. H. Nerwich, and C. J. Biorn, W.M. 733. 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. Chapple candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. Bro. Dillon vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Stephens, who installed that brother into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Stephens gave the three addresses in a very impressive and efficient manner. Bro. Chapman was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Bros. Humfress and Redfern were elected Auditors. It was unanimously agreed that the annual dinner of this lodge of instruction be held on Tuesday, May 1st, and that the Preceptor, Bro. Baker, be President on that occasion. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, 16th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammer-smith. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; W. C. Williams, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. J. Coplestone, S.D.; A. H. Kendall, J.D.; Wilkins, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; and W. G. Coak.

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. Long being the candidate, and Bro. W. C. Williams, by desire of the W.M., very ably rendered the charge. Bro. Wilkins, having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, 1767, Treas., W.M.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, S.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Davies, J.W. 169, S.D.; J. Sims, P.M. 834, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; W. Chapple, Stwd.; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, M.B., P.M. 372, 307 (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; T. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; J. R. Allman, W.M. elect 1425; J. Bailey, W.M. 1805; J. Stagg, J. Corrie, A. C. Biddle, R. F. J. Laundry, J. C. Conway, P. G. C. Shaw, W. Death, S. Barrow, and J. Smith. Visitors: Bros. W. Nuttall, 181; J. H. Proff, 1293; and G. B. Johnston, 1791.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. J. R. Allman, J. Bailey, O. W. Battley, W. H. Chalfont, J. Davies, J. Sims, and G. Davis. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be recorded on the minutes, to those who had assisted in working the Sections. Bros. Proff, Nuttall, and Johnston were elected members. The supper in connection with the lodge of instruction will take place at the Porchester Hotel on Monday, April 16th, at 7.30 p.m., and the Secretary said he had the tickets ready for those who might require them. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed until 9th April, when the Second and Third Lectures will be worked.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. H. Hunt, W.M.; Yates, S.W.; Duncan, J.W.; Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Petch, S.D.; Stevenson, I.G.; Hiller, and Kilsby.

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. Hiller candidate. Bro. Hiller answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. Bro. Stevenson was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stevenson candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. Yates was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on Tuesday, the 10th proximo.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Minett, W.M.; Ives, P.M., S.W.; Tichiaz, J.W.; Seagrave, S.D.; Dormer, J.D.; Burdon, I.G.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M., Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Newson, Leigh, Smith, Beadle, Button, and Antonovich.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Antonovich candidate. Bros. Antonovich and Button having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, Bro. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, worked the 1st and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Leigh, W.M. 879, and G. Antonovich, 917, were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge, and returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the Preceptor claimed the chair for the ensuing lodge meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to the W.M., Bro. Minett, for his able and efficient services in the chair for the first time. The W.M. having acknowledged the same, and no further Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed.

The second ballot in connection with the Charity Association of the lodge was afterwards taken, and Bro. Colley was the fortunate member.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; A. E. Gladwell, J.W.; R. E. Cursons, S.D.; J. Woodward, J.D.; H. Pelt, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Brindley, W. Hancock, J. Laurence, E. J. Gittens, G. F. Swan, C. Corby, W. Dickson, J. Allen, W. Culverhouse, F. Kedge, A. Clark, G. P. Bertini, G. Russell, W. Honeyball, and E. D. F. Rymer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. C. Smith, W. Brindley, and C. Corby worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture respectively. Bro. C. Corby having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Allen answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bros. J. Allen, 2191, and C. W. Phillips, 1937, were unanimously elected joining members. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, 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, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. R. Josey, P.M., W.M.; Gilbert, S.W.; Johnston, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; P. Burton, P.M., J.D.; Woodard, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; J. Davies, Preceptor; T. H. Wood, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; L. Cox, Cotton, Stonnill, Hagan, Whittell, Arnott, Martineau, Head, Cross, Sansom, and Moss.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hagan candidate. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cotton candidate. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by the brethren. Bro. Gilbert was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 26th instant. Present: Bros. P. Skar, W.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M., S.W.; J. Worth, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; Fayers, S.D.; W. H. Boulton, I.G.; J. W. Morley, G. Fuelling, and Brooker.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. Fuelling being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. W. Morley, W.M. of the mother lodge. Bro. Brooker answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Skar being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. G. Fuelling was elected a joining member. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 9th, Bank Holiday intervening. The ballot will take place on Monday, April 16th.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 24th instant. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; D. Aslette, S.W.; J. Sims, P.M., J.W.; J. H. Wood, P.M., S.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Craggs offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and, on the usual risings, Bro. E. D. Aslette was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Mann, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hayler, S.D.; Hobbs, J.D.; Hume, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Montague, Edwards, Moloney, Hiel, Coleman, Harvey, F. Purnell, and Badderley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Montague, 2030, was unanimously elected a joining member. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harvey being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Moloney, 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. Moloney being the candidate. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. Roberts was unanimously elected W.M. for the 6th April. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

BLACKBURN.—Chapter of Perseverance (No. 345).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Old Bull Hotel, on Monday, the 19th instant. The following were present: Comps. Jas. Heaps, M.E.Z.; R. Gornall, H.; W. G. Thackeray, J.; Franklin Thomas, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Wm. H. Cunliffe, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; E. Halliwell, P.P.G.O.; S. L. Buckley, P.Z.; J. W. Walsh, P.Z.; T. Grime, P.Z.; J. Tennant, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; S. Goldstone, P.Z.; S. Howarth, P.Z.; J. Rigby, P.Z.; J. Hogg, P.Z.; J. Pollard, J. elect; Standen, Watson, Pilling, Mercer, Holt, Colbert, Green, Whalley, Parkinson, Pye, Woods, Weeks, Beaz, Blackburn, Gordon, Openshaw, Platts, Lonsdale, Almond, Gregson, Porritt, 1019; Gillett, Scott, Willson, Herbert Eccles, Margerison, Brown, 369; Lamb, and Parker.

The chapter was opened, and the preliminary business having been transacted, the following brethren—candidates for the R.A. Degree—were duly elected—Bros. E. Appleby, (Mayor of Blackburn) 269; Howard, 345; and Cook, 381. A Conclave of Installed Principals was then opened, and Comp. R. Gornall was duly installed as M.E.Z.; W. Thackeray, as H.; and J. Pollard, as J.; Comp. F. Thomas, acting as Installing Principal. The following officers were then invested with the insignia of their several offices: Comps. Preston, S.E.; Parkinson, S.N.; Woods, P.S.; Peel, 1st Asst. Soj.; Hilder, 2nd Asst. Soj.; F. Thomas, Treas. (22nd year); Fawcett, Janitor; and E. Halliwell, acting as Investing Principal. The companions were called off for refreshment, after which Bros. Appleby, Howard, and Cook, were duly exalted by Comp. Gornall, M.E.Z., and his coadjutors, assisted by Comp. F. Thomas. The Treasurer's accounts, which had been previously audited (a satisfactory balance being shown), were duly passed.

At the conclusion of the business a pleasant social evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, including "The Healths of the Newly-exalted Companions," were given with the customary honours, and at the conclusion of the proceedings none of those present could fail to acknowledge that "profit and pleasure in ample measure" had been the result.

MANCHESTER.—Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 20th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Comps. A. H. Jefferis, Z.; S. Warburton, H.; F. A. Huet, J.; J. E. Lees, P.Z., P.P.G.T., S.E.; Griffiths, S.N.; J. Hothersall, P.S.; J. L. Lewis, Asst. Soj.; J. E. Wilson, and Barron. Visitors: Comps. J. Wilson, P.Z. 317; and R. R. Lisenden, late 317.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M. 1323, and Org. 1134, and announced favourable. Bro. Smith was subsequently exalted to the Holy R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z., Comp. A. H. Jefferis, assisted by his officers and Comp. J. Wilson, P.Z. 317, who acted as P.S. This being the election night, Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., was elected Z.; J. Crowther, H.; and R. Lange, J. The remaining officers appointed were Comps. J. E. Lees, P.Z., P.P.G.P., S.E.; J. Hothersall, S.N.; C. Götz, Treas.; J. L. Lewis, P.S.; Griffiths, Asst. Soj.; and J. Sly, Janitor.

Comp. A. H. Jefferis, Z., feelingly alluded to the loss the chapter and Masonry generally had sustained in the lamented death of Comp. Charles Heywood, P.Z., P.P.G. S.N. (an obituary notice of whom appeared in our last issue), and moved "That a letter of condolence be sent to his widow and family sincerely and heartily sympathising with them in their bereavement."

The motion was seconded by Comp. J. L. Lewis, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed. At the social board "The Health of Comp. George Sam Smith, the Newly-exalted Companion," was proposed by the M.E.Z. and heartily drunk; and Comp. Smith replied in suitable terms.

"The Visitors" was also proposed, and responded to by Comps. Lisenden and Wilson.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. G. Read, P.Z. 19, 834 (visitor), M.E.Z.; J. Davies, 733, H.; J. Sims, J. 834; J. H. Dehane, H. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, S.N.; W. C. Williams, P.S. 733, P.S.; G. March, 733, 1st A.S.; G. N. Watts, Z. 1196; and T. J. Head, 2021. Comp. H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor, was a visitor.

The ceremony of exaltation having been most ably rehearsed by the officers, Comps. Henry Sadler and George Read were proposed as members, and elected by ballot. It was then decided to adjourn

till Friday, the 6th prox., the date on which Comp. Sadler has promised to attend for the purpose of delivering a lecture on the banners and ensigns. It was unanimously resolved that the present officers retain their chairs for the next fortnight, and the chapter was closed.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 975).—A convocation was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the White Hart (corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street). Present: Comps. Gillard, Z.; E. C. Beedell, H.; Haslip, J.; F. Brown, S.E.; Fraser, S.N.; C. H. Webb, P.S.; and a numerous gathering of R.A. Masons. The ceremony of exaltation (Comp. Sadler candidate) was rehearsed in a most perfect manner, all the officers being thoroughly proficient in their duties, affording a great treat to those who were present. Comps. Wood and Arnold, of 742, were unanimously elected as members. It was decided to adjourn over the Easter holidays, so that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10th, when the chapter will meet at half-past five o'clock, and the ceremony of installation of Principals will be rehearsed by the following members: Comps. C. H. Webb, P.Z. 1549, the First chair; Gillard, P.Z. 19, the Second chair; and J. S. Fraser, P.Z. 214, the Third chair. At half-past six o'clock the exaltation ceremony will be rehearsed.

Mark Masonry.

CHIPPING SODBURY.—Lyegrove Lodge (No. 218).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Town Hall, when Bro. Edwin Lea, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair for the coming year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M. of the Province of Gloucestershire, Bro. W. Forth, assisted by Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, Prov. S.G.W., P.G.M.O. The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. Thos. Milligan, I.P.M.; J. Owner, S.W.; J. E. Canning, J.W.; C. Roberts, M.O.; J. E. Fivash, S.O.; J. Cameron, J.O.; Rev. E. M. Nagel, Chap.; J. Naysmith, P.M., Treas.; C. Newman, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Ferris, P.M., D.C.; T. Johns, S.D.; E. G. Hughes, J.D.; H. J. Ferris, R. of M.; J. D. C. Leveritt, Org.; J. Hill, I.G.; and C. Iles, Tyler. The following members and visitors were also present: Bro. G. Norman, P.G. Sec.; Rev. J. Fountain; F. G. Roberts, P.P.G.M.O.; Henry Frith; T. W. Stone, P.P.S.G.O. Somerset; C. M. Penley, and others.

After the lodge the brethren sat down to an excellently served banquet at the Grapes Hotel, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—Jacques de Molay Encampment (No. 36).—This preceptory was opened in the absence of the E.P., Sir Knight Hunter, by P.E.C., Sir Knight S. C. Sinclair, assisted by the officers of the encampment, at the Temple Hope-street, on Friday, 23rd. Sir Knights Clement Beswick Royds, V.E., Prov. Prior, and Charles James Banister, V.E., Prov. Prior of Northumberland, were received under an arch of steel and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight Robert W. Bourne, 1st Captain, was presented by P.E.C. Sir Knight Edward Pierpoint, P.P. Constable, P. 1st G.A. of England, to the acting E.C. for installation, which ceremony was performed with Sir Knight Sinclair's usual impressiveness. The following officers were then invested, viz., Sir Knights P. M. Hunter, Prelate; T. A. R. Littledale, Constable; R. A. Davies, Marshal; Edward Pierpoint, Treasurer; R. W. Rowson, Registrar; T. C. Thorburn, Sub-Marshal; Sinclair, Capt. of Guard; C. F. Ball, 1st Herald; L. S. Winslow, 2nd Herald; and Peter Bell, Guard Without. Comps. Ball and Winslow being in attendance were installed by the E.C., Sir Knight Robert W. Bourne, with great care and solemnity. The alms were collected by Sir Knight Edward Pierpoint, P.E.C., Almoner. Business of the encampment being finished, it was closed. V.E. Sir Knight C. Beswick Royds, Prov. Prior, and V.E. Sir Knight Banister, Prov. Prior of Northumberland, Durham, &c., retired under an arch of steel.

The banquet was held at the Adelphi Hotel, under the presidency of Sir Knight Robert W. Bourne, Em. Preceptor, having on his right the Provincial Priors of Lancashire and Northumberland. Sir Knights E. Pierpoint, B. W. Rowson, P.E.C.; Sinclair, P.E.C.; Hunter, P.E.C.; R. A. Davies, Bell, Winslow, and others. The vice-chair was filled by Sir Knight T. A. R. Littledale, Constable.

The Chairman, in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E. and S., Grand Master," "The Great Prior of England, Right Hon. Lord Lathom, and the Present and Past Grand Officers," responded to by Sir Knights C. J. Banister, P.G.C. of England, and Edward Pierpoint, P.G.M., Aid.

"The Prov. Grand Commander, Sir Knight C. Beswick Royds (who was obliged to leave early), and the Prov. Officers, Present and Past," responded to by Sir Knights R. W. Rowson, P.P.G. Constable, and T. C. Thorburn. Sir Knight S. G. Sinclair, proposed "The Health of the E.C. Sir Knight R. W. Bourne," in flattering terms, this was responded to in an excellent speech.

"The Candidates Health" was also proposed from the chair, and suitably responded to by each. "The P.E.C.'s and Officers" were also toasted and carefully responded to, and the last toast brought a most enjoyable evening to its close.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 96).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., E. and P., Bro. J. W. Monckman, on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, assisted by his officers. Ill. Bros. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. North-Eastern District; John W. Woodall, 32°; John Barker, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and H. E. Cousens, 30°, M.W.S. of 68, were received under an arch of steel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Three candidates were unanimously elected. Two of those being present and one who had been previously elected, viz., Bros. Aulay Macaulay, Joshua Paget Priestly, and Chas. Greenwood, being in attendance, were perfected by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, assisted by Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S. The M.W.S., E. and P., Bro. J. W. Monckman, presented Ill. Bro. Charles Crabtree, 30°, for installation to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who per-

formed the ceremony with his usual care and impressiveness. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers, viz.: E. and P. Bros. Frank William Banister, High Prelate; W. D. Sugg, 1st General; Arthur Gill, 2nd General; Hy. Shaw, Treasurer (elected); Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. and P. Bros. J. R. Welsman, Grand Marshal; H. S. Holdsworth, Raphael; E. A. Beaumont, D.C.; Fred R. Whiteley, Herald; Richard Hodgson, Captain of Guard; Thos. Pickles, Org.; and John Royle, O.G. The charge to the officers and brethren was delivered by Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°. The visitors were Ill. Bros. J. W. Woodall, 32°; Jno. Barker, 30°; H. E. Cousens, 30°; E. and P. Bros. W. F. Tasker, Recorder of 16; W. J. Beck, Treasurer of 77. Apologies were sent from the following brethren who had been invited by the M.W.S. elect, viz.: Ill. Bros. G. H. Brittain, 32°; Walter Reynolds, 32°; T. W. Tew, 30°; Gleenes, 30°; Fourness, M.W.S. 77; and others. Business of the chapter over, it was closed. The illustrious brethren retired under an arch of steel.

The banquet was held in the dining room, and was ably presided over by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. C. Crabtree, having on his right Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, 33°, Inspector General of the District; John Woodall Woodall, 32°; John Barker, 30°; J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. Hy. Shaw, P.M.W.S.; Holdsworth, Macaulay, Priestley, Gill, and others; and on his left E. and P. Bros. W. F. Tasker, W. G. Beck, Norfolk, Ptries, Connor, Pickles, J. W. Monckman, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Banister, and others. The vice chair was occupied by E. and P. Bro. Sugg, 1st General.

The loyal toasts were admirably proposed by the M.W.S.

In an excellent speech the M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Supreme Council," also "The Health of their Dear and Valued Friend, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister," who had come so great a distance to install him and perfect the candidates, for which he and the chapter desired to offer unanimously their best thanks; and the very impressive manner in which he performed that beautiful ceremony was an intellectual treat to all present, and he trusted that they might have his presence for many years to come.

Upon Bro. Banister rising to respond he was received with rounds of applause, and in reply thanked the brethren most kindly, but said he should be compelled, now that he had retired into the North-West district, in a quiet little spot on the Lancashire coast, to limit his visits to once a year, and he finished a most feeling speech by proposing "The Health of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. C. Crabtree, 30°," a brother who would perform his duty to the satisfaction of every one, as he had done so ably in all the previous Degrees that he had been elected to preside over. He had had the greatest pleasure in coming to install him, and he was quite certain the chapter would prosper under his rule.

The M.W.S. made a most excellent response, and before sitting down he proposed "The Health of the Members of the 32°," which was admirably responded to by Ill. Bro. Woodall, 32°.

To the toast of "The 30°," Ill. Bro. John Barker, 30°, responded.

E. and P. Bro. J. W. Monckman, P.M.W.S., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," very ably responded to by E. and P. Bro. Tucker.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Candidates," which was most suitably responded to by each.

E. and P. Bro. F. W. Banister, H.P., proposed "The Health of the P.M.W.S.'s," ably responded to by Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., and E. and P. Bro. J. W. Monckman.

"The Officers' Health" was proposed from the chair, which was responded to by the 1st General, E. and P. Bro. Sugg.

Between each toast very appropriate songs were most ably sung by Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., who has a very fine bass voice, which was a great treat to all, and E. and P. Bro. Priestley, having a splendid tenor voice, and his accompaniment on the piano was exquisite.

One of the most delightful evenings was the result of the musical talent of several of the brethren, and the last toast closed the gathering, which will long be remembered by all present.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Special Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held, under Law 31, on the requisition of 46 Governors and Subscribers, at the Freemasons' Hall, and afterwards at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday last. The brethren having assembled in great numbers, in the Board-room at the Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., was unanimously voted into the chair, and the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.B., having read the summons calling the Court together, an adjournment was at once made to the Crown-room of the Freemasons' Tavern, where the accommodation was ample for the 300 brethren and upwards who were present, and the proceedings passed off on the whole most satisfactorily.

Bro. JOHN GLASS, P.M. and Treasurer, No. 453, P.P. G.S. of W. Essex, rose, and after appealing to his audience for an indulgent and patient hearing, and having stated that the father of the boy Motion, referred to in the summons, was, in his life time, a respected member and Past Master of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, Chingford, and had been for some 25 years its Secretary, proceeded to lay before the Court the circumstances which had brought about the meeting. He said that the boy was elected into the School in 1882 by the efforts of the Chigwell Lodge and their friends, supported by many influential brethren, of whom the late Bro. Bowyer, whose death had occurred so recently, and who had been at school with the lad's father, was one of the most conspicuous and active. From that time they had heard nothing further of the boy, till the month of January, when a communication from Mrs. Motion to the lodge was read, in which it was announced that her son had been dismissed from the School for the offence of "absconding." As regards this word "abscond," he thought it an ugly and improper word to apply to the boy's conduct, and Bro. Dr. Morris, the Head Master, had frankly admitted since that it was so, and that as a matter of fact the boy had not been guilty of "absconding," though the letter in which the offence had been so described to Mrs. Motion had never been withdrawn. As regards the other

charges of misconduct alleged against young Motion, he said that after a long and careful investigation by the evidence at their disposal—the members of the Chigwell Lodge had come to the unanimous conclusion that the boy had been harshly and unjustly dealt with, and it was resolved in open lodge assembled that the Worshipful Master and two of the Past Masters should endeavour by all the legitimate means at their disposal to clear the character of the fatherless lad, and start him in life without the stigma attaching to him of having been turned out or expelled from his School within three months of the expiration of his natural term—hence it was that they had come before them that day to ask for an independent Committee of Inquiry. They desired on the boy's behalf no mercy, but only fair consideration and justice. Of course it was difficult, nay impossible, to discuss in detail the full merits of the cause they were advocating, but he claimed their vote for the resolution on broad grounds. Firstly that it was requisitioned and desired by the 46 brethren who had appended their signatures, and who had come there to support it. There were names there of distinguished brethren representing 30 different lodges, and who were, like themselves, supporters of that Institution, and he reminded them that to summon that meeting nine signatures only would have been necessary, but they had obtained 46, and had there been more time they could have obtained 500. Secondly, he claimed their support upon the grounds that it was a case of the weak against the powerful, and the powerful should be magnanimous. Thirdly, because, although the supporters of that motion might upon that occasion be in the minority, they were such a minority as were entitled to be heard, and to receive at their hands the fullest and most generous consideration; and, lastly, he considered the Committee should be granted in the best interests of the Institution. What possible harm could come of it? Indeed, he thought the House Committee themselves should favour that inquiry. If no mistake had been made by them; if the officers and their subordinates were quite blameless—how could it result except to their honour, and to the satisfaction of those who at present were compelled, at least, to doubt? If, he added, as the friends of that boy said, there had been a miscarriage of justice, he was sure no one would more desire that amends should be made than the members of the House Committee, who, by means of the powerful and official organisation of the establishment, were apparently resisting its appointment to the last extremity, and still further widening the breach between the two parties. He said, apparently, for he could not believe that the printed document upon that subject which had been so largely circulated under the official covers of the Institution was the deliberate statement of the brethren who formed the House Committee. He could not believe they would all permit their names to appear underneath the statements contained in that address. Until after that circular appeared, except a letter in reply to an article in the *Freemason*, they had carefully abstained from printing or circulating any statement in reference to the case. He took exception to that printed circular signed by F. W. Ramsay, M.D., on behalf of the House Committee, and to the whole tone which permeated it. It was undignified and unworthy of that great Institution, which had upon the first pages of its book of Subscribers such a noble list of Presidents, Patrons, and Vice-Patrons. It was not, however, the good taste or otherwise, but the statements it contained, he desired to criticise. It consisted of 13 paragraphs. As to the first of them, he challenged the House Committee to name any single brother who had signed the requisition for that meeting who had, either by word or deed, committed any act that could by the greatest contortion of their mother tongue be properly designated by the words used therein. With reference to the fourth paragraph, he remarked that the decision of the Committee was first communicated to the mother of the boy verbally by Dr. Morris, the Head Master of the School, upon the platform of a railway station; and he asked was that a considerate and proper method of communicating such momentous information to a widow lady? The statement in the sixth paragraph was too much of a controversial character for him to deal with there, but he believed the brother of the lad, smarting under what he rightly or wrongly believed to be a great and cruel injustice, did, in the heat of passion, make observations which he (Bro. Glass) much regretted and deprecated, and which no one more deplored than himself; but surely the words of hot youth in the cause of a fatherless younger brother were no argument against passing that resolution. The seventh clause of the indictment was rather vague and somewhat difficult to comprehend. The learned doctor had been wrongly informed upon that as well as some of the other matters he had referred to. Mrs. Motion was not the mother of the brethren of Lodge 453—many of whom were too old—but the eldest son of Mrs. Motion was the one that had the much to be lamented collision with the House Committee at Wood Green on the 16th January. The eighth clause implied that Mrs. Motion and the friends of the boy were permitted to be present at the so-called investigation held on the 30th January, but he thought the brethren of Lodge 453 deserved a little less contemptuous designation than the compilers of that manifesto had accorded them. They consisted of the W.M., the Treasurer and the Secretary of No. 453—who were all present that day praying for that Committee—and he pledged his honour as a man and a Mason that the only persons admitted to that inquiry, except the officials and boys of the School, were the three brethren he had mentioned and a Past Master of the Doric Lodge. He declared most emphatically that neither Mrs. Motion, her friends, nor relations were permitted to attend that Committee or make any explanation whatever. He would not, however, trespass upon their time by further reference to that paper, which was full of misrepresentations and unkind remarks. He would, however, refer them to Clause 13, in which it was said that the members of the House Committee had helped to obtain the benefits of the Masonic Institutions for the boy, his sister, his aunt, and his cousin. But what had this matter to do with the sister, the cousin, and the aunt, though it was true this lad had a cousin who was educated in the School, and after a very honourable career, left long before he was born. That cousin was then a brother Mason and a Life Governor of the Institution and he was present amongst them that day. In conclusion he said they came from a poor county—the Province of Essex—but though poor in circumstances, they were rich in their appreciation of their Masonic privileges and they claimed to have been and to continue consistent supporters of their Masonic Institutions according to the means with which they had been blessed. Those Institu-

tions were, as stated in the circular—and it was the only phrase with which he cordially agreed—noble Institutions. But noble they would continue to be only so long as they were nobly, generously, and effectually supported and administered. They were as jealous that this should be done as any brother in that room, and he confidently appealed to them to assist them in the cause they earnestly believed to be a righteous one. They bore no malice, but believed to be a righteous one. They bore no malice, but believed to be a righteous one. They bore no malice, but believed to be a righteous one.

“That a Special Committee be appointed to enquire into the steps recently taken by the House Committee in reference to the case of William Gideon Motion, who was in the Institution; with full powers to investigate the matter, call witnesses, and report thereon to an adjourned Special General Court to be held on Saturday, the twenty-first day of April, 1888.”

Bro. G. CORBLE, P.M. and Sec. 453, P.P.J.G.W. Essex, spoke as follows: Brother Chairman and Brethren, —I rise to second this resolution, and in doing so I have to ask your kind indulgence, as I am suffering from a severe cold, and the task of addressing such a numerous and august assembly is new to me. However, my remarks shall be very brief. I will not travel over any of the ground that has been so ably dwelt upon by Bro. Glass. In the first place, pray let me assure you that in this business I have no personal feeling or motives whatever. I desire to cast no aspersions of any kind on the House Committee, either individually or collectively, and I deeply regret that any question of “malice” has arisen. The case is within a small compass; in fact, we are called here to-day to settle what should really have been settled at the last General Committee meeting. Now, brethren, I think we are here to-day not so much to discuss whether this or that boy broke a window, killed bees, or committed any equally awful crime, but to decide on a question of principle. It comes to this—whether, under any circumstances, any action or resolution of the House Committee, however wrong or unjust, can be reviewed in any way by the General Committee or by a Special Court such as the present. I have no doubt it will be argued on the other side “that by the rules of the Institution a discretionary power of punishment is given, and whenever that is exercised no one can or ought to question it.” What, is there to be no redress whatever? No appeal, however great the wrong done? Is a mistake not to be set right? Then it will be said—“Are we to have a Special Court to inquire into every petty grievance, real or imaginary. If so, who will care to sit or act on the House Committee.” I say, Yes. If it is fairly shown that “a wrong has been done,” or rather I put it, “that an error of judgment has been committed,” it ought, in common justice, to be set right. If twenty wrongs are done call twenty Special Courts and set them right! As to the first reason we urge for granting this Committee of Inquiry—(cries of “time,” and “vote.”) Brethren, I will not say a word more than is necessary, I assure you—seeing the feeling of the meeting. Indeed, I will leave out half of what I intended to say, but as Bro. Glass has said, 46 Masons, representing 30 lodges, ask you to agree to this inquiry, and that in itself ought to be a sufficient reason. Secondly—as to the wrong done—that is, what the friends say, the excessive punishment meted out to this boy. Surely, to be turned out of the School just at the end of his time, with a stigma on his character, is the very heaviest punishment the Committee could inflict, and it is clear that the charge which led to that was distinctly disproved. But I am restricted from going into details. The Committee will do that if you will appoint one, and they will decide whether we are right or wrong. That is all we ask. Hard things have been said against us for requisitioning for this Special Court. Then, why is such a power to call it given by the By-laws if not to meet special matters like this? Now suppose a harder case than this were to occur, and I don't think one could—(cries of “No, no”)—Yes, yes—it is so. Here is a School of some 260 boys—they all know about this case, and will they not all remember it in after life and point to this boy with “Oh! but you were turned out of the Masonic School!” Is not that a stigma, more especially when he is just starting in life? Are our laws to be like those of the Medes and Persians? Is the rule of our Institution to be so autocratic? And so soon as we ask, in a constitutional and proper manner, for a Committee of Inquiry, we are assailed with imputations of attacking the Institution, and desiring to injure it, and with acrimoniously attacking the House Committee. No such thing, we do not want to censure the Committee—everyone is liable to make mistakes at times. We desire to uphold and support our Boys' Institution—“to point to it as a model, and say we have no cast-iron rules, we are always ready to rectify mistakes, and if there be any error in the management it is on the side of leniency.” Surely the House Committee ought to court and readily support this Inquiry! I remember this boy's father, he was a great favourite down at the School, and was always heartily welcomed by the boys, and I feel some shame in having thus to beg at your hands for so small a grant of justice to a son of his. Can this great body of Masons refuse it? If they do then my faith in one of the great principles of our Order will receive a severe blow. If our Masonic Charitable Institutions are to be governed by strict technical Laws—against which there is to be no appeal, no redress, no righting of an act of injustice—then, I say, the sooner those Laws are altered the better. But I must touch upon and explain one other matter, namely, the reason why you are called here to-day. At the last General Committee meeting, a resolution stood on the paper (I have not a copy, and quote from memory), “To appoint a Special Committee to inquire into the wrong done by the House Committee in the case of William Gideon Motion, &c.” Now the majority at that meeting did not like the words “wrong done,” for to vote for that resolution as it stood would be passing a direct vote of censure on the House Committee. Now nearly all those present were inclined towards having an Inquiry. Bro. Godson, M.P., proposed an amendment leaving out the objectionable words, and the proposer of the resolution readily agreed to that, but the Chairman—Bro. Roebuck—contrary to all rules of public meetings, declined to allow the wording of the resolution to be altered or to put any amendment. There was perhaps some excuse for that, for the meeting was a very excitable

one, and I felt some sympathy for Bro. Roebuck in his trying position. The resolution was then put and lost. Those 58 voting against it were really nearly all in favour of an inquiry, but they would not vote for the resolution as it stood. Therefore we were forced to requisition for this Special Court, and put you to the trouble of coming here to-day to decide “Yes or No,” whether you think an inquiry ought to be granted. We have not sought the position we now stand in; we consider it is a duty cast upon us, and that we should not be men were we to shrink from the task. Brethren, do not stifle this matter. Truth will conquer; but we do not wish it to be a boastful conquest. It has occurred to me that if there is such a difficulty in obtaining redress in a case where a boy can be supported by so many friends and sympathisers, what would it be where there was no one, or perhaps but a few, to take up the cudgels? We are here merely asking for “justice,” and not to wrangle or argue about the strict wording of a by-law. Do what is right! The good order and well-being of the Institution will not suffer by it; on the contrary, it will fill subscribers with greater confidence that its affairs are well and justly administered. I appeal to you to appoint this Special Committee; let it be thoroughly impartial; let all friends and relatives who have an interest in the question have a full and fair opportunity of being heard; and this I say they have never yet had. (Loud cries of “No, no.”) I distinctly and emphatically say they never have had it—never. Then with the decision of that Special Committee the matter will rest, and an end be put to this unpleasant difference of opinion which has so unfortunately arisen.

Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Vice-President of the Institution said: Bro. Richardson and brethren, before moving as I intend to do the rejection of the motion which has been brought before this Special Court by Bros. Glass and Corble, I desire to compliment those brethren on the very moderate and proper terms in which they have stated their case. I, for my part, trust that I shall be favoured with the same patience that has been accorded to them, and I hope that in the few observations I feel called on to make on this very grave question I shall say nothing which will in any way wound the friends and relatives of the boy Motion. It appears to me in the first place that our brethren have based their arguments almost entirely on considerations of sympathy and sentiment. They have alluded in feeling terms to the boy's father who was, we all know, a much respected member of the Craft, and they have referred to other circumstances which do not, I contend, bear in any degree on the matters at issue before us. A great Institution like that of the Boys' School must of necessity be governed by certain laws and regulations—if it were not so the position of the school itself would become as impossible as that of those brethren who are connected with its administration would be intolerable! Every year a certain number of the subscribers, old and tried Masons, are selected by the suffrages of their brethren to discharge the purely executive functions of the House Committee. The very fact of their election shows conclusively that they are trusted by those who choose them, and it is manifest that the exercise of certain functions must be delegated to their discretion. If you refer for one moment to Law 40, you will see that they are specially empowered to reward, admonish, or punish the boys in the Masonic School at discretion—nothing can be more explicit than the terms in which this delegation is made, and I contend that if they have exercised the discretion entrusted to them, you cannot arraign them in this manner before a Special Court. The vote before you to-day is substantially one of want of confidence, and if it is passed I very much fear that the future of the Institution, of which we are all so proud, and in the welfare of which we all take so deep an interest, will be compromised almost beyond remedy! If the House Committee has acted in this matter contrary to justice, it is quite competent for the aggrieved parties, when the time arrives, to elect others in their stead, but if every boy in the Institute knew that it was in his power, on any grievance, real or imaginary, arising, to bring the House Committee before a Special Court, the carrying on of the daily routine of the School would be so much interfered with as to bring on a most serious and deplorable crisis. I hold in my hand a paper very admirably drawn up, which bears the signatures of the Master, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Chigwell Lodge, but I am bound to say that some of the statements on that paper convey to my mind, a very sufficient justification of the action taken by the House Committee. You will remember that Law 40 gives them the power absolutely of punishing at discretion, and you will see that the brethren who have brought forward the demand for an inquiry to-day admit a certain number of the charges which were preferred against the boy Motion to be true. He has been guilty according to their own showing of getting out of the Infirmary window after having scarlet fever—of killing bees, possibly not a very heinous offence—and of quitting the School without leave, or as they choose to put it themselves, “absconding.” I contend, brethren, that if in the discharge of the wise discretion—(interruption)—well then let me say the mature discretion of the members of the House Committee, they thought fit to pass the lenient sentence that the boy was to complete the very few remaining days of his term at Wood Green, out of the School, it is incompetent for us to inquire into their motives, or to investigate the reasons which influenced their decision. Nobody regrets more than I do all that has occurred, but I do not think it is the fault of the House Committee if any stigma does attach to the boy in after life by reason of their action. In a matter of this kind, brethren, we must seek our reasons elsewhere than in sympathy and sentiment. If our laws are bad or defective they may be repealed or altered. It is quite within your province to do this at some future time, but as long as they exist in their present shape we have nothing else to do than to act in accordance with them. The House Committee has exercised the discretion invested in it, and unless we support their action we shall incur the unenviable responsibility of creating a state of things and an epoch of confusion which we should for ever afterwards regret. For these reasons I believe it is our duty to support the action taken by the House Committee, and I accordingly move the rejection of the resolution which has been proposed by Bro. Glass, and seconded by Bro. Corble.

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, P.M. 2127, said: Brethren, it appears to me that the whole matter under discussion lies more or less in a nutshell. It is admitted that this is the first occasion on which the conduct of the House Com-

mittee has ever been impugned, and if this is so, I think we should certainly consider well before taking such action as would give rise to a precedent which might be attended, as Bro. Broadley has pointed out, with very disastrous consequences. I speak in favour of law and order, and I think it is our duty to support the House Committee in the exercise of the power which is duly vested in them by the laws of the Institution.

Some other brethren addressed the Court, among them being Bros. CROSS, HAWKINS, and ANDREW MOTION, an attempt on the part of the last named to describe the proceedings of the House Committee at their meetings relating to this case being declared out of order by the Chairman.

It was then moved—“That the question be now put,” and this having been carried unanimously, the resolution was put and lost, those voting in its favour being 118 (tellers included), and those against it 199 (tellers included).

A scrutiny was called for by Bro. ANDREW MOTION; but Bro. GLASS, the mover of the resolution, having expressed himself satisfied, the Chairman declined to entertain the request, and the Court rose, a resolution of thanks to Bro. F. Richardson for his services as Chairman having previously been voted by acclamation.

The following were among those present, viz.: Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; G. Cooper, S.G.D.; John Glass, P.M., Treas. 453, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Essex; George Corble, P.M., Secretary 453; A. M. Broadley, Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.D.; A. Williams, R. Berridge, P.G. Stwd.; Charles Belton, Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Dr. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; H. Massey, Augustus Harris, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; J. T. Chancellor, P.G. Stwd.; G. B. Abbott, C. H. Webb, T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattershall, Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; Richard Eve, G. Treasurer; Andrew R. Motion, George Motion, Thomas Cull, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; S. B. Wilson, A. C. Spaul, Col. A. Ridgeway, Thomas Motion, C. Fulman, J. M. Klenck, F. R. Spaul, Robert Grey, P.G.D.; J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; Thomas A. Motion, C. E. Soppet, J. S. Cumberland, James Motion, A. J. Dixie, H. Glenn, Percy Wallis, J. G. Stevens, John Mason, W. Lake, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D.; W. M. Bywater, G.S.B.; W. A. Scurrah, and F. Binckes (Secretary), P.G.S.B.

MARK GRAND LODGE ADDRESS AND SILVER WEDDING PRESENT TO THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

Our readers will remember that it was resolved at the winter half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., in December last, to commemorate the Silver Wedding of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the said Grand Lodge, and the Princess of Wales, by presenting to her Royal Highness a suitable address, contained in a silver casket specially manufactured for the occasion. In accordance with this resolution, the address was drawn up and beautifully engraved on vellum, and a casket made to contain it. The former was as follows:

“To her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

“Madam,

“May it please your Royal Highness,

“We, the members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, humbly desire to approach your Royal Highness, and to offer our most hearty and loyal congratulations on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the auspicious marriage of your Royal Highness and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful and Exalted Grand Master.

“Your Royal Highness and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, by your many acts of public benevolence, and the exercise of Masonic virtues, have so endeared yourselves to the brethren of Grand Lodge in the Mark Degree, that they cannot allow this opportunity of testifying their feelings of loyalty and attachment to pass without presenting this humble address to your Royal Highness.

“The brethren of Mark Grand Lodge trust that the Great Overseer of the Universe may continue to pour His blessings upon your Royal Highness. And that the sun of unclouded prosperity may shine upon your Royal Highness and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for many years to come is the prayer of every Mark Master Mason.

(Signed) “EGERTON OF TATTON,
“Pro Grand Master.”

The above, which had been most artistically and delicately illuminated on vellum by Bro. C. H. Driver, F.R.I. B.A., and Past G.I. of Wks, was contained in a silver casket of oblong shape, richly decorated in Queen Anne's style, with Masonic emblems in relief at each corner, and a wreath of briar roses, in repoussé work, in the four panels at the sides. The initials of the Princess of Wales, and the dates 1863 and 1888, are raised on the lid, and the coats of arms, in coloured enamel, of Grand Lodge, of his Royal Highness, Grand Master, Prince of Wales; of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Pro Grand Master; and of the Marquis of Hertford, the Deputy Grand Master, are placed in the centre of the four principal panels.

The address, in this beautiful casket, was duly presented to the Princess of Wales at Marlborough House, on Saturday, the 10th March instant, by M.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro Grand Master, and most graciously acknowledged by her Royal Highness.

Bro. Nicholas Sorokiadis, of Athens, Greece, an officer of the Grand Orient of Greece, is desirous of securing a position in one of the Colleges, Schools, Academies, or Masonic Institutions of this country as Professor of Languages, especially of the Greek, ancient and modern, French, and Italian. Should any of our readers learn of an opening for him, they will confer a fraternal favour by addressing him in person at No. 28, Arachova-street, Athens, Greece. For references apply to Bros. Em. Galani, Professor, and Editor of “Pythagora,” and Anast. N. Stoupis, Lawyer and Professor, Athens, Greece.



The next meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday next, the 7th April, at the usual hour of 4 p.m.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales left Marlborough House on the 22nd instant for York, to resume his duties with the 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers.

Among the visitors to the Empress of Austria at Claridge's Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, Bro. Lord and Lady Edward Pelham-Clinton, and Bro. Earl Granville.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has consented to preside at the annual festival, at the Hôtel Métropole, on Thursday, the 19th April, of the Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson presided on the evening of the 23rd inst. at a vegetarian dinner at the new restaurant in St. Bride-street, E.C., and afterwards gave one of a series of lectures on the subject of "Ideal Foods."

Bro. Lord Herschell is one of the Royal Commissioners appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Metropolitan Board of Works and the irregularities alleged to have taken place in connection therewith.

The Mayor and Corporation of Windsor have unanimously resolved to confer the honorary freedom of the borough on Prince Christian Victor, the eldest son of Prince and Princess Christian, who will attain his majority on the 14th prox.

On the 22nd February last, the anniversary of Washington's birthday, a charter was signed by the Governor of Virginia for the erection of a Masonic Hall in Fredericksburg in memory of George Washington, who was initiated in the Fredericksburg Lodge in 1752.

The Princess of Wales, with Prince George, and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, and the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, visited the Criterion Theatre on Saturday evening last, and witnessed the performance of "David Garrick."

The annual dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce took place at the Hôtel Métropole on the 22nd instant, Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston being the guest of the evening, and Bros. Hugh C. E. Childers, Sir Charles Mills, Sir E. Hamley, Sir George Chubb, and A. H. D. Acland, M.P., among the other guests.

RICHMOND FREEMASONS AND THE SILVER WEDDING.—Bro. Thomas Chapman Denham, the W.M. of the Richmond Lennox Lodge, has received a letter thanking the brethren for their congratulatory address sent by the lodge to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their Silver Wedding.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided, in the inavoidable absence of Bro. the Lord Mayor, at a meeting at the Mansion House on the 22nd instant, of the friends and supporters of the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund, Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., being also present, and taking part in the proceedings.

As will be seen from another column, the author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions" has arranged to deliver a lecture on the banners and ensigns of the Royal Arch at the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, Porchester Hotel, Paddington, on Friday, the 6th prox., at eight o'clock. Those who have never heard this interesting old lecture ought to embrace the present opportunity of hearing it delivered by one so well able to do justice to the subject as the Grand Janitor of England.

The Empress Eugenie visited the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark at Marlborough House on Tuesday, and stayed to luncheon. In the afternoon their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by Prince George of Wales and his three sisters, visited the studios of Bro. Sir F. Leighton and Mr. Val Prinsep. To-morrow (Friday) the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark leave England on their return to Denmark.

There was a most interesting ceremony on Friday evening, the 23rd instant, in the Temple of the Royal York Lodge at Berlin. Upwards of two thousand Masons had assembled to hold a commemorative service for their departed brother, the Kaiser Wilhelm. The most distinguished members of the Craft, from all parts of Germany, came to Berlin for the occasion. In the centre of the Temple stood a coffin, on which lay the Three Roses, and the ceremony was carried out according to due Masonic rites. Professor Wagner, a well-known Conservative, delivered a most excellent and impressive address.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held their 42nd annual council at Erie, Pa., on Wednesday, the 15th February last. Comp. C. Francis, M.I.G.M., presided. There was a numerous attendance, and the annual report was more than usually interesting. The following were among the Grand Officers appointed for the current year, namely: Comps. John L. Young, M.D., G.M.; D. A. Stevenson, D.G.M.; Joshua L. Lyte, P.I.G.M.; John J. Wadsworth, G.P.C. of Wks.; James Brown, G. Treasurer; and Charles E. Meyer, G. Recorder.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, arrived at Florence at one p.m. on Saturday last, and was received at the Railway Station by the British Ambassador, Consul General, and Vice-Consul, General Driquet representing King Humbert, the Prefect and the Syndic, and the Court Chamberlains appointed by the King to wait on her Majesty during her stay. The Royal party at once drove in an open carriage, escorted by Carabinieri, to the Villa Palmieri, and met with an enthusiastic reception along the whole line of route. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh arrived in Florence later in the day, and on Sunday morning paid a visit to her Majesty.

On Saturday, the 31st instant, the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their son, Prince George of Wales, who has a month's leave of absence, will go to Sandringham for the Easter holidays.

The will of the late Bro. Lord Northwick, J.P., D.L., who died on the 18th of November last, was proved by the executors, on the 15th instant, the personalty being sworn at upwards of £324,000.

The Queen has signified her intention of presenting annually a cup of the value of £100, to be competed for by yachts at the regatta of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in August.

The Lady Christian Maule, sister of the late Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, known also as Bro. Lord Panmure, who for many years was Deputy G. Master of England, died at her residence, Park House, Wimbledon, on the 21st instant, in the 53rd year of her age.

The season of Saturday and Monday Popular Concerts closed on Saturday last and Monday respectively, St. James's Hall on both occasions being crowded, and the programmes, which were excellent, being enthusiastically received.

Bro. Dr. Josiah Williams, F.R.G.S., author of "Life in the Soudan," earnestly appeals to his brethren for support in bringing out his new work, entitled "The Anti-Human Turk," and will be glad to enrol their names in his list of subscribers, to whom the work will be issued at the price of six shillings, post free.

Bro. J. T. Agg-Gardner, Chairman of the Country Brewers' Society, presided at a meeting of its members at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on the 22nd instant, for the purpose of considering the clauses in the Ministerial Local Government Bill relating to the trade, and Bro. Sir Harry Bullard took part in the proceedings.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House on the 23rd instant, in connection with the memorial to be raised in the new cemetery, at Brussels, to the memory of the British officers and men who fell during the Waterloo Campaign. The Duke of Cambridge and the Duke of Wellington were present, and supported the proposal.

The *New Zealand Masonic Journal* completed the first year of its existence in December last, having entered on its career in January, 1887. The first number of its second volume—that for January of the current year—augurs well for the further continuance of this well-conducted journal, which we hope to have the opportunity of reading for many a long day. Its budget of antipodean Masonic news is always pleasant reading.

The Prince of Wales was present at a grand celebration at Exeter Hall on Saturday evening last by the German Societies in London in honour of the late Emperor William of Germany. The address, in which the virtues and achievements of his late Majesty were set forth, was delivered by Professor Max Müller.

Bro. Lord Stalbridge presided at the 19th annual general meeting, held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on the 22nd instant, of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity. The receipts during the past year were £18,178, of which £11,520 had been expended in making inquiries and affording relief, and the rest in office expenses and salaries. The report was adopted.

On Saturday last was laid in the grave in the cemetery at Rye the remains of probably the oldest Freemason in the kingdom, Bro. Charles Fletcher, who died at the advanced age of 95. His connection with the Brotherhood had lasted from January 16th, 1824, until his death. He retained his faculties nearly till the end, and when 93 years of age walked to the poll to record his parliamentary vote.

The Fancy Dress Ball of the Ho!born Cycling Club, of which Bro. Col. Duncan, C.B., is President, was held on Thursday, the 21st instant, at Freemasons' Hall. Nearly 250 persons were present, consisting of a great many brethren and their friends. The M.C.'s were Bros. F. Jackson and C. H. Fox, to whom great praise is due for their excellent management.

Cambridge was successful both at the Inter-University Athletic Sports at the Queen's Ground on Friday, the 23rd instant, and in the boat race on Saturday last, winning five to four events at the former, and holding the lead and keeping it from start to finish with the greatest ease in the latter. Owing to the dulness of the weather, the attendance on the river and the river banks was not so numerous as usual, nor were the University favours worn by so many or so conspicuously.

A smoking concert was given by the City Special Constables at the Cannon-street Hotel on Monday evening in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage. It had the patronage of Bros. Lord Mayor De Keyser, Sheriff Davies, and Sheriff Higgs, the City Commissioner of Police, and other influential personages. There was a very numerous audience and an excellent programme, well carried out, and we trust the entertainment will be found productive of advantage to this excellent Institution.

On the evening of the 23rd instant a successful assembly, under the auspices of St. Clair of Dysart Lodge, took place in the Norman Memorial Hall, Dysart, under the distinguished patronage of Bro. Major Oswald, of Dunnikier, Prov. Grand Master, and Miss Lina Oswald. There were over 60 couples present. Music was supplied by Messrs. Dunn and Davidson's quadrille band, Edinburgh, and Mr. Urquhart discharged the duties of M.C. Much labour had been expended in adding to the attractions of the hall, which was gaily decorated with palms, exotic ferns, lily of the Nile, and with banners and bannerets.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the Delicate. —Those to whom seasons of changeable temperature are protracted periods of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully conquer influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.—ADVT.

The Industry Chapter of Instruction is adjourned until Saturday, the 7th prox.

The Duchess of Cambridge had a dinner party at her residence in St. James's Palace on Monday in honour of the anniversary of her son's birthday.

Bro. Henry Irving, accompanied by Miss Ellen Terry and his company, left New York on board the City of Richmond, on his return to England, on Sunday last.

Bros. Lord Norton, the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., G. A. Sala, and many others dined at a Livery dinner of the Fishmongers' Company in their Hall by London Bridge, on Tuesday evening, the chair being occupied by the Prime Warden.

Her Majesty has graciously expressed her intention of patronising the Royal Naval and Military Bazaar, the object of which is the maintenance and establishment of soldiers' and sailors' homes in various naval and military stations at home and abroad. The bazaar will be held for three days in May in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole.

Princess Christian gave the last of her winter dinners to the poor children of Windsor on Tuesday, when nearly 200 boys and girls were entertained with soup, bread, and jam pudding, her Royal Highness being assisted by the Mayor and Vicar and others. Upwards of 4500 children and 643 adults have been provided with dinners since Christmas.

The Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, held their meeting in the Masonic Hall, Ventnor, on Tuesday evening last. Mr. H. J. Burt was initiated, Bro. T. H. Clough, W.M., performing the ceremony. A cheque was drawn for 10 guineas as a donation to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Yet another lodge for the Province of Surrey! A petition is being prepared praying for a warrant for a new lodge to be held at the Albany Hotel, Thames Ditton to be called the "Dagmar." The object is to provide a summer lodge for the brethren in the South of London chiefly from Kennington.

The sixth annual dinner of the Logic Club of Instruction will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Good Friday, at 6 p.m. precisely. The chair will be occupied by Bro. John Maclean, Preceptor, and the opportunity will be taken to present to the respected Deputy Preceptor, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, P.M., a testimonial in recognition of his valuable services and long connection with the Club.

A new battle ship was launched at Pembroke Dockyard on Tuesday afternoon, the ceremony of christening being performed by Lady George Hamilton, wife of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, in the presence of several thousand people. The huge war vessel, which is named the Nile, is a sister ship to the Trafalgar, launched last year, the two being the heaviest English war vessels afloat.

According to the Berlin Correspondent of the *Standard*, the total of the late Emperor's savings does not exceed 50,000,000 marks, or about 2½ millions sterling, the greater portion of which will go to increase the general funds of the Crown, while the bulk of the rest will be divided between the Empress Augusta and his two children, the present Emperor Frederick and the Grand Duchess of Baden.

We are requested to state there will be no meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne-hill, S.E., on Tuesday next, the 3rd prox., but on Tuesday, the 10th prox., Bro. Francis, W.M. 183, Preceptor, will occupy the chair, when it is anticipated there will be a goodly assemblage of the brethren. The usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association will be held after the lodge is closed.

We much regret that in our report of the funeral of the late regretted Bro. E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., we omitted the names of two old friends of the deceased who attended to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory, namely, Bros. C. E. Keyser, P. Prov. G.W. Herts, and T. C. Walls, P.M. The former attended not only as one of the mourners by invitation, but also as the representative of the Watford R.A. Chapter, No. 404, of which the deceased was M.E.Z. elect, and likewise of the Stuart Encampment of Knights Templar, of which our late frater was the E.C. elect.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., Bro. T. Gibson, S.W., was elected Worshipful Master of the Fraternity Lodge for the ensuing year. On the previous evening, an encampment of the Mount Grace Priory Preceptory of Knights Templars was held at the Stockton Masonic Hall, when the following appointments were made: Sir Knights J. Pearson, E.P. and Reg.; J. Burn, Prelate; H. Bolsen, Constable; J. Hunter, Marshal; George Carter, Sub-Marshal; and B. R. Smith, Equerry. The installation was performed by Sir Knight R. A. Luck, Prov. Sub-Prior, of the Royal Kent and St. Cuthbert Preceptories, assisted by Sir Knight S. Bowsfield, P.E.P.

NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE.—Extract from *Kentish Town Magazine*, for April, 1886.—"The above-named Institute, under the special patronage of the Clergy, Medical Men, Gentlemen and Ladies of the N. and N.W. districts, affords in its daily and extensive practice, wondrous exemplification of the great progress that has been made in the science of dentistry during quite modern days, and also proves indisputably the great boon which the above-named Institute confers daily upon numerous sufferers. Defective teeth and gums are well known to be the foundation of the most painful complaints that afflict mankind, and that the several ailments of the mouth need the skilled attention of eminent scientists, if they are to be cured, or even alleviated, and in order that such skilled attention might be within the reach of all grades, the NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE was established. Situated at 80, Fortess-road, Junction-road, Kentish Town, under the superintendence of Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., Royal College of Surgeons of England, assisted by a staff of skilled and qualified gentlemen, this Institute supplies a tificia teeth; latest scientific improvements; extracts teeth, and performs all other necessary operations painlessly, and bestows benefits that cannot be over-estimated upon this portion of our largely-populated suburbs that would not seek the aid of Hospitals and Charities in the Metropolis. We may add that Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., R.C.S.E., has had 20 years' experience in hospitals and private practice, is of a very kindly disposition, and eminently fitted for the position that he holds, where he has earned the golden opinions of all who have consulted him. Mr. FURBER is also a well-known benefactor, having devoted ten years of his early practice to serve the poor, during which period his well-tutored and able hand relieved [free of cost] no less a number than 20,000 suffering patients."—Fees at this Institute are moderate, and Free to "the Unemployed."